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Dear Undergraduate Teacher Education Students,

Re: Band 4 English and Mathematics requirements in undergraduate initial teacher education

The UNE Initial Teacher Education Awards are designed in compliance with the NSW Institute of Teachers' requirements. The Institute mandates minimum standards in Mathematics and/or English for students in undergraduate initial teacher education awards. Specifically, the Institute requires all students admitted into undergraduate awards to have (i) demonstrated attainment of at least NSW HSC Band 4 in General Mathematics or completed Mathematics or Extension Mathematics to an equivalent standard AND/OR (ii) demonstrated attainment of at least NSW HSC Band 4 Standard English or English as a Second Language or Advanced English, or (iii) demonstrated equivalent interstate attainment in English and Mathematics.

What does this mean for you?

It is essential that you meet the Institute's requirements to ensure that you are eligible to teach in NSW. Consequently, UNE has designed a Teacher Education Enabling Course that will allow successful students to demonstrate Band 4 competence in Mathematics and / or English as per the standards outlined above.

If you have not already met the requirements for Mathematics and/or English, as per the standards outlined above, you are eligible to apply for the Teacher Education Enabling Course.

The Teacher Education Enabling Course consists of two units:

- ENGL001 - Literacy Preparation for Teachers (HSC Band 4); and
- MATH122 - Numeracy for Primary School Teachers (HSC Band 4)

These units must be successfully completed **within two years of commencing your degree**.

Please note: Students enrolled in undergraduate secondary awards are **not** required to undertake MATH122 at this time.

All UNE students undertaking undergraduate initial teacher education awards are required to demonstrate Band 4 achievement, including those who intend to teach outside NSW. There are no tuition fees associated with the Enabling Course for eligible domestic students. Therefore eligible domestic students will not incur fees or HECS liability.

It is very important that full-time students in undergraduate primary awards who need to undertake both ENGL001 Literacy Preparation for Teachers (HSC Band 4) and MATH122 Numeracy for Primary School Teachers (HSC Band 4) AND who receive income support from the government do not undertake both units in the same semester because this will result in a loss of income support.

How can I prove that I have already met the Band 4 requirements?

Students who are able to demonstrate that they have already achieved the standards outlined above may exempt themselves from undertaking all or part of the Teacher Education Enabling Course. Those students will be required to submit documentary evidence i.e. a copy of your HSC and complete the attached Band 4 Attainment Form.

All enquiries should be directed to **Mrs Kim Barlow**, Senior Administrator, on the number above or via email at [AskUNE](#)

Yours sincerely

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BAND 4 ATTAINMENT FORM

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The following form is intended for students:

- (i) enrolled in **undergraduate** initial teacher education programs. i.e.
 - a. Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Teaching
 - b. Bachelor of Business / Bachelor of Teaching
 - c. Bachelor of Education (Primary)
 - d. Bachelor of Information Technology / Bachelor of Teaching
 - e. Bachelor of Mathematics / Bachelor of Teaching
 - f. Bachelor of Music / Bachelor of Teaching
 - g. Bachelor of Science / Bachelor of Teaching
 - h. Bachelor of Special Education (Primary) / Bachelor of Disability Studies;

and

- (ii) who wish to apply for exemption from ENGL001 and / or MATH122 on the grounds that they have already achieved at least NSW HSC Band 4 competence in either
 - (a) English (Standard, English as a Second Language or Advanced) and / or
 - (b) General Mathematics or completion of Mathematics or Extension Mathematics to an equivalent standard, or
 - (c) equivalent standards(s) outside NSW.

Certified copies of HSC achievement in English and / or Mathematics **must** accompany this form.

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BAND 4 ATTAINMENT FORM

Name:

Student Number:

Maiden Name (if applicable)

Tick the program in which you are enrolled.

Primary Programs: NSW HSC Band 4 English and Mathematics Required	
	Bachelor of Education (Primary)
	Bachelor of Special Education (Primary) / Bachelor of Disability Studies
Secondary Programs: NSW HSC Band 4 English Required	
	Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Teaching
	Bachelor of Business Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Teaching
	Bachelor of Information Technology / Bachelor of Teaching
	Bachelor of Mathematics / Bachelor of Teaching
	Bachelor of Music / Bachelor of Teaching
	Bachelor of Science / Bachelor of Teaching

Tick whether you seeking exemption based on demonstrated NSW HSC Band 4 (or equivalent attainment) in

	English (Standard, English as a Second Language or Advanced)
	General Mathematics or completion of Mathematics or Extension Mathematics to an equivalent standard
	Both English and Mathematics as described above

Senior English and / or Mathematics undertaken in (please tick)

NSW	ACT	QLD	VIC	TAS	WA	NT	SA	Overseas

Documentation attached:

Please return this form with your supporting documentation to:

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