



Upper School Parent Evening 2022 - Curriculum



ATAR and WACE

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Some Frequently Used Terms

WACE - Western Australian Certificate of Education (presented on the successful completion of courses and achievement of the minimum standard for literacy and numeracy at the end of Year 12).

COURSE – An area of study that a student wishes to pursue. For example: ATAR Drama, General: Mathematics, Certificate II in Business.

UNIT - The year level and semester of study for a given course. Year 11s study Unit 1 in Semester 1, Unit 2 in Semester 2. Year 12s study Unit 3 in Semester 1 and Unit 4 in Semester 2.

Some Frequently Used Terms

ATAR COURSES- Courses usually studied with the intention of achieving an ATAR. A minimum of 4 ATAR courses are required for a student to be considered to be on an ATAR pathway. Less than four and they are considered to be a General student.

ATAR - Australian Tertiary Admission Rank, up to 99.95 which indicates where you place amongst your cohort. An ATAR of 80 means you are better than 80% of your cohort, or 20% is above you.

GENERAL COURSES- Courses studied by students who intend to attend a State Training Provider (formerly TAFE), enter the workforce after school or attempt university entrance on an alternative pathway.

Structure of the Courses

- Each course, whether ATAR or General, has four units. Units 1 and 2 are studied in Year 11, Units 3 and 4 in Year 12.
- Students on an ATAR Pathway **MUST** study at least 4 or more unit paired ATAR courses in Year 12 to receive an ATAR.
- Current Year 12 students on a General Pathway **MUST** complete a Certificate II (or higher) to receive a WACE [*only Year 11 students doing Foundation Courses need to meet this requirement*].

Breadth and Depth

- Students must complete a minimum of 20 units or the equivalent (i.e. 10 subjects) over two years.
- Including 10 course units (5 subjects) or the equivalent (i.e. Workplace Learning can count as a subject) in Year 12.
- Two Year 11 units from an English/EALD course and one pair of Year 12 units from an English/EALD course. (i.e. you **cannot** change courses half way through in Year 12. You can in Year 11).

Breadth and Depth (cont.)

- One pair of course units (one subject) completed in Year 12 must be from List A (Arts/Languages/Social Science) and one pair of course units (one subject) must be from List B (Mathematics/Science/Technology).
- Students who are on an ATAR pathway who wish to drop one of their courses in Year 12 can elect to have a study period. Checks are made to ensure these students meet the necessary requirements to achieve a WACE.

Achievement Standards

To receive a WACE student must:

- achieve at least 14 C grades (i.e. at least C grades in seven subjects) over Years 11 **and** 12,
- A minimum six C grades (i.e. C grades in three subjects) **must** be achieved in Year 12,
- Have demonstrated the minimum standard of literacy and numeracy through NAPLAN or OLNA

Literacy and Numeracy Requirement to Receive a WACE

- Students must complete at least two units of Literature/English/EALD in both Years 11 and 12.
- Students must demonstrate they have met the minimum standard of literacy and numeracy in order to receive a WACE. Students who have achieved Band 8 or higher in the Year 9 NAPLAN in any of the three components (reading, writing and numeracy) will be recognised as having met this standard.
- What about those students who do not meet this standard?

The OLNA

- OLNA stands for: **O**nline **L**iteracy and **N**umeracy **A**ssessment.
- Students have an opportunity every March and September to sit the OLNA starting in Year 10. This allows for six attempts whilst at school.
- There are three components to the OLNA; Reading, Writing and Numeracy. Once a student has demonstrated the required level of competency they do not need to sit for that component again.

The OLNA

- Any student that has not met the requirement in all three components by the end of Year 12 will not receive a WACE. They will still receive a Western Australian Statement of Student Achievement (WASSA). Students can still attempt the OLNA after they have left school in order to receive a WACE later.
- All four Western Australian public universities require students to have attained a WACE. This means the OLNA or Band 8 on the NAPLAN in Year 9 needs to have been successfully completed for students seeking entry to university.

Additional Requirements of a Catholic College

- All students in Catholic education must also study two units of Religion and Life in Year 11 and one pair of units from the Religion and Life course in Year 12.



Externally Set Examinations and Tasks

- Each ATAR course has an external examination set by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority that students must complete at the end of Year 12, even if they are not on an ATAR pathway (i.e. Students with one, two or three ATAR course **must** still sit the external examination).
- Each General course has an Externally Set Task in Year 12. This task is completed in Term 2 (around Week 4 and 5 for Aranmore) and is the same assessment for all students in the state. All students in a General course must complete this assessment. This task is worth 15% of the course mark and is used to ensure consistency across all schools.

Pathways

There are two distinct pathways offered under the WACE structure.

- ATAR – for students wanting direct entry to university
- General – for students aiming for the workforce, entrance to a State Training Provider (formerly TAFE) or an alternative entry pathway to university.

ATAR Pathway

- Students studying four ATAR courses will receive an ATAR. An ATAR ranks all students in the state. How is this determined?



What is an ATAR?

An ATAR is a student's relative ranking compared to their cohort

An ATAR of 70.00, for example indicates that you have achieved as well as or better than 70% of the total Year 12 population across the state.

An ATAR is comparable between year groups where a TEA/TEE score is not.

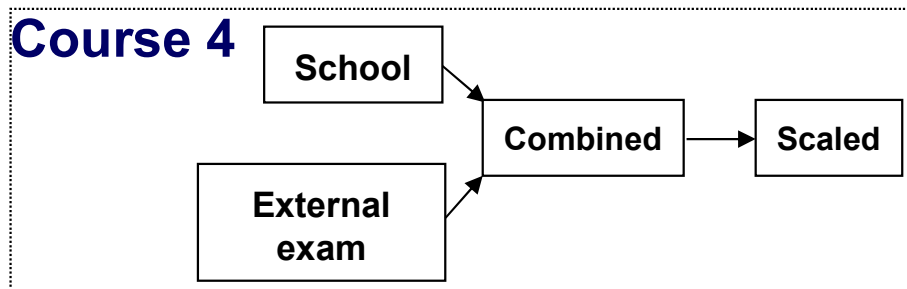
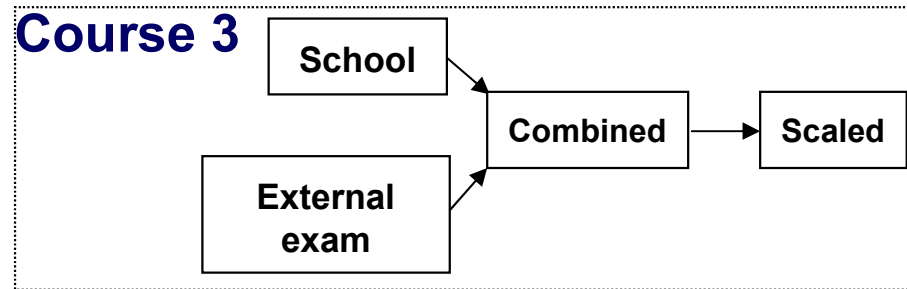
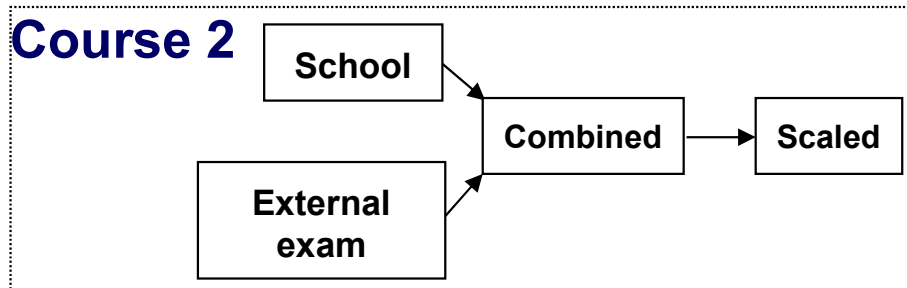
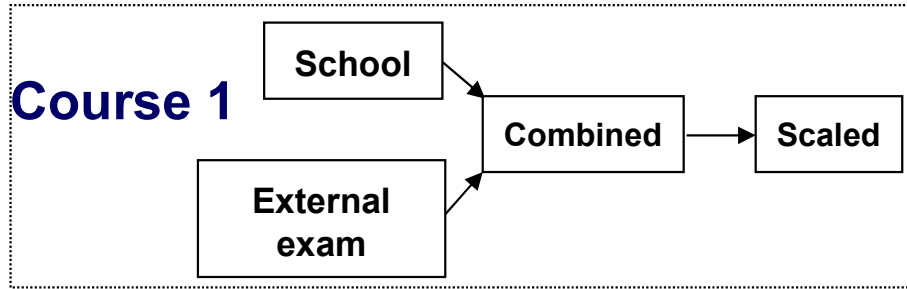
ATAR Calculation

This is calculated by combining the best four scaled scores out of 100.

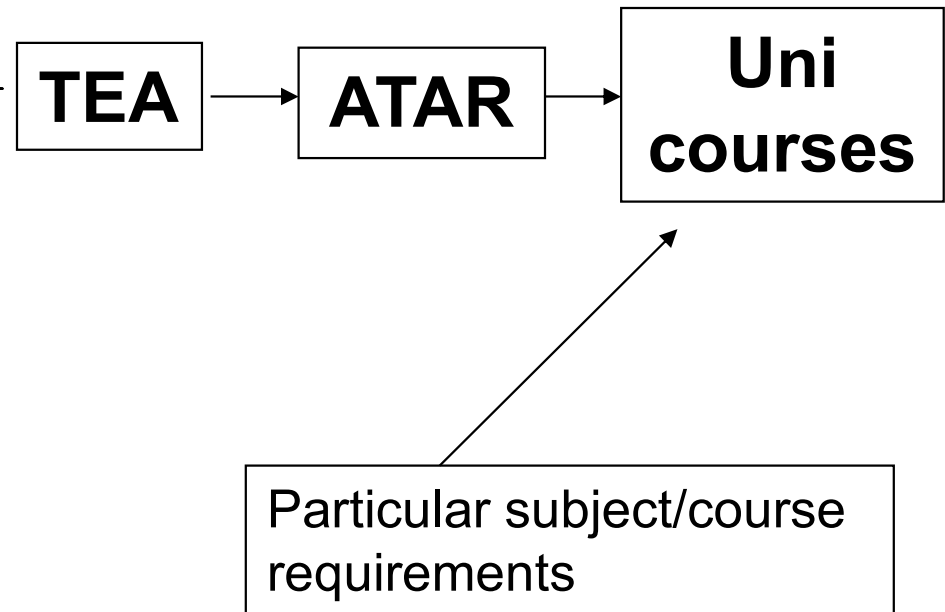
Students who study ATAR Mathematics: Methods and/or ATAR Mathematics: Specialist and/or a Language will have 10% of their scaled score added to their TEA.

The maximum possible TEA is 430.

University admission in WA



Intellectual wealth



ATAR	Minimum TEA for ATAR	Course Average	ATAR	Minimum TEA for ATAR	Course Average	ATAR	Minimum TEA for ATAR	Course Average
99.95	391.8	97.95	91	279.6	69.9	77	234.7	58.675
99.9	381.6	95.4	90	275.7	68.925	76	232.2	58.05
99.7	364.5	91.125	89	271.8	67.95	75	229.7	57.425
99.5	356	89	88	267.8	66.95	74	227.1	56.775
99	340.9	85.225	87	264.3	66.075	73	225	56.25
98.5	332.8	83.2	86	260.7	65.175	72	222.8	55.7
98	325.3	81.325	85	257.6	64.4	71	220.7	55.175
97	315.1	78.775	84	254.3	63.575	70	218.5	54.625
96	306.7	76.675	83	251.5	62.875	65	207.7	51.925
95	299.5	74.875	82	248.3	62.075	60	197.3	49.325
94	293.8	73.45	81	245.3	61.325	55	187.2	46.8
93	288.7	72.175	80	242.4	60.6	50	178	44.5
92	283.8	70.95	79	239.8	59.95	40	155.5	38.875
			78	237.3	59.325	30	130.6	32.65

I am a General student, what do I need to do?

- ✓ I have achieved or I am working towards achieving my OLNA.
- ✓ I will study 20 units over Year 11 and Year 12 (10 courses).
- ✓ I will receive at least 14 C grades over Year 11 and 12 (which can include Workplace Learning or Certificate Courses).
- ✓ I will achieve a minimum of 6 C grades in Year 12 (a C grade for 3 courses)
- ✓ I am studying General English or General EALD

I am an ATAR student, what do I need to do?

- ✓ I am studying at least 4 ATAR courses in Year 12
- ✓ I am studying at least one course from List A and List B
- ✓ I have achieved or I am working towards achieving my OLNA.
- ✓ I will study 20 units over Year 11 and Year 12 (10 courses).
- ✓ I will receive at least 14 C grades over Year 11 and 12 (Including Workplace Learning or Certificate Courses).
- ✓ I will achieve a minimum of 6 C grades in Year 12 (a C grade for 3 courses)
- ✓ I am studying ATAR English/Literature/EALD

General Courses, VET and Workplace Learning

Mr Craig Rodgers

GENERAL/VET PATHWAY

You are not completing at least 4 ATAR subjects – so NO
ATAR SCORE!

Year 11/12 General Students

Certificate II course - Only compulsory for a student in a foundation course.

All General students are encouraged to do a Certificate course or workplace learning

Certificate II (or higher)?

- School-based Certificate II Courses delivered at Aranmore via our RTO's iVET & TAFE
 - Workplace Skills (was previously called Business)
 - Sport & Recreation

Our RTO is iVET – all work/assessments are online. Complete approx. 2 units per term.

Year 11's should complete approx. 6 units by the end of the year.

Year 12's should have approx. 4 units to complete

Certificate II (or higher)?

You are not completing at least 4 ATAR subjects – so NO ATAR SCORE!

- ONSITE has specialty courses matched to Workplace Learning
- School Based Traineeships include a Certificate II & III Course
- VETDSS - Externally delivered Certificates through TAFE
Late enrolments for a small amount of courses are available and have been advertised.

ONSITE Speciality, WPL & VETDSS (TAFE)

COMMITMENT!

- You must attend all your designated days.
- Absence notification - school, TAFE (lecturer), workplace (employer).
- ONSITE if you do not attend twice you maybe withdrawn from the program until Mr Baker meets to discuss further.
- VETDSS (TAFE) – May be withdrawn/enrolment cancelled but they keep your money!!
- Communication is the key.
- ONSITE Induction Tuesday Feb 17 (Week 3)

Key Points....

- ONSITE – General WPL mid year intake will start in May (interview process).
- TAFE also do a mid year intake but courses are limited.
- TAFE Courses & ONSITE speciality courses for 2023 – process begins mid term 3.
- Must get a USI – USI.gov.au

Questions

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