

## The HSC – The nuts and bolts on how it works and subjects for University



**You should have a listing of subjects your school offers for the HSC beside you. Alternatively you may have your HSC Subject Handbook to use as a guide.**

### **HSC Rules and Guidelines**

- Preliminary Course subjects are normally studied in Year 11.
- HSC Course subjects flow on from the Preliminary subjects and are normally studied in Year 12.  
To be eligible to study the HSC Course subjects you must satisfactorily complete the Preliminary Course of subjects.
- The Higher School Certificate exams are based on your study on the HSC Course work you do.
- You must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 12 Units of the Preliminary Course (normally Year 11).
- You must then satisfactorily complete a minimum of 10 Units of the HSC Course (normally Year 12).

To be awarded a HSC you must study:

- at least 2 units of English
- at least 4 subjects
- at least 6 Board Developed subject units. (Board Developed subjects are those that are examined in the HSC. Some subjects you may be offered do not have exams in the HSC. Board Developed subjects count towards your ATAR).
- at least 3 courses of 2 unit value or greater
- No more than 6 units of Science can be used to contribute to the HSC

### **Performance vs Position.**

HSC marks are about a student's **performance**.

The ATAR however represents a student's **position** against all other students in NSW.

Good performance does not guarantee a high position.

The only thing you can control is your performance. So the moral is simply to do your best.

When selecting your subjects the things that can improve your performance are to work hard and select subjects that meet:

- Your interests and your future career.
- Courses in which you have an aptitude.
- Courses that will give you a good understanding and foundation to succeed in tertiary studies.
- Don't select courses because of scaling or perceived ATAR as you could be disappointed.

## Always check for course:

### Prerequisites

HSC courses you **have to have studied** before a uni will offer you a place in the course.

### Assumed knowledge

HSC courses the uni assumes you have studied before you start the uni course.

Not a requirement for entry, but without the assumed knowledge you may have difficulties coping with your studies.

### Recommended studies

HSC courses the uni suggests will prepare you for core first year uni courses.

Not a requirement for entry.

## What if I haven't chosen the right subjects for the course I wish to study?

You can still get an offer to most institutions.

It is important to check for any pre-requisite HSC subjects. Institutions list any course prerequisites in the Year 10 booklet.

In the case of Assumed Knowledge HSC subjects, you may need to catch up on background knowledge through:

- bridging courses. (These are offered at most Universities. If this applies to you, ask them when you go to their Open Days or simply call them).
- extra subjects within the course structure.

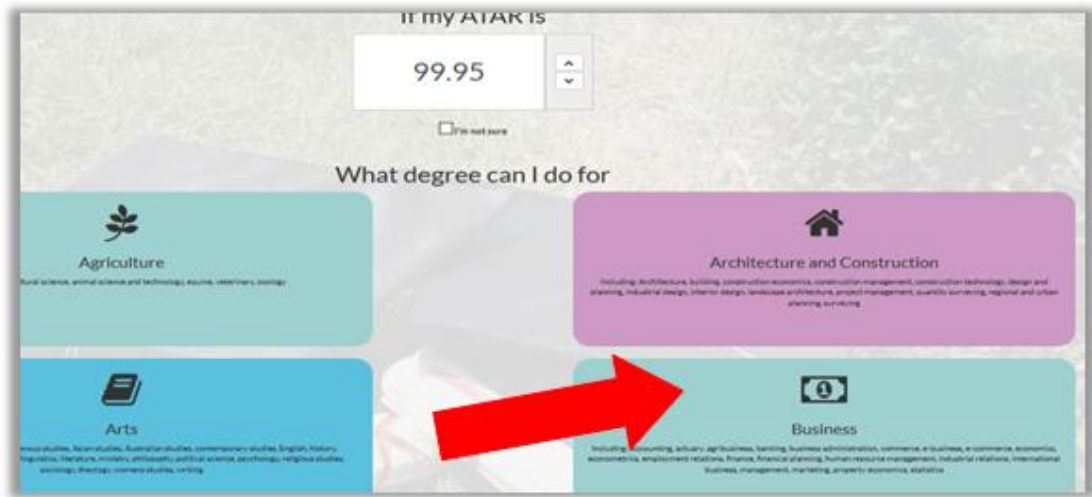
### Task

When on JobJump, click on **My ATAR**.



You will see the highest level ATAR at the top of 99.95. If you want to see all of your University or College options leave it as 99.95. Alternatively you can delete the 99.95 and enter an ATAR that you hope to achieve.

Now scroll down and select the field you wish to head towards, like engineering or business.



You will now see a full listing of courses in ATAR order. On the left hand side is a column of 6 digit blue code numbers that are active ready beside each course. Click on one of these 6 digit blue codes. It will take you to a brief course description about the course.

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See My Choices

Search: \_\_\_\_\_

9/20	Course Code	Course Name	Institution	Campus	State	LSR/GA
	424620	Bachelor of Actuarial Studies (Co-op)	UNSW	Sydney - Kensington	NSW	99.3
	134300	Bachelor of Finance Economics and Statistics (Honours)	Australian National University	Canberra	NSW	99
	513310	Bachelor of Advanced Commerce (Dalyell Scholars)	University of Sydney	Camperdown/Darlington	NSW	98
	424300	Bachelor of Actuarial Studies	UNSW	Sydney - Kensington	NSW	97.5
	300231	Bachelor of Actuarial Studies	Macquarie University	North Ryde	NSW	97.05
	300263	Bachelor of Applied Finance with Bachelor of Actuarial Studies	Macquarie University	North Ryde	NSW	97.05

Now scroll down on this course description page and you will come to a sub-heading called **Essential Requirements** and/or **Admission Criteria**. Bingo! Here is the advice on the HSC subjects that are Pre-requisites, Assumed Knowledge or Recommended Studies should you wish to study this course.

**BACHELOR OF COMMERCE/BACHELOR OF ADVANCED STUDIES (DALYELL SCHOLARS)**

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

Campus	Course code	Fee type	Pattern of attendance	Lowest ATAR	Guaranteed ATAR	Course start date
Camperdown/Darlington	513310	CSP	4F	95.10	98.00	25 Feb 2019

[View the full ATAR profile](#)

**ABOUT**

The Dalyell Scholars stream is integrated within the 513305 B Commerce/B Advanced Studies. In this stream for high achieving students (ATAR of 98.00 or higher) you will have access to academic enrichment opportunities, including accelerated study options and advanced units of study from outside your primary discipline, mentoring and professional skill development, and a global mobility experience. You will complete two majors, one from 513300 B Commerce Table A and the other from either Table A or Table S. You will also undertake short courses from the Open Learning Environment in areas such as entrepreneurial thinking and project management and complete an industry and community project.

**Areas of study:** You will complete two majors, one from 513300 B Commerce Table A and the other from either Table A or Table S.

**Career opportunities:** Refer to 513305 B Commerce/B Advanced Studies.

**Fees and charges:** Visit the University of Sydney website for [current fee information](#).

**ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION**

**Course prerequisites:** Mathematics (Band 4).

**ADMISSION CRITERIA**

**Applicants with recent secondary education**

**Assumed knowledge:** Depends on first-year subjects chosen.

Now write this down below and repeat this exercise for six courses you have found.

<u>Code</u>	<u>Course Name</u>	<u>University</u>	<u>ATAR</u>	<u>Pre-reqs</u>	<u>Assumed</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
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