

UNSW In-Person Exchange Fact Sheet

About UNSW



Welcome to UNSW Sydney

We are an internationally acclaimed teaching and research powerhouse, offering exchange students a learning experience packed with academic programs, student activities and educational services.

UNSW Sydney is one of Australia's leading research and teaching universities and one of the top 100 universities in the world. We take pride in the broad range and high quality of our teaching programs. Our teaching gains strength and currency from our research activities, strong industry links and our international nature; UNSW has strong regional and global engagement. We have over 59,000 students and offer an extensive range of undergraduate, postgraduate and research programs.

Located in Sydney, Australia's largest city, the University was established in 1949 and is committed to shaping forward thinking, environmentally conscious and socially engaged students who will make a positive impact in the world. The main UNSW campus is located on a 38-hectare site at Kensington, seven kilometres from the centre of Sydney. Our other major campus is UNSW Paddington. Take our 360 virtual campus tour¹ or review UNSW Sydney: Bring your difference² to see what we have to offer!

¹<https://360tour.unsw.edu.au/>

COVID-19

UNSW continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation and we recommend you are flexible with your plans. Up to date information on the safe return to campus can be found at COVID-19 - UNSW Sydney³.

Course information and selection



Language of instruction

The language of instruction at UNSW is English.

Course load

You are required to enrol in a full-time load at UNSW. The normal full-time load is 18 units of credit per term and 24 units of credit for tailored terms (3 subjects per term or 4 subjects per tailored term). It is not possible to overload.

Course selection

You can search for courses on the UNSW Handbook⁴ and you can view instructions⁵ on how to identify and search for these courses. When choosing your courses, it is important to be flexible.

²<https://youtu.be/sT5f3jHYCgY>

³<https://www.covid-19.unsw.edu.au/>

⁴https://www.handbook.unsw.edu.au/search?q=&ct=subject&study_level=ugrd

⁵<https://sway.office.com/MSot68PWHD13NWWx?ref=Link>

- You must meet any prerequisites for courses. This is assessed at the time of application, and new courses can be submitted for approval on an ongoing basis.
- You should check your proposed courses are offered in the term you will be on exchange.
- It is important to have back up course options should your preferred courses not be available. Faculties are unlikely to approve timetable clashes. We recommend you submit course approval for all back up courses as early as possible.
- All students are required to enrol in a full-time load each term.
- You are expected to study with UNSW for the entire duration of your study plan, including all exams and assessments.
- Generally undergraduate students are not able to enrol in graduate courses, but there may be some limited options for Law and some Science and Engineering subjects
- It is generally not possible for graduate students to enrol in undergraduate courses.

Equitable Learning Services

Equitable Learning Services⁶ provide a range of services to students with disabilities, including note takers, classwork support, assistive technology and exam adjustments.

If you receive educational adjustments at your home university, you will need to register with UNSW Equitable Learning Services prior to study commencement to ensure the appropriate services are in place by the time you start at UNSW. You will not be registered automatically.

Please note that support services in Australia may be different to the services offered at your home university (for example, adjustments for extra time in exams may be shorter). While at UNSW you will receive the same educational adjustments as local students, and it is best to make enquiries about what services may be available to you before you arrive.

⁶<https://www.student.unsw.edu.au/disability-support-information-new-international-students>

Course restrictions



While most courses are open to exchange students with the required academic background, some courses are restricted or not available to exchange students.

- Exchange students are limited to taking one online course only
- As courses in the Winter Term are limited and are generally electives, we recommend you are flexible

Faculty of Law & Justice

- Enrolment is restricted to Law Majors. Coursework is available at undergraduate and postgraduate level
- Juris Doctor courses are open to students enrolled in a Juris Doctor Program at their home institution
- Students are not able to take both LAWS and JURD courses simultaneously
- LLM elective courses are open to Law Exchange students
- Undergraduate and JD law enrolment for Exchange students is capped, and students are encouraged to also look at LLM elective courses
- Core courses are not available to Exchange students

Faculty of Arts, Design & Architecture

The Arts & Media, Education, Humanities & Languages, Social Sciences

- Students wishing to take stage 3 ARTS courses must be majoring in the desired field
- Undergraduate students can only enrol in undergraduate courses
- Postgraduate students are not eligible to take undergraduate courses
- INST, GLST, DANC, EDST, MDIA and Music courses are restricted to declared majors

Art & Design

- Courses are held at the Paddington campus, approximately 20 minutes away – a free shuttle bus service⁷ is available
- Priority will be given to students majoring in Art/Design
- Students can take a mix of courses from Paddington and Kensington (main) campus, as long as they are aware of the travel involved

Built Environment

- Students are limited to one studio-based course due to space limitations and should be flexible with subject choices

UNSW Business School

The following courses are not available to exchange students:

- Industrial Training courses including MARK2999, MARK3999, MARK4999, FINS3100, FINS3200
- MARK6xxx courses
- GBAT course

Faculty of Medicine & Health

- Exchange students can enrol in courses from the School of Medical Science however courses in the Doctor of Medicine program are not open to exchange students.

Faculty of Engineering

- Enrolment in Biomedical Engineering and Computer Science courses is extremely limited; students need to be prepared to select courses from another major.

Faculty of Science

- Postgraduate psychology courses are not available to exchange students.
- Undergraduate psychology courses are very limited.

Courses not open for exchange

- MBA Coursework
- Courses that are part of the Honours degree (4xxx)
- UNSW Canberra at the Australian Defence Force Academy (all courses starting with 'z')
- Doctor of Medicine program

⁷<https://www.estate.unsw.edu.au/plan-your-visit/public-transport>

Term information and dates



The UNSW academic calendar comprises of three terms as well as a Summer Term in January (ST) and Winter (WT) intensive term in August. You can choose from one of the following term(s) or Tailored Term(s) options. Please note the course sequence.

At the point of nomination, your home university needs to enter a study plan (term selection) for you. This determines your length of study and terms you will be at UNSW.

Term options

- Tailored Term 1 (ST +T1) or Tailored Term 3 (WT + T3)
 - January - mid May or August to mid December
- Term 1 (T1) or Term 3 (T3)
 - February - mid May or September to mid December
- Term 1 + Term 2 (T1+T2)
 - February to late August
- Term 3 + Summer Term (T3+ST)
 - September to early February
- Term 3 + Term 1 (T3+T1)
 - September to mid May
- Full Year - commencing Term 1 (T1+T2+T3) or Full Year - commencing Term 3 (T3+T1+T2)

- February to mid December or September to late August
- Tailored Term 3 and Tailored Term 1 (WT +T3 + ST + T1)
 - August to mid May

Tailored Term 1 or Tailored Term 3

Course Sequence - 1 + 3

Maximum number of courses - 4

Maximum units of credit - 24

Term 1 or Term 3

Course Sequence - 3

Maximum number of courses - 3

Maximum units of credit - 18

Term 1 + Term 2

Course Sequence - 2 + 2

Maximum number of courses - 4

Maximum units of credit - 24

Term 3 + Summer Term

Course Sequence - 3 + 1

Maximum number of courses - 4

Maximum units of credit - 24

Term 3 + Term 1

Course Sequence - 3 + 3

Maximum number of courses - 6

Maximum units of credit - 36

Full Year - commencing Term 1 or commencing Term 3

Course Sequence - 3 + 2 + 3 or 3 + 3 + 2

Maximum number of courses - 8

Maximum units of credit - 48

Tailored Term 3 and Tailored Term 1

Course Sequence - 1 + 3 + 1 + 3

Maximum number of courses - 8

Maximum units of credit - 48

Term dates

Please refer to the Academic Calendar for Study Abroad and Exchange⁸ and Key dates⁹ for UNSW term dates and important information. It is important you are aware of your start and end dates.

You are required to study with UNSW for the entire session and exam period. Your personal exam timetable will be released mid term and you should not make travel arrangements until you have received your exam timetable.

Orientation

All Exchange students are required to attend a compulsory orientation according to their start term. It is normally held the week before Term starts. Details are confirmed closer to the time.

2022 International Student Welcome

- Winter Term: 11 August
- Term 3: 5 September

2023 International Student Welcome

- Summer Term: 3 January (TBC)
- Term 1: 6 February (TBC)

⁸<https://student.unsw.edu.au/calendar/exchange/inbound>

⁹<https://student.unsw.edu.au/calendar/exchange/inbound>

Applications



How to apply

Our application is completely online. You should first be nominated by your home university (please do not make a direct application through our website). Nomination information will be emailed to your home university separately.

Once nominated, an email will be sent to you with information on how to submit your application. You need to upload the following supporting documents as part of your application by the application deadline. We do not require hard copies of applications. We send offers and enrolment information after the application deadline.

1. Academic transcript (with English translation, if applicable)
2. ID page of passport. (If you don't have a current passport, please upload a copy of your old passport and email us a copy of their new one when received)
3. Proof of English language¹⁰ proficiency, if applicable

Deadlines

Tailored Term 1 & Term 1

- Nomination deadline: 5 October

¹⁰<https://www.unsw.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/english-language-requirements#studyabroadexchangeStudents>

- Application deadline: 15 October
- Term selection/length of stay deadline: 15 October

Tailored Term 3 & Term 3

- Nomination deadline: 26 March
- Application deadline: 1 April
- Term selection/length of stay deadline: 1 April

Please note all above dates are Sydney time (AEDT). We send offers and visa documentation after the application deadline. It is not possible to change your term selection after the deadline.

Language requirements

If English is not your first language, you will need to provide proof of your English proficiency at time of application. You can do this by providing evidence that you meet one of UNSW's approved criteria. This is currently 6.5 IELTS or 90 TOEFL (iBT) for Exchange students. You are only required to meet the overall score for IELTS and TOEFL, you do not need to meet each of the subtests. For prior study conditions and other acceptable criteria please see English language requirements | UNSW Sydney¹¹

It is important to check you meet our English requirements before being nominated by your home university. It is too late to sit a test after our application deadline if you don't meet our entry requirements. You should arrange your language tests at least 6 months in advance.

The Australian Government also has requirements for student visas. You must verify and meet any visa requirements.

Grade requirements

You should have equivalent to either a credit average or 3.0 GPA

¹¹<https://www.unsw.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/english-language-requirements#studyabroadexchangestudents>

Housing, living costs & Social Activities



On-campus Housing

UNSW affiliated Colleges and Apartments¹² provide high quality accommodation and you should apply directly to the College or Apartment as early as possible. Please make sure you select the affiliated options when using the above link. On campus accommodation is extremely limited and is not guaranteed even if you apply by the deadline.

Check out the UNSW Accommodation virtual tour¹³.

Off-campus Housing

Most exchange students choose to live off campus and enjoy the beautiful suburbs that surround UNSW. Sydney is a safe city, with public transport connecting the UNSW campuses, beaches, and city centre.

- Resources and advice¹⁴
- We recommend students arrive 1-2 weeks early to find off campus accommodation. You may wish to book temporary accommodation¹⁵ to allow time to find more permanent housing

¹²<https://accommodation.unsw.edu.au/compare>

¹³<https://accommodation.unsw.edu.au/virtual-reality-tours>

¹⁴<https://student.unsw.edu.au/accommodation/external>

You should never arrange off-campus accommodation or transfer money from overseas.

Approximate living costs

We recommend around AU\$9,000 – AU\$11,000 per half year and AU\$18,000 – AU\$22,000 per year for an in-person exchange. Please note that this is for the basics¹⁶ and does not include holiday travel and entertainment costs.

Unless you are contacted with confirmation of a scholarship from UNSW, there are no other available funding opportunities. Students are responsible for funding their own exchange.

Social Activities

There are fee-paying social activities during the term that exchange students can participate in. Students are also encouraged to participate in other UNSW activities.

Insurance & OSHC



Overseas Student Health Cover

An Australian student visa requires you to have Overseas Student Health Cover¹⁷ (OSHC) for its full duration (most students from Belgium, Norway and Sweden are exempt). OSHC is a government requirement and cannot be waived with off-shore health insurance and/or comprehensive travel insurance.

¹⁵<https://student.unsw.edu.au/accommodation-short-term>

¹⁶<https://student.unsw.edu.au/approximate-weekly-costs>

¹⁷https://www.privatehealth.gov.au/health_insurance/overseas/overseas_student_health_cover.htm

The UNSW's preferred provider is Medibank. Further instructions are provided upon acceptance.

Working

Student visas allow you to work once you have commenced your course at UNSW. You can work up to 40 hours a fortnight during session and unlimited hours when your course is not in session.

UNSW Employability¹⁸ can assist you with your resume and interview preparation.

Transcripts



UNSW transcripts

An official transcript will be sent to you digitally through My eQuals at the end of your exchange, after results are released, that you can share with your home institution.

See Grade Definitions¹⁹ and Comparing grading systems²⁰ for details on our grading system.

Transcripts for UNSW students

For Exchange Partners who send transcripts for UNSW students electronically, please send them to toc@unsw.edu.au²¹

¹⁸<http://www.careers.unsw.edu.au/>

¹⁹<https://student.unsw.edu.au/grade>

²⁰<https://student.unsw.edu.au/grades-comparison-of-grading-systems>

²¹<mailto:toc@unsw.edu.au>

Contact details



Useful websites

UNSW Sydney unsw.edu.au²²

Academic calendar student.unsw.edu.au/calendar²³

Courses handbook [unsw.edu.au](https://www.handbook.unsw.edu.au/)²⁴

Key Dates student.unsw.edu.au/calendar/exchange/inbound²⁵

Faculties [unsw.edu.au/faculties](https://www.unsw.edu.au/faculties)²⁶

Housing accommodation [unsw.edu.au](https://www.unsw.edu.au/accommodation)²⁷ and student.unsw.edu.au/accommodation²⁸

Equitable Learning Services <https://student.unsw.edu.au/els>

Exchange Office

Email: exchange@unsw.edu.au²⁹

Visit us on the web at www.unsw.edu.au³⁰

²²<http://www.unsw.edu.au/>

²³<https://student.unsw.edu.au/calendar>

²⁴<https://www.handbook.unsw.edu.au/>

²⁵<https://student.unsw.edu.au/calendar/exchange/inbound>

²⁶<https://www.unsw.edu.au/faculties>

²⁷<https://www.accommodation.unsw.edu.au/>

²⁸<https://student.unsw.edu.au/accommodation>

²⁹<mailto:exchange@unsw.edu.au>

³⁰<https://www.unsw.edu.au/>

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UNSW Security

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W: www.estate.unsw.edu.au/security/your-safety



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COMPLIANCE:

The Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000 sets out the legal framework governing delivery of education to overseas students studying in Australia on a student visa. UNSW in providing education services to overseas students complies with the ESOS Framework and the National Code of Practice for Registration Authorities and Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018 (The National Code). A description of the ESOS framework can be found at

the following link: internationaleducation.gov.au/Regulatory-Information/Pages/regulatoryinformation.asp