# Preferences and Offers 2017

## Ordering Preferences

Watch the VTAC video about [choosing courses](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sg1oMB5cInQ) and [ordering preferences](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2MRbS1Om4Oc).

How to order preferences:

1. Order your courses by preference, not what you think you will get into
2. List courses that you want to study, and will lead to your desired career
3. 2-4-2 model to ensure you have an offer
* 2 dream courses
* 4 achievable courses
* 2 backup courses
1. Fill in all 8 preferences
2. Avoid listing high ATAR courses below low ATAR courses

### Preference Examples

#### Good Preference Order

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| Course | ATAR |
| University of Melbourne Biomedicine | 97 |
| Monash University Biomedicine | 96 |
| University of Melbourne Science | 85 |
| Monash University Science | 85 |
| RMIT Biomedicine | 75 |
| RMIT Science | 70 |
| Deakin Biological Science | 66 |
| La Trobe Health Science | 65 |

Why is this a good order?

* Dream course 1st
* Wide range of ATARs
* Courses are related to interest
* All 8 preferences used

#### Preference Order Needing Improvement 1

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| Course | ATAR |
| University of Melbourne Biomedicine | 97 |
| La Trobe Health Science | 65 |
| RMIT Science | 70 |
| Monash University Biomedicine | 96 |
| University of Melbourne Science | 85 |
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What is wrong with this order?

* If this student receives an ATAR between 96 and 65 they would get a La Trobe offer. Preferences 3, 4, and 5 are wasted preferences.
* Only 5 courses listed

How to fix this order:

* It is perfectly fine to list La Trobe as a second preference if it is your second favourite course. If this is the case, add preferences below this course with ATARs lower than 65.

#### Preference Order Needing Improvement 2

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| Course | ATAR |
| Monash Medicine | 99 |
| ACU Physiotherapy | 98 |
| Monash Physiotherapy | 98 |
| University of Melbourne Biomedicine | 97 |
| Monash University Biomedicine | 96 |
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What is wrong with this order?

* Small ATAR range
* Only 5 courses listed

How to fix this order:

* Investigate related courses (eg. biomedicine, science, health science) with lower ATAR requirements (ideally include courses with ATARs below 70)

#### Preference Order Needing Improvement 3

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| Course | ATAR |
| University of Melbourne Biomedicine | 98 |
| University of Melbourne Commerce | 95 |
| University of Melbourne Arts | 92 |
| University of Melbourne Design | 90 |
| University of Melbourne Music | N/A |
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What is wrong with this order?

* No consistency in courses. Selecting courses based on university, not course content
* Only 5 courses listed

How to fix this order:

* Select courses that you will enjoy studying and will lead towards your desired career, rather than university reputation.

## Change of Preferences

Watch the [VTAC video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjQgZ1vxfPk) with information about changing preferences.

What can you change?

1. Add or delete courses
2. Change order of courses

Important information:

* ATARs are released 15 December
* Change of Preference closes 20 December 12pm
* The careers team will be available to assist during the Change of Preference period, but will be extremely busy
* Attend university events for extra advice
* Students can change preferences after Round 1 offers are released

### SEAS and ATAR

Students are not informed of the outcome of their SEAS application. Students who have applied for SEAS should list courses with a wide range of ATAR scores both above and below their achieved ATAR score. This prepares for two possible outcomes:

1. SEAS does not have an impact – listing courses with ATAR scores below your achieved ATAR ensures you will still receive an offer
2. SEAS does have an impact – listing courses with ATAR scores above your achieved ATAR provides the potential for SEAS assist you to enter courses

### Change of Preference Events

ACU – [Business Tasters Class](http://www.acu.edu.au/connect_with_acu/events/melbourne/business_taster_class) – 29 November
ACU – [One-on-One Appointment](http://www.acu.edu.au/connect_with_acu/events/melbourne/one-on-one_appointment_melbourne) – 5 December
ACU – [Know Your Options Melbourne](http://www.acu.edu.au/connect_with_acu/events/melbourne/know_your_options_melbourne) – 18 December
Deakin – [Change of Preference Information Evening](http://www.deakin.edu.au/about-deakin/events/cop-info-evenings) – 13 December
Deakin – [Change of Preference Drop-In Session](http://www.deakin.edu.au/about-deakin/events/cop-werribee-drop-in) – [Werribee Learning Centre](http://www.deakin.edu.au/locations/deakin-learning-centres/werribee-learning-centre) – 15 December
La Trobe – [Change of Preference Day](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/events/all/melbourne-campus-change-of-preference-advisory-day?utm_source=marketo&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=broadcast&utm_content=ems-2017-10-broadcast-01) – 16 December
Monash – [Change of Preference Expo](https://www.monash.edu/change-of-preference) – 18 December
RMIT – [Trades Tour](https://www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/tours/2017/december/trades-tour-december) – 7 December
Swinburne – [Change of Preference Expo](https://www.swinburne.edu.au/choose/change-of-preference/) - 18 December
University of Melbourne – [Course Information Day](https://coursesearch.unimelb.edu.au/change-of-preference/course-information-day) – 18 December
Victoria University – Change of Preference Expo – 19 December 3.30 to 6.30pm

## Offers

Watch the [VTAC video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2lCXh31vAlM) with information about the offer process.

Although offers are released over multiple rounds, 95% of offers are released in Round 1 (based on 2014/15 data).

All students should accept their Round 1 offer. You may still receive an offer for a higher preference in subsequent rounds after accepting the first offer. You can drop the position of your Round 1 offer course through Change of Preference, to be considered for more courses in subsequent rounds.

If you have planned a gap year, you can defer your offer to commence study in 2019.

Important notes:

* Round 1 offers are released 16 January
* Students receive a maximum of one offer per round
* Students are offered the highest preference that they meet the ATAR and prerequisites for

Offer steps:

1. Check your email 16 January for Round 1 offer. Also, check Spam and Junk folders. Log in VTAC account if you didn’t receive an email
2. Check your email for information directly from the university
3. Accept your offer, you can always withdraw from the course later