

# ViSN Curtin UniReady Information for School Administrators

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# Overview of the Curtin UniReady Program

UniReady is an 'alternate entry to university', run by Curtin University. Students complete 4 units over Year 11 and Year 12 and upon successful completion of these units, are awarded an ATAR of 70. This ranking can then be used to gain entry to [particular courses](#) at Curtin University and in some cases, Edith Cowan University. Schools and students are advised to speak with either university prior to applying for the program, to ensure this post-school pathway is relevant to their career goals.



# ViSN Curtin UniReady Students...

have sound literacy skills and can achieve success in Year 11 English ATAR.

often do well in class-based assessments, but may not do well on exams.

have a plan for what they'd like to study in the future.

are dedicated, hardworking and take ownership of their learning.

have clear aspirations to go on to university.

listen to teacher feedback and act on it to improve their learning.

are resilient. They cope in difficult times and "bounce back" from adversity.

show consistent effort and persistence.

are self-motivated and are able to work without influence from others.





## Core Unit Descriptions – Students Complete Both in Year 11



### Fundamentals of Academic Writing (Core)

The focus of this unit is learning about the skills needed to be able to write successfully at university level. Students will also gain a strong understanding of university protocols.

Content of this unit includes reading critically, plagiarism, academic integrity, paraphrasing and referencing, all in the context of developing essay writing skills.



### Foundations of Communication (Core)

The focus of this unit is communication, specifically, looking at different ways of communicating information for different audiences and purposes.

Students will learn about email etiquette, group work, infographics, blogging, online communication and public speaking.

For more information on units, please refer to the 2020 ViSN Handbook.



# Elective Unit Descriptions - Students Complete 2 in Year 12

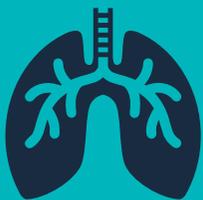


## Introduction to Humanities

This unit explores the interrelationships of people with and within systems. Students will explore themes related to society, culture, environment and technology and their reciprocal impacts. The unit seeks to develop students understanding of self as part of diverse and complex systems viewed.

## Introduction to Commerce

This unit will provide an introduction to the fundamentals of economics, marketing, law, and accounting principles. The unit will focus on the basic concepts and techniques in accounting that apply to business; law with a business context; as well as giving attention to the basic principles relating to economics. Students will be shown how to apply basic economic, marketing, legal and accounting concepts to practical situations therefore shedding light on key commercial operations.

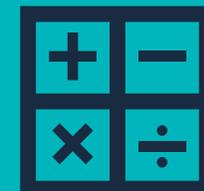


## Introduction to Health Sciences

This unit will provide students with a basic understanding of some of the human anatomy and physiology components of an undergraduate Health Sciences program. This includes an overview of the structure and function of human anatomy and physiology, focused on musculo-skeletal, cardiovascular, respiratory, nervous, digestive, endocrine and immune systems. Human cell biology and homeostasis will also be investigated.

## Applying Mathematics

This unit aims to develop a core set of numeracy skills that will aid students in further study - particularly in Health Sciences and Business. Students will be introduced to a variety of mathematical concepts from basic numerical to statistical to financial, and to their real-life applications in Health Sciences and Business. The unit begins with numeracy skills before moving on to cover univariate statistics, bivariate statistics, algebra and functions.



For more information on units, please refer to the 2020 ViSN Handbook.



## How Curtin UniReady Will Work in ViSN

Students may only commence this course as a Year 11 student.

Each unit is taught by a school-based ViSN teacher, in line with Curtin University standards for delivery. The ViSN teachers will also assess students and will participate in moderation activities with Curtin University.

As such, students considering this option should understand that they would be undertaking a university level course and will be assessed according to university standards.

Students must be timetabled by their own school for 5 periods a week for the UniReady units. One of these periods will be a scheduled Teams call, which all students must attend each week. It may mean they have to come out of another class to attend this call. These calls may only be missed if absent from school or at an approved school event.

Schools must provide a ViSN mentor for any students enrolled in any ViSN courses, including Curtin UniReady.



## Enrolments in ViSN Curtin UniReady

As this is deemed a competitive course (more applicants than there are places available), special conditions have been put in place for schools wishing to enrol students. It is important that those who are successful in gaining a place in this ViSN course value their place and meet all requirements during both enrolment, orientation and delivery of the course.

As places are limited, determining student suitability for online study is critical and as such, following normal ViSN Enrolment procedures is important:

1. Students must complete the online readiness rubric and ask a teacher to do one also. Students should take both copies to their interview (see point 2 below), as it will be a part of the discussion at this time.
2. Students must be interviewed by a school representative, with a parent present, following the questions outlined in the ViSN Online Enrolment Form.

Refer to the 2020 ViSN Handbook for more information on suitability for online study.



# Enrolments in ViSN Curtin UniReady Continued

In addition to online suitability, the following criteria are important:

<p>1. Students will not be considered for ViSN Curtin UniReady if they are completing mostly ATAR studies (evidence of course enrolments will be submitted at point of ViSN enrolment).</p>	<p>2. The program can only be commenced by Year 11 students.</p>
<p>3. Schools must rank the students in order of recommendation.</p>	<p>4. Schools may have as many students on their list as they wish but only the top 4 will be accepted. Should additional places become available, other students on all school lists may be considered.</p>
<p>5. All students on the school list must be enrolled in ATAR English for both Year 11 and Year 12 and be capable of successfully completing ATAR English in both years.</p>	<p>6. Students will be required to successfully complete all ViSN Orientation activities in Term 4 by the due dates. Those that don't will be automatically withdrawn by ViSN administration and their place offered to another student (unless extenuating circumstances exist).</p>
<p>7. Students who do not meet submission deadlines (course work, formative and summative assessments) or attend all Teams Calls in the first 4 weeks of Term 1 will be withdrawn from the course and their place offered to another student (unless extenuating circumstances exist or at an approved school event on the day of the Teams Call).</p>	



## ViSN Curtin UniReady Enrolment Fees

License Fee	Unit Fee
\$6000	\$75/student/unit
Paid by CEWA	Schools will be invoiced by Curtin University

ViSN Fee for Service students will also be required to pay the annual Fee for Service fee.



## ViSN Curtin UniReady SCSA Processes

Schools who have students enrolled in the Curtin UniReady course through ViSN are responsible for uploading the required information to SCSA, in line with Endorsed Program requirements as set out by SCSA. The ViSN teachers will provide the required information via the ViSN mentor in each school, in time for the uploads.

Endorsed Program (Provider Developed) codes for the Curtin UniReady units are:

Year 11	Year 12
<a href="#">PCURAW</a> UniReady Program Fundamentals in Academic Writing	<a href="#">PCURHS</a> UniReady Program Introduction to Health Sciences
<a href="#">PCURCM</a> UniReady Program Foundations of Communication	<a href="#">PCURAM</a> UniReady Program Applying Mathematics
	<a href="#">PCURCO</a> UniReady Program Introduction to Commerce
	<a href="#">PCURH</a> UniReady Program Introduction to Humanities

Schools are advised to check unit codes before uploading information to SCSA, as details may have changed since this information was published.



## Curtin UniReady Student Testimonial



### **Kalyisah Mohammed Farid**

Third-year BSc(Nutrition),  
BSc(Health Promotion)

**Advice to others:** UniReady will help you get a taste of what university is like. It's a good experience and helps you think things through and understand where you want to go next.

UniReady was a very supportive stepping stone into university that I needed. I didn't want to have to move from Port Hedland to Perth to study, so I studied in the program online, which

was really great. I now study a double degree in disciplines I am passionate about and mentor new UniReady students, too.

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