UWS INTERNATIONAL
ORIENTATION PROGRAM
Thursday 16 and Friday 17 February 2012
Building EA | UWS Parramatta Campus

OFFICIAL WELCOME

8.30am – 10.00am  Welcome session for new exchange and study abroad students EA.G.36
(Friday 17 February)

9:00am – 10:00am  Visit our stall holders (also available during lunch-time)

10:00am – 10.30AM Welcome to new international students, EA.G.18
Acknowledgement of Country
Features an indigenous performance by Liv'en Truth!

10:30am – 12noon  Orientation session, EA.G.18
Includes information on UWS support services, visa conditions and responsibilities,
Overseas Student Health Cover and safety.

12noon – 12.45pm Free lunch at the Boiler House
Visit our stall holders, chill to music, meet the animals from the reptile show, get a
henna-tattoo and enjoy a snow cone!

COURSE PLANNING

1:00pm – 1.30pm  Information session on UWS Systems: MySR and Tute Reg and vUWS, EA.G.18

1.30pm – 2.00pm  Course Planning Sessions These sessions provide academic advice that is tailored
to your field of study. The details for these sessions are contained in the attached
schedule titled: Course Planning and Course Orientation Sessions.

Research degree students – contact your principal research supervisor at your home campus to commence your
study.

CAREERS AND EMPLOYMENT

2.00pm – 2.30pm Parramatta campus, EA.G.18, for ALL commencing international students
Need information on work opportunities? This session covers information on
finding work during and after your degree at UWS.
ACCOMMODATION

2.30pm – 3.00pm Parramatta campus, EA.G.18, for ALL commencing international students

Still looking for accommodation? This session covers what’s offered at UWS and tips on finding accommodation in Sydney.

ADMISSIONS AND ENROLMENT HELP

2.00pm – 5:00pm

- I need to pay fees EA.LG.29
- I need to submit documents as stated on my offer letter EA.LG.29
- I need to activate MyUWSAccount* EA.LG.26
- I am ready to enrol* EA.LG.27
- I need enrolment help EA.LG.27
- I have enrolled and I am ready for my Student ID card Student Central, Bldg Ea

*You can also activate your MyUWSAccount and enrol online from home or anywhere you have access to the internet! If you are applying for Advanced Standing (credit for previous study) then you should obtain course planning advice before enrolling.

SESSION LOCATIONS Parramatta campus map

Building EA
10am-12.00pm Official welcome program
1pm – 2pm Course Planning
2pm-5pm Admissions and Enrolment Help

Building EJa
Student ID Card (only available after you enrol)

Building EKb (Boiler House)
12.00pm – 12:45pm Lunch

Free UWS shuttle bus pick-up point

Victoria Road public transport bus stop

Building ESa
International Office

UWS CRICOS Provider Code: 00917K
TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR ORIENTATION

Buses will depart Parramatta campus, Building ENa, behind the Library, UWS Shuttle Bus Stop (refer map).

2.00pm – 5:00pm  To Parramatta train station
A free shuttle bus will operate between Parramatta campus and Parramatta train station EVERY 20 MINUTES between 2:00pm and 5:00pm.

Note: Public Bus Transport L20, S20, S21, S23, S24 or S25 also available from Victoria Road - fare applies (approx. $3)

3:00pm  To other UWS campuses
Free bus transport to other UWS campuses. Buses will depart at 3pm for:
- Bankstown campus then Campbelltown campus
- Penrith campus then Hawkesbury campus

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC PREPARATION (AcPrep)  Friday 24 February

9:30am – 3:30 pm  Parramatta campus, EA.2.31, for ALL commencing international students
AcPrep informs you about how to understand and develop the required skills for academic writing, assignment preparation and approaches to learning required in an Australian university.

Registration is essential. Places are limited. Register online before attending the AcPrep session at:
www.uws.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/getting_help/bridging_programs2

WEEK 0, CAMPUS ORIENTATION SESSIONS  Monday 20 – Friday 24 February

Week 0 Orientation provides you with the opportunity to meet other students in your course, to find your way around campus and learn about skills to assist you with study. Week 0 Orientation runs across all campuses. For more details on Week 0 Orientation go to http://www.uws.edu.au/myorientation/myorientation.

Library tours – are offered in the first week of classes at all campuses. Visit your library to find out more!

CHEAP AND FREE THINGS TO DO IN SYDNEY IN FEBRUARY!

- Ride on a Sydney ferry from Circular Quay to Cockatoo Island and take a guided tour of the largest island in Sydney Harbour. Check out www.cockatooisland.gov.au/index.html
- Get some friends together and visit some fantastic museums such as Australian National Maritime Museum (Darling Harbour), Australian Museum (close to Museum train station in Sydney city), Art Gallery of NSW (close to St James and Martin Place train stations in Sydney city). Entry to most museums is FREE.
- Take a walk around the historic Rocks area of Sydney and explore the Rocks Markets on a weekend. Check out www.therocks.com
- Take a trip to fabulous places within NSW with uwsconnect throughout Autumn session. www.uwsconnect.com.au
# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## First Year Central (FYC)

First Year Central (FYC) helps you to make the most of your time at UWS by providing information on all the services that are available to you as a student of UWS. Many of your questions will be answered by reading about the FYC website in your student diary. Your student diary is distributed on Orientation Day and includes important information to help make your start at UWS easier!

*Go to: www.uws.edu.au ➔ Current Students ➔ Starting out ➔ Step 8 Prepare ➔ First Year Central*

### 1) I have a conditional offer, what is the next step?

If you have a conditional offer, you need to provide all required documents to satisfy the conditions as stated on your offer. These can include:

- To pay your fees for the first session. [EA.LG.29]
- To submit English proficiency requirements. [EA.LG.29]
- To submit your completion letters and final transcripts [EA.LG.29]

Once you have submitted all required documents you will receive a full offer of Admission to UWS. Please accept to receive a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) that you need to obtain your student visa.

**NOTE:** If you have already made the payment and received a CoE for a current program at UWS, a new CoE will not be issued.

**NOTE:** The University does not accept payment in cash.

### 2) What do I do with my offer of Admission to UWS?

Now is the time to accept your offer! [EA.LG.29]

- Pay your tuition fees for the first session and any other charges described in the Offer of Admission
- Complete, sign and return the acceptance, CoE request and payment form to UWS International.

[www.uws.edu.au/international/admissions/how_to_accept](http://www.uws.edu.au/international/admissions/how_to_accept)

### 3) How do I apply for Advanced Standing?

Advanced Standing applications can be made to receive academic credit for previous studies towards your program at UWS. You need to complete and submit the form with all required documents (certified copies required) to UWS International.

[www.uws.edu.au/international/admissions/academic_credit_advanced](http://www.uws.edu.au/international/admissions/academic_credit_advanced)

If you wish to apply for Advanced Standing, please attend the Course Planning Session for your course.

The details for Course Planning Sessions are contained in the attached schedule titled: Course Planning and Course Orientation Sessions

### 4) How do I enrol online into my courses at UWS?

You are able to enrol into your courses after you have accepted your offer, paid fees and submitted all required documents as stated on your letter of Admission. Please activate your MyUWSAccount [EA.LG.26] and then continue with your enrolment online via MySR [EA.LG.27].

Information sheets are provided on the Orientation website [www.uws.edu.au/international/orientation](http://www.uws.edu.au/international/orientation).

**NOTE:** Your enrolment must be completed before you can continue with tutorial registration.

### 5) Can I change my program of study after I’ve accepted?

If you want to change your course of study after acceptance, your application will need to be re-assessed to ensure you meet the admission requirements for your new choice. If you are successful in your application to the new course you will need to be issued with a new CoE.

### 6) Can I change my campus after I’ve accepted?

Many students seek to transfer to other campus locations that suit them better. Please note that is generally not possible to change your campus of study after accepting your offer.

### 7) What is AcPrep (Academic Preparation)? Do I have to attend?

AcPrep is a short academic preparation program which is offered at Parramatta for new international students from all campuses. The program is an introduction to the expectations for assignment writing and assessment at UWS. It has relevant information tailored for university students about study skills, presentations, working in teams and time management. You don’t have to go, but it is highly recommended! AcPrep sessions for new international students only are scheduled for:

- New international students: Friday 24 February 2012, Room EA.2.31, Parramatta Campus, 9:30am-3:30pm.


### 8) What is online tutorial registration?

Tutorial registration is the next step after you’ve completed your enrolment and applies to most units. Note: a “tutorial” refers to any type of supplementary class where you must choose a class from a number of options offered within a unit.

[www.uws.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/enrolling_for_the_first_time/tutorial_registration/tut_reg_faq](http://www.uws.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/enrolling_for_the_first_time/tutorial_registration/tut_reg_faq)

### 9) How to obtain my Student Card?

When you have enrolled at UWS you will need to apply for a Student ID card. This card should be carried with you at all times. You will use this card for Library and photocopier services, accessing IT services, and for identification purposes while you are on campus and in examinations.

You can apply for your Student ID card at any Student Centre once you have enrolled. You will need to provide photo ID before your card can be issued. It takes around ten minutes to produce the card.

### 10) What social activities are offered at UWS?

For trips, tours and more social activities on your campus go to [www.uwsconnect.com.au](http://www.uwsconnect.com.au)!