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Kensington and Paddington campuses

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Open days

UNSW Canberra at ADFA Open Day	Saturday 27 August 2016
Open Day (Kensington campus)	Saturday 3 September 2016

The University will be open from 9am to 4pm. For information, visit www.openday.unsw.edu.au or call (02) 9385 1844.

Info Day (Kensington campus) for details visit, infoday.unsw.edu.au.

Campus visits

A UNSW campus tour is a great way to see if UNSW might be the right place for you. Our campus tours are guided by highly trained and experienced Student Ambassadors who can tell you the ins and outs of study at UNSW while showing you all that the University has to offer.

With tours nearly every Friday throughout the year and on the first Saturday of each month, we're ready to welcome you to the UNSW Kensington campus when it suits you. Visit www.campustours.unsw.edu.au to register.

Important dates

The academic year is divided into two semesters, each containing 13 weeks for teaching. There is a recess of approximately four weeks between the two semesters.

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Semester 1	Monday 27 February – Monday 26 June 2017
Recess	Friday 14 – Sunday 23 April 2017
Study period	Saturday 3 – Thursday 8 June 2017
Examinations*	Friday 9 – Monday 26 June 2017
Mid-year recess	Tuesday 27 June – Sunday 23 July 2017
Semester 2	Monday 24 July – Tuesday 21 November 2017
Recess	Saturday 23 September – Monday 2 October 2017
Study period	Saturday 28 October – Thursday 2 November 2017
Examinations*	Friday 3 – Tuesday 21 November 2017

* Examination dates are provisional and subject to change.

ABOUT

Established in 1949 with a unique focus on the scientific, technological and professional disciplines, UNSW is a leading Australian university committed to making a difference through pioneering research and preparing the next generation of talented global citizens for career success.

UNSW has a proud tradition of sustained innovation, focusing on areas critical to our future – from climate change and renewable energies to lifesaving medical treatments and breakthrough technologies. In the social sciences, UNSW research informs policy and expert commentary in key issues facing society, ranging from human rights and constitutional recognition of Indigenous Australians to public health and population ageing.

UNSW offers an extensive range of undergraduate, postgraduate and research programs. We attract talented students from across Australia and around the world. Our 50,000-plus students come from 128 countries, making us one of Australia's most cosmopolitan universities. Our emphasis on quality continues to push up entry standards with record demand from the state's top school leavers.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

You will be considered for admission to undergraduate courses at UNSW on the basis of your performance in one or more of the following:

- Australian Year 12 studies
- tertiary or post-secondary qualifications
- overseas qualifications considered equivalent to Australian studies
- one of the alternative entry schemes listed below.

Some courses also have additional selection criteria such as an audition, interview or portfolio. When assessing your application, UNSW may take any or all of your qualifications or attempts at study into account.

Assumed knowledge

For some degree courses and first-year subjects, it is assumed that through your senior secondary or other equivalent studies you will have achieved a level of knowledge of the subject area that is considered desirable for successful university-level study. For details of assumed knowledge for UNSW undergraduate courses, visit www.unsw.edu.au/assumed knowledge and read individual course descriptions in this Guide.

If you do not have the level of assumed knowledge, you are not prevented from enrolling but you may be at a considerable disadvantage. If you have not achieved the recommended level of assumed knowledge, you are strongly advised to undertake a bridging course or other appropriate preparation.

Australian secondary studies

Admission to all undergraduate courses at the University is subject to selection on the basis of ATAR or equivalent.

Offers made to applicants who have an ATAR below the published cut-off

UNSW has a number of admission schemes that may allow 2016 NSW and ACT Year 12 applicants to receive an offer to a course even though they have an ATAR below the published cut-off. They include:

- Academic Achievement Awards
- Art & Design Portfolio Entry
- UNSW Indigenous Admission Scheme
- Built Environment Alternative Admission Scheme
- Bachelor of Information Systems Admission Scheme
- Educational Access Scheme – ACCESS Scheme
- Elite Athletes and Performers Program
- Faculty of Engineering Admission Scheme
- HSC Plus.

For details, read the relevant sections on the following pages.

Academic Achievement Awards

The Academic Achievement Awards are provided to encourage academically gifted Year 12 students from eligible NSW and ACT high schools to undertake undergraduate study at UNSW. As well as a $4,000 (tax exempt) one-off payment, three bonus points will be awarded for all UNSW preferences, except 428000 B Medical Studies/Doctor of Medicine and Co-op scholarship degrees.

For further information, visit www.scholarships.unsw.edu.au.

Elite Athletes and Performers Program

The Elite Athletes and Performers (EAP) Bonus Points Program recognises excellence in sport, academic pursuits, music and leadership achievements by awarding up to five bonus points to eligible applicants. UNSW also offers an EAP Support Program, which offers students flexible study arrangements and support, enabling them to continue their elite sporting commitments while studying at UNSW. EAP bonus points are not available for admission to the 428000 B Medical Studies/Doctor of Medicine, 426000 Dual Law, and Co-op scholarship degrees.

For full details of the program, visit www.unsw.edu.au/eap.

HSC Plus

HSC Plus is designed to reward strong performance in Australian Senior Secondary Certificate (Year 12) subjects relevant to UNSW undergraduate degrees. Domestic students who complete an Australian Senior Secondary Certificate and perform well in subjects that are relevant to their preferred UNSW degree may be awarded a maximum of five bonus points.

For full details of HSC Plus, visit www.unsw.edu.au/hscplus.

Guaranteed Entry

At UNSW Australia, we have a proud tradition of being open and transparent with future students about our admission requirements.

What is Guaranteed Entry?

Offers to UNSW are made based on your selection rank, which is your ATAR plus any eligible bonus points.

With Guaranteed Entry, UNSW provides clarity by publishing the Guaranteed Selection Rank that assures your entry to UNSW in a particular degree. For the 2017 Guaranteed Selection Ranks visit www.unsw.edu.au/findadegree.

What do I need to do?

There is no application for Guaranteed Entry – all you need to do is apply via UAC for a degree at UNSW. To receive Guaranteed Entry to UNSW, you must:

- have a rank (ATAR + bonus points) at or above the Guaranteed Selection Rank
- have the degree listed as your highest eligible preferences for the 2017 UAC Main Round.

If you are unsure about how to order your preferences, contact the UNSW Future Students Office for advice.

What if my selection rank is below the Guaranteed Selection Rank?

If your selection rank (ATAR + bonus points) is below the Guaranteed Selection Rank, you may still receive an offer to study at UNSW – it's just that we won't be able to confirm this until the Main Round. If this situation applies to you, look at the 2016 cut-off as a guide to how competitive you may be. If you are near the 2016 cut-off, you may be competitive for an offer in the Main Round.

Australian tertiary studies

If you hold a completed AQF Advanced Diploma, Diploma, Associate Diploma or Certificate IV or equivalent, you are eligible to be considered for admission. Trade certificates are not considered. If you have undertaken at least three-quarters of a standard full-time study load (0.75 full-time equivalent) of degree-level studies in a course at an approved university, your tertiary studies will be taken into account.

Special Consideration for Applicants with Tertiary Studies (SCATS)

Exclusion/Suspension: If you have been excluded or suspended from UNSW or another tertiary institution, UNSW will not consider you for admission unless you provide evidence of academic rehabilitation (eg by subsequently successfully completing one semester of university study or one year of study at AQF Diploma level or above). You must also submit a SCATS application to explain the circumstances surrounding your suspension/exclusion and outline why you consider you will now succeed in your course.

Educational disadvantage: If you are applying to the University with tertiary qualifications (either from UNSW or another institution) and have experienced long-term educational disadvantage which has affected your tertiary and/or secondary academic performance, you may have your circumstances taken into account. Circumstances that may be considered include severe personal or family illness/disability and other circumstances beyond your control. You must submit a SCATS application along with a written statement describing these circumstances, and documentation to support your claims.

SCATS applications are available at www.unsw.edu.au/scats. Return your application to the UNSW Admissions Office by **Wednesday 30 November 2016** for admission in semester 1 or by **Wednesday 31 May 2017** for admission in semester 2. Late applications will not be accepted.

Overseas qualifications

Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia with overseas qualifications must meet UNSW's English proficiency standards. Refer to tables 7 and 8 in Part 1 for information on overseas secondary qualifications.

If you hold overseas secondary or tertiary qualifications from countries where English is not the sole language of instruction and assessment, you must provide evidence of English language proficiency – read section 2.9 in Part 1 and visit UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/admission/elp.shtml.

Alternative entry and pathways

If you do not hold qualifications that allow you to compete for university entrance, you may seek admission to the University on the basis of your performance in one of the following programs:

Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)

If you will be at least 21 years of age on Wednesday 1 March 2017, you may qualify for admission to UNSW by undertaking the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT). Your STAT results may be accepted for admission to 422000 B Arts and 429000 B Science. For information on STAT, read section 2.8 in Part 1.

University Preparation Program

If you will be at least 21 years of age on Wednesday 1 March 2017, you may qualify for admission to UNSW on the basis of your performance in the University Preparation Program (UPP). The UPP provides an avenue of entry to many degrees at UNSW for people who do not hold qualifications that would allow them to compete for university entrance. It is specifically designed for older students who are seeking admission to an undergraduate degree after a period away from formal study. For further details refer to 430200 University Preparation Program on page 435 and visit www.unsw.edu.au/upp.

Tertiary Preparation Certificate

If you will be at least 21 years of age on Wednesday 1 March 2017 and have completed the TAFE Tertiary Preparation Certificate (TPC), you will be considered for admission. The TPC is not accepted for admission to 428000 B Medical Studies/Doctor of Medicine or 429750 B Optometry/B Science. If you hold a TPC and seek admission to a course with assumed knowledge in Mathematics, you should have completed Apply Mathematical Skills for Further Study and Calculus.

Certificate in Matriculation – reduced program/Limited ATAR

If you will be at least 21 years of age on Wednesday 1 March 2017, you may qualify for admission to UNSW by undertaking five units of Board Developed courses, including English, at the 2016 NSW HSC examination. The Certificate in Matriculation is undertaken through TAFE.

The Limited ATAR is not accepted for admission to 428000 B Medical Studies/Doctor of Medicine or 428000 B Optometry/B Science. A Limited ATAR will be calculated automatically. For additional information on the Limited ATAR, read section 7.6 in Part 1.

EDUCATIONAL ACCESS SCHEMES

UNSW has an Educational Access Scheme (EAS), called the ACCESS Scheme, to assist students who have not undertaken university or other study at Diploma level or above and who have experienced long-term educational disadvantage, with their educational performance affected by circumstances beyond their control during Year 11 and/or Year 12 or equivalent.

The scheme is available for entry to all undergraduate courses. Eligibility for the scheme does not guarantee admission but does allow successful applicants with an ATAR or equivalent below the course cut-off to compete for a place.

UNSW's EAS applications are processed centrally through UAC. Read section 2.12 in Part 1 for more information on EAS.

For further information about the scheme, visit www.unsw.edu.au/access.

EQUITY SCHOLARSHIPS

UNSW offers two types of Equity Scholarships: UNSW Equity Scholarships and Commonwealth Indigenous Scholarships.

You only have to submit one application to UAC to be considered for all UNSW Equity Scholarships for which you are eligible. Read section 6.6 in Part 1 for more information on Equity Scholarships.

Note: The Commonwealth Government has announced changes to the administration of Commonwealth Scholarships to take effect from 1 January 2017, details of which are not available at the time of publication. Further information will be available on UAC's website and from institutions when details are released by the Commonwealth.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AUSTRALIANS

UNSW provides alternative entry schemes and pathways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. You can apply even if you have not completed school or achieved the required ATAR for entry into your preferred course of study. Applicants are assessed for admission based upon the quality of their applications, prior education and qualifications, work experience and an interview. Consideration is given to an applicant's relevant life, work, educational and training experience as preparation for study. Residential preparatory programs are held in November/December for entry

into Secondary Teacher Education, Business, Law, Medicine and Social Work. For all other programs, interviews are held in November/December.

For further information, contact Nura Gili, UNSW's Centre for Indigenous Programs; visit www.nuragili.unsw.edu.au, call Nura Gili on (02) 9385 3805 or email asknuragili@unsw.edu.au.

INTERNATIONAL FEE-PAYING APPLICANTS

Some international fee-paying applicants apply through UAC; others apply direct to UNSW. Read sections 1.4 and 1.5 in Part 1 for more information on how to apply.

Direct applications to UNSW close **Wednesday 30 November 2016** for admission in semester 1 and **Wednesday 31 May 2017** for admission in semester 2. For a prospectus and application information, visit www.international.unsw.edu.au.

BRIDGING COURSES

UNSW bridging courses offer students the opportunity to revise and extend their knowledge in chemistry, mathematics and physics subjects. The courses are conducted in late January/February and are completed before the start of semester 1.

The Chemistry Bridging Course offers revision and supplements what students have already covered in the HSC Chemistry syllabus to bring knowledge up to required tertiary level. It also provides a suitable introduction to students who have not studied chemistry before.

The Mathematics Bridging Course is designed for students who wish to enrol in courses that assume a level of understanding in HSC Mathematics Extension 1. The course is recommended for students who have undertaken HSC Mathematics or equivalent.

The Physics Bridging Course provides a comprehensive revision of physics based on the HSC syllabus and introduces the subject to students who have not studied it before.

Visit www.unsw.edu.au/bridging for further information.

COURSES AVAILABLE BY DIRECT APPLICATION

Honours programs

Applications for graduates/graduands of other universities or previous students of UNSW close **Wednesday 30 November 2016** for admission in semester 1 and **Wednesday 31 May 2017** for admission in semester 2. Honours application forms are available at www.unsw.edu.au/honours.

DISTANCE EDUCATION

UNSW does not offer any undergraduate degrees by distance education.

ENROLMENT

Acceptance of offer

You will receive details of enrolment procedures with your UAC offer. Failure to follow the outlined procedures may result in your offer lapsing. Full details regarding acceptance, deferment and enrolment will be available from October on UNSW's website at www.gettingstarted.unsw.edu.au.

Advanced standing/Academic credit

If you have already completed some tertiary study, you may be entitled to credit for relevant subjects or for entry to the second or later year of a course. The University does not determine credit until an offer of admission has been made and accepted. For general advice about credit, contact the school office of the course to which you are applying and visit www.credittransfer.unsw.edu.au.

Fees and charges

For 2017 fee information visit www.unsw.edu.au/fees.

All students except those undertaking an enabling course or enrolled at UNSW Canberra must pay a student contribution for a Commonwealth-supported place (CSP); read section 6.2 in Part 1. In addition, all students except those enrolled at UNSW Canberra must pay a student services and amenities fee each semester. For further details, visit www.student.unsw.edu.au/ssaf.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Youth and student allowance

For details on Youth Allowance, Austudy and ABSTUDY, read section 6.5 in Part 1.

UNSW scholarships

Over 2,000 students each year are offered scholarships at UNSW. Our wide range of scholarships recognise the special skills, talents and needs of UNSW students. Following are some of the scholarships we offer:

- General scholarships – academic merit, sporting ability, rural and relocation, leadership and all-rounder, Indigenous students
- Equity scholarships – to help students who need financial assistance to study at university
- Faculty scholarships – for specific programs.

Scholarships for 2017 open by July 2016 and close on **Friday 30 September 2016**. For further details, visit www.scholarships.unsw.edu.au.

UNSW Co-op Program

$18,200 pa (tax free) for four years (minimum)

Applications for Co-op Program scholarships are made online at www.coop.unsw.edu.au; they open in May and close on Friday 30 September 2016. Interviews will be held at UNSW on in late November 2016 and students **must** make themselves available to attend the University for scheduled interviews.

The UNSW Co-op Program is a 'career development' scholarship program set up by industry and UNSW to provide professional development, industry training, mentoring and networking, and financial support for selected undergraduate students in the specific disciplines of Business, Engineering and Science. It includes 9–18 months of industry training with multiple companies and, unlike cadetships, Co-op scholars are not bonded at the end of their program. Students must maintain required performance standards throughout their degree and the industry training placements.

The academic requirement for entry to the Co-op Program is a minimum ATAR of 96.00 or equivalent or entry into the specific degree program, whichever is the higher. No bonus points (other than EAS) will be considered for this requirement. As predicted ATARs are not always accurate, we recommend that students expecting an ATAR above 90.00 should consider applying. In addition to academic merit, applicants are also selected as Co-op scholars on the basis of their personal skills, leadership potential and motivation, as well as their non-academic achievements.

For more details on the program, talk to your school's careers adviser, visit www.coop.unsw.edu.au, call the UNSW Co-op Program on (02) 9385 5116 or email cooprog@unsw.edu.au.

ACCOMMODATION

Community, convenience and comfort. It's these three qualities that make the accommodation at UNSW feel like a genuine home away from home, whether you've travelled from interstate or across the world.

UNSW has more than doubled its on-campus student accommodation over the past five years, providing homes for nearly 5,000 students.

UNSW colleges

Each of UNSW's six on-campus colleges offers a unique experience for undergraduate students, offering fully, partially and self-catered options. Across all colleges the student culture thrives, creating a welcoming, supportive environment. For more information on the colleges and their points of difference, visit www.housing.unsw.edu.au.

UNSW apartments

Students can choose from single or shared rooms and apartments both on and off campus. Apartment life is geared towards independent students of all ages and can cater for couples and families with children. For more information, visit www.housing.unsw.edu.au.

Affiliated accommodation

There are a number of affiliated accommodation providers offering college and apartment-style living on and off campus. For more information, visit www.housing.unsw.edu.au.

STUDENT AND CAMPUS SERVICES

UNSW Australia 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 facilities, and a childcare centre.

The University supports a variety of student organisations, clubs and societies for students to become involved in campus life.

For more information on UNSW student and campus services, visit www.student.unsw.edu.au/life.

For students with disabilities and special needs, UNSW has dedicated support services. Contact UNSW Disability Services. Call (02) 9385 4734, email disabilities@unsw.edu.au or visit www.student.unsw.edu.au/disability.