



Planning for College at



UC SENIOR SECONDARY COLLEGE
LAKE GINNINDERRA

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TOPICS

ACT Senior Secondary Schooling

Course types, definitions and
BSSS requirements

Certificates and packages

Planners and unit selections

Enrolment processes

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College provides



Pathways to higher learning and employment,
skills for lifelong learning



Pathways include

**ACT Senior Secondary
Certificate**

**Tertiary Entrance Statement
with an Australian Tertiary
Admission Rank (ATAR)**

**Vocational Certificates and
Statements of Attainment**

ACT Senior Secondary System

School based curriculum and assessment system overseen by BSSS (ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies)

The BSSS approve all courses run in colleges

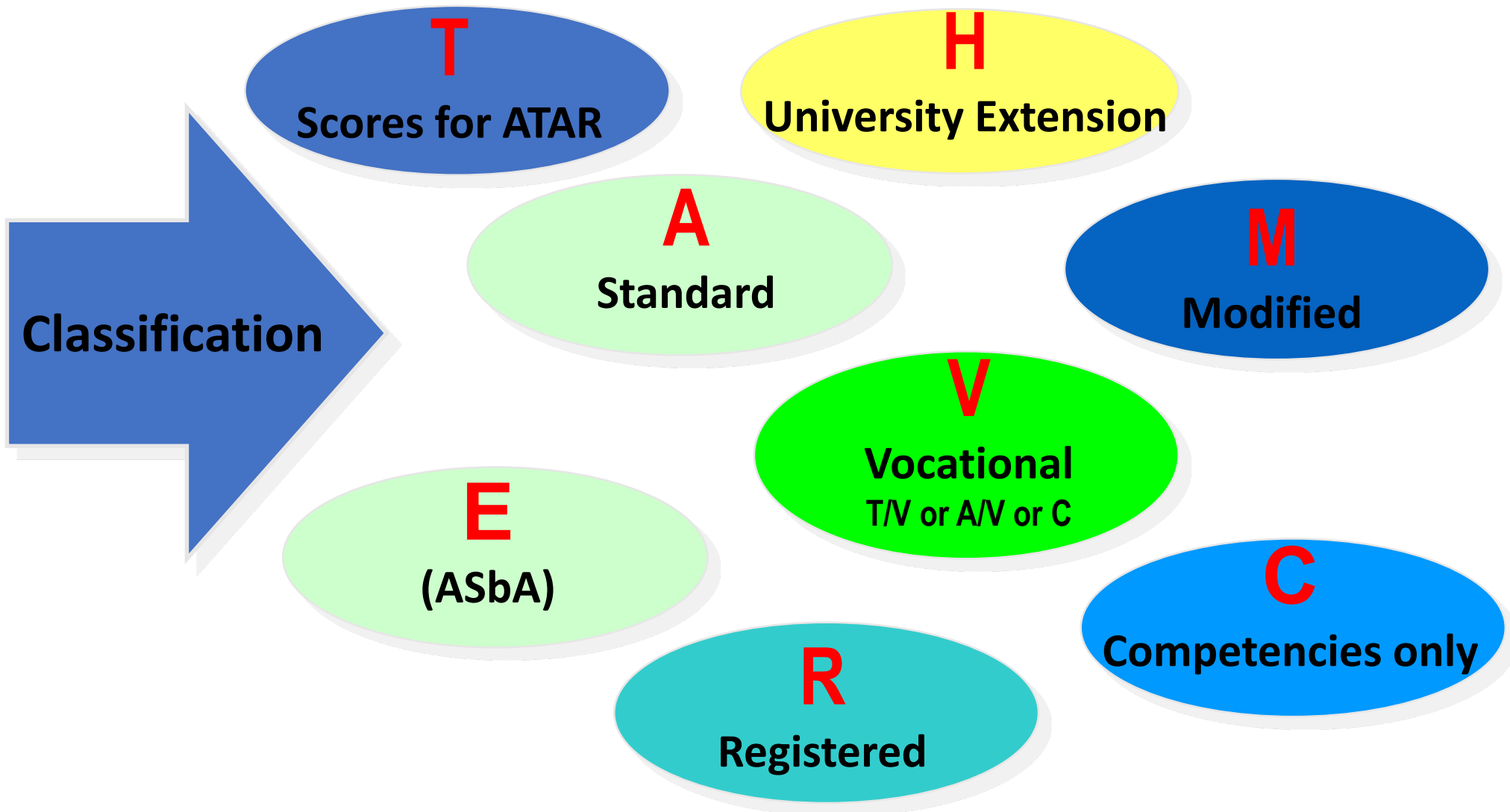
Colleges determine which courses to offer

English is a compulsory course

Continuous school-based assessment

No external exams for any subject

Types of courses



Vocational Education and Training (VET)

Certificate I, II and III

Competency assessment and, for some, participation in work placements

Australian School-based Apprenticeship (ASbA)

An ASBA offers students, 15 years of age or over, the opportunity to achieve a nationally recognised vocational qualification by combining paid work and training as part of their education program



How do I select my courses?

Do subjects you like and are good at

Look at possible prerequisites for future study

Don't pick subjects because you think they scale well


Students are ranked in T subject groups

How you compare to your peers in assessment defines your rank and score in the subject group

All T subjects can produce high scores

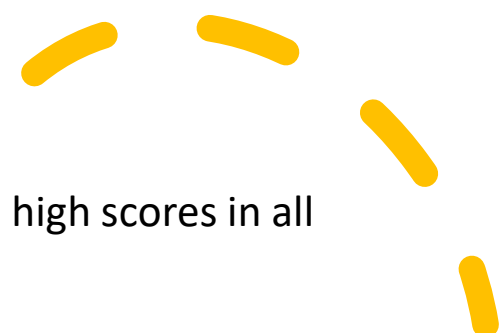
Enjoy your study – something you're passionate about





You can, and do,
achieve high
scores
in all courses

FACT

- Students can and do achieve high scores in all courses
 - Some subjects historically have scaled scores slightly higher than others
 - This varies
 - year to year
 - subject to subject
 - college to college
 - It depends each year on how the students studying that subject perform in the AST
 - AN INDIVIDUAL'S COURSE SCORE DEPENDS ON HOW THEY PERFORM COMPARED TO OTHERS IN THEIR YEAR AND SUBJECT
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What courses should you select?

- ☐ What post-college options do you want?
- ☐ What are your interests?
- ☐ What are you good at?
- ☐ How are you going at school?
- ☐ Plan and prepare your pathways
- ☐ Complete a draft package planner

Who Can Help?

- ✓ Current High School staff/teachers
- ✓ College staff
- ✓ Family and friends
- ✓ UCSSC LG Prospectus/Faculty info
- ✓ UAC Guide including ATAR/UAC
<https://www.uac.edu.au/assets/documents/uac-guide/uac-guide-2020-21.pdf>
- ✓ Job Guide free via internet
- ✓ CIT/University staff and handbooks
- ✓ University Entry Requirements
- ✓ Open Days at universities
- ✓ CareersXpo (Jul/Aug each year) online 2020



Building blocks for a college package.

SEMESTER UNIT



1 Standard Unit
or 1 point

HALF SEMESTER UNIT



0.5 Standard Unit
or 0.5 point

MINOR



2 points

MAJOR



3.5 points

MAJOR MINOR



5.5 points

DOUBLE MAJOR



7 points



ACT Senior Secondary Certificate BSSS Requirements

T Package

Minimum of 20 Standard units.

18 Units must be “T” or “A” units

Minimum of 12.5 “T” units

Minimum of 3 majors and 1 minor of “T” courses

Major or minor course in English

Sit AST (ACT Scaling Test) in year 12.

Best scoring 3.6 T majors count for ATAR
(0.6 contribution can be a minor)

A Package

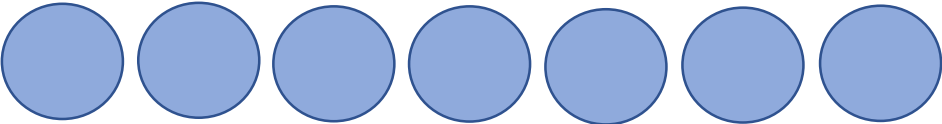
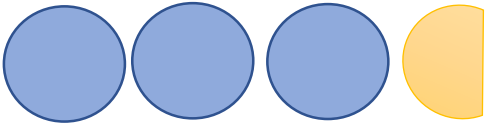
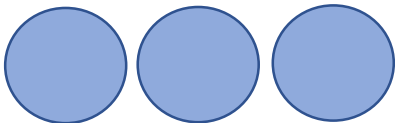
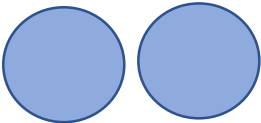
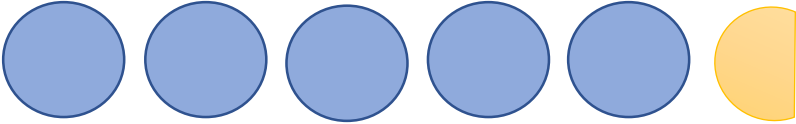
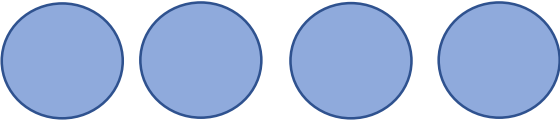
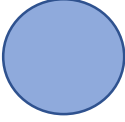
Minimum of 17 standard units
(There is a 5 R unit maximum of 17)

Minimum of 4 minors in three separate course areas

Major or minor course in English

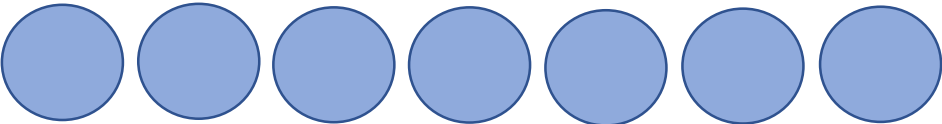
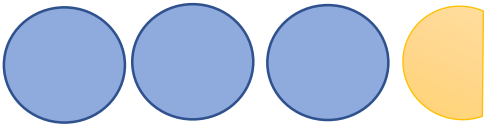
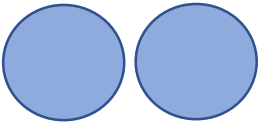
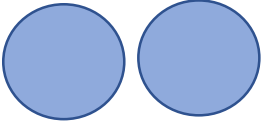
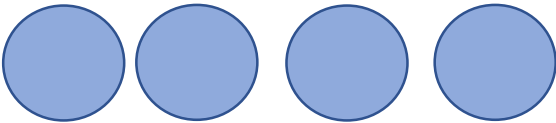
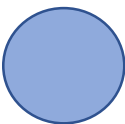


Example T Package

	Drama T Double Major	7 points
	English T Major	3.5 points
	History T Minor	3.0 points
	Mathematics T Minor	2.0 points
	Information Technology T Minor	2.0 points
	ASbA E Major	4.0 points
	Musical R unit	1.0 points

22.5 points with 17.5 T units – 4 Majors, 3 minors

Example A Package

	Visual Arts A Double Major	7 points
	English A Major	3.5 points
	Physical Education A Minor	2.0 points
	Mathematics A Minor	2.0 points
	Hospitality C Major	4.0 points
	Study Support R unit	1.0 points

19.5 points – 4 Majors, 2 minors

UC SSC Lake Ginninderra Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.40 am A	8.40 am E	8.40 am F	8.40 am G	8.40 am D
9.20 am B				
10.00 am C				
10.40 am Recess	10.40 am Recess	10.40 am Recess	10.40 am Recess	10.40 am Recess
11.00 am D	11.00 am A	11.00 am B	11.00 am E	11.00 am F
11.40 am SG			12.00 noon A	12.00 noon B
12.20 pm E				
1.00 pm Lunch	1.00 pm Lunch	1.00 pm Lunch	1.00 pm Lunch	1.00 pm Lunch
1.40 pm F	1.40 pm C	1.40 pm D	1.40 pm C (Sport and productions)	1.40 pm H (Programs)
2.20 pm G				
3.00 pm H (Programs)	2.40 pm G	2.40 pm H (Programs)		
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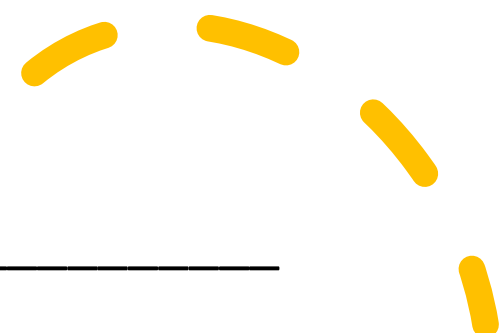
7 class lines (A to G) available – 5 classes required



Package Planner to help you plan Year 11/12

Step 1

Career choices:



- Do your choices require University?
Yes / No / Maybe
- Do your choices require CIT?
Yes / No / Maybe

Package Planner

Step 2 – plan for 2021

Assistance available: [http://www.lakeonline.act.edu.au/our curriculum/guides](http://www.lakeonline.act.edu.au/our_curriculum/guides)

In 2021 I would like to study:		Level
	English	T/A
1	T/A
2	T/A
3	T/A
4	T/A

Two other subjects I am interested in (reserve choices).

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Package Planner

Step 3 – what might this look like after 2 years?

Subject area	Sem 1 Year 11	Points	Sem 2 Year 11	Points	Sem 1 Year 12	Points	Sem 2 Year 12	Points	Total Points	Major, Minor Or Ungrouped
1.	English	1.0								
2.		1.0								
3.		1.0								
4.		1.0								
5.		1.0								
6. optional										
Totals										

Please note : *Courses have term structures 1 term = 0.5 standard units.*

College speak

T course

Provides skills and knowledge necessary for higher education.
T Course scores are used to calculate a students ATAR
Scores and grades are awarded in these courses

A Course

Provides a general education but cannot contribute to ATAR calculation.
Grades are awarded but not scores

T/A/V Course Industry approved pathways to gain Nationally recognised Certificates.

C Course

Industry approved pathways to gain Nationally recognised Certificates.
Competency based only. No scores or grades are awarded in these courses

E Course

C course delivered externally

H Course

University level courses studied whilst in Years 11 and 12

M Course

A course modified to provide educational experiences for students with specific disability criteria

R Courses/units

Learning experiences in personal development, community service, recreational or work related activities

❖ ATAR

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank University Index = percentile ranking comparing the performance of 1 student to all others in the ACT. An individuals ATAR is calculated from your best 3 T major scaled course scores plus 0.6 of the next best scaled score

❖ AST

ACT Scaling Test. This is used by the BSSS to scale course scores to provide parity between colleges and courses



College speak

Minor course = A minimum of 2 semester units.


Major course = A minimum of 3.5 semester units.

Major Minor = A minimum of 5.5 semester units.

Double Major course = A minimum of 7 semester units is required for a double major.

Semester unit = A semester unit has a value of 1.0 standard unit.

Half Semester unit = A half semester has a value of 0.5 units. Also known as a term unit.



College Enrolment - DATES

Apply online

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school>

28 April 2020	Online enrolment	OPEN
5 June 2020	Online first round	Closed
27 July 2020	Enrolment offers sent by email	
24 August 2020	Subject selection open	