



## Information Sheet 2014

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### General Academic Information

Established in 1911, UWA is Western Australia's oldest university and one of Australia's most prestigious educational institutions.

First-time visitors to the campus will find UWA's impressive architecture and beautifully landscaped gardens breathtaking. UWA's riverside campus, only minutes from the city centre offers an unrivalled study experience. Students have access to libraries, an extensive range of campus services, and excellent sports and recreational facilities to balance the demands of study. Activities include sports such as tennis, squash, basketball, volleyball and aerobics, general interest clubs and societies, cafes, theatres and museums.

The University of Western Australia (UWA) is recognised internationally as a leading university and in 2012 ranked 96th in the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) from the Shanghai Jiao Tong University. UWA is the only Western Australian university to belong to the prestigious [Group of Eight](#) – a coalition of the top research universities in Australia – and is one of only two Australian universities to belong to the [Worldwide Universities Network](#), a partnership of 18 research-led universities from Europe, North America, North Asia and Australia.

UWA's formal agreements with nearly 230 institutions (including over 130 Student Exchange Agreements) around the world provide a spirit of internationalism and promote a lively exchange of staff, students, knowledge and ideas. International exchange students will benefit not only from first class teaching but will also enjoy the beautiful campus at Crawley and its multi-cultural community which includes students from 90 different countries.

#### Academic Calendar (2014)

##### First Semester

Teaching: 24 February – 30 May

Examinations: 2 June – 21 June (Including 1 week study break)

Non-teaching Study Break: 21 April – 25 April

##### Second Semester:

Teaching: 28 July – 31 October

Examinations: 3 November – 22 November (Including 1 week study break)

Non-teaching study break – 29 September – 3 October

#### Number of credits or units that undergraduate students need to complete in one semester

**Standard academic load per semester:** 24 points

All students should enrol in 24 points credit points per semester

Most units (courses) have a value of 6 credit points

##### Academic Information:

**Unit (course) Information / Syllabi:** <http://units.handbooks.uwa.edu.au/> for brief description, semester availability, number of credit points etc.

NOTE: the term "course" at UWA refers to the degree program eg. Bachelor of Science

NOTE: the term "unit" at UWA refers to an individual class eg. BIOL1130 Core Concepts in Biology



**Class Format:** Lectures, plus tutorials/labs

**Grading:**

80- 100 High Distinction (HD)

70-79 Distinction (D)

60-69 Credit Pass (CR)

50-59 Pass (P)

45-49 Fail (N+)

0-44 Fail (N)

**Number of credits or units required for completion of first (or equivalent of Bachelor's) degree**

This varies depending on the Degree, please see

<http://courses.handbooks.uwa.edu.au/courses?section=finder&finder=12,25&title=Bachelor's+Degrees>

**Is pre-registration (enrolment) available? If not when does registration take place?**

Pre-enrolment is not available at UWA, however classes do not normally fill up. Students may request pre-approval of units by completing a **Proposed Study List** in the online application. A UWA Academic Advisor will assess the proposed study plan for pre-requisites and other restrictions. An **Approved Study List** will then be emailed to the students prior to departure.

Formal enrolment takes place during Orientation. Students can seek academic advice during Orientation, and are able to receive additional approvals at this time. The add/drop period is open for the first 3 weeks of classes.

**Language of instruction**

The language of instruction is English.

**Level**

Undergraduate & Postgraduate (for exchange students can depend on terms of the agreement)

**Duration**

Minimum: 1 Semester or trimester

Maximum: 2 Semesters or 3 trimesters

**Restricted programs or courses (not open to study abroad / exchange students)**

This depends on terms of the agreement. If the Agreement is Faculty-based, students may only be exchanged within the relevant faculties as specified within the terms of the Agreement. If the Agreement is a University to University Agreement, students may be exchanged within all faculties. Students may apply for any unit which is part of a standard course of study except for courses within the **Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry**.

Other courses may be restricted and some units may also be quota restricted.

**Services available to study abroad / exchange students**

SESA students have access to same services and facilities as full-degree students. Please see Campus Facilities:

Student Services <http://www.studentservices.uwa.edu.au/>

About UWA <http://www.uwa.edu.au>

UWA Sports <http://www.sport.uwa.edu.au/>

Guild <http://www.guild.uwa.edu.au/>

**Academic Requirements**

**Undergraduate Students:** Completion of one year of tertiary study at a recognised institution at the time of application, with an overall weighted average equivalent to 65% on the UWA Grading Scale (normally a B grade or 3.0 on a 4 point GPA scale). Agreed equivalent is outlined within the Exchange Agreement.

**Postgraduate students:** Completion of a Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in order to take classes at a postgraduate level. Access to MBA classes requires the completion of a Bachelor's degree plus students must demonstrate managerial experience (generally two years) in order to enrol in these units.

All students must satisfy UWA's standard English language competency requirements. See below.

**English Proficiency**

Where the primary language of instruction at the home university is not English, Candidates for the exchange program to UWA must satisfy one of the standard English Language Competency (ELC) requirements set out in Table 1, or such other language proficiency requirements as specified in a formal Memorandum of Agreement.

UWA Standard English Language Competency Requirements:

**Qualification**

**Min Requirement**

IELTS 6.5 (no individual band less than 6.0)

TOEFL (Paper-based total) 570 plus and Essay Rating/TWE of 4.5

TOEFL (Computer-based total) 230 and Essay rating/TWE of 4.5

Next Generation TOEFL (iBT) Overall of 90 with a min score of 22 in Writing, and no less than 20 in the other sections



### Alternative English Language Pathway (Exchange and Approved Study Abroad Partners only)

Candidates who do not meet the standard ELC requirements as set out above may be approved admission to UWA on the basis of the Alternative English Language competency requirements below.

#### UWA Alternative English Language Competency Requirements:

Qualification	Min requirement
IELTS	6.0 (no individual band less than 6.0)
TOEFL (Paper-based total)	540
TOEFL (Computer-based total)	210
Next Generation TOEFL (iBT)	Overall score of 77
CELT Bridging Course (20 Weeks)	Pass with a C+
Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English	C Grade

Candidates gaining admission via this pathway must enrol in at least one of the following units in their first semester enrolment: English Language and Academic Communication (**HUMA 1901**) or English Language and Academic Communication (**HUMA 1902**) Students may also enrol in both units.

### English Language Bridging courses

English Language Bridging courses (fee-paying) are available Please see <http://www.celt.uwa.edu.au/courses/pathways> Provided that students meet the academic requirements for entry, students applying for entry as Study Abroad or Exchange will be issued with a Letter of Offer conditional upon the results of the English Language Bridging course

## Application Information

### Application deadlines

**Semester 1 (Feb-June):** Nominations by 30 November, Application and Documents due by 31 December

**Semester 2: (July-November):** Nominations by 1 April, Application and Documents due by 1 May

Late applications will be considered if there is enough processing time available.

### How to nominate your students

Exchange/Study Abroad partners are required to nominate to UWA **first**, and then students will receive an email with password and instructions for completing the online application. To nominate a student, please email the following details to the appropriate **Advisor**:-

- First Name and Middle Name (As shown on passport)
- Surname (As shown on Passport)
- Gender
- Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)
- Level of Study (1<sup>st</sup> year, 2<sup>nd</sup> year etc)
- Duration (1 or 2 semesters)
- Student email address
- Exchange / Study Abroad
- Citizenship

### Supporting documents required

All Supporting documentation must be **UPLOADED** to their online application:

- Most recent **Official** Academic transcript (signed and stamped by home university)
- All 3 pages of the Application Coversheet (printed from online application and **signed**)
- Proposed Study Plan (printed from online application if applicable)
- Evidence of English Language Competency (signed and stamped by home university, if applicable)

Students can upload documents onto their online application after they have submitted their

In some cases, if the GPA falls marginally below the minimum required, we will also request:-

- 2 x academic references
- 1 x statement of motivation
- 1 x letter of support from home university / international office



## Arrival / Orientation program

<b>Recommended arrival dates</b>
Your students should arrive a day or two before Orientation if housing has already been pre-arranged. Students who have not secured any housing are recommended to arrive at least two weeks prior to the commencement of classes.
<b>Airport Pick-Up</b>
A 24 hour airport pick-up service is available free of charge if you have applied for permanent or temporary housing in one of the University Residential Colleges, or if your final destination on arrival is within the university precinct (Nedlands, Crawley, Subiaco, Shenton Park or the Perth CBD). Students can apply for Airport pick-up and Temporary housing on OASYS once they have accepted their offer.
<b>Orientation Dates</b>
Semester 1, 2014 – will begin on Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2014 Semester 2, 2014 – TBC
<b>Cost of orientation program (if any)</b>
Not applicable, however optional excursions will incur a small fee.

## Accommodation

<b>Is university-administered accommodation available to exchange students?</b>
Yes. Please go to <a href="http://www.housing.uwa.edu.au/on-campus">http://www.housing.uwa.edu.au/on-campus</a> for links to Residential Colleges
<b>Is accommodation guaranteed for exchange students?</b>
No. Applications are on a “first come, first served” basis, so it is important to apply early. Students <b>do not need to have received an offer letter</b> before they can apply for housing
<b>Accommodation Application Process</b>
Refer to the website of each individual Residential College. Students usually send their housing applications directly to the residential college; however, if they are included with the exchange application, we will forward it to the college requested.
<b>If university-administered accommodation is not available, will there be any assistance in finding private housing?</b>
Students will be directed to the Housing Service of Student Services. The Housing Service offers a free and confidential accommodation advisory support service to enrolled students. Housing Officers do not arrange accommodation students but can only provide advice and information and manage the Housing Database, which is a self-serve facility allowing enrolled students to view property listings and make their selections accordingly. A number of properties (either on a vacant or share basis) and rooms available for rent in homes in surrounding areas are listed in the Housing Database. Students may then access the information and contact owners or leasers directly to arrange a viewing. <a href="http://www.housing.uwa.edu.au/off-campus">http://www.housing.uwa.edu.au/off-campus</a> Homestay options are also available. See <a href="http://www.housing.uwa.edu.au/off-campus/private-board">http://www.housing.uwa.edu.au/off-campus/private-board</a>

## Visa requirements

<b>Are students required to obtain a student visa?</b>
Yes. Once students’ return the signed acceptance contract with applicable payment, UWA will issue a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) document with will allow students to apply for an Australian Student Visa (ASV). UWA is an eligible institution for Streamlined Visa Processing. See <a href="http://www.immi.gov.au/students/">http://www.immi.gov.au/students/</a> Students should indicate on their application which Visa they intend to apply for (Student Visa or Working Holiday Visa)
<b>Are students allowed to work?</b>
Students on an ASV can work up to 40 hours per fortnight during semester and unlimited hours during university holidays.
<b>Working Holiday Visa (WHV)</b>
Instead of a Student Visa, students may be eligible to apply for a Working Holiday Visa (WHV) Please see the following website for the different categories and conditions of a WHV: <a href="http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/working-holiday/visa-options.htm">http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/working-holiday/visa-options.htm</a> If students come to UWA on a WHV they should be aware of the following:  Students are not entitled to Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)but must accept the responsibility to arrange their own health insurance and acknowledge that they must cover their own expenses while in Australia  Students will not be covered by the Education for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act which protects the interests of overseas students studying in Australia. Further information about how ESOS protects overseas students is available at: <a href="http://www.international.uwa.edu.au/studentnet/esos">http://www.international.uwa.edu.au/studentnet/esos</a>



## Medical Insurance

### Are international students required to purchase a compulsory plan?

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) is an Australian Student Visa requirement.

Costs are (2014 premium)

AUD\$571 for 1 year

AUD\$309 for 6 months

More information can be found at <https://www.oshcallianzassistance.com.au/>

Students from Sweden (covered by CSN), Norway and Belgium do not have to purchase the additional insurance. New-Zealand and Australian citizens will be eligible for Medicare and do not require OSHC.

### Are students able to apply for an insurance waiver if they have their own insurance coverage?

No. OSHC is an Australian Government requirement.

## Estimated Costs

### Cost of Living

For full list of estimated costs, please go to <http://www.studyat.uwa.edu.au/unilife/costs>

### Any fees other than tuition (e.g. student services)

Compulsory UWA Students Services & Amenities Fee (SSAF):

[http://www.studentadmin.uwa.edu.au/welcome/fees/student\\_services\\_and\\_amenities\\_fee](http://www.studentadmin.uwa.edu.au/welcome/fees/student_services_and_amenities_fee)

\*Exchange students are exempt from paying the SSAF however; the fee will be applicable to Study Abroad students and must be paid during the semester. Failure to pay this fee will encumber the student and it will not be possible to release a transcript at the end of the program\*