STUDY GUIDE 2025



When your potential is multiplied by a university built for collaboration, anything can be achieved.

That's **YOU** to the power of us



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which Macquarie University is situated, the Wallumattagal people of the Dharug Nation, whose cultures and customs have nurtured, and continue to nurture, this land since time immemorial. We also acknowledge the Elders, past and present, and pay our respects to them. We further honour and pay our respects to the spirits of this land and its waterways. We humbly ask that all members of the Macquarie University community are granted the capacity to wingaru (think), to learn and to walk safely upon this ngurra (land).



The exponential power of our collective

MACQUARIE AT A GLANCE



RANKED #1 IN SYDNEY

in 14 subject areas across 14 categories

QILT Student Experience Survey 2021 and 2022 and QILT Graduate Outcomes Survey 2021 and 2022



180+ PARTNER UNIVERSITIES FOR STUDENT EXCHANGE in 42 countries



4000+ PARTNER ORGANISATIONS across Australia and globally enhance graduate employability



RANKED IN THE TOP 50

globally for 3 subjects and in the top 100 for 6 QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2024



RANKED #130 IN THE WORLD and #10 in Australia

QS World University Rankings, 2024



40,000+ WORKPLACE **OR COMMUNITY EXPERIENCES**

through our PACE (Professional and Community Engagement) program



44.000+ CONNECTED STUDENTS from 113 countries



RANKED IN THE TOP 100

universities globally and top 25 in 3 **UN Sustainable Development Goals** Times Higher Education Impact Rankings, 2022

234<u>,000+</u> **ALUMNI IN OUR** INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY from 150 countries

At Macquarie, we have discovered the human equation for success. By knocking down the walls between departments, and uniting the powerhouses of research and industry, human collaboration can flourish. This is the exponential power of our collective, where potential is multiplied by a campus and curriculum designed to foster collaboration for the benefit of everyone. Because we believe when we all work together, we multiply our ability to achieve remarkable things.

That's **YOU** to the power of us

YOU CAN STUDY ON A COLLABORATIVE CAMPUS with us



CENTRAL COURTYARD

The Central Courtyard, a four-level building surrounded by grassed and paved courtyards, serves as the heart of the Wallumattagal Campus. This central hub is home to the iconic Ubar, various food outlets, our graduation hall, and contemporary student learning and study spaces.



STUDENT GROUPS AND SPORT CLUBS

Student life isn't all about classrooms and exams. It's also about making new friends, enjoying new experiences and exploring different cultures. With more than 120 student groups and sport clubs, you'll have ample opportunity to meet new people, test ideas and develop personal skills.



LIBRARY

Our state-of-the-art library features millions of academic resources, with high-tech robotic cranes delivering books within minutes. The versatile learning and research space includes group and quiet study areas, computer stations with printers, presentation practice pods and a café.

Macquarie's Wallumattagal Campus is situated on 126 hectares of stunning parkland, only 15 kilometres from the Sydney CBD. It's home to some of Australia's most exceptional academic facilities, where you'll connect with innovative teachers and researchers to achieve extraordinary things. It's also a buzzing hub of student groups, sport clubs, and food and entertainment outlets – a perfect place to kick back with friends or chill out and recharge.

> Find out more mq.edu.au/campus-tours





SPORT AND AQUATIC CENTRE Conveniently located on campus, the centre has a health club/gym, indoor and outdoor heated pools, group fitness studios, indoor and outdoor courts, and dedicated spaces for martial arts and gymnastics. It also offers flexible and student-friendly membership options.



GREEN CAMPUS

Our Wallumattagal Campus is situated on 126 hectares of stunning parkland, just 15 kilometres from the Sydney CBD. With so much beautiful outdoor space, you'll always be able to find a sunny space to catch up with friends or a quiet, grassy spot to relax and recharge.



METRO STATION

Macquarie is the only university in Australia with its own metro station. The station is conveniently located on the corner of Herring Road and University Avenue, near the Macquarie Centre shopping complex, so you're only a few minutes away from your classes.

Charli-rose BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

"I moved from a country town straight to Macquarie's Central Courtyard Accommodation, which really helped with making friends and settling into uni life. The accommodation is modern, it offers a range of room types, it's only 15 minutes to the metro and shopping centre, it's close to all my classes and it overlooks the lake. It's also only a five-minute walk to the uni's gym, which is awesome, because sport is a passion of mine. After I graduate, I hope to pursue a career in sports marketing."



Find out more about Charli-rose's story



ACCOMMODATION

The Central Courtyard Accommodation offers a range of options, from six-bedroom apartments to studios. Other accommodation options include Dunmore Lang College, Robert Menzies College, Morling Residential College, Macquarie University Village and homestay.



MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY INCUBATOR

Our vision to serve the world through innovation is alive in our on-campus incubator. A thriving nexus that will connect you with entrepreneurs, researchers, staff and the broader startup community, the incubator provides a vibrant space where you can explore and develop your ideas.



MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL Our teaching hospital is part of MQ Health, Australia's first university-led fully integrated academic health sciences centre fostering excellence in academic research and industry practice. Adjacent to the hospital are 30 specialist clinics and contemporary clinical education labs.

CENTRAL COURTYARD ACCOMMODATION

CENTRAL LOCATION

With its prime location in the heart of the campus, you're never far from your classes



PRIVATE ROOMS

One-bedroom and studio apartments are available if you want a little more independence



SHARED ROOMS

Choose either a six-, four- or twin-bedroom apartment with shared kitchen and living spaces

EXCLUSIVE SPACES

Access study spaces, games facilities, common rooms and outdoor terraces with barbecues



NO HIDDEN COSTS Wi-fi and utilities are included in your rent, so you never have to worry about extra costs



24/7 SUPPORT The onsite accommodation team and residential advisers are available all day, every day



BUSINESS FACILITIES

The Finance Decision Lab is a collaborative space where real-time financial data, global business intelligence and analytical contribution meet. The 36-seat lab is a multi-use environment that gives you a close-up look at how markets operate and facilitates hands-on market simulations.



MEDIA HUB

Our multi-million-dollar media hub is home to professional screen, recording, music, radio and performance studios; a digital newsroom that mirrors the platforms and systems used by major broadcasters and online media outlets; as well as extensive digital workstations.



SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND IT LABS Our physics, molecular sciences and biology labs are some of the best in Asia-Pacific. Our engineering facilities include a *FIRST®* robotics field and a state-of-the-art wind tunnel. And our industry-leading computing precinct is home to cybersecurity, networking, gaming and VR labs.

YOU CAN STUDY YOUR DREAM COURSE with us

EXTRAORDINARY CURRICULUM

Our unique approach to learning is inspired by the world of ever-increasing change. Flexible and aligned with your needs, our curriculum delivers a rich experience that enables you to gain broader or more specialised knowledge in the areas that interest you and empowers you to pursue the careers of tomorrow.

TWO CHOICES ARE BETTER THAN ONE

You have the choice of undertaking one of more than 40 single bachelor degrees or one of our countless double bachelor degrees. With so many degrees and combinations to choose from, we're confident that you'll find a degree that excites and inspires you, and sets you up for an amazing future.

SINGLE BACHELOR DEGREES

Single bachelor degrees typically involve three or four years of full-time study in one specific area. While you'll have the flexibility to study units from a range of different areas, your degree ultimately focuses on one main area of study. We offer more than 40 single bachelor degrees, many of which are designed in consultation with industry.

DOUBLE BACHELOR DEGREES

Double bachelor degrees allow you to undertake two degrees at the same time. They're an excellent choice if you have two distinct passions or career aspirations that combine two different fields. At Macquarie, we allow you to personalise your double degree by choosing the combination you consider will best kickstart your career.* If you can't find a double degree you're interested in studying from our list of popular combinations, you can apply for what's known as the Bachelor of Combined Studies (UAC Code: 302000). When you select this degree via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC), you'll be asked to choose your two degrees. At the completion of your studies, you'll graduate with both degrees.

COMBINED BACHELOR + MASTER DEGREES

If you're interested in studying a security, intelligence and criminology degree, you have the opportunity to undertake a combined bachelor + master degree. These degrees provide you with a specialised depth of knowledge and can be completed in as little as four years.



real-world problems.

DEGREES CO-DESIGNED BY INDUSTRY

The job market is evolving more rapidly than at any other time in

recent history. So that our degrees equip you with the knowledge

and skills that employers are looking for now and into the future,

we design many of them in consultation with industry. Co-designed degrees offer a curriculum that's shaped by the latest industry trends

and can be adjusted to respond to the needs of industry in real time.

Having industry heavyweights involved in creating the fundamentals of

your degree provides opportunities to contextualise your learning, gain

the latest career and industry insights, and acquire the tools to address

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Macquarie speak

LEARN THE LINGO

ATAR

The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is a number between 00.00 and 99.95 that indicates your rank relative to all students in your age group (ie students aged 16 to 20 years), not your Year 12 group. The average ATAR is usually around 70.00.

UAC

The Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) receives and processes most applications for admission into university in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

UNDERGRADUATE

An undergraduate student is one who is studying their first degree – known as a bachelor degree. Once you've been awarded your bachelor degree, you become a graduate.

MAJOR

A major is a specific sequence of study that allows you to explore your interests in greater depth. About half of our degrees offer majors. You may be able to combine two different areas with a double major.

SESSION

A session is just like a school term. We have two main sessions: Session 1 (February – June) and Session 2 (August – November).

CREDIT POINT

To graduate, you need to have completed the specified number of credit points for your degree. For many degrees, this is 240 credit points; however, some require the completion of a higher number of credit points.

SELECTION RANK

The selection rank considers your ATAR or equivalent rank plus any adjustment factors you're eligible for. You can combine our adjustment factor schemes to receive additional points for most of our degrees.

EARLY ENTRY

Macquarie offers three early entry schemes through which you can receive an early offer to a degree based on your Year 11 results. As long as you meet certain criteria and you finish Year 12, you'll receive an offer before you sit your final exams.

SINGLE BACHELOR DEGREE

A single bachelor degree typically involves three or four years of full-time study in one specific area. While you'll have the flexibility to study units from a range of different areas, your degree ultimately focuses on one main area of study.

UNIT

A unit is what we call a subject. Most full-time students take four units – each worth a fixed number of credit points – each session. Each unit usually requires about 12 hours of study each week.

LECTURE

A lecture is where you'll learn most of your degree content. Lecture length varies from unit to unit, but most run for one or two hours. Some take place in large theatres, while others are in smaller rooms.

PREREQUISITE

A prerequisite is a school subject – such as HSC Mathematics – that must be completed, or a requirement that must be satisfied, before you can enrol in a particular unit.

ADJUSTMENT FACTORS

Adjustment factors are additional points that may be used in combination with your ATAR to derive your selection rank. Adjustments don't change your ATAR; they only change your selection rank.

GUARANTEED ENTRY

If you achieve a degree's published selection rank (ATAR + adjustment factors), you're guaranteed to receive an offer to study that degree at Macquarie, as long as you've listed it as your highest eligible preference with UAC.

DOUBLE BACHELOR DEGREE

A double bachelor degree involves studying two complementary or completely different degrees. A double degree increases your career flexibility and can be completed faster than two single degrees.

ELECTIVE

An elective forms part of a degree's flexible zone. Electives can be undertaken from within or outside your area of study, allowing you to personalise your degree by following your passions.

TUTORIAL

A tutorial, or 'tute', generally includes 20–30 students and is an opportunity to ask your tutor questions and talk about the degree material with other students.

ASSUMED KNOWLEDGE

Some units assume that you have certain knowledge and skills from previous study, such as the HSC. Introductory units and bridging courses are available if you don't have the assumed knowledge.

Set your career in motion

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY

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YOU COUL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES B Arts B Ancient History B Archaeology B International Studies B Planning B Social Sciences	D STUDY BUSINESS B Actuarial Studies B Actuarial Studies with Professional Practice (Honours) B Applied Finance B Business B Business Analytics B Commerce B Economics B Marketing and Media B Professional Accounting	EDUCATION B Teaching (Early Childhood Education) B Arts and B Education (Primary) majoring in Early Childhood Teaching B Arts and B Education (Primary) B Education (Primary) and B Psychology B Arts and B Education (Secondary) B Commerce and B Education (Secondary) B Science and B Education (Secondary)	ENGINEERING B Engineering (Honours) in Civil Engineering B Engineering (Honours) in Electrical and Electronic Engineering B Engineering (Honours) in Mechanical Engineering B Engineering (Honours) in Mechatronic Engineering B Engineering B Engineering (Honours) in Software Engineering	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES B Cyber Security B Game Design and Development B Information Technology	LANGUAGES AND LINGUISTICS B Arts B International Studies
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manager

designer

Data scientist

Games designer

User-experience

Web developer

Software designer

International business

Social researcher

Tourism and travel

manager

consultant

officer

Transnational

communications

Translator or interpreter

Product manager

Project manager

Systems engineer

or developer

Arts manager Cultural adviser International business manager Museum curator Policy analyst Social researcher Translator or interpreter Urban planner

Accountant	
Actuarial analyst	
Data analyst	
Economist	
Entrepreneur	
Financial analyst	
Human resources representative or recruiter	
Marketing specialist	

Educational

researcher

Primary or

teacher

secondary teacher

Special education



TWO CHOICES ARE BETTER THAN ONE

Undertake a single bachelor degree or a double bachelor degree.

Community and family studies English History Legal studies Science Society and culture Studies of religion	Dance Design and technology Drama or music English Languages Society and culture Visual arts	Biology, chemistry or physics English Mathematics PDHPE Society and culture	Community and family studies English Mathematics Science Society and culture	Biology, chemistry, mathematics or physics Design or industrial technology Earth and environmental science Information processes and technology	Community and family studies English History Languages Legal studies Society and culture Studies of religion
LAW B Laws	MEDIA, COMMUNICATIONS AND CREATIVE	MEDICINE AND HEALTH	PSYCHOLOGY AND COGNITIVE SCIENCE	SCIENCE B Biodiversity and Conservation	SECURITY, INTELLIGENCE AND CRIMINOLOG
ARTS B Marketing and Media B Media and Communications B Music B Arts	B Chiropractic Science B Clinical Science B Exercise and Sports Science B Medical Sciences B Speech and Hearing Sciences	B Psychological Sciences (Honours) B Psychology	B Environment B Science	B Criminology B Cyber Security B Security Studies	
	B Music	B Speech and			B Security Studies and M Counter Terrorism B Security Studies and M Criminology

Diplomat

Government policy adviser

In-house counsel Management consultant

Public interest advocate

Digital content creator Film, music, radio or TV producer Journalist Marketing or PR specialist Video game designer

Advertising specialist

Audiologist Chiropractor Doctor Exercise scientist Medical researcher Physiotherapist Speech pathologist

Employment counsellor Executive coach Psychologist Research administrator Researcher Science communicator

Data scientist

Astronomer or astrophysicist Biologist or chemist Biotechnologist

Ecologist or

earth scientist Mathematician or physicist Zoologist

Criminologist

B Security Studies and M Intelligence B Security Studies and M Security and Strategic Studies

Defence officer Federal, state or territory police officer Intelligence officer **Risk analyst** Security analyst



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Tailor made for you ENTRY PATHWAYS

UNIQUE ENTRY FOR A UNIQUE YOU

At Macquarie, we're all about success. We recognise that your ATAR doesn't necessarily reflect your achievements or potential. So through our range of entry pathways, we look at a variety of criteria. This includes your academic results in relevant HSC subjects, your involvement with your local community, your previous study or work experience – and everything in between. Whatever your personal circumstances, we believe in giving credit where credit's due, so we take everything into account.

FIND YOUR PATHWAY

Our entry pathways treat you as an individual and recognise all the things that make you unique. To best help you follow your passion at Macquarie, we've created a simple entry pathways tool that allows you to compare all of our entry pathways to work out which ones suit you the best.

Entry programs

ACADEMIC ENTRY PROGRAM

Our Academic Entry Program matches your strengths to our world-class degrees. Rather than considering only your selection rank, we review your results for the HSC subjects that correspond to select Macquarie degrees and make an offer based on your performance in these subjects.

GUARANTEED ENTRY

If you achieve a degree's published selection rank (ATAR + adjustment factors), you're guaranteed to receive an offer to study that degree at Macquarie, as long as you've listed it as your highest eligible preference with UAC.



College courses

MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

If you've completed a Year 11 or Year 12 equivalent – or the HSC, interstate Year 12 examination or the International Baccalaureate (IB) – and haven't met the entry requirements for a bachelor degree, our pathway courses will provide you with the academic support you'll need to reach university-level study. When you successfully complete your course and meet the entry requirements, you'll seamlessly transition into the first or second year of your chosen bachelor degree.



Early entry schemes

MACQUARIE LEADERS AND ACHIEVERS EARLY ENTRY SCHEME

The Macquarie Leaders and Achievers Early Entry Scheme considers your Year 11 academic performance alongside your extracurricular activities, casual work experience and community involvement to assess your eligibility for an early offer into a Macquarie degree.

SCHOOLS RECOMMENDATION SCHEME

The Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS) allows your school to recommend you for an early university offer. We'll look at your Year 11 academic achievements as well as your school's rating of your aptitude and learning ability. If you meet the criteria, we'll make you an early offer.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ENTRY PATHWAY

This admissions pathway provides opportunities for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students to study undergraduate degrees at Macquarie.





YOU'RE MORE THAN YOUR ATAR

Be assessed against a wide variety of criteria



ENTRY PATHWAYS NAVIGATOR

Find the entry pathway that best suits you



5 ENTRY SCHEMES

Have your academic and extracurricular achievements recognised



3 COLLEGE COURSES Join us via one of three Macquarie University College pathways

Dinan

BACHELOR OF COMMERCE AND BACHELOR OF LAWS MACQUARIE LEADERS AND ACHIEVERS EARLY ENTRY SCHEME

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"I found Year 12 fairly stressful, particularly the trial exams. I felt like I hadn't performed at my best during my English trial, and I became genuinely concerned about my options post high school. After my exam, I saw an email from Macquarie congratulating me on receiving an early offer into my dream degree. The offer couldn't have come at a better time as it allowed me to focus on the rest of my exams. Without the constant worry of whether I'd get into uni, I performed so much better."



Find out more about **Dinan's story**



BOOST YOUR SELECTION RANK Combine our 6 adjustment

factor schemes



RECEIVE UP TO 15 POINTS

Preference Macquarie with UAC



ACHIEVEMENT POINTS

Receive points for studying or training hard, or completing a development program



LOCATION AND EQUITY POINTS

Receive points if you live close to Macquarie, you're from a regional area or you've experienced educational disadvantage Sonia BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF LAWS

"I actually received early entry offers from several unis, but they weren't for degrees I really wanted to study. Then I received Macquarie catchment adjustment factors and later, academic advantage adjustment factors. Knowing I had the catchment points as I sat the HSC gave me peace of mind that I hadn't missed out by not accepting the early entry offers. I'm so glad I held out because my double degree combines everything I love – studying humanity and learning about how I can advocate for people, which I'm currently doing in personal injury law."



Find out more about **Sonia's story**

Be rewarded for being you ADJUSTMENT FACTORS

BOOST YOUR SELECTION RANK

If you've completed the HSC, interstate Year 12 examinations or the International Baccalaureate (IB) and included Macquarie in your preferences, you may be eligible to receive adjustments – additional points that can be added to your ATAR or equivalent admissions rank to boost your selection rank. For many of our degrees, you can combine our adjustment factor schemes and receive up to 15 additional points.



Achievement-based adjustments

ACADEMIC ADVANTAGE SCHEME

If you've already put in the hard yards on subjects that relate to Macquarie degrees, you could get up to three additional points for each one, with a maximum of six points available.

ELITE ATHLETES AND

ARTISTIC PERFORMERS

If competitive commitments, such as training and performing, have affected your study preparation or HSC, you may be eligible to receive four additional points.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S, KING'S SCOUT AND QUEEN'S GUIDE AWARDS

If you've completed the Duke of Edinburgh's, the King's Scout or the Queen's Guide awards, you may be eligible to receive up to six additional points.



Location-based adjustments

REGIONAL ENTRY SCHEME

If you're from regional or remote Australia and don't have access to the same resources as students in cities and larger towns, you could receive up to nine additional points.

MACQUARIE CATCHMENT SCHEME

If you live in Macquarie's catchment region, you may be eligible to receive five additional points.



EDUCATIONAL ACCESS SCHEME

If you've demonstrated a commitment to your studies but you've been affected by circumstances beyond your control, you could receive up to five additional points.



What are you waiting for? HOW TO APPLY

Applying for a uni degree is a big step, and it can seem a little overwhelming at times. We get this, so we've taken all the tricky stuff and distilled it into seven easy steps.



Let's connect

GET IN TOUCH WITH US

ONE-ON-ONE CONSULTATIONS

Book a personalised consultation with an expert adviser. mq.edu.au/personal-consultations-booking

CAMPUS TOURS

Explore our Wallumattagal Campus by booking a tour. mq.edu.au/campus-tours

EVENTS

Find out about our upcoming events. **mq.edu.au/study/events**

ONLINE LIVE CHAT Chat with us in real-time by clicking on the chat icon on any degree page.

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