

CSE ELITE STUDENT PROGRAM (UGRD)

Based on Faculty of Engineering Elite Student Policy:

<http://www.eng.unsw.edu.au/info-about/our-faculty/faculty-policies/elite-student-policy>

Program Guidelines

Students in this program may apply to vary their program to a limited extent by substituting core or non-core courses for courses which emphasise one of the following areas: design, project work, technical depth, general breadth, or research.

Applications will be considered, provided:

- Total advanced standing and substitutions do not exceed 36 units of credit (6 courses)
- Pre-requisites for higher level courses are still met;
- At least 6uc of general education is completed;
- No more than 12uc core courses are substituted;
- No more than 18uc of CSE courses are substituted for non-CSE courses;
- The application addresses how the substitution allows the student to emphasise one of the areas outlined in the policy.

In all cases the CSE Program Authority reserves the right to reject any application it deems unsuitable or inappropriate.

Note: substitutions in general may impact on the weighted average calculation used to determine the level of honours on completion of some programs. See weighted average principles governing the relevant award for full details on the impact of varying program requirements.

Implementation

At the start of each calendar year the Student Office will invite eligible students to join the program. A copy of the program guidelines will be provided. A register of students in this program will be maintained internally. *[investigating options for a way to have these students registered in NSS instead]*

Elite students will be able to apply via myCSE for approval to vary their program in accordance with the above guidelines. They will be asked to describe how their substitution will emphasise one of the areas outlined in the policy.

The last date to apply will be the Friday in O-Week.

The CSE Student Office will check compliance before forwarding the application to the relevant Program Director for approval, and will notify the student of the outcome of their application.

Eligibility

Students are eligible to apply if they have completed their higher school certificate or equivalent and received:

- an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 98.00; or
- International Baccalaureate mark of 40 or above; or
- a mark of 85 or above in HS1917.

Students already enrolled in a CSE program will be invited to apply if they achieve a weighted average mark of 85 or above in the previous year.

Scholarship

All students enrolled in the elite student program will receive a \$500.00 scholarship from the School of Computer Science and Engineering.

Maintenance

At the end of each calendar year, the Student Office will review the performance of participants in the elite student program. Those who have not maintained a WAM of 85 or more will be removed from the program. Any prior substitutions will be honoured provided that the student completed the substituted course successfully.