

uniTEST

What is uniTEST?

uniTEST has been developed by ACER to assist universities with the often difficult and time consuming processes of student selection. The test assesses the kinds of generic reasoning and thinking skills that underpin successful Higher Education studies.

uniTEST is designed for current school leavers to complement existing selection criteria such as the ATAR.

Test Format and Content

uniTEST measures a student's capacity to reason in a range of familiar and less familiar contexts across two broad domains: mathematics and science; and the humanities and social sciences. Specific subject knowledge is not assessed.

Reasoning in the domains of mathematics and science is described as **Quantitative and Formal reasoning** and includes the application of generally accessible quantitative, scientific and technological information - including numbers, tables, graphs, text and diagrams.

The kinds of reasoning typically elicited in the domains of arts, humanities and the social sciences are described as **Verbal and Plausible reasoning**. This encompasses verbal and visual comprehension, plausible reasoning, holistic judgments about meaning, and socio-cultural understandings.

Critical reasoning addresses general reasoning elicited in both the broad domains and is relevant to a range of courses including scientific, technical, business, humanities and social sciences.

uniTEST assesses these reasoning skills by means of a **multiple-choice** test with **95 questions**, to be answered in **2 ½ hours**. This test is delivered **online** or as a paper-based test.

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Benefits of using uniTEST

Selection and placement

- objective, research-based measure of student performance
- supports course selection and student placement decisions
- widens access to university courses

Ease of access and reporting

- complete flexibility with testing date, time and venue for online testing
- can be administered by individual universities and schools
- can be administered to any group size
- quick turnaround for results and reports, especially for online testing

Quality of content

- extensive and rigorous test development processes
- sound psychometric properties
- design ensures comparable test difficulty and test scores from year to year
- ongoing research to ensure assessment quality

Sample questions

Sample questions may be viewed at the uniTEST website.

Test fee

Test fee includes

- the provision of the test
- support for the administration of the test (including a Test Administration Manual for supervisors)
- scoring of the test
- analysis and reporting of student results

For details of the test fee, please contact the uniTEST Office at unitest@acer.edu.au

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