

Assessment arrangements for courses: 2008

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Courses in Year 12

The courses which can be offered in Year 12 in 2008 are:

Applied Information Technology	English
Aviation	English as an Additional Language/Dialect
Earth and Environmental Science	Media Production and Analysis
Engineering Studies	Physical Education Studies

Teachers delivering these courses must develop a teaching program based on the 2008 course syllabus found on the Council's website at www.curriculum.wa.edu.au/Senior_Secondary/Courses.

Teachers of classes studying the same units within a school are required use the same assessment outline for each class.

The essential features of the assessment approach adopted in any school are that across the whole cohort for a particular course there is a ranked order of students and the relative separation between them reflects their differences in achievement.

The Council requires schools to submit for each student a grade for each course unit. In addition, for each student sitting the WACE examination, schools are required to submit a numerical school assessment (out of 100) for each course unit.

The numerical school assessment will be calculated in accordance with the school's unit assessment outline. The grade is determined by the school at the end of the unit using the numerical school assessment and the grade descriptors, as outlined in the Using the Grade Descriptors assessment advice paper.

WACE examinations will be held in each of these courses for Year 12 students. For 2008, the WACE examinations are not compulsory. Examination design briefs and sample examinations can be found at www.curriculum.wa.edu.au/Senior_Secondary/Courses.

The numerical school assessment submitted for the two course units completed and the WACE examination mark will be used by the Council to determine the combined course mark.

The combined course marks will be used by TISC to determine a scaled score for the course.

Final Curriculum Council certification of student performance will be reported on the student's statement of results as grades. The statement of results for students who complete the WACE examination will also include the school assessment, raw examination mark, scaled course score and decile position for the course.

Assessment seminars in terms one and two and consensus meetings in Term 3 will provide opportunities to discuss assessment and grading processes.

New courses in Year 11

The courses which can be offered in Year 11 in 2008 are:

Aboriginal and Intercultural Studies
Aboriginal Languages of WA
Applied Information Technology
Aviation
Career and Enterprise
Chinese: Second Language
Computer Science
Dance
Drama
Earth and Environmental Science
Engineering Studies

English
English as an Additional Language/Dialect
Italian
Marine and Maritime Technology
Materials Design and Technology
Media Production and Analysis
Outdoor Education
Philosophy and Ethics
Physical Education Studies
Psychology

Teachers delivering these courses must develop a teaching program based on the 2008 course syllabus found on the Council's website at www.curriculum.wa.edu.au/Senior_Secondary/Courses .

For all courses in Year 11, teachers will submit a grade for each unit in which a student is enrolled. The grade will be determined by the school at the end of the unit using the numerical school assessment and the grade descriptors, as outlined in the Using the Grade Descriptors assessment advice paper. Grades for each unit must be submitted to the Council at the end of the school year.

Schools are required to submit a numerical school assessment if students are exiting a course in Year 11 and intend to sit the exam.

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