

Words to learn

University has lingo you may not be familiar with, but to make it easier, here's a list of words and what they mean.

MY STUDENT RECORDS (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

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

Handbook

The Handbook is where you will find descriptions of all programs and subjects offered at Western Sydney University. You'll find details on a subject's location, semester, assessment, etc.

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.

Census

The date tuition fees and student contributions must be paid. Eligible students can request payments be made via a HELP loan, but applications must be made on or before the census date.

Stuvac

A mid semester break before exam period where there are no tutorials.

My Western

The University of Western Sydney's Online Portal. It has timetable information and handy links to sites you'll commonly use.

HECS HELP

A HECS-HELP Loan is a scheme that assists eligible Commonwealth supported students to pay their student contribution amount with a loan.

GPA

An indication of your academic progression in a course. This is typically calculated by adding all the numbered grades you've received and dividing them by the number of credits you've taken.

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.

Tutorial

A tutorial is a small class where set readings and lecture materials are discussed in an inclusive group environment. Students sometimes have to lead tutorial discussions or make presentations.

Scholarship

A grant or payment made to support a student's education, awarded on the basis of academic or other achievement. Scholarships are available for undergraduate and postgraduate study.

Major

A collection of units taken which focus on a specific area of study in a degree. A major comprises 80 credit points (approximately 8 units)

Unit

A unit of study normally of one session. Normally equating to 10 credit points. A unit is the equivalent of a subject at school. Students will study a number of individual units to make up their whole course.