

10 things to know about studying at The University of Western Australia as an Exchange Student

1 Fast Facts about UWA

Established:	1911; Western Australia's first university. 2013 Centenary Celebration: 100 years of teaching.
Location:	Situated on the banks of the Swan River 5 km from City of Perth. The campus is well known for its beauty and picturesque setting on the Swan River
Total Student Enrolment 2012:	24435
International Students: 2012:	3948 (onshore only)
Study Abroad & Exchange Students 2012:	448

International Rankings

- The 2012 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) - the world's foremost indicator on international rankings, ranked UWA Overall 96 (placing UWA in the world's top one per cent of universities)
- 26 for Life and Agricultural Science
- In the band 51 to 75 for Clinical Medicine and Pharmacy
- In the band 76-100 Chemistry and in the subject band of 76 to 100
- Our Business School is EQUIS (European Quality Improvement System) and AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) accredited.

Networks and International Links

- Only WA university to belong to the prestigious *Group of Eight* research-intensive universities in Australia
- One of only two Australian universities to belong to the *Worldwide Universities Network*, a partnership of 16 research-led universities from Europe, North America, North Asia and Australia
- Founding member of the seven-nation *Matariki Network* of research intensive universities
- Over 120 Student Exchange and Study Abroad Agreements

Student Life

The UWA Student Guild has a reputation of being one of the most active and social in Australia with over 80 student run societies and clubs. The Guild Village is the heart of student life on campus containing Student Services, shops, food outlets, bookshops, medical centre, and other student amenities. Internet and network access is available through library IT stations, and a campus wide wireless network. UWA is a member of the national Elite Athlete Friendly Universities. Recreational activities include sports clubs, general interest clubs and societies, leadership and volunteer opportunities, and a variety of on and off campus events.

2 What can I study? What is the academic load?

Students can choose units from the following undergraduate majors or postgraduate courses and are encouraged to arrange a Study Plan prior to arriving at UWA to ease their enrolment process on arrival.

Aboriginal Health and Well-being	European Studies	Microbiology and Immunology
Accounting	Exercise and Health	Music – Music Studies
Agricultural Science	Finance	Music – Specialist Music Studies
Anatomy and Human Biology	French Studies	Natural Resource Management
Anthropology and Sociology	Genetics	Neuroscience
Applied Computing	Geography	Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
Archaeology	Geology	Pharmacology
Architecture	German Studies	Philosophy
Asian Studies	History	Physics
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	History of Art	Physiology
Biomedical Science (double major)	Human Resource Management	Political Science and International Relations
Botany	Indigenous Knowledge and Heritage	Population Health
Business Law	Indonesian	Psychological Science
Chemistry	Integrated Design	Psychology in Society
Chinese	Italian Studies	Quantitative Methods
Classics and Ancient History	Japanese	Science Communication
Communication and Media Studies	Landscape Architecture	Sports Science
Computer Science	Law and Society	Work and Employment Relations
Conservation Biology	Linguistics	Zoology
Economics	Management	
Economics (double major)	Marine Science	
Engineering Science	Marketing	
English and Cultural Studies	Mathematics and Statistics	
Environmental Science	Medieval and Early Modern Studies	

The standard academic load per semester is 24 points, usually four units (subjects).

3 When can I study?

First Semester: late February to late June (including examinations)

Second Semester: late July to late November (including examinations)

Orientation is usually two weeks before first Semester and one week before second Semester.

Students can commence in any semester and study for one or two semesters.

4 What do I need to get in?

One year of study at your home university at the time of application, with an overall weighted average equivalent to 65% on the UWA Grading Scale as agreed within the Terms of the Student Exchange Agreement. Postgraduate students must normally have completed a first degree in order to take classes at a postgraduate level.

5 What level of English is required?

The following table lists the Standard English language qualifications acceptable for admission. For all acceptable qualifications refer to <http://www.studyat.uwa.edu.au/undergraduate/admission/english>

Qualification	Standard Entry Requirements	Concessional Entry Requirements*
IELTS	6.5 (no individual band less than 6.0)	6.0 (no individual band less than 6.0)
TOEFL	Essay Rating/Test of Written English (TWE) of 4.5 and either 230 (computer based) or 570 (paper based)	210 (Computer based) or 550 (paper based)
Next Generation TOEFL – Internet-based Test (iBT)	An overall score of 90 with a minimum score of 22 in the Writing section, and no less than 20 in the other sections	An overall score of 77
CELT Bridging Course (20 weeks)	Pass with B	

Higher scores may be required for postgraduate courses. Other English language qualifications not listed above will be assessed on an individual basis.

* Concessional entry requirement (see below)

6 What if my English is not good enough?

Students who do not meet the Standard English Entry requirements may be eligible for admissions on a concessional score (see above table) provided they enrol in at least one of two English Language and Academic Communication (HUMA 1901 and HUMA1902). These are credit-bearing (6 credit points) units which focus on English language and academic communication skills for tertiary study. Check with the UWA Study Abroad office for more information. Other non-academic English courses are available at the Centre for English Language Teaching. For further information www.celt.uwa.edu.au/

7 Where will I live?

On campus: Five residential colleges are located adjacent to the UWA. Each has its own style and feel and is fully catered with some offering self-catered options. Apply online: <http://www.studyat.uwa.edu.au/about/accommodation/college-living/colleges>

Off-campus: The Housing Office assist students with finding off-campus accommodation while studying at UWA. Once students have been accepted, they can access an online database to search for accommodation.

8 Can I work?

Students may work up to 40 hours per fortnight on an Australian Student Visa after they commence study. You can also study at UWA on a Working Holiday Visa.

9 What will it cost?

Exchange students are exempt from tuition fees but must pay for accommodation, travel and associated expenses, medical insurance, books and any other incidental or personal expenses. Medical insurance is compulsory for most international students as it is an Australian Government requirement. Some countries are exempt because of special government to government Agreements. Currently these include Norway and Sweden.

10 How do I apply? What is the next step?

All applications are made through your Study Abroad or Exchange Office.

Contact your Study Abroad or Exchange office for details on how to apply and deadlines. For more information, visit: <http://www.studyat.uwa.edu.au/study-abroad-and-exchange>

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