



Information Sheet 2012/2013

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http://www.studyat.uwa.edu.au/study-abroad-and-exchange	

GENERAL INFORMATION

General 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 is a member of the Group of 8 in Australia (see http://www.go8.edu.au/), has achieved top ratings in the Good Universities Guide, consistently attracts the State's top school-leavers, and has received one of the highest allocations of research funds for the nation.
In 2010, UWA enrolled 81.4% of the State's top 5% of school-leavers and 76.8% of the top 10% of school leavers who enrolled at Western Australian universities.



Academic Calendar (2012)

First Semester

Teaching: 27 February – 1 June
Examinations: 2 – 23 June (Including 1 week study break)
Non-teaching Study Break: 9 April - 15 April

Second Semester:

Teaching: 30 July - 2 November
Examinations: 10 November - 25 November
Non-teaching study break - 24 September - September 28

Trimester Dates (MBA Only)

First Trimester

Teaching: January 21 - April 20
Examinations: April 21 – April 28

Second Trimester

Teaching: May 12 - August 3
Examinations: August 4 - August 11

Third Trimester

August 25 - November 16
Examinations: November 17 - November 24

Academic Calendar (2013)

First Semester

Teaching: 25 February – 31 May
Examinations: 3 – 24 June (Including 1 week study break)
Non-teaching Study Break: 1 April - 7 April

Second Semester:

Teaching: 29 July - 1 November
Examinations: 4 November - 25 November
Non-teaching study break - 30 September – 5 October (Including 1 week study break)

Trimester Dates (MBA Only)

First Trimester

Teaching: January 19 - April 19
Examinations: April 20 – April 27

Second Trimester

Teaching: May 11 - August 2
Examinations: August 3 - August 10

Third Trimester

August 24 - November 15
Examinations: November 16 - November 23

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

Standard academic load per semester: 24 points
Undergraduates should enrol in 24 points credit points per semester
Postgraduates should enrol in 24 points credit points per semester
Most units (courses) have a value of 6 credit points



Academic Information:

- **Degree Information (Website or Program Handbook):** <http://handbooks.uwa.edu.au/> - go to "Units Home" for unit selections.
- **Unit (courses) Registration Procedure (Website if any):** Pre-enrolment is not available at UWA, however classes do not normally fill up. You may request prior approval of units by completing a Proposed Study List. An Approved Study List will be sent to you, normally prior to your departure. A place in approved units is normally guaranteed provided the unit is still available. You may change your unit selection at any time prior to formal enrolment. Formal enrolment takes place during Orientation. You will be assigned to a course adviser who will be available during the enrolment session to assist with your selection of units. Dropping and adding of units will be fully explained during Orientation.
- **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)
- **Average Course Load per semester:** 24 points (4 units [courses])

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 available to exchange students? If not when does registration take place?

No – however students can obtain an Approved Study list prior to their arrival which expedites the enrolment process. (See above Unit Registration Procedure)

Are exchange students guaranteed placement in courses nominated?

(See above Unit Registration Procedure)

Language of instruction

The language of instruction is English.

Are there any special language courses for exchange students?

Yes. UWA offers two English language credit bearing units - English Language and Academic Communication (HUMA 1901 and HUMA1902), which will focus on English language and academic communication skills for tertiary study. These units have been designed to meet the immediate needs of Study Abroad and exchange students entering the UWA for linguistic and cultural immersion. The units offer eligible students guided English language development within their program of study. Each unit has a value of one quarter (6 points) of a normal semester load (24 points). The units may be studied concurrently, as independent units or as sequential units.

Entry points are:

- IELTS 6.0 (no band score below 6.0)
- Internet-based TOEFL 77
- Computer-based TOEFL 210
- Paper-based TOEFL 540
- Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English with C grade
- UWA Bridging Course: C+ grade

Other not for credit English courses are available, please refer to the Centre for English Language Teaching. These courses are not covered within the terms of the Agreement and will incur tuition fees. For further information

http://www.celt.uwa.edu.au/welcome/about_celt

The Centre offers a variety of courses including General English, Academic English, and Examination Preparation (for TOEFL, IELTS, Cambridge, TOEIC).



Exchange-related information

Level
Undergraduate & Postgraduate (depending on terms of the agreement)
Duration of Exchange
Minimum: 1 Semester or trimester Maximum: 2 Semesters or 3 trimesters
Restricted programs or courses (not open to exchange students)
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.
Are there specific admission requirements for students?
Yes: Undergraduate Students: 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. Agreed equivalent is outlined within the Terms of the Agreement. Postgraduate students: You must have completed a first degree in order to take classes at a postgraduate level. Units taken within the MBA program require the completion of a Bachelors degree and 2 years minimum Management experience (or equivalent work experience). All students must satisfy UWA's standard English language competency requirements. See below.
Services available to exchange students
Exchange 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/
Application deadlines
Nominations should be made by 1 April for study commencing in Semester 2 (July - November) and 30 November for study commencing in Semester 1 (February - June). Supporting documents for applications should be received by 1 May for Semester 2 and 31 December for Semester 1, however late applications will be considered if there is enough processing time available.
Are application materials available online?
Exchange partners are required to nominate to UWA first, and then students will receive an email with password and instructions for completing the online application Nominations should be made by 1 April for study commencing in Semester 2 (July - November) and 30 November for study commencing in Semester 1 (February - June). To nominate a student, please email the following details:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ First Name➤ Surname➤ Gender➤ Date of Birth➤ Level of Study (1st year, 2nd year etc)➤ Duration (1 or 2 semesters, or other for graduate research, MBA etc)➤ Student email address➤ Exchange / Study Abroad➤ Citizenship
Level of English proficiency requirement
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TOEFL with an Essay Rating/TWE of 4.5 and either 230 (Computer-based) or 570 (Paper-based) score,



TOEFL Internet-based requires a score of 90 with a minimum score of 22 in the Writing section and no less than 20 in the other sections.

- IELTS: overall score of 6.5 with no individual component less than 6.0
- For all other qualifications, including acceptable qualifications for Swedish, Danish, Finnish, Dutch, Norwegian and German students please refer to <http://www.studyat.uwa.edu.au/undergraduate/admission/english>
- **Please note** that some faculties may request higher scores.

Other English language qualifications not listed above will be assessed on an individual basis.
See also above Special English Language courses for linguistic and cultural immersion students.

English Language Bridging courses

English Language Bridging courses (fee-paying) are available (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.
The HUMA courses mentioned above are also offered.

Supporting documents required to be submitted with exchange application

Most recent Academic transcript
Printed online application with Declaration signed and dated.
Evidence of English Language Competency (if applicable)

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

Recommended arrival dates

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.

Is airport pick-up service available?

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).

Is orientation program available?

Yes

If yes, when will it be held?

Orientation program for Semester 1, 2012 – Will begin on Monday February 13 2012
Orientation program for Semester 2, 2012 – Will begin on Monday July 23 2012
Orientation program for Semester 1, 2013 – Will begin on Monday 11 February 2013

Cost of orientation program (if any)

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

Accommodation

Is university-administered accommodation available to exchange students?

Yes. Please go to http://www.studyat.uwa.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/1750906/Residential-College-Application.pdf for links to Residential Colleges



Is accommodation guaranteed for exchange students? Please include any conditions for guarantee.
No
If university accommodation is available, do students send accommodation applications to your office and where to obtain the application materials apply through the exchange office?
Accommodation applications can be downloaded from the residential college websites. 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. Housing is competitive and it is recommended that applications for housing are submitted as early as possible – your students do not need to wait until they receive an Offer from the Study Abroad Office.
Will accommodation material be provided by the Exchange Office?
Yes
If students are required to submit accommodation applications to a separate office, please advise the application procedures.
Please go to http://www.housing.uwa.edu.au/on-campus for links to Residential Colleges as application process may vary.
Is accommodation available over semester breaks? If yes, any additional charges?
Please go to http://www.housing.uwa.edu.au/on-campus for links to Residential Colleges as it may vary with each Residential College.
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 lessees directly to arrange a viewing. http://www.housing.uwa.edu.au/off-campus

Visa requirements

Are exchange students required to obtain a student visa?
Yes. Some students from eligible countries may be able to apply for a Working Holiday Visa (WHV). See below.
Are exchange students allowed to work?
On campus: Yes (max. 20 hours per week) Off campus: Yes (max. 20 hours per week)
Is a special visa required for work?
No, the Student Visa includes the right to work.
Working Holiday Visa (WHV)
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: 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 - <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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>

Medical Insurance

Are exchange students required to purchase a compulsory plan? If yes, please provide details:

Yes.

Overseas Student Health Cover is an Australian Student Visa requirement.

Costs are (2012 premium)

AUD\$395-428 for 1 year

AUD\$197 for 6 months

More information can be found at www.oshcworldcare.com.au

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

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

No. OSHC is an Australian Government requirement.

Estimated expenses per semester/term (in local currency)

University-administered accommodation

Please go to <http://www.studyat.uwa.edu.au/unilife/costs>

Private accommodation

Please go to <http://www.studyat.uwa.edu.au/unilife/costs>

There are establishment costs of two weeks rent in advance, four weeks rent as bond, a letting fee and connection fees for electricity, gas and telephone. Most rental leases will require a commitment of at least 26 weeks (6 months).

Food/Meals

Local Transportation

Academic expenses (e.g. books, fieldtrips, etc.)

Personal expenses

Please see - <http://www.studyat.uwa.edu.au/unilife/costs>

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

Compulsory UWA Students Services & Amenities Fee:

http://www.studentadmin.uwa.edu.au/welcome/fees/student_services_and_amenities_fee