



UWA 2023–24 Fact sheet

Academic Calendar 2023–24

Semester 2, 2023

Teaching: 24 July - 20 October

Non-teaching study break: 4 - 8 September

Examinations (including 1-week study break): 23 October - 11 November

Semester 1, 2024

Teaching: 26 February - 24 May

Non-teaching study break: 1 - 5 April

Examinations (including 1-week study break): 27 May - 15 June

Semester 2, 2024

Teaching: 22 July - 20 October

Non-teaching study break: 2 - 6 September

Examinations (including 1-week study break): 21 October - 9 November

Application deadlines

Please note the earlier nomination and application deadline from previous years.

Late applications will be considered if there is enough processing time.

Semester 1 (February–June)

Nominations are due by **15 October**; applications and documents are due by **30 October**.

Semester 2 (July–November)

Nominations are due by **30 March**; applications and documents are due by **15 April**.



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Nomination information

Exchange/Study Abroad partners are required to nominate to UWA **first**, and students will then receive two emails:

1. To set up an account
2. To complete the application

To nominate a student, please complete the [nomination form](#).

Supporting documents

All supporting documentation must be **uploaded** to the online application:

- A colour copy of the student's passport details page.
- The student's most recent **official** academic transcript. Postgraduate students must also submit their undergraduate transcript. All transcripts must be in English.
- Evidence of English Language Competency.
- Students can upload documents onto their online application after they have submitted their application.

Applications will only be assessed once **all** documentation has been received.

Tuition fees*

18-point credit load: AUD\$10,838

24-point credit load: AUD\$14,450

*These are 2022 fees and are subject to annual increase.

Academic notes

Class format: Lectures, tutorials, labs, practicals.

Language of instruction: English.

Academic information

Standard academic load per semester

= 24 credit points.

Most units have a value of 6 credit points.

If home University permits, students may elect to take 18 credit points. This is still considered a fulltime study load for student visa purposes and will be counted as one semester place.

24 cp = 30 ECTS/15 US cp

18 cp = 22.5 ECTS/12 US cp

Unit (course) information/syllabi: Refer to the [UWA Handbook](#).

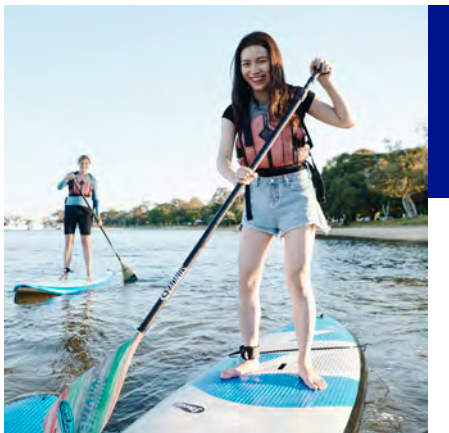
NOTE: The term 'course' at UWA refers to a degree program, e.g. Bachelor of Science.

NOTE: The term 'unit' at UWA refers to an individual class, e.g. ENVT2250 Ecology.

Undergraduate units: Level 1, 2 or 3 (e.g. BIOL**1**130)

Postgraduate units: Level 4 or 5 (e.g. MGMT**5**511)





Academic requirements

To be eligible to study at UWA, you must meet the following:

Undergraduate students

- Completion of one semester of study.
- Be in Good Academic Standing as determined by the UWA's partner university.
- Meet UWA's [English language requirements](#).

Postgraduate students

- Completion of a bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in order to take classes at a postgraduate level.

MBA students: To be admitted as an Exchange or Study Abroad student into the [UWA \(Flexible\) MBA program](#) (offered on a trimester basis), students must have a minimum of two years' professional work experience and an IELTS of 7. Exchange/Study Abroad students are not eligible to enter into the full-time MBA.

Restricted courses: Units in the **Medical School, Dentistry Schools** and **postgraduate** units in the **School of Psychological Sciences** are not available to Exchange/Study Abroad students. **Undergraduate** units in the **School of Psychological Sciences** are strictly limited to students meeting unit pre-requisites.

Students may apply to take any other units in a standard course that they meet the prerequisites for. A few units may be restricted or quota restricted.

Grading scale

Grades / Description

80-100 | High distinction (HD)

70-79 | Distinction (D)

60-69 | Credit pass (CR)

50-59 | Pass (P)

45-49 | Fail (N+)

0-44 | Fail (N)

The number of credits or units required for completion of a student's first (or equivalent of bachelor's) degree varies depending on the [degree](#).

Registration / Enrolment

Students can enrol prior to arrival with their **Approved Study List**. Students may request approval of units by completing a **Proposed Study List** in the online application or by emailing GLO.

A UWA Academic Advisers will assess the proposed study plan for prerequisites and other restrictions. On-campus enrolment support and academic advice is offered during Orientation. The add/drop period is open for the first week of classes.



English proficiency

Students for the exchange program to UWA must satisfy one of the standard English Language Competency (ELC) requirements set out below, or such other language proficiency requirements as specified in a formal Memorandum of Agreement.

UWA standard English Language competency requirements:

- IELTS: 6.5 (no band below 6.0).
- TOEFL (iBT): 82 (with minimum scores of 22 Writing, 18 Reading, 20 Speaking and 20 Listening).

[Additional ELC tests are acceptable](#)

Alternative English Language pathway

Students who do not meet the standard ELC requirements as set out above may be approved admission to UWA on the basis of the Alternative English Language competency requirements.

Students seeking admission via this pathway are assessed on a case-by-case basis and, if approved, will receive a **conditional offer** where they must enrol in the following unit in their first semester enrolment: **Professional and Academic Communication** ([PACM1100](#)) Alternative ELC requirements for this conditional offer are:

- IELTS: 6.0 (no band below 5.5)
- TOEFL (iBT): 70 (minimum 20 Writing, 14 Reading, 19 Speaking and 17 Listening)
- [UWA CELT](#): English Academic Pathway 65% (no band less than 60%), Bridging Course Module 1 65% (no band less than 60%)

English language bridging courses

Students who do not meet these ELC pathway requirements may consider enrolling in the 20-week [Academic English Bridging Course](#). Tuition fees are payable but discounts and [packages](#) may be available for partner university students.



Welcome to UWA

Arrival and Orientation

Recommended arrival dates:

Students should arrive a day or two before Orientation if housing has already been pre-arranged. We recommend that students who have not secured any housing arrive at least two weeks before classes start.

Orientation dates

Semester 2, 2023: **Monday 17 July**

Semester 1, 2024: **Monday 19 February**

Semester 2, 2024: **Monday 15 July**

Cost of Orientation program

Not applicable, but optional excursions will incur a small fee.

Accommodation

On campus accommodation

Accommodation is available to new commencing students at one of the on campus residential colleges in [College Row](#), or at one of the three [Perth city](#) student housing options.

Due to covid-19 travel restrictions over the past two years, there is now unprecedented levels of interest in UWA's accommodation options. Applying for housing as early as possible is strongly advised.

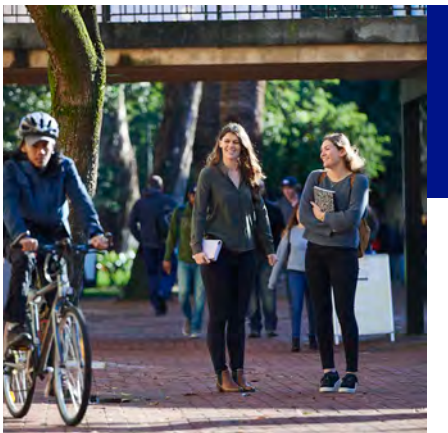
College accommodation application process

Students can log onto the [UWA Residential College Application Portal](#) and apply to all of College Row in one place. Students rank their college preferences from 1-5 and the portal will automatically send their application to the colleges (starting with their first preference). Students should apply for accommodation as early as possible. There is a fee for the housing application.

Off-campus

UWA also has a limited range of [off-campus accommodation](#) nearby.

Further information about all UWA Perth student accommodation options is [available here](#).



Student life

Student visa information

Are students required to obtain a student visa?

Yes. Once students return the signed acceptance contract with applicable payment, UWA will issue a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) document which will allow students to apply for an Australian Student Visa (ASV). Visas can take 2-4 weeks to be approved.

Are students permitted to work?

Students on an ASV can work up to 40 hours per fortnight during semester and unlimited hours during University holidays.

Working Holiday Visa (WHV)

Instead of a Student Visa, some students may be eligible to apply for a Working Holiday Visa (WHV). Please see the following website for the different categories and conditions of a [WHV](#).

Students coming to UWA on a WHV should be aware of the following considerations:

- *Students are not entitled to Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) but must accept the responsibility to arrange their own [health cover](#) and acknowledge that they must cover their own expenses while in Australia.*
- *Students will not be covered by the Education for Overseas Students ([ESOS](#)) Act which protects the interests of overseas students studying in Australia.*

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

Overseas Student Health Cover ([OSHC](#)) is an Australian Student Visa requirement. Further information is available at the [Department of Home Affairs](#).

UWA can arrange OSHC for students through [Medibank](#). Alternatively, students can purchase their own through one of the Australian Government-[approved providers](#). Students must provide evidence of this when submitting their acceptance documents.

Most students from Sweden, Norway and

Belgium do not have to purchase OSHC. New Zealand and Australian citizens who are eligible for Medicare do not require OSHC.

Are students able to apply for an insurance waiver if they have their own insurance coverage?

No. OSHC is an Australian Government requirement.





Student services

Exchange and Study Abroad students can access all the same [services](#) and supports as full-degree students, such as:

- [UniAccess](#): helps students with physical or mental health conditions, issues or disabilities
- [Study Smarter](#): free academic skills programs to improve writing, English, maths, research, time management, plus expert advice.
- [UniMentor](#): meet a current UWA student to help navigate uni life.
- [UWA Allies](#): informed support for LGBTQIA+ students.
- The [School of Indigenous Studies](#) (SIS) provides a support and resource centre for Indigenous, Torres Strait Islander and First Nations students.
- [UWA Guild](#): providing academic, welfare and financial support.

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Estimated costs

Cost of living

Please see the full list of [estimated costs](#).

Fees other than tuition (e.g. student services)

There is a compulsory Student Services and Amenities Fee ([SSAF](#))*

*Exchange students are exempt from paying the SSAF but the fee is applicable to Study Abroad students and must be paid during the semester. Failure to pay fees will encumber the student and it will not be possible to release their transcript at the end of the program.

Transcripts

Transcripts will be sent at the completion of the exchange period (either August or January) to the home institution or agent, as applicable.

