

WESTERN WORDS

Starting university can be scary. New places to go, people to meet and new terminology. Don't worry, we have you covered with some of the Western Words you are bound to hear when you begin!

ALLOCATE+

The system used by students to register their preferred learning activities, lectures, tutorials etc. Allocate+ sorts all preferences together and places students into their activities.

CENSUS

The date by which tuition fees and student contributions must be paid. Eligible students can choose to defer payment of their fees via a HELP loan, but applications for deferment of tuition fees or student contributions and the provision of their Tax File Number must be made on or before the census date.

EFORMS

An online system to allow students to submit administrative forms online. So far, the Rule Waiver, Pathways Credit, Review of Grade, Advanced Standing and Special Consideration & Deferred Exam forms are available.

LEARNING GUIDE

Details the fundamental mutual obligations and responsibilities of the University and students, in relation to a unit. It provides details on assessments, including due dates and assessment criteria, and what is expected for students to achieve particular grades in the unit.

LECTURE

A lecture is normally held in a large room or lecture theatre with many students and one lecturer. Students are expected to take relevant notes during the lecture.

MYSR

MySR is the University's online student records system, where students manage their enrolment – enrolling, adding, changing or dropping units (until the census date), keeping their personal and contact details up to date, checking their fees and their results.

MYWESTERN

This student portal is a point of entry to the applications, systems and notifications students need at Western. It's where students can check email, access student systems and stay up-to-date with important news and events.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

There may be times when students experience serious misadventure, accidents or extenuating circumstances beyond their control which affects their academic performance. Applying for and receiving special consideration means that those circumstances will be taken into account when their grade is calculated.

SSAF

The Student Services and Amenities Fee is spent on student services and amenities related to sporting and recreational activities, employment and career advice, health and welfare, study skills programs, orientation, child care, financial advice, overseas student services and food services.

TURNITIN

An online plagiarism detection and referencing checking system that compares students' work against other documents in the Turnitin database or that are available online. It identifies and provides reports on similarities between documents.

TUTORIAL

Tutorials are generally small classes of about 25 students, which last about one or two hours. Usually tutorials are used to discuss and debate the lecture material and have an emphasis on student-teacher interaction and class participation.

UNIT OUTLINE

Provides clear and concise information about the unit of study, including credit points, level, prerequisites and assessment requirements.

vUWS

Our online learning environment. Each course and some units have a vUWS site, which may include unit or course outlines, information about assessments, study resources and unit/course announcements.

WESTERNACCOUNT

A WesternAccount gives students access to University online services and systems such as student email and My Student Records (MySR).

WESTERN YOU

An online student experience community that enables WSU students to provide feedback, share ideas through surveys, focus groups and other activities.

