

UNIVERSITY CONNECTIONS PROGRAM PRELIMINARY ACHIEVEMENT EQUIVALENT RESULTS

Purpose

This policy outlines TASC's approach to assigning TCE credit points to learners who complete a University Connections Program (UCP) qualification, but do not meet the standards equivalent to a pass grade (50% or more) for the unit(s) under study.

This policy provides certainty to eligible students, that UCP unit(s) will contribute to the participation and achievement standard of the Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE). It further provides clarity for schools and teachers providing support to students during their participation in UCP units.

This policy applies to students who achieve a final moderated mark for a UCP unit of 49% or less.

Policy statement

UCP Preliminary Achievement (PA) Equivalent results

TASC recognises that students who meet the requirements of this policy have achieved a result in the relevant University Connections Program unit that is equivalent to a 'Preliminary Achievement' award, available in TASC accredited courses.

This policy prescribes that when a student achieves a preliminary achievement equivalent result for a UCP unit, and is eligible to receive TCE credit points for that unit, the relevant UCP unit will be included in the student's Qualification Certificate, with the award of 'Preliminary Achievement Equivalent'.

TASC will assign TCE credit points to a student who achieves a final moderated mark for a UCP unit that is 49% or less if:

- the University of Tasmania determines, in consultation with the student's school as required, that the student:
 - attended at least 75% of the attendance requirements for the unit, and
 - submitted at least the minimum requirements for the unit.

Scaled course score not to be assigned

The University of Tasmania, as the Tertiary Admissions Centre for Tasmanian senior secondary students has determined that a student who receives TCE credit points under this policy will not receive a scaled course score for the relevant UCP unit. The unit will therefore not contribute to an eligible student's ATAR.

Related policies

- No related policies

Related procedures

- Internal TASC procedure for receiving and processing UCP results

Supporting information

- [University of Tasmania website: University Connections Program](#)

Definitions

TCE credit points TCE credit points contribute to the achievement of the 'participation and achievement' standard of the Tasmanian Certificate of Education. A full year UCP unit will generally have a value of 15 TCE credit points.

University Connections Program (UCP)

The UCP is an initiative of the University of Tasmania that allows Year 11 and 12 students to study university level units at the same time or in addition to their TCE studies. The Program provides opportunities for learners to be exposed to new disciplinary areas and learning opportunities which may not be available to them in their school or college.

Legislation

UCP courses are recognised by TASC under section 55ZZM of the *Office of Tasmanian Assessment, Standards and Certification Act 2003*.

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