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**Bonus Points at UniSA**



At UniSA, we are committed to providing equitable access to higher education for all sections of the Australian community. This means we have a responsibility to encourage and support students who are traditionally under-represented in higher education.

We are a leader in providing equitable access to education for students from a diverse range of geographical, cultural, educational and socio-economic backgrounds. This year we launched the National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education, a hub of research excellence designed to open higher education pathways for students from remote or low socioeconomic areas, or who have a disability, or who wish to transition to university from the VET sector.

In 2008, over 43% of our students came from educationally disadvantaged backgrounds, and our rural student enrolments are among the highest of any metropolitan university in the country.

Furthermore, UniSA will now reward students for their efforts in Year 12. With the development of the UniSA SACE Subject Bonus Point Scheme, students will receive bonus points for achievement in selected Year 12 subjects that the University believes will better prepare them for university study, and that are relevant to UniSA degree programs. These bonus points will enhance students' Tertiary Entrance Rank (TER) so that entry to UniSA will no longer be based on the TER alone. This will help more students gain entry to the degree programs of their choice, while providing students with the best possible preparation for their university study.

With this in mind, I urge you to take advantage of our Bonus Point Scheme and take the first step to realising your university dreams, no matter your background or career aspirations.



**Professor Peter Høj**  
Vice Chancellor and President  
University of South Australia



# UniSA bonus points explained



UniSA's bonus points are specially designed to assist students to gain entry and succeed in undergraduate programs at UniSA through bonus points and a range of support services.

Not everyone gets the same breaks or opportunities in life and for some students, going to university seems an unattainable dream. For others, taking that first step just got easier. At UniSA we believe that education should be accessible to everyone.

# So how does it work?

## USANET Automatic (6 points)

Students are automatically eligible if they attend a school recognised and recorded by UniSA as either disadvantaged or as rural or isolated (CAP schools).

**No application is required.**

## USANET by application (4-5 points)

At UniSA, we also recognise individual disadvantage, regardless of the school you attend. Therefore students who are on School Card (or state equivalent) and/or Youth Allowance and who attend any other school in Australia (not mentioned above) can apply for USANET bonus points.

To apply, download the USANET application form at [unisa.edu.au/usanet/apply](https://unisa.edu.au/usanet/apply), get it signed by your school principal or delegate, include your school stamp and send it to UniSA. You need to include your SATAC application number on the form. This is the nine-digit number issued to you when you apply for entry to UniSA through SATAC.

If you are unsure if your school is recognised and recorded with USANET or if you need to submit an application form, please check with your Year 12 Coordinator, Career Counsellor, Principal or contact Future Student Enquiries on 1300 UNINOW or (08) 8302 2376 or email [study@unisa.edu.au](mailto:study@unisa.edu.au)

## UniSA Subject Bonus points Automatic (2-5 points)

Bonus points are awarded automatically if you score 10 or more in many Year 12 SACE HESS General subjects (or interstate/IB equivalent) relevant to your UniSA program. See the following pages for more details.

**No application is required.**

## What happens to your TER?

When you have completed Year 12 you will receive a TER (Tertiary Entrance Rank) calculated from your final year results.

Eligible bonus points are then added to your result when you apply to UniSA through SATAC. Your TER is then adjusted accordingly.

Your new TER is used by SATAC to determine your eligibility for UniSA programs only.

Find out your new adjusted TER by contacting 1300 UNINOW or (08) 8302 2376, email [study@unisa.edu.au](mailto:study@unisa.edu.au)

Alternatively register with CareerShop and we'll notify you of your adjusted TER as soon as its available, log on to CareerShop at [unisa.edu.au/CareerShop](https://unisa.edu.au/CareerShop)

Remember, it's important to find out your adjusted UniSA TER before finalising your SATAC preferences.



### Eliza-Ann Brown Bachelor of Laws Double Degree with International Studies

'The bonus points I received through USANET and for mathematical studies enabled me to study a degree that I otherwise would not have been eligible to study.

I chose a Bachelor of Laws Double Degree with International Studies because I have an interest in the legal system and also in international issues. I liked how I could pursue two interests at once, whilst opening up more pathways and opportunities for myself. The other great thing was that at UniSA I can study law in trimesters, meaning that I can study a year and a half of courses in one calendar year or I could spread my study out over the year in order to have a better study-work-life balance.'

# UniSA Subject Bonus points

Open to all students, UniSA Subject Bonus points are designed to broaden university entry while providing you with the best possible preparation for university study.

Bonus points are awarded automatically if you score 10 or more in Year 12 HESS General subjects (or interstate/IB equivalent) relevant to the UniSA program you want to apply for. **Two** bonus points are awarded for each subject completed up to a maximum of **five** points. The points will be automatically added to your university aggregate when you apply to SATAC for UniSA programs only.

It is important to note that bonus points are awarded by program. For example, the bonus points applicable to the Bachelor of Medical Science will differ to those applicable to the Bachelor of Commerce. **No application is required.**

Find out the Subject Bonus points for all UniSA programs at [unisa.edu.au/future/year12/bonuspoints](http://unisa.edu.au/future/year12/bonuspoints)

## UniSA Subject Bonus points (HESS General)

English Studies or English Communication  
Selected Stage 2 Science  
Selected Stage 2 Mathematics

## UniSA Health Sciences programs

Health Sciences  
Human Movement and Health Studies  
Laboratory Medicine  
Medical Radiation  
Medical Sciences  
Midwifery  
Nursing  
Nutrition and Food Sciences  
Occupational Therapy  
Pharmaceutical Science  
Pharmacy  
Physiotherapy  
Podiatry

## UniSA Subject Bonus points (HESS General)

English Studies or English Communication  
Economics  
Selected Stage 2 Mathematics  
Legal Studies  
Australian and International Politics  
Accounting Studies  
Tourism  
Media Studies

## UniSA Business programs

Business  
Business Administration  
Commerce (Accounting) and Finance  
Commercial Law  
Human Resource Management  
International Business  
Law  
Laws Double Degree (over 20 different combinations)  
Logistics and Supply Chain Management  
Management  
Marketing  
Marketing and Communication  
Property  
Tourism and Recreation

# UniSA Subject Bonus points

Bonus points are awarded automatically if you score 10 or more in these Year 12 HESS General subjects (or interstate/IB equivalent) relevant to the UniSA program you want to apply for. Don't forget to check the website for details.

Find out the Subject Bonus points for all UniSA programs at [unisa.edu.au/future/year12/bonuspoints](http://unisa.edu.au/future/year12/bonuspoints)

## UniSA Subject Bonus points (HESS General)

English Studies or English Communication  
Selected Stage 2 Science  
Selected Stage 2 Mathematics  
Information Technology Studies

## UniSA Information Technology, Engineering and the Environment programs

Built Environment  
Civil Aviation  
Computing and Information Technology  
Construction Management and Economics  
Engineering  
Environmental Management and Sustainability  
Science and Mathematics  
Urban and Regional Planning

## UniSA Education, Arts and Social Sciences programs

Aboriginal and Australian Studies  
Architecture and Design  
Bachelor of Arts  
Communications and Media  
Education  
International Studies and Languages  
Journalism  
Psychology  
Social Work and Human Services  
Visual Arts, Graphic Design and Illustration  
Writing and Creative Communication

## UniSA Subject Bonus points (HESS General)

English Studies or English Communication  
Aboriginal Studies  
Selected Stage 2 Language  
Australian and International Politics  
Design and Technology Studies  
Visual Arts Studies  
Selected Stage 2 Mathematics  
Studies in Societies  
Media Studies  
Information Technology Studies  
Early Childhood Studies  
Physical Education  
Psychology  
Nutrition  
Selected Stage 2 Science

**“In a global economy where the most valuable skill you can sell is your knowledge, a good education is no longer just a pathway to opportunity – it is a prerequisite.”**

**Barack Obama**  
President of the  
United States of America



**Cameron Rogers**  
**Bachelor of Education**  
**(Primary and Middle)**

‘The bonus points gave me the extra boost that I needed and I had a wide range of choices. Even before I enrolled at UniSA I went to the Mawson Lakes campus and it was just what I was looking for in a university experience. Although it’s not the closest to town, Mawson Lakes is great because of the atmosphere in and around the campus.

My program provides me with knowledge for both primary and middle school education and leaves options open for my future career.

UniSA has provided me with a great learning experience, but what was really special was meeting a great bunch of likeminded people. Both the teaching staff and students have made the transition from high school to university a relaxed and enjoyable experience.’



**Jenna Thomas**  
**Bachelor of Physiotherapy**

‘The bonus points made a huge difference. I probably wouldn’t have got into my program without them.

I have wanted to be a physiotherapist for years, and after speaking to some students currently studying the program, I discovered UniSA has a great reputation. Everyone is friendly and easy to get along with, and the support staff are excellent too. They’ll help you with things like assignments or enquiries about social events, sport and scholarships.

My first work placement is this year, and after I finish my degree I’m hoping to secure work in rural towns, and eventually I would like to travel with my degree.’



## **Centre for Regional Engagement**

The Centre for Regional Engagement at both Whyalla and Mount Gambier provides undergraduate and postgraduate degree programs designed to meet the needs of rural and regional communities. Programs offered are Business and Enterprise, Nursing and Rural Health, Social Work and Rural Practice, Engineering (Whyalla Campus Only) and Foundation Studies Regional Strand, a one-year no-fee bridging program (for non school leavers only).

For more information visit  
[unisa.edu.au/cre](http://unisa.edu.au/cre)

## **Indigenous Student Services**

Indigenous Student Services provides services for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students with on-campus locations at City East, City West, Magill, Mawson Lakes and the Centre for Regional Engagement in Whyalla and Mount Gambier and at three off-campus centres at Ceduna, Port Lincoln and Port Augusta.

For more information visit  
[unisa.edu.au/future/indigenous](http://unisa.edu.au/future/indigenous)

## **Learning and Teaching Unit**

The Learning and Teaching Unit (LTU) available on each campus provides resources and support to help you make the most of your time at UniSA, from the moment you accept your offer until after you graduate.

You can access resources on writing assignments, career planning, using UniSA technology, managing exam stress, and much more 24/7.

For more information visit  
[unisa.edu.au/ltu/students](http://unisa.edu.au/ltu/students)



# Other ways we can help

## Scholarships

UniSA has a range of scholarships that can help you with accommodation, living and study expenses. Many provide financial assistance, others offer work placements, mentoring assistance and even overseas travel. Our scholarships aim to let you focus on learning while we help out with your expenses and many are specifically for new students.

New scholarships are being added all the time; to find out more about the great opportunities available at UniSA visit [unisa.edu.au/scholarship](http://unisa.edu.au/scholarship)

Make sure you apply for the equity scholarships that are part of your SATAC application [satac.edu.au/EquityScholarship](http://satac.edu.au/EquityScholarship)

## CEFA

The Country Education Foundation of Australia (CEFA) is a national not for profit organisation that assists rural youth in their transition from high school to further education. To apply for financial assistance you must live or attend high school in a community that has a local Education Foundation. For more information visit [cef.org.au](http://cef.org.au)



## Equity at UniSA

The National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education based at UniSA is a research centre established to facilitate the study of student equity policy and practice in Australian higher education and in related fields, and to lead the development of new knowledge in these fields.

The centre is developing an online open-access repository of equity research, policy and practice and a web-based 'equity exchange' to facilitate networks and information sharing among researchers, policy makers and practitioners in the field.

For more information visit [unisa.edu.au/hawkeinstitute/ncsehe](http://unisa.edu.au/hawkeinstitute/ncsehe)

# Where to now?

- **Ask UniSA** – get answers 24/7.  
[unisa.edu.au/future](http://unisa.edu.au/future)
- **Future Student Enquiries** – get information about entry requirements, programs, resources and services.  
1300 UNINOW or (08) 8302 2376  
email [study@unisa.edu.au](mailto:study@unisa.edu.au) or visit [unisa.edu.au/future](http://unisa.edu.au/future)
- **CareerShop** – the latest news, events and program information to help kickstart your career.  
[unisa.edu.au/CareerShop](http://unisa.edu.au/CareerShop)
- **New students** – the best place to start before you commence your studies.  
[unisa.edu.au/newstudents](http://unisa.edu.au/newstudents)
- **Learning and Teaching Unit** – a one-stop shop for all resources and study advice.  
[unisa.edu.au/ltu/students](http://unisa.edu.au/ltu/students)  
Services and resources for parents of students at UniSA.  
[unisa.edu.au/ltu/parents](http://unisa.edu.au/ltu/parents)
- **Accommodation Services** – helps students find affordable and appropriate accommodation.  
[unisa.edu.au/accommodation](http://unisa.edu.au/accommodation)
- **South Australia Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC)** – apply to enter UniSA.  
[satac.edu.au/uniweb](http://satac.edu.au/uniweb)
- **You don't have to pay upfront** – find out about HECS and other financial assistance.  
[goingtouni.gov.au](http://goingtouni.gov.au) or 1800 020 108
- **Don't forget to find out your Bonus points when you apply to UniSA.**  
[unisa.edu.au/future/year12/bonuspoints](http://unisa.edu.au/future/year12/bonuspoints)



**“The task now is to expand access and opportunity to everyone, regardless of the family or community they come from. Ensuring that every Australian, no matter how wealthy or poor, has a fair chance to become a university graduate is one of the most important challenges for Australian universities”.**

**Hon Julia Gillard MP**  
**Deputy Prime Minister**  
**Minister for Education**



**Daniel Brown**  
**Associate Degree in Accounting**  
**Whyalla campus**

‘I have found that UniSA helps their students to achieve their best.

I live in Whyalla and didn't have a desire to move to Adelaide, so I enrolled in UniSA's Whyalla campus. It was a good decision because the support for students is great. I have made new friends and formed study groups which have helped a lot. We have a very close group of students, because the classes are small which makes it easy to focus.

I achieved my required TER thanks to bonus points. I also received a scholarship with a local accounting firm Yap Bradford and Associates. This hands-on experience allows me to connect the theory with the practical side of accounting.’



**Matthew Dyson**  
**Bachelor of Engineering**  
**(Electronics and Communications)**

‘I've always had an interest in figuring out how electronic equipment works and fixing it when it doesn't.

I moved from Mount Gambier to come to UniSA and the highlight has been meeting so many new people and making friends.

Thanks to bonus points, they ensured I received my first preference when the university offers came out.

I chose to study at UniSA because the structure of the Engineering program gave me plenty of hands-on experience, I get to use state-of-the-art equipment throughout my degree and put my knowledge to use in real world situations. I like the practical side of engineering: finding a problem, building something and then testing the device to see if the problem is solved.

I hope to work in the defence technology sector and to travel when I finished my degree.’



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## Further Information

Future Student Enquiries

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Facsimile (08) 8302 9150

Email [study@unisa.edu.au](mailto:study@unisa.edu.au)

For information specific to international students, please visit [unisa.edu.au/international](http://unisa.edu.au/international)

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## CareerShop

Kickstart your career

[unisa.edu.au/CareerShop](http://unisa.edu.au/CareerShop)

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