



Information Sheet 2015 - 2016

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General Academic Information

Academic Calendar (2015)
First Semester Teaching: 23 February – 29 May Examinations: 1 June – 20 June (Including 1 week study break) Non-teaching Study Break: 6 April – 10 April
Second Semester: Teaching: 27 July – 30 October Examinations: 2 November – 21 November (Including 1 week study break) Non-teaching study break: 28 September – 2 October
Academic Calendar (2016)
First Semester Teaching: 29 February – 3 June Examinations: 6 June – 24 June (Including 1 week study break) Non-teaching Study Break: 18 April – 23 April
Second Semester: Teaching: 1 August – 4 November Examinations: 7 November – 25 November (Including 1 week study break) Non-teaching study break: 26 September – 30 September
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 2 weeks of classes.

Language of instruction

The language of instruction is English.

Level

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

Duration

Minimum: 1 Semester or trimester
Maximum: 2 Semesters or 3 trimesters
Students may commence in any semester

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

This depends on the 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 three 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 below, 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)	82 Overall, with a min score of 22 in Writing, 18 in Reading, 20 in Listening and Speaking

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.



Candidates gaining admission via this pathway are assessed on a case by case basis and if approved they 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. Please contact us directly for further information if required.

English Language Bridging courses

Students who do not meet the standard ELC or alternative requirements may wish to consider enrolling in the English Language Bridging courses (fee-paying). More info at <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 deadlines

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

Semester 2: (July-November): Nominations by 30 April, Application and Documents due by 31 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 **Adviser**:-

- First Name and Middle Name (As shown on passport)
- Surname (As shown on Passport)
- Gender
- Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)
- Level of Study: Undergraduate or Postgraduate
- Duration (1 or 2 semesters)
- Student email address
- Program: Exchange / Study Abroad
- Citizenship
- Year Commencing at UWA
- Semester Commencing at UWA (i.e. semester 1 or semester 2)

Supporting documents required

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

- Copy of Passport **signed and stamped by home university**
- 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 application. 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

Recommended arrival dates

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.

Airport Pick-Up

A 24 hour airport pick-up service is available free of charge if students have applied for permanent or temporary housing in one of the University Residential Colleges, or if their 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.

Orientation Dates

Semester 1, 2015 – will begin on Monday 16th February 2015

Semester 2, 2015 – will begin on Monday 20th July 2015

Cost of orientation program (if any)

Not applicable, however optional excursions will incur a small fee.



Is university-administered accommodation available to exchange students?

Yes. Please go to <http://www.housing.uwa.edu.au/on-campus> for links to Residential Colleges

Is accommodation guaranteed for exchange students?

Housing at the colleges is NOT guaranteed and has become very competitive in recent years due to its popularity. Generally the Residential College's review applications on a case by case basis. The most important factor that influences a candidate's acceptance to a Residential College is the information that a future student provides. For example, the Colleges need to know students' personal & academic achievements; why they would like to reside at a Residential College; if they have any special needs; postgrad/undergrad; enrolled course; year/level of study etc. More information available at <http://www.housing.uwa.edu.au/on-campus>

College Accommodation Application Process

Students can now log onto the UWA Residential College Application Portal https://portal.residences.uwa.edu.au/StarRezPortal_UWA_AS/Default.aspx?Params=L9ezxPcQnQuRGKTzF%2b4sxeNblvAA%2b26c and apply to live on campus in one place. They rank their college preferences from 1-5 and the portal will automatically allocate them a place (starting with their first preference). If by chance the student does not receive any of their preferences, their name will automatically go into a central waitlist pool and they will be allocated a placement as soon an opportunity arises.

If university-administered accommodation is not available, will there be any assistance in finding private housing?

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. <http://www.housing.uwa.edu.au/off-campus>
Homestay options are also available. See <http://www.housing.uwa.edu.au/off-campus/private-board>

Are students required to obtain a student visa?

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 <http://www.immi.gov.au/students/>
Students should indicate on their application which Visa they intend to apply for (Student Visa or Working Holiday Visa)

Are students allowed to work?

Students on an ASV can work up to 40 hours per fortnight during semester and unlimited hours during university holidays.

Working Holiday Visa (WHV)

Instead of a Student Visa, some 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: <http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/working-holiday/visa-options.htm>
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:

<http://www.international.uwa.edu.au/studentnet/esos>

Are international students required to purchase a compulsory health insurance?

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

Costs for 2015 are:

AUD\$644 for 2 semesters

AUD\$322 for 1 semester

(2016 rates are currently unavailable)

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

*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