

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



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## 1 Fast Facts about UWA

<b>Established:</b>	1911; Western Australia's first university. 2013 Centenary Celebration: 100 years of teaching.
<b>Location:</b>	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
<b>Total Student Enrolment 2012:</b>	24435
<b>International Students: 2012:</b>	3948 (onshore only)
<b>Study Abroad &amp; Exchange Students 2012:</b>	448

### International Rankings

- The 2012 Academic Ranking of World Universities (AWRU) - 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

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

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 semester 1 and one week before semester two.

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/](http://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.

*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.

### 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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