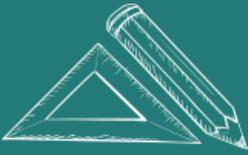




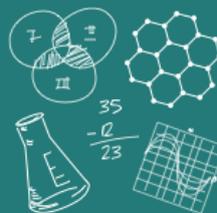
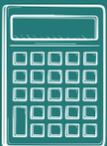
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UCAT Handbook

Everything you need to know about the UCAT

All about the 2021 UCAT Exam
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 90-second UCAT quiz to test your skills



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What is UCAT?



What is it for?

The University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) is the **admissions test for entry into medical, dental and clinical science degree programmes** in Australia and New Zealand.



What is the test format?

It is a **2 hour computer-based test** containing 233 multiple choice questions across 5 separately timed subtests.



Where/when do I sit the test?

You will sit the test at a Pearson VUE test centre between 1 – 31 July 2021. You sit the test the same year that you apply to university. You can sit the test once each year.



How do I get my results?

You will receive your results on test day. These will be delivered to universities automatically.



Where can I find more info?

The latest study tips and exam advice can be found at **www.ucatmasterclass.com/ucat-advice**. You can also access free resources here!

Top 10 tips

1. Gain and develop fundamental skills such as speed reading and mental maths.
2. Register and book early to confirm your preferred test date and location at www.ucat.edu.au
3. Use quality UCAT resources to learn the theory and strategies to solve the different question types.
4. Train your speed by setting time limits when completing practice questions (try questions on page 4).
5. Get to know the 5 subtest structure and question types in the UCAT by reading Theory lessons by UCAT Masterclass.
6. Build stamina by increasing the length of your study sessions over time.
7. Preview the question when you are given a large amount of information.
8. Guess, flag and skip difficult questions in the exam to return to them later.
9. Familiarise yourself with the computer based test by practicing on an UCAT exam simulator. Complete a free full exam at www.ucatmasterclass.com
10. Participate in the annual free UCAT MED, the largest live online UCAT exam to test your skills and receive a mock UCAT mark and rank. Register at www.ucatmasterclass.com/ucat-med

2021 Key dates



Tests taken in Australia or New Zealand will incur a fee of \$299 (concession fee of \$199 for Australia only).
Tests taken overseas or outside Aus/NZ will incur a fee of \$374.

The 5 UCAT subtests

Subtest	Breakdown	Description	Question types
Verbal Reasoning	 21 Minutes 11 Passages 44 Questions 300-900 Score	Assesses your ability to read and think carefully about information presented in passages and to determine whether specific conclusions can be drawn from information presented	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Multiple choiceTrue, false, can't tell

On average, UCAT candidates perform the worst in Verbal Reasoning

Decision Making	 31 Minutes 29 Questions 300-900 Score	Assesses your ability to apply logic to reach a decision or conclusion, evaluate arguments and analyse statistical information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SyllogismLogic puzzleStrongest argumentInferenceVenn diagramProbability
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There are 6 types of questions in Decision Making that always appear in the same order

Quantitative Reasoning	 24 Minutes 9 Data Sets 36 Questions 300-900 Score	Assesses your ability to use numerical skills to solve problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chart readingPercentagesAveragesRatios, rates proportionalityPerimeters, areas and volumes
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Year 9/10 maths will be required but your problem solving skills will be more important in Quantitative Reasoning

Abstract Reasoning	 13 Minutes 11 Sets 55 Questions 300-900 Score	Assesses your ability to identify patterns amongst abstract shapes where irrelevant and distracting material may lead to incorrect conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Set A/Set B identifySet A/Set B selectSequencesAnalogies
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You have less than 15 seconds per question for Abstract Reasoning

Situational Judgement	 26 Minutes 22 Scenarios 69 Questions 300-900 Score	Measures your capacity to understand real world situations and to identify critical factors and appropriate behaviour in dealing with them	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ImportanceAppropriateness
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You are awarded half marks in Situational Judgement for picking a response that is close to the answer

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UCAT Quiz

Can you complete these 2 questions in 90 seconds?

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sec

Q1: Verbal Reasoning

What is known is that Internet Gaming Disorder is most prevalent in males aged 12-25. It is also associated with poor health outcomes, such as sleep deprivation, unhealthy diet and musculoskeletal problems, as well as other mental health comorbidities, such as ADHD, social phobia and depression. Like other forms of addiction, excessive gaming is neurochemically influenced, with evidence that the cortico-basal ganglia-thalamo-cortical loop - or 'reward centre' - of the brain is activated while gaming. Sufferers ultimately become dependent on the chemical 'high' that is caused by this loop, and experience withdrawal symptoms when unable to repeat it.

Cormorbidity is likely to mean

- (A) a mental health problem
- (B) social phobia
- (C) another form of addiction
- (D) an additional health problem

Q2: Decision Making (Syllogism)

Drag and drop Yes or No to each box.

In an express train travelling from Artarmon to Strathfield, all travellers were either university students, doctors or tourists. All travellers either wore sneakers, running shoes or sandals.

- The train stops at St Leonards, and only doctors who were not wearing sneakers leave the train.
- The train then stops at Town Hall, and only people who wore sneakers and were not doctors, the tourists wearing sandals and the tourists wearing running shoes leave the train.

The train does not stop elsewhere until it reaches Strathfield.

None of the tourists reached Strathfield.

Yes

Out of all the travellers wearing running shoes, only doctors reached Strathfield.

University students wearing sandals reached Strathfield.

No

University students wearing sneakers left the train at Town Hall.

More university students than doctors reached Strathfield.

Need more practice?

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