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Nirimba (Blacktown):	UWSCollege Nirimba Student Centre, Building U8 Eastern Road, Quakers Hill NSW
Parramatta campus:	International Student Central, Building ESa Cnr James Ruse Drive and Victoria Road, Parramatta NSW
Penrith campus:	Student Central, Building K Second Avenue, Kingswood NSW

The University of Western Sydney (UWS) is a research-led university serving a growing and diverse urban region, with a student population in excess of 40,000. As a major urban university, UWS boasts six campuses spread across the Greater Western Sydney region – Bankstown, Nirimba (Blacktown), Campbelltown, Hawkesbury, Parramatta and Penrith.

Whilst each campus offers a unique learning environment, they all share the same friendly, communal atmosphere that makes UWS a great place to study, make friends and gain real-world training to help you succeed in your chosen field.

UWS has an industry-oriented approach combining academic learning with practical hands-on training. Students can access state-of-the-art facilities including the Biomedical Magnetic Resonance Facility, Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometer, Confocal Bio-Imaging Facility, high-end field emissions scanning electron microscope, School of Medicine, nursing laboratory, moot courts, Crime Scene House, mechatronics facility and food processing pilot plant.

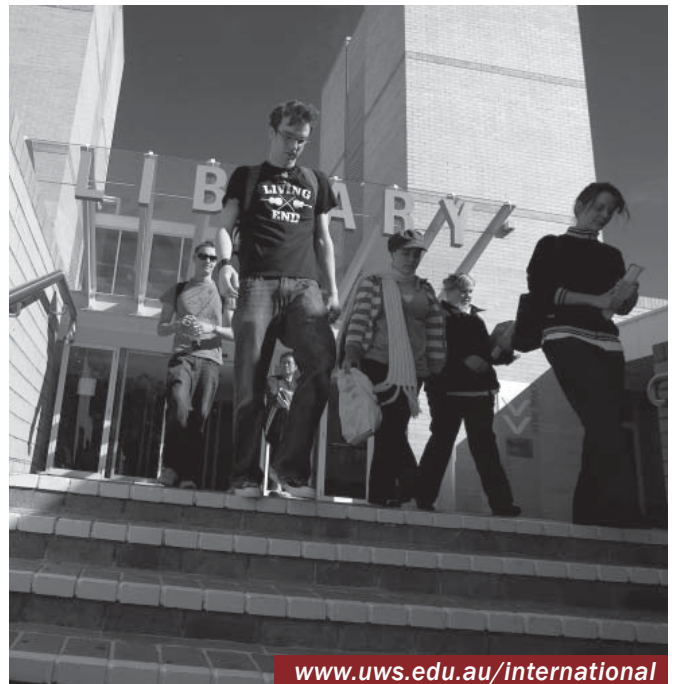
Climate change and renewable energy research at UWS recently received a significant boost with a \$A40 million Commonwealth Government grant to develop a national facility. Based at the Hawkesbury campus, the new facility will assist the nation to adapt to a carbon-constrained economy and attract leading researchers from around the globe. The new facility will enhance the university's research strengths and expertise in climate change, carbon capture, water conservation and solar energy.

The UWS School of Law has established a free legal-referral clinic called the Parramatta Community Justice Clinic (PCJC). Located in the heart of the Parramatta Justice Precinct, the clinic will allow final-year law students to gain real-life experience and offer free legal services to the Greater Western Sydney community.

UWS continues to revitalise its campuses, with building refurbishments and new facilities and services to enhance the student experience. A new gym at Penrith, providing access to the latest equipment and professional trainers, has just opened, whilst on-campus accommodation for students at UWS has been expanded. Brand new buildings at Parramatta campus now offer 345 beds. In addition, new accommodation facilities at Penrith and Campbelltown have lifted the number of beds to well over 1,100.

As a student at UWS, you become part of an exciting learning environment which attracts world-class staff and students from metropolitan and regional Australia, and international students from all over the world. After class, you can relax over a coffee or get involved in the wide range of student groups, special interest groups, sporting teams, outdoor adventure trips – whatever suits your time and interest.

At UWS, we strive to play a key, supportive role in your academic career. Our courses are taught by staff who, in addition to being leaders in their chosen field, work hard to share their knowledge and passion with every student, every day. It's simple. UWS is inspired by the promise and challenge of the future. That's why we're committed to providing you with a quality education delivered in an environment tailor-made for academic success.



You will enjoy an exciting, contemporary mix of theory and applied knowledge. This means you can be involved in your industry before your professional life even begins.

As part of the fabric of a vibrant and growing region, UWS seeks to ensure that its activities make a difference to the lives of individuals and the community by 'Bringing knowledge to life'.

OPEN DAYS, EXHIBITIONS AND INTERVIEW SESSIONS

Open day

The UWS Open Day will be held on Sunday 28 August 2011. Find out more about Open Day and register your interest at www.uws.edu.au/openday/

Exhibitions and interview sessions

UWS regularly participates in exhibitions and interview sessions in Australia and many countries around the world. For more information visit www.uws.edu.au/international/uws_coming_to_you/

For details of overseas agents/representatives for UWS visit www.uws.edu.au/international/uws_representatives_worldwide/

IMPORTANT DATES

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

- Autumn Session (Monday 27 February – Sunday 1 July 2012)
- Spring Session (Monday 30 July – Sunday 2 December 2012).

It is possible to start most courses in the Autumn Session or Spring Session. Refer to the Table of courses in this booklet or check our fees schedule at www.uws.edu.au/international/course_fees/ to see when you can commence each course.

Orientation dates

Autumn Session (February) Thursday 16 and Friday 17 February 2012
Spring Session (July) Thursday 19 and Friday 20 July 2012

Academic calendar

For important dates concerning orientation, teaching periods, study breaks and vacation periods check the main University Calendar at www.uws.edu.au/international/important_dates

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 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, UWS 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/

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, contact the Course Information Centre on +61 2 9852 5499.

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

UWS has alternative pathways for admission, which may allow applicants to receive an offer to a course even though they have an ATAR or equivalent below the cut-off.

They include the UWS Subject Bonus Scheme and the UWSCollege Diploma Program.

UWS Subject Bonus Scheme

Bonus points may also be awarded to students on the basis of outstanding performance in a nominated range of HSC or IB subjects.

To be eligible, you must achieve excellent results in Year 12 subjects relevant to the UWS course you have applied for.

UWSCollege Diploma Program

UWSCollege*, a wholly owned entity of University of Western Sydney, offers capable students the opportunity to undertake a university degree through our Diploma Programs. These courses are designed for students who do not qualify for direct entry to university to give them the knowledge and academic skills they will require to complete their degree at UWS. Students who successfully complete a Diploma course can enter into the second year of their undergraduate study at UWS.

UWSCollege offers Diplomas in Business and Commerce; Engineering; Construction Management; Science; Health Science (Personal Development, Health and Physical Education); Health Science (Health Promotion, Health Services Management and Therapeutic Recreation); Social Science; and Information and Communications Technology. Application for these courses can be made through UAC (not all Diploma programs are available for mid-year intake). For further information, visit www.uwscollege.edu.au or call +61 2 9852 5499.

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Alternative entry

University Foundation Studies

University Foundation Studies programs are designed for students who need to build up a set of academic study and subject skills before undertaking a university degree. These one or two semester programs are ideally suited to student who 1) have not performed to their full potential in their HSC; 2) do not possess the specific prerequisite or assumed knowledge for the degree of their choice.

Successful completion offers direct entry into specific UWS first-year undergraduate programs.

UWSCollege* University Foundation Studies program has five study streams in Arts (for students wishing to study Social Science, Psychology or Languages)/ Humanities/Education; Business; Information Technology/Computing; Nursing; and Science/Engineering.

Intakes are in February, June and October. Applications are not through UAC and must be made directly to UWS International. For further information call +61 2 9852 5499.

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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.

UWS 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/student_guardians/

AREAS OF STUDY

UWS offers a wide range of undergraduate courses in:

- Arts
- Business
- Communication Art
- Contemporary Art and Music
- Engineering
- Forensics
- Health Sciences, Nursing and Sport Sciences
- Information Technology and Computing
- International Studies
- Law
- Medicine
- Natural Sciences
- Nursing
- Environment and Tourism
- Policing and Criminology
- Psychology
- Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Teaching and Education.

For course descriptions visit the course search on the UAC International website at www.uac.edu.au/international/course-search/

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/

The first semester tuition fee must be paid in order for UWS to accept and issue students with a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE). Fees are then invoiced each session. Annual course fees only cover the cost of your tuition. They do not include other expenses associated with university study such as accommodation, books, equipment and living expenses. Your Offer of Admission Letter will list the indicative fees you should pay, including compulsory Overseas Student Health Cover fees and any other general charges levied by the University. The tuition fee must be paid in advance for each semester or teaching period. Annual tuition and other fees are subject to change on 1 January each year after commencement of study.

You can find more information about our course fees list by visiting www.uws.edu.au/international/course_fees/

Fees policy

If you require a refund of your fees it is important that you notify UWS International in writing as soon as possible. You must also provide a copy of your electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE), together with the mailing address to which you would like your refund to be sent. The exact refund you will be entitled to depends on the reason why you need a refund, and how quickly you notify the University in writing that you require a refund.

For further information, visit www.uws.edu.au/international/

LIVING EXPENSES

Read page 35 for general information about living expenses.

All students will require a minimum of A\$18,000 per year to cover living expenses depending on your lifestyle. Remember, your living expenses are separate from your tuition fees.

If you require further information or need a simple guide to follow regarding Australian living expenses, visit www.uws.edu.au/international/pre-departure/cost_of_living/

SCHOLARSHIPS

Read page 35 for general information about scholarships.

UWS does not currently offer scholarships to undergraduate international students.

SPONSORED STUDENTS

Read page 35 for general information about sponsored students.

OVERSEAS STUDENT HEALTH COVER (OSHC)

Read page 36 for general information about OSHC.

OSHC Worldcare is the UWS-preferred OSHC provider for all newly commencing international students. Commencing students seeking to use any other OSHC provider must purchase OSHC directly from their chosen provider as UWS only accepts payment for OSHC Worldcare.

For more information, visit www.oshcworldcare.com.au

HEALTH SERVICES ON CAMPUS

Uniclinic offers a range of therapeutic health practices. For further information, visit www.uws.edu.au/uniclinic/

WORKING WHILE STUDYING

Read page 36 for general information about working while studying.

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) determines the entitlements that student visa holders have, including the regulations on working while studying. See the 'Working while studying' UWS page at www.uws.edu.au/international/current_student_support/working_in_australia/ and the DIAC page at www.immi.gov.au/students/

PREPARING FOR STUDENT LIFE

UWS offers a range of services to help you prepare for student life.

For further details, visit www.uws.edu.au/international/current_student_support/

ACCEPTANCE, ORIENTATION, ENROLMENT AND DEFERMENT

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

Acceptance

To accept an Offer of Admission you must sign and return the 'Acceptance to Study at UWS' form that accompanies your Offer of Admission. You must also pay your first semester tuition fees and any other charges described in the Offer of Admission at this time. Visit www.uws.edu.au/international/admissions/how_to_accept/ for further details.

Orientation

The UWS International Orientation program is designed to introduce you formally to the University and to the key staff with whom you will be dealing. It also provides information and advice that will assist you in adjusting to the living and learning environment of UWS. It will also provide you with the opportunity to meet other students and participate in social activities and excursions.

For more information, visit www.uws.edu.au/international/important_dates/orientation_program/

Enrolment

Once you have accepted an offer at UWS, paid fees and received a CoE you will be able to enrol online via MySR. With MySR, UWS's online student records system, you'll be able to access your enrolment details at UWS.

Visit www.uws.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/starting_out/ for more information.

Deferment

If you accept an offer you may delay enrolment commencement for up to one year.

Should you wish to defer the commencement of your course, write to UWS International requesting a deferment with an explanation of the reason. You must also attach a copy of your offer letter from UAC along with your Student ID. UWS International will advise the outcome of your deferment request as soon as we process it.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Airport reception program

UWS participates in an airport reception program with a number of other New South Wales universities. For further details visit www.uws.edu.au/international/pre-departure/airport_reception/

International Academic Preparation program

Designed to assist international students in your transition to the Australian university setting, the International Academic Preparation program gives you valuable information and hands-on practical experience of:

- Australian academic culture
- tutorial participation and working in groups
- time and stress management
- forms of assessment
- assignment preparation
- academic writing
- rules of plagiarism.

International Student Advisor (ISA)

International Student Advisors spend time each week on all UWS campuses to provide general advice on all aspects of student life including visa renewals and family support. ISAs may refer your enquiry to another part of the University, or even outside the University, to make sure that in the final instance you are properly informed by authorised staff.

For further details, visit www.uws.edu.au/international/current_student_support/student_advisors/

ACCOMMODATION

Whether you're living on or off a UWS campus, you will make friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. On-campus accommodation is available on all our campuses. You can choose from a range of quality, affordable accommodation to suit your lifestyle.

For information about accommodation at Bankstown, Nirimba (Blacktown), Campbelltown, Hawkesbury and Penrith campuses, contact UWS Residential Colleges at <http://residences.uws.edu.au>, email residentialcolleges@uws.edu.au, or call +61 2 4570 1248.

For information about accommodation at Parramatta campus, contact UWS Village [Parramatta] at www.uwsvillage.com.au/, email info@uwsvillage.com.au or call +61 2 8821 0631.

CAMPUS SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Careers advice

UWS provides a high-quality online career and employment service for students and new graduates. Students can register online via Career Hub to access job vacancies, articles, web links, news and information on events. On-campus activities include career and employment events such as careers expos and graduate employer activities. Visit www.uws.edu.au/careers/ for more details.

Chaplaincy

Chaplains are available on all campuses to cater for different religious groups and various needs. Activities include regular meetings/small group work, spiritual counselling and general support. Visit www.uws.edu.au/chaplaincy/ for further information.

Counselling

Free and confidential counselling is available to all students. Counselling services offer individual and group assistance in personal, social and educational support. Contact your local campus counselling service or visit www.uws.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/getting_help/counselling_services/

Library/computing services

The UWS Library has recently achieved International Standards Organisation (ISO) 9001 Accreditation. Extensive modern facilities, including full text and indexing databases and online access to other Australian and international institutions are available. Students also have access to one of Australia's largest electronic collections.

The library makes available a wide range of learning resources, including books and periodicals, print and electronic. It also provides full professional support and assistance both face-to-face and through email and web-based services.

Learning assistance

UWS provides a variety of workshops and online programs to assist students at tertiary level with academic writing and literacy study skills, maths skills, and critical thinking and research skills. Programs cover a wide range of topics, including assignment writing, note-taking, essay writing, thesis and report writing, examination techniques, and grammar. For further information on learning assistance services, visit www.uws.edu.au/study_and_life_skills_workshops/

In February each year, UWS offers a two-week university bridging and preparation program called UniStep for students who have been accepted into UWS. Students can choose to do modules in writing and/or maths. Visit www.uws.edu.au/study_and_life_skills_workshops/ for further information on UniStep.

Sports and recreation

Australia is renowned as a sports-loving nation. UWS realises the importance of a healthy lifestyle and supports the sporting, recreation and leisure pursuits of students by providing sporting and recreational opportunities at all campuses. For further information, visit www.uwsconnect.com.au

Student organisations

Student organisations provide on-campus social, cultural and recreational facilities and they support students while they study. The organisations aim to promote the interests and welfare of all students and to provide amenities, activities and subsidised quality services.

Students with disabilities

UWS is dedicated to making tertiary study accessible for students with disabilities. Our services include peer note-taking, sign language interpreters, reader assistance, individual examination arrangements and alternative methods of assessment. A range of assistive technologies is also available.

For more details visit www.uws.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/getting_help/disability_services/

Student Welfare Service

The Student Welfare Service has professionally trained staff to help you work through the unexpected problems which sometimes catch you by surprise. Welfare Officers offer academic advocacy, advice and support, financial support and advice and referral to other services. For more information, visit www.uws.edu.au/welfareservice/

Transport

Each campus is easily accessible by both public and private transport and all campuses have facilities for student parking. For further information, visit www.uws.edu.au/international/campus_information/

FAQS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information about studying at UWS as an international student, visit www.uws.edu.au/international/ or contact us on +61 2 9852 5499 or internationalstudy@uws.edu.au

correspondence from UAC

URL: www.uac.edu.au/international/

UAC will send you emails to let you know you have correspondence.

To view and download it, all you have to do is use Check & Change on UAC's website.

