

WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY



1. About Western Sydney University

Western Sydney University is a world-class university with a growing international reach and reputation for academic excellence and impact-driven research. Ranked among the top three per cent of universities in the world, we value academic excellence, integrity and the pursuit of knowledge. We are globally focused, research-led and committed to making a positive impact on the communities we engage with. As a dynamic place of learning, we continue to challenge traditional notions of what a university 'should' be by pushing the boundaries of how knowledge is exchanged.

The College at Western Sydney University offers students a pathway to university study through its comprehensive range of University Foundation Studies and Diploma programs. Small class sizes and individualised attention from academic staff provide a well-supported environment for students to succeed in their tertiary studies. Successful completion of University Foundation Studies or a Diploma program at The College guarantees entry into a corresponding Western Sydney University undergraduate degree program.

For more information, visit westernsydney.edu.au/thecollege

The College Diploma programs

The College at Western Sydney University provides students with a clear pathway to Western Sydney University through its comprehensive range of Foundation Studies and Diploma programs. Depending on your results, completion of a Diploma course guarantees you entry to the second year of the corresponding Bachelor degree at Western. Diploma courses are offered in a format to prepare students with a variety of skill levels, from those who have a competitive ATAR, to those who did not receive an ATAR at all or who have not studied for a long time.

Application is made through Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) – refer to Pathway course descriptions for courses offered by The College (not all Diploma courses are available in each term).

For further information, visit westernsydney.edu.au/thecollege, call 1300 897 669 or email study@westernsydney.edu.au

Campus locations are:

Bankstown, Campbelltown, Hawkesbury, Lithgow, Liverpool, Nirimba (Blacktown), Parramatta, Parramatta City, Penrith, Sydney City, Sydney Olympic Park.

For more information, including campus maps and transport options, visit westernsydney.edu.au/campuses

Open Days

Western Sydney University Open Day is on Sunday 27 August 2017 at the Parramatta campus, Cnr James Ruse Drive and Victoria Road, Parramatta, NSW 2150.

Whether you are choosing a future career path, returning to study after some time in the workforce or a current high school student, the information at Western Sydney University Open Day can help steer you in the right direction.

Find out about the Open Day and register your interest at westernsydney.edu.au/openday

University Semester Dates

Summer session Monday 27 November 2017 – Sunday 18 February 2018

Autumn session Monday 5 March – Sunday 1 July 2018

Spring session Monday 30 July – Sunday 25 November 2018

Sydney City campus

Session 1 Monday 5 March – Friday 15 June 2018

Session 2 Monday 2 July – Friday 12 October 2018

Session 3 Monday 29 October 2018 – Friday 15 February 2019

The College

Term 1 Monday 5 March – Sunday 10 June 2018

Term 2 Monday 2 July – Monday 8 October 2018

Term 3 Monday 29 October 2018 – Sunday 3 February 2019

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2. Admission criteria

A. Applicants with higher education study

If you have completed or partly completed any tertiary studies, including TAFE courses, accredited AQF courses from private colleges or previous university studies, you may be considered for admission on the basis of those studies. Refer to individual course entries for any additional selection criteria.

If you have previous tertiary studies, you may be eligible for Advanced Standing. Advanced Standing is recognition of prior learning in terms of experience and/or studies. When you apply for Advanced Standing, we will assess your prior learning and may award you Advanced Standing in the course in which you are currently studying in recognition of what

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Completed bridging or enabling course

If you do not have the assumed knowledge indicated in a course description, you are still eligible to apply for that course. Western Sydney University runs a number of bridging programs in February each year, before the start of session. Academic literacy and grammar workshops and Mathematics workshops are available to new and continuing students. While these bridging/enabling programs do not benefit students into gaining an offer to a course at Western Sydney University, they provide an opportunity for students to find out what is expected at university and to develop their academic skills in preparation for studying their degree.

B. Applicants with vocational education and training (VET) study

There are VET pathways into specific Undergraduate courses at Western Sydney University.

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[Search Western Sydney University Pathways](#)

C. Applicants with recent secondary education (within the past two years)

Australian Year 12 students

If you are a 2017 Australian Year 12 student, you will be considered for admission on the basis of your ATAR or equivalent. Refer to individual course entries for any additional selection criteria.

Western Sydney University is a participating institution that accepts the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB) and Bilingual Diploma as equivalent to an Australian Year 12 qualification. All information regarding the IB to ATAR equivalence can be found on the IB webpage on UAC.

[UAC Admission Requirements](#)

ATAR-related adjustments

There are a few ways you may be able to boost your selection rank by up to 10 bonus points. Bonus points apply to all Western Sydney University courses excluding those with additional selection criteria:

1. **Regional Bonus Points** - If you live or go to school in Western Sydney and are completing the NSW HSC or International Baccalaureate (IB) in 2017 you will automatically receive five bonus points when you apply through UAC to study at Western Sydney University. If you are a non-current school leaver (not completing the HSC or IB at the time of applying to university) and live or study in the Western Sydney region you also automatically receive five bonus points when you apply through UAC to study at Western Sydney University.
2. **Subject Bonus Points** - Western Sydney University rewards outstanding academic achievement of 2017 HSC or IB students with up to 10 subject bonus points. You must achieve Band 5 or 6 results in HSC subjects relevant to the participating Western Sydney University course you want to study. Generally, this scheme does not apply to any Advanced or Dean's Scholar courses.
3. **Education Access Scheme (EAS)**: EAS bonus points are awarded to applicants who have experienced long-term educational disadvantage. To qualify, you must demonstrate that your educational performance during Year 11 and/or Year 12, or equivalent, has been seriously affected by circumstances beyond your control. EAS applications are processed centrally through UAC. If you have a record of tertiary study, your EAS eligibility for this institution will always be 'No'.
4. **Elite Athlete and Performer Bonus Scheme**: Western Sydney University is recognised as an elite athlete-friendly university and welcomes applications for the Elite Athlete and Performer Bonus Scheme. If you have been disadvantaged during your current or previous Year 12 studies due to performance and training commitments, you are encouraged to apply.

1659 Bachelor of Music, 1655 Bachelor of Music (Dean's Scholars), 1841 Bachelor of Music/Bachelor of Creative Industries and 1838 Bachelor of Creative Industries (Music major only) students will be selected by (i) interview/audition; or (ii) demonstrated level of attainment in 6th grade AMEB musical performance (instrument or voice) or equivalent, and 4th grade AMEB music theory and/or musicianship or equivalent; or (iii) successful completion of a TAFE Diploma or Advanced Diploma.

1735 Bachelor of Humanitarian and Development Studies, 1732 Bachelor of Planning/Master of Urban Management and Planning, 1667 Bachelor of Social Science, 1733 Bachelor of Social Science (Advanced), 1664 Bachelor of Tourism Management, 1790 Bachelor of Anthropology good performance in HSC Geography Enrichment Day exam will lower ATAR requirements for these courses to 55.00.

All The Academy courses, i.e. Advanced and Dean's Scholar courses, can receive full offer via Academy Global Leaders program.

1696 Bachelor of Communication, 1838 Bachelor of Creative Industries, 1791 Bachelor of Screen Media (Arts and Production) participation at Communication Career and Portfolio Day or Communication - Young Creative's Day will lower ATAR requirements for these courses to 55.00.

1571 Bachelor of Design (Visual Communication) participation at Design Career and Portfolio Day will lower the ATAR requirement for this course to 55.00.

Criteria that may apply in addition to ATAR

All The Academy courses, i.e. Advanced and Dean's Scholar courses, require a minimum ATAR or equivalent of 90.00 to be eligible for admission.

4641 Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery applicants must submit an online registration form with the School of Medicine by 5pm Friday 29 September 2017, register and sit the UMAT test and for those applicants who meet both UMAT and academic threshold, attend an interview in late November.

4684 Bachelor of Midwifery applicants who reach the academic threshold may be invited to attend an interview. Entry is based on both academic merit and performance at an interview.

Other admission options

Western Sydney University participates in the Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS), processed centrally through UAC, allowing Year 12 students who are UAC applicants to receive early offers of undergraduate admission. SRS aims to assist access to higher education using selection criteria other than the ATAR, including school recommendations and senior secondary studies.

2501 Bachelor of Laws (Graduate entry) is only available to graduates/graduands with a Bachelor degree.

2502 Bachelor of Laws (Non-graduate entry) applications will only be considered from those who have the following qualifications: TAFE or university Diploma, Advanced Diploma or a record of study equivalent to one year of full-time study at Bachelor level from an approved university.

3729 Bachelor of Design and Technology, 3730 Bachelor of Industrial Design, 3731 Bachelor of Industrial Design (Honours) applicants who are unlikely to obtain entry to this course on the basis of academic qualifications (ATAR or equivalent of 60.00) can be considered for alternative entry by attending an interview.

3726 Bachelor of Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security completing the Growing Agriculture EMP project will mean that applicants have a conditional offer to this course provided that they complete the HSC.

Interstate Year 12

For ACT, SA, NT, TAS, VIC and WA Year 12 applicants, the ATAR they receive from ACT BSSS, SATAC, TASC, VTAC and TISC respectively is equivalent to the NSW ATAR.

For Year 12 applicants in QLD, the OP rank provided by QCAA is used to derive an equivalent ATAR. More information can be found on the Interstate page on the UAC website.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/admission/interstate.shtml>

D. Applicants with work and life experience

(includes those who left secondary education more than 2 years ago)

Your application can be considered for entry to most Western Sydney University courses on the basis of work experience. A vocational rank, based on paid employment of one year or more, is determined by the type of work and the length of service provided that the applicant provides a statement of service.

University Foundation Studies programs are designed for students who need to build up a set of academic study and subject skills before undertaking a university degree. These one- or two-term programs are ideally suited to students who: have not performed to their full potential in their HSC; do not possess the specific prerequisites or assumed knowledge for the degree of their choice; or have not studied for some time and need to bring their study skills up to date. Successful completion of The College University Foundation Studies offers guaranteed direct entry into specific Western Sydney University first-year undergraduate programs.

If you have not completed an Australian Year 12, do not possess any formal qualification, or want to improve your chances of selection, you are advised to sit the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT). If you have previously sat a STAT, Western Sydney University will look at STAT results from 2014 onwards. If you have more than one STAT result, we will consider the best result of any STAT sitting from 2014 onwards. STAT is considered for all courses except those with additional selection criteria.

Bridging and enabling course entry

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3. Additional information

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Alternative Entry Program is available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who do not have a HSC or other qualification, or

who have an ATAR lower than required for their chosen course - there are three steps to complete an application:

1. Select a Course
2. Confirm Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander status and complete the forms available on the website at the link below
3. ATSI Alternative Entry Program testing and interview

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/atsieducation/atsi_education/atsi_alternative_entry

Domestic applicants with overseas qualifications

Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia with overseas qualifications can contact Western Sydney University to discuss eligibility for admission.

Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International - National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and Western Sydney University.

If you hold qualifications from countries where English is not the standard language of instruction, you must provide evidence of English language proficiency.

English language proficiency

If you have not completed secondary education within Australia, in order to meet English Language Proficiency Requirements, applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

1. A minimum of 4 years completed Australian Secondary studies but you were not eligible for an ATAR/UAI/TER.
2. Incomplete AQF Diploma or Advanced Diploma where you have completed at least 3/4 of the course and your GPA is 3 or above.
3. Australian university studies where the minimum full-time equivalence is one semester.
4. Overseas university studies where the minimum full-time equivalence is one year and the medium of instruction of the course is English.
5. IELTS test with 6.5 overall (min. 6.0 in each subtest) NB: some courses require higher IELTS results for entry with details of these available at the link below

[English language proficiency requirements](#)

4. How to apply

Applications are now open for Undergraduate courses. Domestic students can apply either:

1. Directly to Western Sydney University through our [WSU Apply Now Application Portal](#) - no application fee applies.
2. Through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC).

Early offer opportunities (before ATAR release):

1. Academy Global Leaders Program - for high-achieving students planning to study an advanced degree, this program includes membership of The Academy, a \$2,000 Smart Start scholarship, an overseas academic or leadership experience and a guaranteed internship.
2. Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS) - If you apply through UAC by Friday 29 September 2017 you could be eligible for a huge range of courses before you ATAR is released.
3. Guaranteed Entry - Receive an offer from Western with your ATAR results. Details on the new Guaranteed Entry program will be available later this year.
[WSU Apply Now](#)

5. Enrolment

To accept your offer, you need to activate your student account (called your 'WesternAccount'). This account gives you access to all our online services (including My Student Records (MySR) – your online student record, the Library, your student email account and more). You'll need your Western Student ID number (which is sent to you with your offer). If you're having problems finding this, please call our course information line 1300 668 370 or email study@westernsydney.edu.au

You'll need to provide your UAC number and the name of the course you've been offered and confirm your full name and date of birth.

[Manage your WesternAccount](#)
[Western Sydney University WebConnect](#)

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[Western Sydney University Pathways](#)

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Eforms - <https://eforms.uws.edu.au/eforms/login.htm>

Deferment of Offer

For most courses, you may be able to defer your offer and start at a later date. Refer to how to defer your offer for more information. If you'd like to apply for a deferral, please complete a deferment form. If you have questions about deferrals, please email us directly: admissions@westernsydney.edu.au.

How to Defer

You may be able to defer your offer and start your course later. Read the information below to find out if you're eligible and how to defer your offer by the relevant deadline.

[How to defer your offer](#)

[Application for deferment of new offer](#)

Fees and Charges

Tuition fees

As a student, you may need to pay a number of fees throughout your studies, depending on your degree and your enrolment status. These fees may include student contribution and tuition fees. If you're eligible, you may also be able to obtain a HELP loan for payment of your student contribution or tuition fees.

Fees for undergraduate International students are different than for local students (Australian citizens, Australian permanent residents, NZ citizens, and holders of an Australian permanent resident humanitarian visa). Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) is a fee all students pay, which funds services and amenities including 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.

The University consults with students and their representatives about what you see as the priorities for student services and amenities.

[Western Sydney University Fees and University costs](#)

6. Student profile

The table below gives an indication of the likely peer cohort for new students at the institution. It provides data on students that commenced undergraduate study and passed the census date in the most relevant recent intake period for which data are available, including those admitted through all offer rounds, across all Australian campuses, and international students studying in Australia.

Applicant background	Semester one 2017	
	Number of students	Percentage of all students
(A) Higher education study (includes a bridging or enabling course)	2712	24.8%
(B) Vocational education and training (VET) study	1048	9.6%
(C) Recent secondary education:		
• Admitted solely on the basis of ATAR (regardless of whether this includes the impact of adjustment factors such as equity or subject bonus points)	1327	12.2%
• Admitted where both ATAR and additional criteria were considered (e.g. portfolio, audition, extra test, early offer conditional on minimum ATAR)	1832	16.8%
• Admitted on the basis of other criteria only and ATAR was <i>not</i> a factor (e.g. special consideration, audition alone, schools recommendation scheme with no minimum ATAR requirement)	2345	21.5%
(D) Work and life experience (Admitted on the basis of previous achievement other than the above)	823	7.5%
International students	834	7.6%
All students	10921	100.0%

Notes: L/N - Low numbers: the number of students is less than 5.
N/A - Data not available for this item.
N/P - Not published: the number is hidden to prevent calculation of numbers in cells with less than 5 students.

7. Where to get further information

- [TEQSA national register](#)
- [QILT website](#)
- [UAC Undergraduate Course Search](#)
- [WSU – How to Apply](#)
- [Complaints Management and Resolution](#)