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 three 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.

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.

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.

Visit 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 – up to 12-month overseas study programs at one of our partner universities
- short courses – international study programs at partner universities during summer or winter breaks
- language study – study in the native language of the country (beginner to advanced level) or in English, where English is not the native language of the student enrolling to study at the University
- internships and volunteering – opportunities for real life work and industry experience through internship and volunteering programs
- study abroad – overseas study opportunities available at non-partner universities. Learn more at westernsydney.edu.au/goglobal

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 westernsydney.edu.au/thecollege.

* Western Sydney University The College (CRICOS Provider Number 02851G) is a wholly owned entity of the Western Sydney University. Academic Pathway programs are delivered by Western Sydney University, The College under arrangement with the Western Sydney University (CRICOS Provider code: 00917K).

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Read section 6 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 2017, 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) Diploma
- a New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) 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 3.4.

**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 in 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 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 Future Student Success Team 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**

Western Sydney University 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 westernsydney.edu.au/thecollege or call +61 2 9852 4488.

**Alternative entry**

University Foundation Studies at The College

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.

Successful completion of The College Foundation Studies offers guaranteed direct entry into specific first-year undergraduate programs. 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 will make welfare arrangements for international students who are under 18 years of age. Please note that you must be at least 17 years of age at the time of commencement. For more information on what arrangements and guardianship needs to be in place, visit border.gov.au.

**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
  - Data Science degrees
  - Entrepreneurship degrees
- International Studies
- Law
- Medicine
- Music
- Nursing
- Policing and Criminology
- Psychology
- Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Teaching and Education
- Tourism
- Double degrees
- Pathway courses at The College.

For course descriptions, visit the international course search on UAC’s website at 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 45 or visit the international course search on UAC’s website at 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 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 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 westernsydney.edu.au/international/refund.

LIVING EXPENSES
Read section 8.3 for general information about living expenses. For further information, visit westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/pre-departure/sydney_lifestyle/cost_of_living.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Read section 8.4 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 westernsydney.edu.au/internationalscholarships, email scholarships@westernsydney.edu.au or call the Future Student Success Team +61 2 9852 5499.

SPONSORED STUDENTS
Read section 8.5 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 oshcallianzassistance.com.au.

WORKING WHILE STUDYING
Read section 2.5 for general information about working while studying. For further information, visit 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 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 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 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 westernsydney.edu.au/airportpick-up.

Academic Literacy and Grammar Workshops
Western Sydney University runs a range of free preparation programs to help all new and continuing students. These programs help you to get ready for university and are offered at different times throughout the year. For more information, visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/academicliteracy.

Student Central
Student Central will be your first point for information, advice, forms and referrals to other services. Any Student Enquiry and Information Services (SEIS) Officer at Student Central can help you with most enquiries. If there’s something more specific, like student visas, overseas student health cover, enrolment and admission, lodging forms and referral to support services, they will put you in touch with a SEIS International Liaison Officer, westernsydney.edu.au/studentcentral.

STUDENT AND CAMPUS SERVICES
Western Sydney University has a range of student support services. These include counselling, chaplaincy, academic assistance and learning support, and employment and career advice. Campus facilities include a medical centre, computing centre, sporting and recreation, and childcare facilities. The University also supports a variety of student organisations, clubs and societies.
For more information on student and campus services, visit westernsydney.edu.au/services.

Students with disabilities and special needs
For students with disabilities and special needs, Western Sydney University has dedicated support services. Visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/disabilitieservice.

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 westernsydney.edu.au/accommodation.