Admissions update

2012

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2012 undergraduate outcomes:
applications

- VTAC preferences for entry to University of Melbourne courses increased by 20% for the Semester 1, 2012 intake
- Four of Melbourne’s undergraduate degrees were placed within the top six most popular first preference courses for domestic students:
  - Arts
  - Science
  - Commerce
  - Biomedicine
- For international onshore applicants Commerce, Science, Environments, Arts and the Commerce Chancellor’s Scholars Program ranked as the top five courses in the state in terms of first preferences
2012 undergraduate outcomes:
offers

- Melbourne made an additional 49 offers in Round 1 compared to last year.
- The new generation degrees continue to dominate. 91% of our total offers were for these six courses.
- The new Chancellor’s Scholars Program degrees were also popular, with 92 Round 1 offers made to students with an ATAR of 99.90+
- We also had strong Access Melbourne outcomes – 31% of Round 1 offers were to eligible Access Melbourne applicants.

2012 undergraduate outcomes:
offers

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<th>Course</th>
<th>2012 Round 1 clearly-in rank</th>
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<th>2011 Round 1 clearly-in rank</th>
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<tr>
<td>Arts (Chancellor’s Scholars Program)</td>
<td>99.90</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>88</td>
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<td>Biomedicine (Chancellor’s Scholars Program)</td>
<td>99.90</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>98.45</td>
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<td>Commerce (Chancellor’s Scholars Program)</td>
<td>99.90</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>94.1</td>
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<td>Environments</td>
<td>86.80</td>
<td>524</td>
<td>85</td>
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<td>Music</td>
<td>RC</td>
<td>152</td>
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<td>Science</td>
<td>90.15</td>
<td>1947</td>
<td>85.05</td>
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2012 undergraduate outcomes:
Access Melbourne

- Access Melbourne applications increased for the Semester 1, 2012 intake – we received an additional 1300 eligible applications.
- We experienced a 14% increase of applicants eligible for the disadvantaged financial background category.
- A total of 1981 offers were made to eligible Access Melbourne applicants in Semester 1, 2012.
2012 undergraduate outcomes:
Access Melbourne

- Access Melbourne selection outcomes:

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<th>Course</th>
<th>2012 Round 1 Rank</th>
<th>2012 Access Melbourne Selection Guarantee</th>
<th>Total year 12 offers</th>
<th>Access Melbourne offers</th>
<th>Eligible for Access Melbourne guarantee</th>
<th>% of all Access Melbourne offers below CIR</th>
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<tr>
<td>Arts</td>
<td>90.00</td>
<td>78</td>
<td>1455</td>
<td>667</td>
<td>445</td>
<td>28.30%</td>
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<td>Biomedicine</td>
<td>99.00</td>
<td>92</td>
<td>381</td>
<td>236</td>
<td>221</td>
<td>56.42%</td>
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<td>Commerce</td>
<td>95.45</td>
<td>88</td>
<td>709</td>
<td>272</td>
<td>182</td>
<td>29.95%</td>
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<td>Environments</td>
<td>86.80</td>
<td>78</td>
<td>375</td>
<td>126</td>
<td>79</td>
<td>17.86%</td>
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<td>Science</td>
<td>90.15</td>
<td>78</td>
<td>1731</td>
<td>724</td>
<td>494</td>
<td>24.05%</td>
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- For international onshore students, Melbourne’s undergraduate programs ranked as the top five courses in the state in terms of first preferences:
  1. Commerce
  2. Science
  3. Environments
  4. Arts
  5. Commerce (Chancellor’s Scholars Program)

- 671 offers were made to international students through VTAC (40 more than last year)

Changes and other things to note:
2012 mid-year intake

- Applications for mid-year entry are once again being processed through VTAC this year
- In addition to other advantages, going through VTAC means we are able to consider Access Melbourne (SEAS) applications at mid-year
- Mid-year offers will be made on two dates this year:
  - Friday 29 June
  - Friday 13 July
- Last year we made over 500 offers for Commonwealth Supported Places at mid-year
Changes and other things to note: Bachelor of Science 2014

- From 2014 the Bachelor of Science prerequisites for VCE students will change to:
  - A study score of at least 25 in English/English Language/Literature or at least 30 in ESL, and a study score of at least 25 in mathematical methods or specialist mathematics and in one of biology, chemistry or physics; or
  - A study score of at least 25 in English/English Language/Literature or at least 30 in ESL, and a study score of at least 25 in mathematical methods and specialist mathematics.

Changes and other things to note: Access Melbourne guarantee

- The Access Melbourne selection guarantee still applies to students who completed Year 12 in 2012 and who are eligible for the disadvantaged financial background and/or rural or isolated categories.
  - Provided students meet the prerequisites, they will be guaranteed a place in the following degrees with the following ATAR or notional ATAR:
    - 78 or above: Arts, Environments or Science
    - 88 or above: Commerce
    - 95 or above: Biomedicine

Changes and other things to note: Access Melbourne applications

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<td>Disadvantaged financial background</td>
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<td>Difficult circumstances</td>
<td>Category 3: Difficult circumstances</td>
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<td>Disability or medical condition</td>
<td>Category 5: Disability or medical condition</td>
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<td>Non-English speaking background</td>
<td>Category 2: Non-English speaking background</td>
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<td>Applicants from rural or isolated areas</td>
<td>Category 1: Personal information and location</td>
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Changes and other things to note: Melbourne Access scholarship applications

- Applications for Melbourne Access scholarships must be submitted via VTAC for the 2013 intake.
  - Applications must be submitted after a VTAC course application and an Access Melbourne (SEAS) application have been lodged.
  - Check the 2013 VTAC Guide for details.
Changes and other things to note: Elite Athletes and Artistic Performers Entry Scheme

- Provides for additional consideration for elite athletes and artistic performers who:
  - Meet the prerequisites of the course, and
  - Can demonstrate that their training, competition, performance and/or practice commitments have interfered with their previous studies
- Applicants will not be eligible for the scheme if their performance activity is associated with the undergraduate course to which they are applying (for example, elite musicians applying for the Bachelor of Music)

Changes and other things to note: Guaranteed entry pathways

- **99.90**
  - Domestic students will receive a guaranteed CSP in the graduate professional entry program of their choice*
  - Includes Law, Medicine, Dentistry, Physiotherapy, Veterinary Medicine
  - No minimum grade average required
  - Must meet course prerequisites
  - *Some exceptions apply

- **96.00**
  - Domestic students will receive a guaranteed CSP in a professional entry masters by coursework degree
  - Exclusions apply, including Law, Medicine, Dentistry, Physio, Veterinary Medicine
  - 65% average required in undergraduate degree
  - Must meet course prerequisites

- **Below 96.00**
  - A number of graduate courses, including the Master of Engineering and Master of Teaching, will continue to offer a guarantee based on academic performance at University (without an ATAR requirement)
  - No minimum grade average required
  - Must meet course prerequisites
  - *Some exceptions apply

Changes and other things to note: courses in the VTAC Guide

- The Bachelor of Arts (Extended) will again be listed in the 2013 VTAC Guide
- The Bachelor of Arts (Extended) and all streams of the Bachelor of Fine Arts involve application closing dates that are different to the standard VTAC dates (in some cases as early as the end of August)
- The Bachelor of Fine Arts and the Bachelor of Music also involve a $65 audition/interview fee
- Check the 2013 VTAC Guide course entries for details
Changes and other things to note: deferrals

- The courses accepting applications to defer in 2013 will remain the same as 2012 (and will be published on our website)
- Note that deferrals are generally not permitted at mid-year
- The option to extend a deferral will still be available to students working towards independence for Youth Allowance

Changes and other things to note: deferrals

- Deferrals are not granted automatically, offered students must apply to defer and will receive the outcome of the application in writing
- Deferrals may not be granted at all in some courses (usually smaller courses), or may only be available for certain durations (eg, not six months) due to the course structure. Courses may also apply quotas to the number of deferrals they will approve
- Deferrals are not granted to students who wish to begin study elsewhere

Questions?