

Curtin UniReady Enabling Program



Curtin University

What is the Curtin UniReady Enabling Program?

The **Curtin UniReady Enabling Program** is an alternate entry to university pathway run by Curtin University. It provides a pathway for students into selected courses at Curtin University.



The UniReady Enabling Program is usually only available to students directly through Curtin University, however, CJS and Curtin University have entered into a partnership that allows us to deliver the UniReady in Schools Program to year 12 students at CJS.

If completed successfully, it will provide students with a notional ATAR of 70 and English competency (Curtin's minimum entry requirements for undergraduate courses).

Students will then be eligible to apply for selected Curtin University undergraduate courses. Details of these university courses can be accessed on the Curtin University website.

The UniReady in Schools Program has been approved as an Endorsed Program. This means it will contribute to a student's WACE, as well as providing entry to Curtin University.

What is the course content?

Students complete four units. Each unit is equivalent to a one semester ATAR / General course. Students will complete two units in Semester One, and two units in Semester Two.

In 2021, the units available are:

1. Fundamentals in Academic Writing

In the context of research and writing, this unit orientates students to develop and practice skills for entry level university courses. Students are introduced to and gain opportunities to practice and develop academic and language skills related to planning, researching, structuring, constructing, revising and proofreading academic writing tasks.

3. Applying Mathematics

The Applying Mathematics unit is composed of 11 topics, which include: metric measurements displaying and analysing categorical data and continuous data, bivariate analysis, statistics, algebra, linear, quadratic and exponential functions.

2. Foundations of Communication

Features of spoken, written and online communications are identified, and strategies to enhance effectiveness in learning environments are defined and demonstrated with examples. Communication strategies appropriate for purpose and audience are applied in practical and interactive learning tasks involving interpersonal communications, presentations, negotiation and language skills through individual and group learning practices using various face-to-face and online technologies.

4. Introduction to Health Sciences

The introductions to health sciences unit will provide students with a basic understanding of some of the human anatomy and physiology components of an undergraduate Health Science program. This includes an overview of several of the human body systems. Throughout the unit's topic, students will be exposed to some basic scientific concepts including: osmosis, diffusion, lever systems, DNA, cell membrane transport and electrical charges as well as familiarisation with some of the basic conventions of academic writing for the health sciences.

This is the ideal program for students who have a lot of self-motivation and drive to attend university.

What pre-requisites are there?

Before being accepted for entry into the Curtin UniReady in Schools Program at CJSC, students must meet certain academic pre-requisites:

- For ATAR Pathway students: Mostly C grades in year 11 ATAR courses.
- For General Pathway students: Mostly B grades, and 60% or above in English.

Where does the course fit on the timetable?

The UniReady in Schools Program at CJSC will run across grid lines 2 and 4 each semester.

What is the cost of the Curtin UniReady Program?

The total cost of participation in the Curtin UniReady in Schools Program at CJSC is \$75 per unit.

How do I apply?

If you are interested in joining this course:

1. Select this course during your campus enrolment (do not select any other courses on gridlines 2 and 4).
2. Submit a short statement, after enrolment, explaining why you want to join this course, and your future career goals. You should also comment on your commitment, preparation to study, and motivation to be successful.
3. Provide evidence of recent academic achievement (school reports, TAFE transcripts).

When your application is complete, it will be reviewed and you will be advised of the outcome.

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Frequently Asked Questions

How will I keep track of my progress in the Curtin UniReady Program?

The campus will provide a schedule for course content. Content will be delivered via the Curtin University Information Portal (Blackboard), with CJSJ teacher support. However, students are responsible for their own progress. This is reflective of the University environment. Students will submit assessments regularly and the marks will be published on Connect, and also via the Curtin University Information Portal (Blackboard).

How much out-of-school study is needed?

Students will have approximately four (4) hours of classroom time allocated to the program, and are expected to commit to a similar amount of time for homework and preparation. Students are expected to attend the scheduled times.

Are there exams?

All units, except the Foundations of Communication unit, have an examination. Students will undertake these examinations during the regular Campus examination periods.

What happens if I hand in assessments late, or not at all?

An academic penalty will be applied by Curtin University if assessments are not submitted, or submitted after the due date. Failure to submit all assessments will lead to the student failing the UniReady Program.

Is there interaction with people outside the school environment?

On occasions, students will be required to participate in discussion groups; these may be undertaken online and may include students from other schools. Assessments may be marked by a variety of markers, some of whom are external to the College (for example, teachers at other schools or Curtin University staff). Students will also have the opportunity to attend an excursion to Curtin University during school hours, for a tour of the campus.

Can I withdraw from the Curtin UniReady Program?

Students are permitted to withdraw from the Program within the first three (3) weeks of the academic year. In this case a refund of fees will be provided. After this time, no refunds can be made and withdrawals from the program will not be possible.

Will I receive accommodations if I have a learning difficulty?

The Curtin UniReady Program in Schools at CJSJ is open to students with learning issues, including students who receive extra time for assessments and students on Individual Education Plans (IEP). However, all students must meet the necessary prerequisites for entry into the Program. Some adjustments can be made, for example, students may receive extra time for assessments or may be permitted to use learning aids. Students should note that course content and assessment content cannot be modified.

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Is the Curtin UniReady Program recognised by other universities?

Please see the table below for further information.

University	Curtin UniReady Program status
Curtin University	Valid for entry into a wide range of selected courses.
Edith Cowan University	Valid for entry into selected courses: check with University admissions.
Murdoch University	Valid for entry into selected courses: check with University admissions.
University of Notre Dame Australia	Valid for entry into selected courses: check with University admissions.
University of Western Australia	Not valid for entry to courses at UWA.
Interstate and international universities	Some interstate and international universities may also recognise the Curtin UniReady Program. Please check with the course coordinator for further information.

What happens if I fail assessments, or fail a unit?

Students will study four (4) units and must pass all four (4) units in order to successfully complete the program. A 'Pass' grade is a mark greater than 50%. There are several options for students who fail a unit (or units) within the program. Please see the explanatory table below.

SITUATION	NEXT STEP	RESULT
Pass 4 units:	→	Successful completion
Fail 1 unit, with the failed unit being a mark between 45% and 49%:	Further Assessment may be offered. If Further Assessment is offered, successfully complete Further Assessment at school. Achieve pass.	Successful completion
If Further Assessment is not offered for a failed unit, or there is a fail in the Further Assessment:	Repeat the relevant unit (or equivalent) at Curtin University (or online) during the summer break* *Note that not all units are offered during the Summer period due and is subject to student enrolment	Successful completion
Fail one or more units:	Repeat the relevant unit/s (or equivalent) at Curtin University (or online) during the summer break* *Note that not all units are offered during the Summer period due and is subject to student enrolment	Successful completion