High Achiever Program

The University of Tasmania High Achiever Program provides high-achieving Tasmanian senior secondary school students with the opportunity to enrol in University units to complement and extend their TCE or IB studies.

The University of Tasmania is highly ranked in the Australian higher education sector for its teaching and learning and research activities. This Program provides early opportunities for academically able Year 11/12 students to undertake the challenges of University study while they are enrolled in the Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE) or International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma.

High Achiever Program units may contribute towards the calculation of the Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR). This is formerly known as the Tertiary Entrance Rank (TER). On successful completion of the university unit under HAP, the result will be assessed to see if it is eligible for inclusion in the calculation of the ATAR. 12.5% university units are deemed to be the equivalent of half the size of Level 3 subjects. In order to provide for the inclusion of the university units in the calculation of the ATAR, all completed Level 3 subjects will have the TE score halved. Each half score is then the equivalent of a university unit. The best 10 half scores (with at least 6 coming from Year 12) are then selected to determine the ATAR.

Academic Challenge

The program is designed to engage and challenge very able students through enrolment in University subjects. Students may extend and enhance their TCE studies by undertaking in greater depth a particular subject or discipline area of interest. Depending on the units chosen, students will be required to attend lectures, tutorials or workshops and will be assessed along with first and second year University students.

Experience University Life

Participating students have a unique chance to experience some of the wider aspects of university life while maintaining progress towards the TCE. Students will experience different teaching styles and learning approaches at University which will complement their Year 11 and 12 studies, and will have access to first class academic and other support facilities and services.

No Course Costs

Australian and permanent resident students undertaking University subjects under the High Achiever Program will not incur any course costs. There may, however, be some costs associated with studying such as textbooks and other learning materials.

Credit

Units successfully completed may be credited to a relevant degree when the student enrols at the University of Tasmania. Credit provides two advantages: students have the option of accelerating through their degree, or they can take on additional subjects to extend their study program.

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Who is eligible?

To be eligible for the program, you need to demonstrate very high levels of academic performance in senior secondary education. As an example, you would normally be expected to be enrolled in Year 12 and have completed three or more Level 3 subjects in Year 11, with **EA - Exceptional Achievement** demonstrated in school/college reports and TE scores.

The University will consider applications from Year 11 students who show exceptional academic achievement, as well as the maturity to balance university experience with TCE study. The judgement of the principal in regard to the individual student’s capacity will be taken into account in determining eligibility.

Some University units have specific entry requirements. If you apply for entry to the High Achiever Program you should consider carefully your overall study demands in the TCE/IB in relation to proposed university units before confirming your enrolment. It is also important that you are aware of the University’s timetable for your planned HAP unit before confirming your enrolment with the University.

Note: International students on a student visa may only enrol in units by distance study mode if they are also enrolled in units on campus, and may only study 25% of their total course by distance study mode. International students who wish to study wholly by distance may only do so if they are studying in a country other than Australia, or if they are in Australia on a visa other than a student visa.

How are units taught?

Most units in the HAP program are taught face-to-face at one of the UTAS campuses in Hobart, Launceston or Cradle Coast - please note that the unit choices vary from campus to campus. Some units may also be available by flexible delivery modes.

HAP and the ATAR

A collaboration between UTAS and the TQA allows results in the High Achiever Program (HAP) and some UTAS College units to be counted towards the ATAR.

HAP a units are typically about half the size of a TQA Level 3 course. UTAS College units are typically about the same size of a TQA Level 3 course. The ATAR is based on the best five results in TQA Level 3 courses so the idea of the 'best five' results for students who wish to include HAP or UTAS College results becomes the 'best five equivalent' results.

A limit of 25% of first year study at UTAS in the HAP or UTAS College Program can be counted in the calculation of the ATAR. (However, if students complete additional UTAS units **taught in place of the TCE subject** via UTAS College this may also be counted towards their ATAR.)

In order to provide for the inclusion of any 12.5% University units in the calculation of your ATAR, all Level 3 subjects you have completed have the ATAR score halved. Each half score is then the equivalent of a university unit. The best 10 half scores (with at least 6 in Year 12) are then selected to determine the ATAR. Further explanation and examples can be found in the High Achiever Program section.

The best five results may include Full UTAS units undertaken as part of the High Achiever Program or University College Program.

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