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Sydney City campus	Level 4, 255 Elizabeth Street, Sydney NSW 2000

Open days

Western Sydney University Open Day is on Sunday 28 August 2016 at the Parramatta campus.

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 scholarships and The Academy for talented students.

Find out about Open Day and register your interest at www.westernsydney.edu.au/openday.

Campus visits

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

Important dates

Course Decision Day, Parramatta campus	Wednesday 4 January 2017
Summer session	Monday 28 November 2016 – Sunday 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 20 February – Sunday 28 May 2017
Term 2	Monday 19 June – Sunday 24 September 2017
Term 3	Monday 16 October 2017 – Sunday 28 January 2018

ABOUT

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

Ranked amongst 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.

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.

At Western Sydney University we prepare our students to go places and do great things in their community, their workplace and the world. 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 Adu; 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 about 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 an 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 Associate Professor Joanne Lind, 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; internships, 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.

Our Global Mobility Program includes:

- Student Exchanges – 12-month overseas study programs at one of 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 unpaid internship and volunteering programs.
- Study abroad – overseas study opportunities available at non-partner universities. Learn more at www.westernsydney.edu.au/goglobal.

Indo-Pacific scholarship opportunities

The New Colombo Plan offers Australian undergraduates the opportunity to work and study in more than 30 host countries within the Indo-Pacific region on an Australian Government scholarship or grant. Providing recipients with a unique pathway to exciting career opportunities within the region, the New Colombo Plan includes scholarship programs for study of up to one year, flexible student mobility grants for short and longer-term study, internships and mentorships and practicums and research grants.

Learn more at www.westernsydney.edu.au/scholarships.

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.

Graduates from The College's University Foundation Studies Nursing course may be admitted to B Nursing at Western Sydney University provided they achieve a minimum grade point average of 7.0 and grade B in Academic English in the Foundation course.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be offered a place in a course at the University, you must meet the general requirements listed in one of the following categories, satisfy English language requirements and be selected in competition with other eligible applicants.

Western Sydney University recognises that there are many paths students can follow on the road to university study, including Year 12 studies, studies with TAFE and other VET providers, accredited studies offered in some workplaces, studies at university that are complete or incomplete, foundation courses at an Australian university, the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) and work experience.

You will be considered for entry to courses at the University on the basis of the outcomes you have achieved in any of the qualifications you hold. Your prior studies do not need to be relevant to the course in which you would like to study at Western.

Note: Authoritative information can be given in writing only by the Student Experience Office. The University will not accept responsibility for any consequences that may result if advice is sought from any other source.

Australian secondary studies

2016 Australian Year 12

If you are a 2016 Australian Year 12 student, you will be considered for admission on the basis of your ATAR or equivalent. Refer to individual course entries for any additional selection criteria.

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

Western Sydney University has a number of alternative pathways for admission that may allow 2016 Australian Year 12 applicants to receive an offer to a course even though they have an ATAR or equivalent below the published cut-off. They include:

- The Western Sydney University Advantage, including the Early Offer Program, Regional bonus points and subject bonus points
- Schools Recommendation Scheme
- Educational Access Scheme (EAS)
- Elite Athlete and Performer Bonus Scheme
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Alternative Entry Program (for Indigenous Australians).

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

Western Sydney University Advantage

Western Sydney University encourages students to pursue a university education by offering a number of advantages to help you achieve your higher education goals. For more information, visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/advantage.

Early offer opportunities (before ATAR release)

- **Academy Global Leaders Program** for high-achieving students planning to study an advanced degree, this program includes membership of The Academy, a \$2,000 Smart Start scholarship, an overseas academic or leadership experience and a guaranteed internship. Apply at www.westernsydney.edu.au/academy. Applications close **Friday 30 September 2016**.
- **Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS):** If you apply through UAC by **Friday 30 September 2016** you could be eligible for a huge range of courses before you ATAR is released (read section 2.12 in Part 1 for further information).

Early offer opportunities (after ATAR release)

The Western Sydney University Early Offer Program provides students who have any Western Sydney University course as any preference with an early offer opportunity. There are over 130 early offer courses available through this program. The University will contact you after your ATAR is released and let you know the range of courses to which you could receive an offer and what you need to do next.

Note that not all courses are available through the Early Offer Program, including 725500 B Medicine/B Surgery, 723560 B Physiotherapy and 726570 B Midwifery. These course exclusions are subject to change; visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/advantage for more details.

Bonus points

There are a few ways you might be able to boost your selection rank by up to 10 bonus points. Bonus points apply to all Western Sydney University courses excluding those with additional selection criteria such as 725500 B Medicine/B Surgery and 720720 B Music.

- **Regional bonus points:** If you live or go to school in Western Sydney and are completing the NSW HSC or International Baccalaureate (IB) in 2016 you will automatically receive five bonus points when you apply through UAC to study at Western Sydney University. If you are a non-current school leaver (not completing the HSC or IB at the time of applying to university) and live or study in the Western Sydney region you also automatically receive five bonus points when you apply through UAC to study at Western Sydney University.
- **Subject bonus points:** Western Sydney University rewards outstanding academic achievement of 2016 HSC or IB students with up to 10 subject bonus points. You must achieve Band 5 or 6 results in HSC subjects relevant to the participating Western Sydney University course you want to study.
- **Educational Access Scheme (EAS):** EAS bonus points are awarded to applicants who have experienced long-term educational disadvantage. To qualify, you must demonstrate that your educational performance during Year 11 and/or Year 12, or equivalent, has been seriously affected by circumstances beyond your control. EAS applications are processed centrally through UAC. Read section 2.12 in Part 1 for further information.
- **Elite Athlete and Performer Bonus Scheme:** Western Sydney University is recognised as an elite athlete-friendly university and welcomes applications for the Elite Athlete and Performer Bonus Scheme. If you have been disadvantaged during your current or previous Year 12 studies due to performance and training commitments, you are encouraged to apply. Visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/elitebonuscheme.

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. Depending on your results, completion of University Foundation Studies guarantees you entry to first year of the corresponding degree at Western Sydney University and successful completion of Diploma courses guarantees you entry to second year at Western.

Application is made through UAC – refer to pages 466–468 for a list of courses offered by The College (not all Diploma courses are available for mid-year intake). For further information, visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/thecollege or call (02) 9852 4488.

Previous Australian Year 12

If you have completed an Australian Year 12 before 2016, you may be considered for entry on the basis of your ATAR or equivalent. This includes studies accumulated over consecutive years with the approval of the appropriate state education board.

Australian tertiary studies

If you have completed or partly completed any tertiary studies, including TAFE courses, accredited AQF courses from private providers or previous university studies, you may be considered for admission on the basis of those studies. Refer to individual course entries for any additional selection criteria.

Where individual course entries refer to a guarantee of admission following completion of a relevant Diploma or registered nurse status, this guarantee does not override English language proficiency requirements. Guaranteed entry to courses will only be applied in the Main Round of offers.

Exclusion: Western Sydney University will not make an offer to anyone currently excluded from any higher education course. If you have served the period of exclusion, your application will be considered.

Current students

If you are studying a course at Western Sydney University in 2016 and wish to transfer to another course for 2017, check the transfer requirements at www.westernsydney.edu.au/transfer as you may be eligible to apply within the University for transfer to your chosen course.

Overseas qualifications

Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia with overseas qualifications can contact Western Sydney University to discuss eligibility for admission. Refer to tables 7 and 8 in Part 1 for information on overseas secondary qualifications.

You must follow the instructions set out in section 4.16 in Part 1 for the provision of documentation of overseas qualifications.

If you hold qualifications from countries where English is not the standard language of instruction, you must provide evidence of English language proficiency – for requirements read section 2.9 in Part 1 and visit www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/admission/elp.shtml.

Alternative entry and pathways

If you do not have any of the formal educational qualifications outlined in the previous categories, you may be eligible for entry into the University on the basis of one of the following.

Employment experience

Your application can be considered for entry to most Western Sydney University courses on the basis of work experience.

A vocational rank, based on paid employment of one year or more, is determined by the type of work and the length of service. For further details, read section 2.7 in Part 1 or visit www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/admission/employment.shtml. Undocumented employment experience will not be considered.

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; do not possess the specific prerequisites or assumed knowledge for the degree of their choice; or have not studied for some time and need to bring their study skills up to date. Successful completion of The College University Foundation Studies offers guaranteed direct entry into specific Western Sydney University first-year undergraduate programs. The College currently offers Foundation Studies course streams in Arts (for students who wish to study Arts, Humanities, Social Science, Psychology, Education or Languages), Nursing and Health Science (for those who wish to study Health Science and Nursing). Intakes occur in February, June and October. Applications are not through UAC and must be made directly to The College.

For further information, call The College on (02) 9852 4488 or visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/thecollege.

Special Tertiary Admissions Test

If you have not completed an Australian Year 12, do not possess any formal qualification, or want to improve your chances of selection, you are advised to sit the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT). For details read section 2.8 in Part 1. Refer to individual course descriptions for any special STAT requirements.

If you have previously sat a STAT, Western Sydney University will look at STAT results from 2012 onwards. If you have more than one STAT result, we will consider the best result of any STAT sitting from 2012 onwards.

Limited ATAR

If you are eligible for a Limited ATAR, your application will be considered on this basis. For information on the Limited ATAR, read section 7.6 in Part 1.

SCHOOLS RECOMMENDATION SCHEMES

Western Sydney University participates in the Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS), processed centrally through UAC, allowing Year 12 students who are UAC applicants to receive early offers of undergraduate admission. SRS aim to assist access to higher education using a wide range of selection criteria other than (or in addition to) the ATAR. These include school recommendations, senior secondary studies, and personal awards and achievements.

Visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/srs and read section 2.12 in Part 1 for further information on SRS.

EDUCATIONAL ACCESS SCHEMES

Western Sydney University has an Educational Access Scheme (EAS), called the Western Sydney University Special Consideration Scheme, to assist students who have been disadvantaged during their current or previous Year 12 studies, including students with a disability.

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

EQUITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Western Sydney University offers a number of Equity Scholarships which are open to all eligible applicants applying to or enrolled at the University: Western Sydney University Opportunity Scholarships for commencing and continuing students; Western Sydney University Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Achievement Scholarships; and Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships.

All Western Sydney University Equity Scholarships applications are processed centrally through UAC. Read section 6.6 in Part 1 for more information on Equity Scholarships.

Western Sydney University also offers a number of other scholarships – read 'Financial assistance' on page 443.

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.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

Elite athletes or performers

Western Sydney University is recognised as an elite-athlete-friendly university. The Western Sydney University's Elite Athlete and Performer Bonus Scheme encourages applications from students who have been disadvantaged during their current or previous Year 12 studies due to performance and training commitments.

To be considered, you need to complete the 'Elite Athletes or Performers Scheme Application' form, found at www.westernsydney.edu.au/elitebonusscheme, and submit it directly to the University, marked to the attention of Admissions.

You must supply certified copies of documentation supporting your application, such as training/practice schedules endorsed by your coach/trainer, programs of competitions in which you have participated and nomination advice for participation at state or national level.

Visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/elitebonusscheme for further information. Applicants will be advised if they meet the eligibility requirements for consideration.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AUSTRALIANS

Western Sydney University offers a wide range of academic and support programs to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. These programs are aimed at providing assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students during their study at the University. On each of the campuses there is a dedicated support centre where students have access to a wide range of services including computer and printing facilities.

In addition to applying through UAC, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants may wish to be considered for alternative entry through the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Alternative Entry Program. For more information, call the Course Information Centre on 1300 897 669 or visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/atsieducation.

INTERNATIONAL FEE-PAYING APPLICANTS

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

If you have any questions about applying as an international student, call +61 2 9852 5499 or email internationalstudy@westernsydney.edu.au.

BRIDGING COURSES

If you do not have the assumed knowledge indicated in a course description, you are still eligible to apply for that course. Western Sydney University runs a number of bridging programs in February each year, before the start of session. For more information, call the Course Information Centre on 1300 897 669.

COURSES AVAILABLE BY DIRECT APPLICATION

In addition to the courses listed in Part 2, other courses at Western Sydney University are available by direct application. These include The College University Foundation Studies courses, honours courses, and research programs. For closing dates and the application process for direct applications, visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/admissions.

For more information and an application form, call the Course Information Centre on 1300 897 669.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are eligible to apply for any Western Sydney University course by direct application. For more information, call the Course Information Centre on 1300 897 669.

ENROLMENT

Acceptance of offer

Information about accepting your offer, important dates and enrolling is available on the Western Sydney University website at www.westernsydney.edu.au/starting.

Advanced standing/Academic credit

Western Sydney University will consider applications for advanced standing on the basis of previous studies or other experiences that you have successfully completed within 10 years of the date of your application for advanced standing.

You must submit your application at or before enrolment and attach certified copies of relevant supporting documents. For more information, visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/advancedstanding.

Deferment of offer

Refer to Table 6 in Part 1 for information on deferment policies.

Fees and charges

All students must pay student contributions for a Commonwealth-supported place (CSP) – read section 6.2 in Part 1. 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.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Youth and student allowances

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

Loans

For information on loans, the emergency grants scheme and textbook vouchers, visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/welfareservice.

Scholarships

Western Sydney University recognises and rewards students who demonstrate outstanding academic ability, leadership and community service through the University's merit-based scholarships and The Academy program.

The University also awards donor-funded scholarships, providing support for students based on both academic achievements and equity considerations. Some of the scholarships available include:

- Vice-Chancellor's Leadership Scholarships – \$10,000/year for five years
- Dean's Scholarships – \$5,000/year for four years
- Academic Excellence Scholarships – \$5,000/year for four years
- Honours Scholarships – \$5,000 for one year
- International Exchange Scholarships – \$2,500 one-off payment.

For further information on our merit-based scholarships and The Academy program, visit www.theacademy.edu.au. Applications for the Vice-Chancellor's Leadership Scholarship will close early **January 2017**.

For information on all scholarships available, visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/scholarships, email scholarships@westernsydney.edu.au or call the Course Information Centre on 1300 897 669.

Financial assistance in the form of grants, textbook vouchers and other forms of assistance is available through the Student Welfare Service.

For financial information and support, email welfareservice@westernsydney.edu.au or visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/welfareservice.

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, to cottages and units/apartments.

Furniture varies with the accommodation choice, including 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

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 facilities, and a childcare centre.

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

For more information on student and campus services, visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/services.

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