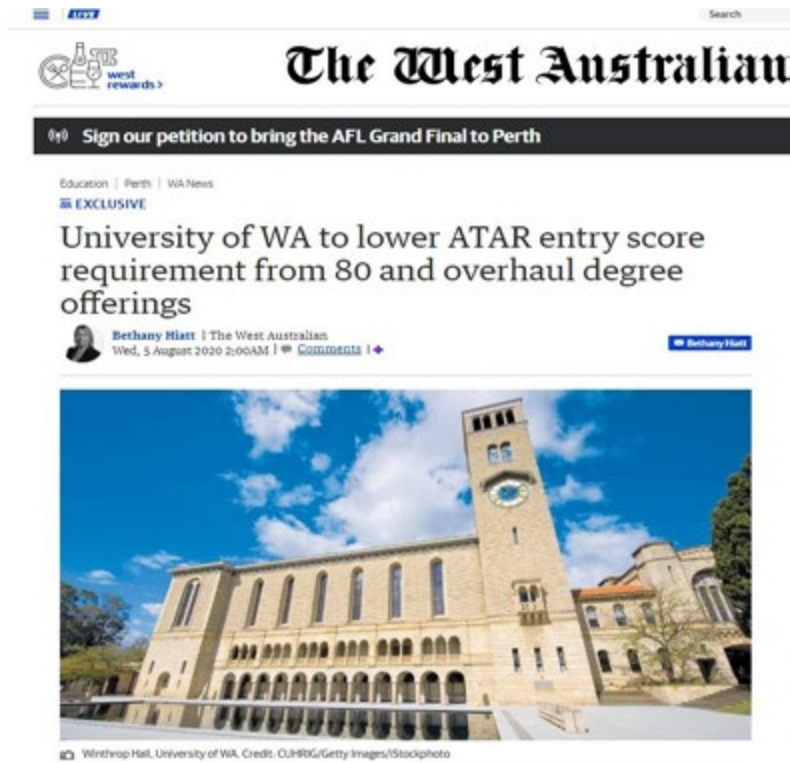


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University of WA to lower ATAR entry score requirement from 80 and overhaul degree offerings

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-  WA's most prestigious university no longer views itself as a "selective" institution that aims to attract mostly high-performing school leavers.
-  The University of WA is lowering the bar for entry to some courses and overhauling its degree offerings in a bid to boost enrolments.
-  UWA, which is the State's only member of Australia's elite Group of Eight, has long held its advertised minimum entry point at an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank of 80.
-  But from next year its minimum ATAR cut-off will fall to 75 for bachelor degrees in business, environmental design and music.
-  Last year a Year 12 student could have achieved an ATAR of 75 by averaging about 58 per cent across four school ATAR subjects, compared with a 61 per cent average to reach an ATAR of 80.
-  The minimum rank for Curtin, Murdoch and Edith Cowan universities is 70.
-  UWA's governing body, the Senate, requested more information on the decision to adjust ATAR requirements.

