

Western Sydney University

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Parramatta CBD	100 George Street Parramatta NSW 2150
Parramatta city campus	Student Central 169 Macquarie Street Parramatta NSW 2150
Penrith campus	Student Central, Building K Second Avenue, Kingswood NSW 2747
Sydney City campus	Level 4, 255 Elizabeth Street Sydney NSW 2000

Open days, exhibitions and interview sessions

Open day

Parramatta campus Sunday 28 August 2016

Whether you are choosing a future career path, returning to study after some time in the workforce, or you're a current high school student, the information at Western Sydney University Open Day can help steer you in the right direction. At Open Day you will have the chance to meet academic staff and ask them questions about the courses that interest you, attend course information presentations, find out about student life, talk to a careers adviser, learn about different pathways into Western Sydney University and get information about The Academy and scholarships for talented students. Find out about Open Day and register your interest at <http://westernsydney.edu.au/opacity>.

Campus visits

Campus Experience tours are held regularly at Western Sydney University. For more information, visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/campustours.

Exhibitions and interview sessions

The University regularly participates in exhibitions and interview sessions in Australia and many countries around the world. For more information, visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/meet_us.

For details of overseas agents/representatives for Western Sydney University, visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/agents.

Important dates

Course Decision Day, Parramatta campus	Wednesday 4 January 2017
Summer session	Monday 28 November 2016 – Sun 12 February 2017
Autumn session	Monday 20 February – Sunday 25 June 2017
Spring session	Monday 17 July – Sunday 19 November 2017

Sydney City campus

Semester 1	Monday 27 February – Friday 9 June 2017
Semester 2	Monday 26 June – Friday 6 October 2017
Semester 3	Monday 23 October 2017 – Friday 9 February 2018

The College

Term 1	Monday 27 February – Sunday 28 May 2017
Term 2	Monday 19 June – Sunday 24 September 2017
Term 3	Monday 16 October – Sunday 28 January 2018

Orientation dates

Autumn Session (February)	Thursday 9 and Friday 10 February 2017
Spring Session (July)	Thursday 13 and Friday 14 July 2017

Academic calendar

For important dates concerning teaching periods, study breaks and vacation periods check the main University calendar at www.westernsydney.edu.au/dates.

ABOUT

Western Sydney University is a world-class university with a growing international reach and a reputation for academic excellence and impact-driven research.

Ranked among the top 3 per cent of universities in the world, we value academic excellence, integrity and the pursuit of knowledge. We are globally focused, research-led and committed to making a positive impact on the communities we engage with.

As a dynamic place of learning, we continue to challenge traditional notions of what a university 'should' be by pushing the boundaries of how knowledge is exchanged.

Our approach recognises that learning doesn't just happen in the classroom. Instead, we offer a combination of on-campus, online and clinical learning environments, with real-life work experience in professional and community settings.

With our growing international reach and reputation, we also provide our students with unlimited opportunity to learn, travel and work in more than 300 destinations across the globe.

At Western Sydney University we equip our graduates for more than a career. We are unlocking the potential of the next generation of global citizens, leaders and change-makers.

Through our alumni, our graduates become part of a strong network of global citizens who remain connected to, and engaged with, the University.

Our graduates have gone on to become Oxford and Cambridge scholars, business and community leaders, world-renowned researchers, sporting

stars and well-known personalities in the arts and entertainment industries. To name a few, they include high-profile Museum Director, Melissa Chiu; Archibald Prize-winning artist Ben Quilty; Defence Lawyer, Deng Thiak Adut; and Engineering Project Manager at Tesla Motors, Jay Manley.

The Academy: Future Thinking. Unlimited possibilities

In today's highly competitive and constantly changing world, success is not just about getting a degree, but developing the critical thinking and leadership skills to support a lifelong career. It's about learning skills for your chosen life, not just a job.

The Academy at Western Sydney University offers advanced degrees that prepare you to thrive in the face of change and seize success at every opportunity. Whether your dream is to achieve as a professional, an entrepreneur or academic, you will learn to think differently and creatively in whatever you do.

The Academy offers high achieving students a unique, hands-on approach to learning in an interdisciplinary environment. Led by award-winning Professor James Arvanitakis, The Academy draws on the unique experience of leading thinkers, social change agents, community leaders, and high-achieving students both past and present.

With a focus on ethical leadership and critical thinking built on the pillars of academic rigour, community engagement, professional and personal development, The Academy offers students access to unprecedented opportunities for industry and real life experience; world-class research, researchers, teachers, experts and innovation labs; travel to national and international leadership experiences and conferences; a range of professional and personal development workshops; internship, service learning and volunteering opportunities; personalised career planning; and applied leadership experience in student-led, community-focused projects.

Visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/theacademy for more information.

A world of unlimited learning possibilities

If you're determined to see the world, we want to help you with opportunities to travel and study in more than 300 destinations beyond your home country.

Our Global Mobility Program includes:

- student exchanges – overseas study programs at one of our partner universities, up to 12 months in duration
- short courses – international study programs at partner universities during summer or winter breaks
- internships and volunteering – opportunities for real life work and industry experience through unpaid internship and volunteering programs
- study abroad – overseas study opportunities available at non-partner universities.

We have exchange partnerships with universities in over 35 countries throughout the Asia-Pacific, Europe and the Americas. Your overseas study program could be anything from a four-week period, a semester or a full year. Either way, you will return to Australia with an international awareness and cross-cultural understanding which employers value highly. For more details, visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/goglobal.

The College

Owned by Western Sydney University, The College* offers students a pathway to university study through its comprehensive range of University Foundation Studies and Diploma Programs. Small class sizes and individualised attention from academic staff provide a well-supported environment for students to succeed in their tertiary studies. Successful completion of University Foundation Studies or a Diploma Program at The College guarantees entry into a corresponding Western Sydney University undergraduate degree program. For more information, visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/thecollege.

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Read section 3 in Part 1 for general information about admission requirements, including English language proficiency.

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

As an international student completing one of the following qualifications in 2016, you will apply for admission through UAC and will generally be selected on the basis of your performance in these studies (ie your ATAR or equivalent):

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

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

Limited ATAR

The University accepts the Limited ATAR for admission purposes – read section 8.6.

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, such as a personal statement, questionnaire, portfolio of work, audition, interview or test. These criteria 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 on UAC's 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, call the Contact Service Centre on +61 2 9852 5499.

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

Western Sydney University 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 published cut-off. They include the Subject Bonus Scheme and the The College Diploma Program.

Subject Bonus Scheme

Bonus points may 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 University course you have applied for. Subject bonus points are not available for all Western Sydney University courses. If subject bonus points are awarded, they are automatically added to your selection rank; no separate application is required.

The College Diploma programs

The College provides students with a clear pathway to Western Sydney University through its comprehensive range of Foundation Studies and Diploma programs. Students who successfully complete The College Diploma course can enter into the second year of their undergraduate study at Western Sydney University.

Application for these courses can be made through UAC (not all Diploma programs are available for mid-year intake). For further information, visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/thecollege or call +61 2 9852 4488.

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-term programs are ideally suited to students who:

- have not performed to their full potential in their HSC, or
- do not possess the specific prerequisite or assumed knowledge for the degree of their choice.

The College currently offers Foundation Studies course streams in: Arts (for students who wish to study Arts, Humanities, Social Science, Psychology, Education, Languages), Business, Engineering, Information and Communications Technology, Health Science and Nursing, and Science. Successful completion of The College Foundation Studies offers guaranteed direct entry into specific first-year undergraduate programs. Intakes are in February, July and October. Applications are *not* through UAC and must be made directly to International Admissions. For further information, call +61 2 9685 9280.

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 while in Australia.

Western Sydney University does not accept responsibility for welfare arrangements for international students who are under 18 years of age. For more information on what arrangements and guardianship needs to be in place, visit www.border.gov.au/Busi/Educ/Educ/Welfare-requirements-for-student-visa-applicants-under-18.

AREAS OF STUDY

Western Sydney University offers a wide range of undergraduate courses in:

- Agriculture, Natural Sciences and Animal Science
- Arts, Humanities and Languages
- Business
- Communication, Design and Media
- Engineering, Construction Management and Industrial Design
- Food Science and Technology
- Forensics
- Health and Sport Sciences
- Information Technology and Computing
- International Studies
- Law
- Medicine
- Music
- Nursing
- Policing and Criminology
- Psychology
- Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Teaching and Education
- Tourism
- Pathway courses at The College.

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

TUITION FEES

International students are required to have genuine access to sufficient funds while studying in Australia. Funds should be sufficient to contribute to the cost of tuition, travel, living costs and school costs of any dependants.

For information about tuition fees, refer to the 'Table of courses' starting on page 37 or visit the international course search on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/international/course-search.

The first semester tuition fee must be paid in order for Western Sydney University 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 by visiting www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/fees.

Student Services and Amenities Fee

Students are also required to pay the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF). For information about student contributions and SSAF, visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/fees.

Refund policy

If you require a refund of your fees, it is important that you notify Western Sydney International in writing as soon as possible. You must also provide a copy of the completed 'Request for Fee Refund' form together with a statement outlining the reasons for withdrawal and any supporting documentation for the withdrawal claim. Funds will be transferred to your nominated bank account.

For further information, visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/refund.

LIVING EXPENSES

Read section 7.3 for general information about living expenses. For further information, visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/pre-departure/sydney_lifestyle/cost_of_living.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Read section 7.4 for general information about scholarships.

Western Sydney University recognises and rewards international students who demonstrate outstanding academic ability through the University's merit-based scholarships.

The following scholarships are available to international students:

- Vice-Chancellor's Academic Excellence Undergraduate Scholarships
- Western Sydney International Scholarships – Undergraduate.

For information on all scholarships available at Western Sydney University, visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/internationalscholarships, email scholarships@westernsydney.edu.au or call the Contact Service Centre on +61 2 9852 5499.

SPONSORED STUDENTS

Read section 7.5 for general information about sponsored students.

OVERSEAS STUDENT HEALTH COVER

Read section 2.6 for general information about Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC).

Western Sydney University's preferred OSHC provider is Allianz Global Assistance. For further information, visit www.oshcallianzassistance.com.au.

WORKING WHILE STUDYING

Read section 2.5 for general information about working while studying. For further information, visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/workinginaustralia.

ACCEPTANCE, ENROLMENT, ORIENTATION AND DEFERMENT

Read section 6 for general information about acceptance, enrolment, orientation and deferment.

Acceptance

To accept an Offer of Admission you must sign and return the 'Acceptance to Study' 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.westernsydney.edu.au/international/accept for further details.

Enrolment

Once you have accepted an offer at Western Sydney University, paid fees and received a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE), you will be able to enrol via MySR, the University's online student records system. With MySR, you'll be able to access your enrolment details online. For more information, visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/starting.

Orientation

The International Orientation program is designed to formally introduce you to the University and to the key staff with whom you will be dealing. It provides information and advice that will assist you in adjusting to the living and learning environment of the University. It will also provide you with the opportunity to meet other students and participate in social activities and excursions. For more information, visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/orientation.

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 the Western Sydney International Admissions team requesting a deferment, and include a reason for the request. You must also attach a copy of your offer letter from UAC along with your Student ID. International Admissions will advise you of the outcome of your deferment request as soon as we process it.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Airport pick-up service

The University offers a free airport pick-up service for international students commencing study at Western Sydney University for the first time. The service provides you with transportation from Sydney Airport to the University campus at which you will be studying. For further details, visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/airportpickup.

International Academic Literacy Program

Designed to assist you with 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.

Student Central

International students will have direct access to a dedicated Student Enquiry and Information Service (SEIS) International Liaison Officer who will be located at Student Central on each campus, with the exception of Campbelltown campus, where students can speak with an SEIS Officer. The SEIS International Liaison Officer will answer your enquiries about student visas, overseas student health cover, enrolment and admission, and help you with the provision and lodgment of forms.

More information about Student Central is available at www.westernsydney.edu.au/studentcentral.

ACCOMMODATION

Western Sydney University offers a wide range of accommodation on each campus, providing students with high quality, affordable accommodation which delivers a rich and balanced living and learning environment.

Students have the choice of self-catered accommodation ranging from residential halls to townhouses, cottages and units/apartments.

Furniture varies with the accommodation choice, and includes beds, desks, fridges or fully furnished kitchens, lounges and dining areas. It's the ideal place to relax after a hard day of studying.

For further information, visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/accommodation.

STUDENT AND CAMPUS SERVICES

Careers and appointments

Western Sydney University provides an online career and employment service for students and new graduates. Students can register online via CareerHub 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 and an on-campus employment program. The Jobs on Campus program provides students with paid professional experience and enhanced employability skills while supporting staff in the recruitment for short-term positions and internships. For further information, visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/careers.

Chaplaincy

Chaplains are available on all campuses to cater for different religious groups and various needs. Visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/chaplaincy for further information.

Counselling

Free and confidential counselling is available to all students. The Western Sydney University Counselling Service offers individual and group assistance in personal, social and educational support. For further information, contact your local campus Counselling Service or visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/counselling.

Learning assistance

The University provides a variety of workshops and online programs to assist students at tertiary level with academic writing and literacy study skills, mathematics skills, and critical thinking and research skills. For further information on learning assistance services, visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/workshops.

In addition, the University offers workshops and online resources related to effective study techniques, presentation skills, time management, exam preparation and budgeting. For further information, read 'Study, Money and Life Skills' at www.westernsydney.edu.au/skillsforsuccess.

The Peer Assisted Study Sessions program offers students the opportunity to work with other students to better understand the content of their unit/s and develop various study strategies to help improve academic performance. For further information, visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/pass.

In February each year, the University offers a two-week university bridging and preparation program called UniStep for students who have been accepted into the University. Students can choose to complete modules in writing and/or mathematics. For further information, call the Course Information Centre on +61 2 9852 5499.

Library and computing services

Western Sydney University Library holds the 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 have access to one of Australia's largest electronic collections.

Sport and recreation

Each campus has extensive sporting and recreation facilities, and numerous clubs and societies operate to cover a range of interests. Visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/scholarships for further information.

Student organisations

The current Western Sydney University student representation and participation model supports a campus-wide approach to student representation. Individual Student Campus Councils (SCCs) support students at a local level and each SCC has representatives on the central Student Representative Council (SRC). For further information, visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/studentrep.

Student equity

Western Sydney University supports students from designated equity groups through a range of targeted equity-support programs and projects. For further information, visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/studentequity.

Students with disabilities

Western Sydney University is dedicated to ensuring equal access and facilitating a positive tertiary study experience for students with disabilities or chronic health conditions. 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 further details, visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/disability or call +61 2 9852 5199.

Transport

All Western Sydney University campuses can be accessed by public and private transport and have facilities for student parking. Campuses are accessible from the M7, M2, M4 and M5; make sure you have a valid e-tag or electronic pass. Free shuttle buses operate from train stations to selected campuses.

For travel directions to each campus, visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/gettingtouni.

Connect

Western Sydney University offers cultural, course-related and sporting clubs, plus the option for students to start their own club. For more information on clubs and associations at the University, visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/connect.

There is a diverse range of services across the six campuses, including cafeterias, bars, catering services and retail outlets. Students can get a haircut; buy textbooks, hot food and great coffee; and even listen to live bands.

Welfare services

The Student Welfare Service has professionally trained staff to help you work through unexpected problems. Welfare Officers offer academic advocacy, advice and support on a range of life issues, accommodation assistance, and financial services. Welfare Officers are also able to refer students to other services as required. For further information, visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/welfare or call + 61 2 9852 5199.