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The University of Wollongong (UOW) is one of Australia's most prestigious universities having been placed in the top two per cent of universities in the world by its performance in the 2010 Shanghai Jiao Tong Academic Ranking of World Universities, QS World University Rankings 2010 and the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2010. At UOW, our rankings mean that you get more from your degree and our graduates enjoy some of the best outcomes of any graduates in the country - high employment rates, high starting salaries, and the confidence that comes from studying a degree designed to create well-rounded graduates.

In 2011 we received the maximum five-star ranking in seven key categories in the *Australian 2011 Good Universities Guide*, which ranks Australian universities over a range of criteria and where only the top 20 per cent of universities in Australia can be awarded the maximum five stars in any one category. Our current five-star rankings have been awarded in the following categories: Getting a Job, Positive Graduate Outcomes, Staff Qualifications, Research Intensity, Graduate Satisfaction, Generic Skills, and Staff to Student Ratio

2011 also marks the 11th year in a row that UOW has scored five stars in the categories of Getting a Job, Graduate Satisfaction and Positive Graduate Outcomes. This shows UOW is a place where students not only get a five-star education, but a five-star chance of gaining a job at the end of their degree.

The University of Wollongong was one of only four universities in Australia to score in Band A in all four discipline groupings in the Federal Government's 2009 Learning and Teaching Performance Fund.

Our courses are reviewed often to make sure they're relevant to all the latest developments in both industry and the academic world. They're also flexible, allowing you to study across a number of disciplines and the possibility to transfer between degrees.

UOW is located in the city of Wollongong, Australia's ninth largest city (population 400,000), about 90 minutes by rail or road from Sydney. Its blend of lifestyle, natural beauty, culture and entertainment makes this cosmopolitan city a great place to live and study. The UOW campus is situated at the base of Mount Keira, less than 5km from the city centre and white sand beaches of the city of Wollongong.

UOW has a total student population of just over 26,000, including around 6,000 international students from more than 70 countries. Our strong international focus provides you with the opportunity to interact with a highly diverse student population in a variety of academic, social and work environments and to obtain an affordable, quality education designed to increase your employment options in the future.

UOW is strongly independent, self-reliant and a little surprising, and after studying with us, you will be too.

## OPEN DAYS, EXHIBITIONS AND INTERVIEW SESSIONS

### In Australia

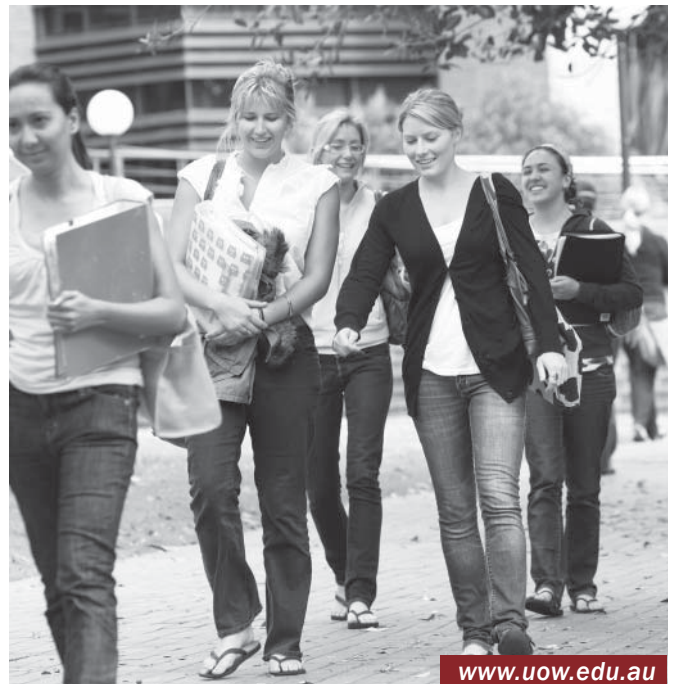
Details of upcoming events can be found at [www.uow.edu.au/future/events](http://www.uow.edu.au/future/events) or call 1300 367 869.

However, you don't need to wait for one of our open days to see first hand why our campus is special. A guided campus, faculty and accommodation tour will give you a closer look at university life - and the chance to ask as many questions as you like. Our free campus tours are conducted by current UOW students and are tailored to meet your individual interests and needs.

For personalised campus tours, call 1300 367 869 (for callers within Australia) or +61 2 4221 3218 (if calling from overseas).

### Overseas

The University participates regularly in overseas missions, exhibitions and student interview programs. To find out when a University staff member will next be in your country, contact the University using the details above.



[www.uow.edu.au](http://www.uow.edu.au)

For details of UOW's overseas agents/representatives, email UniAdvice at [uniadvice@uow.edu.au](mailto:uniadvice@uow.edu.au)

## IMPORTANT DATES

The academic year at UOW is divided into two main sessions:

- Autumn Session (between February and June)
- Spring Session (between July and November).

There is also an optional Summer Session (between December and February) when a limited range of subjects are offered.

Enrolment and orientation	Thursday 16 – Friday 24 Feb 2012
Autumn Session	Monday 27 Feb – Friday 22 June 2012
Mid-year recess	Monday 25 June – Sunday 22 July 2012
Spring Session	Monday 23 July – Thursday 15 Nov 2012

For more information on key dates, visit [www.uow.edu.au/student/dates/](http://www.uow.edu.au/student/dates/)

It is possible to start most courses in the Autumn or Spring Session.

Refer to the 'Table of courses' in this booklet or use our online CourseFinder to find when you can start your course of interest, visit [www.uow.edu.au/future/international/apply/courses/](http://www.uow.edu.au/future/international/apply/courses/)

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Read page 22 for general information about admission requirements.

Admission requirements are the minimum qualifications you need before you can be selected for admission to a course of study.

As an international student attempting one of the following qualifications, you will apply for admission through UAC International and will generally be selected on the basis of your performance in these studies (that is, your ATAR or equivalent):

- an Australian Year 12 qualification (either offshore or in Australia)
- an International Baccalaureate
- a New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement Level 3.

When assessing your application, UOW may take any or all of your qualifications or attempts at study into account.

### Limited ATAR

The University accepts the NSW Limited ATAR for admission purposes - read section 6.8 in Part 1.

### Additional selection criteria

In addition to achieving the standard of performance required for admission, for certain courses you must also satisfy any additional selection criteria. These criteria may include portfolio, interview, audition, questionnaire or test and are taken into account either instead of, or in conjunction with, your ATAR or equivalent.

Details of additional selection criteria and how applicants can meet these requirements are outlined in the course descriptions. For course descriptions, visit the course search on the UAC International website at [www.uac.edu.au/international/course-search/](http://www.uac.edu.au/international/course-search/)

If you are undertaking your Year 12 studies offshore and are applying to a course that has additional selection criteria that you will find difficult to meet, email [uniadvice@uow.edu.au](mailto:uniadvice@uow.edu.au) for assistance.

International applicants applying for admission on the basis of qualifications other than those listed above must apply directly to the university, not through UAC International. For details visit [www.uow.edu.au/future/international/apply/index.html](http://www.uow.edu.au/future/international/apply/index.html)

### **Offers made to applicants who have an ATAR (or equivalent) below the cut-off**

UOW has a number of alternative pathways for admission, which may allow applicants to receive an offer to a course even though they have an ATAR below the cut-off. They are:

- Local and Regional Bonus Points Scheme
- Points to UOW
- Early Entry Scheme (most courses).

#### **Local and Regional Bonus Points Scheme**

If you have a UOW course as a preference and you are completing your HSC in 2011 at one of the schools in our regional area, or at a rural or remote school in NSW, you will automatically receive three bonus points, which will apply to your UOW courses. A full list of the schools eligible for the regional bonus is located at [www.uow.edu.au/future/bonuspoints/bonus3/index.html](http://www.uow.edu.au/future/bonuspoints/bonus3/index.html)

#### **Points to UOW**

At UOW we recognise that your ATAR is not the only indication of your aptitude to excel at university. Strong performance in subjects relevant to the degree you wish to study is also an indicator of likely success.

Points to UOW rewards students who perform strongly in HSC subjects relevant to courses in their preferred area of study.

Your reward for outstanding performance is a maximum of three bonus points. This is in addition to any other bonuses for which you may be eligible, including the UOW Local and Regional Bonus Points Scheme. For full details about Points to UOW, visit [www.uow.edu.au/future/pointstouow/index.html](http://www.uow.edu.au/future/pointstouow/index.html)

#### **Early Entry Scheme**

Current Year 12 students can apply for early entry into many UOW courses. Successful applicants will receive either a guaranteed place or a place that is conditional upon the results of final exams. Early entry is based on academic record and, in some cases, an interview and/or portfolio.

For further information, including details of which courses are available and application closing dates, visit [www.uow.edu.au/future/earlyentry/index.html](http://www.uow.edu.au/future/earlyentry/index.html)

### **STUDENTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE**

Before you are granted a student visa, the Australian Government must be satisfied that you have appropriate accommodation, support and general welfare arrangements in place for the period that you will be under 18 years of age whilst in Australia.

UOW does not accept responsibility for welfare arrangements for international students who are under 18 years of age.

For more information on what arrangements need to be in place, visit [www.immi.gov.au/students/students/573-1/eligibility-student-18.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/students/students/573-1/eligibility-student-18.htm)

### **AREAS OF STUDY**

UOW offers a wide range of undergraduate courses in:

- Arts and Humanities
- Business and Commerce
- Computer Science and Information Technology
- Creative Arts
- Earth and Environmental Sciences
- Economics
- Education
- Engineering
- Exercise Science
- Finance
- Health Sciences
- Law
- Mathematics
- Media, Journalism and Communication Studies
- Medical Science
- Nursing
- Nutrition
- Psychology
- Science.

For course descriptions, visit the course search on the UAC International website at [www.uac.edu.au/international/course-search/](http://www.uac.edu.au/international/course-search/)

Full details of all courses, including course descriptions and structures, can also be found via the online CourseFinder at [www.uow.edu.au/future/international/apply/courses/index.html](http://www.uow.edu.au/future/international/apply/courses/index.html)

### **TUITION FEES**

For information about tuition fees check the 'Table of courses' in this booklet or visit the course search on the UAC International website at [www.uac.edu.au/international/course-search/](http://www.uac.edu.au/international/course-search/)

Tuition fees are paid one session at a time. Your offer letter states the tuition fee payable provided that you accept the current offer and commencement date. The tuition fee will remain the same for the duration of the course, provided the course is completed in the minimum time, and is fixed at the level quoted in the final offer letter.

Visit [www.uow.edu.au/future/international/apply/fees/](http://www.uow.edu.au/future/international/apply/fees/) for full details of fees for each course.

### **Fees policy**

Visit [www.uow.edu.au/future/international/apply/fees/](http://www.uow.edu.au/future/international/apply/fees/) for more information about UOW's fees policies.

### **LIVING EXPENSES**

Read page 35 for general information about living expenses.

Living costs will vary according to your lifestyle, the type of accommodation you choose and whether you are single or bringing family members with you.

In addition to tuition fees, a single student living in Wollongong will require at least A\$12,000 a year for living expenses to cover accommodation, food and local transport.

The cost of living is generally much lower in Wollongong than in other metropolitan cities in Australia. For further information about living in Wollongong, visit [www.uow.edu.au/future/international/whywollongong/about/living/](http://www.uow.edu.au/future/international/whywollongong/about/living/)

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Read page 35 for general information about scholarships.

For more information on scholarships visit [www.uow.edu.au/future/international/apply/scholarships/index.html](http://www.uow.edu.au/future/international/apply/scholarships/index.html)

### **SPONSORED STUDENTS**

Read page 35 for general information about sponsored students.

### **OVERSEAS STUDENT HEALTH COVER (OSHC)**

Read page 36 for general information about OSHC.

While you are free to choose your own provider from the approved list of providers, for information on uow's preferred provider visit: [www.uow.edu.au/future/international/apply/fees/index.html](http://www.uow.edu.au/future/international/apply/fees/index.html)

### **HEALTH SERVICES ON CAMPUS**

A range of health and medical services are provided on campus, including comprehensive medical care, optometry and dentistry. Information on doctors in Wollongong who speak other languages can also be provided. For more information visit <http://unicentre.uow.edu.au/retail/generalfacilities/health/index.html>

### **WORKING WHILE STUDYING**

Read page 36 for general information about working while studying. You must have sufficient funds to cover all expenses before you leave your home country. You cannot rely on working in Australia to cover your tuition fees or living costs. Although working part-time can provide an avenue for meeting new people and some extra spending money, it should never be considered more than an 'added bonus'.

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) now issues student visas with work rights attached automatically. Students are limited to working up to a maximum of 20 hours per week during the session (any volunteer or unpaid work also counts towards this limit).

For an explanation of the rules and procedures for obtaining a work permit, as well as advice on how to increase your chances of finding part-time work in Wollongong, visit [www.uow.edu.au/future/international/whywollongong/about/working/](http://www.uow.edu.au/future/international/whywollongong/about/working/)

### **PREPARING FOR STUDENT LIFE**

The pre-arrival website for international students provides lots of detailed information to help you prepare for life at UOW visit [www.uow.edu.au/future/international/prearrival/index.html](http://www.uow.edu.au/future/international/prearrival/index.html)

The website offers practical suggestions to help you to prepare for your time in Wollongong and highlights some of the items that you will need to organise before leaving home. It is important that you read this information carefully, and any other materials sent to you by the University, as soon as possible.

## ACCEPTANCE, ORIENTATION, ENROLMENT AND DEFERMENT

Read page 17 for general information about acceptance, orientation, enrolment and deferment.

### Acceptance

To accept your offer of admission, you will need to complete the Offer Acceptance and Payment Advice form attached to your offer letter and return it along with the total fee payable to commence the course as quoted in your offer letter.

The fees payable includes tuition for your first session of study and Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC). Payment can be made by credit card or a bank draft drawn in Australian dollars on an Australian bank.

You must ensure that payment is made as early as possible to allow sufficient time for visa processing. Depending on the country you come from, the visa process can take anywhere from several days to more than three months, so you need to allow sufficient time for this process. If you are using a University agent, they can assist you with acceptance and payment procedures.

When you have completed pre-visa assessment (where applicable) and paid all fees quoted in your offer letter, an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCOE) will be issued and sent to you via email. It is important that you provide a current email address with your application so that your eCOE can be returned to you quickly. You will need the eCOE to apply for your student visa.

For details on how to accept your offer of admission visit [www.uow.edu.au/future/international/accept/index.html](http://www.uow.edu.au/future/international/accept/index.html)

### Orientation

Orientation sessions, including course enrolments, for all new international students commence on Thursday 16 February 2012. This will be your official introduction to the University and will give you the opportunity to make new friends and to settle into Wollongong before lectures start. Orientation Week is designed to familiarise you with the campus, staff and facilities. Information sessions and group discussions on a large range of topics will be held during the week.

These include:

- services and facilities available on campus
- Overseas Student Health Cover
- study skills and essay writing
- general information about living in Australia, local customs and attitudes
- how to stay safe and legal in Australia
- campus tours.

Faculty orientation seminars are also held and you will have the opportunity to consult with academic advisers from your course to assist with selection of subjects for your program of study.

For information about orientation visit [www.uow.edu.au/future/international/prearrival/orientation/index.html](http://www.uow.edu.au/future/international/prearrival/orientation/index.html)

### Enrolment

The enrolment process commences on Thursday 16 February 2012 and involves registration in individual subjects, lecture and class times, obtaining your student card and other administration matters relating to your enrolment at the University.

Detailed information concerning enrolment dates and times can be found at <http://getstarted.uow.edu.au/index.html>. Students are normally not permitted to enrol after Orientation Week, unless written permission from UOW has been granted. If you have unavoidable circumstances preventing arrival by Orientation Week, you must request an Extension Letter (permission for late enrolment) by contacting UniAdvice ([uniadvice@uow.edu.au](mailto:uniadvice@uow.edu.au)). Under no circumstances will enrolment be permitted after the second week of session.

Students who arrive after Orientation Week will not be guaranteed places in the subjects of their choice – where subjects are compulsory, this could result in your course of study taking up to one year longer to complete.

### Deferment

Deferment requests must be received by Saturday 31 March 2012 for Autumn Session, and Friday 31 August 2012 for Spring Session; and can be made online at <http://coursefinder.uow.edu.au/coursefinder/DeferralrequestDetail.aspx>. Do not enrol if you intend to defer.

## STUDENT SUPPORT

UOW provides a wide range of academic and social support services to help you through your life and studies. Some of these programs include:

- airport pick-up
- learning development programs
- academic advisers and student liaison officers
- Momentum – student mentoring program

- International Friendships Program
- workplace learning to increase your employment prospects.

For details, visit [www.uow.edu.au/future/international/index.html](http://www.uow.edu.au/future/international/index.html)

## ACCOMMODATION

Many students say one of the best parts of the University experience is living in residence. Rarely will you have the chance to live in a community that has people from so many walks of life and countries. To find out what it's really like go to our website and view our infomercials at [www.uow.edu.au/about/accommodation/](http://www.uow.edu.au/about/accommodation/)

Living @ UOW provides a range of accommodation options for students. Residences are in convenient locations and students benefit from an environment that is committed to providing high academic achievement, involvement, development and fun. The community culture in each residence provides a vibrant atmosphere with many social, cultural, sporting and other activities on offer.

Residences are catered, self-catered and flexi-catered. The catered residences are International House and Weerona College where 19 meals a week are provided. Campus East offers flexi-catered and self-catered options and also has designated postgraduate units. The self-catered residences are Kooloobong (for 2nd years and above) and Keiraview.

Applications for accommodation close Wednesday 30 November 2011. If you are thinking of living @ UOW, it is important to apply online well before the deadline as demand for accommodation is very high and continues to grow each year. Further information about the residences, fees and the application process is available at [www.uow.edu.au/about/accommodation/index.html](http://www.uow.edu.au/about/accommodation/index.html)

## CAMPUS SERVICES AND FACILITIES

### Chaplaincy

There are a range of services for different religious groups, including a Buddhist Temple in the city of Wollongong, a mosque within walking distance of the University, and a dedicated building on campus for Muslim prayer and other activities. Wad'u (ablution) facilities are also available. Student-based religious clubs include the Muslim Association of Wollongong University, Catholic Club, Chinese Christian Fellowship, Evangelical Christian Union, the Baha'i Society, and the Australasian Union of Jewish Students.

### Counselling

Student Support Advisers (SSAs) will help you settle into university life in Australia. They assist with orientation to the local area, homesickness, study difficulties, academic concerns, budgeting, legal/accidents, visa issues, health, personal problems, family emergencies and children's education. They can give advice about returning home after you complete your studies. The service is free and completely confidential.

The SSA can also liaise on your behalf about issues of concern and can provide support through the University grievance procedure. They can also help you meet other students and community members through the activities of ICIS and the International Friendship program.

Visit [www.uow.edu.au/student/services/SSA/index.html](http://www.uow.edu.au/student/services/SSA/index.html) for more information about the services available and relevant contact details.

### Sports and recreation

The University Recreation and Aquatic Centre (URAC) provides world-class facilities for sport and recreation. Facilities include playing fields, all-weather outdoor playing surfaces, a 50-metre heated swimming pool and tennis courts. The recreation centre has a fully equipped gymnasium, squash courts, basketball courts, sports store, café and 24 sports clubs. Activities offered include fitness classes, leisure and outdoor activities, learn-to-swim classes and a social sports competition.

### Student organisations

There are over 60 clubs and societies on campus, ranging from religious and cultural groups to recreation groups. International clubs include the Chinese Students and Scholars Association, Indian Students Association, Indonesian Students Association, Thai Student Association, Muslim Association of UOW, and Saudi Students Association.

The Illawarra Committee for International Students (ICIS) provides support and activities for international students such as bus trips, an English conversation group and student dinners.

Visit [www.uow.edu.au/future/international/prearrival/](http://www.uow.edu.au/future/international/prearrival/) for the full range of services and facilities.

## FAQS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information about studying at UOW as an international student, visit [www.uow.edu.au/future/international/prearrival/](http://www.uow.edu.au/future/international/prearrival/)