



Student Exchange and Study Abroad Program Guide

Enjoy life-changing experiences at
The University of Western Australia



THE UNIVERSITY OF
**WESTERN
AUSTRALIA**



Welcome to our community



We're delighted that you are considering studying at UWA.

At our university, our role is to nurture a sense of purpose and curiosity that will empower you to make a difference in the world. You'll learn from passionate leaders in an immersive, industry-connected environment that will prepare you for a rewarding future.

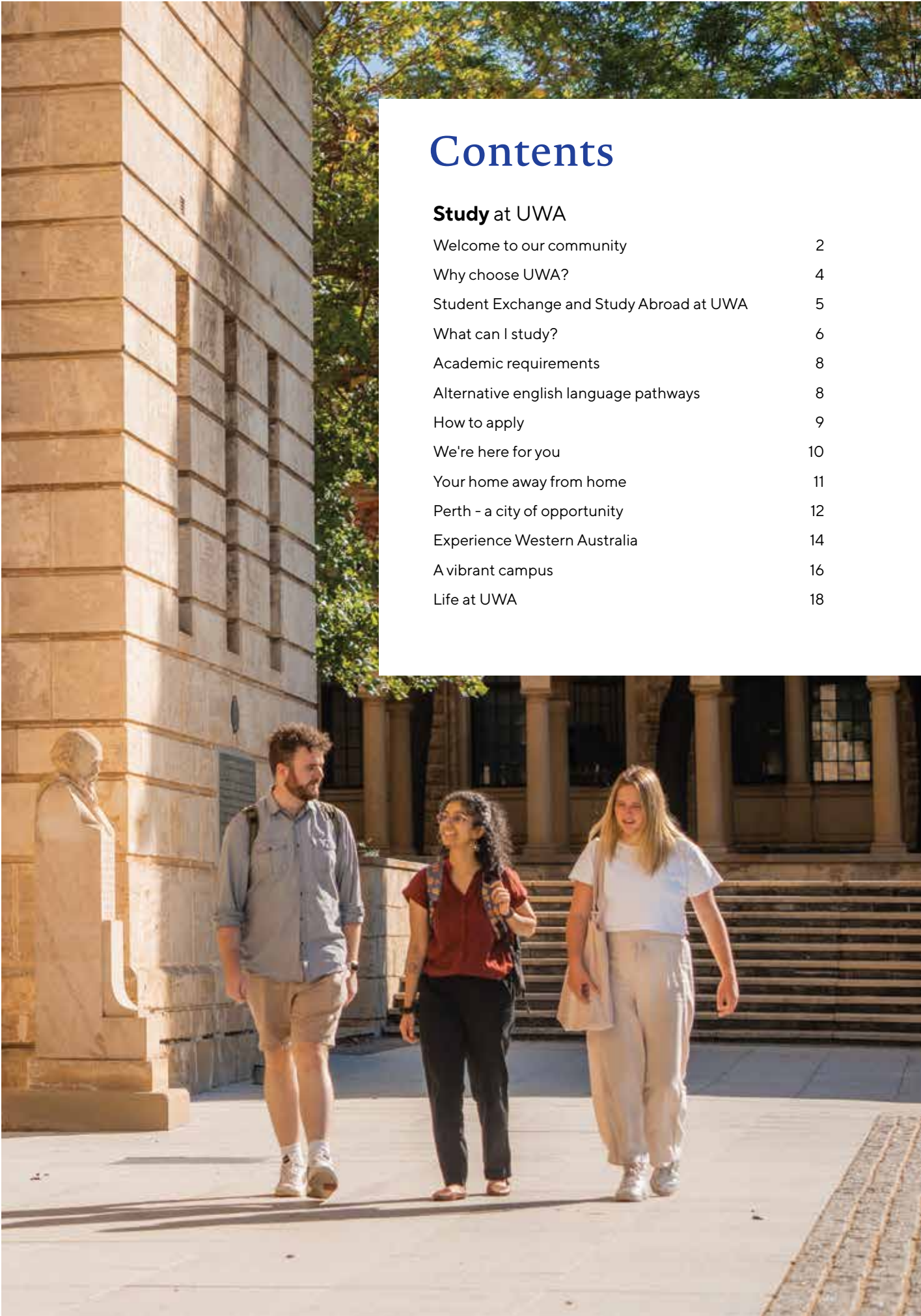
I'm proud to say that our university is an inclusive and multicultural community – a place where you can make lifelong friends and participate in a university experience that extends well beyond the classroom.

We are here to support you at every step of your life-changing university journey and to set you up with the knowledge and skills to thrive in your career.

VICE-CHANCELLOR
PROFESSOR AMIT CHAKMA

The University of Western Australia acknowledges that its campuses are situated on Noongar land and that Noongar people remain the spiritual and cultural custodians of their land, and continue to practise their values, languages, beliefs and knowledge.



The background of the page features a large, light-colored stone building with classical architectural details, including columns and a statue. In the foreground, three students are walking towards the right: a man with a beard in a light blue shirt and khaki shorts, a woman with dark curly hair in a red shirt and black pants, and a woman with blonde hair in a white t-shirt and light-colored pants. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

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Why choose UWA?

Stand out from the crowd and enjoy life-changing experiences at a world top 100 university (QS 2026) and a proud member of the Group of Eight. While studying at UWA in Perth, you will join a community of more than 27,000 students and benefit from our industry connections, innovative courses, commitment to our student experience and high-impact research.

Ranked in the **world's top 50**:

Agriculture and Forestry
Anatomy and Physiology
Geology
Mineral and Mining Engineering
Sports-Related Subjects

(QS WUR BY SUBJECT 2025)

Agricultural Sciences
Biological Sciences
Clinical Medicine
Environmental Science and Engineering
Marine and Ocean Engineering
Mining and Mineral Engineering
Oceanography
Water Resources

(GRAS 2024)



See a full list of our rankings at
uwa.edu.au/rankings-reputation

Student Exchange and Study Abroad at UWA

Studying abroad is a unique opportunity to travel, experience new cultures, and gain a fresh perspective that'll help you stand out in your career. With our Student Exchange and Study Abroad (SESA) program, you can explore Australia without taking time out from your degree.

Student Exchange

If your university or college has a formal student exchange agreement with UWA, you can apply to study with us as an exchange student. This means you don't pay tuition fees at UWA, but continue to pay the tuition fees of your home university or college.

There are additional costs that both exchange and study abroad students will need to consider, such as an Australian Student Visa, Overseas Student Health Cover (medical insurance), accommodation, books, transport and living expenses.

Study Abroad

If your university or college doesn't have a formal student exchange agreement with UWA, or if all available exchange places have been filled, you can still study with us as a study abroad student. You're also eligible to apply as a study abroad student if you've completed high school but haven't yet enrolled at a university. To study on this basis, tuition fees are payable and are based on a standard enrolment.

As a student exchange or study abroad student, you will have the same rights and privileges enjoyed by other UWA students and must also abide by the same rules and regulations.

Selecting your classes

How many units can I take?

You will need to enrol in a full academic load of 18-24* points per semester. Most units are worth six points, so this typically means enrolling in three to four units per semester. While most units run for a single semester, some may be full-year units. Please check with your home university to confirm the credit requirements for your program.

How do I select my units?

You can use the online UWA Handbook to browse units offered at UWA. Each unit code consists of four letters indicating the discipline (such as ECON for Economics, PSYC for Psychology) followed by four numbers.

- Units beginning with 1 to 3 are generally undergraduate units. A code beginning with 1 represents first-year level studies, 2 represents second-year level studies, and so on.

- Units beginning with 4 are generally honours-level and may require at least of three years' study prior to enrolling. Please note these units are not always available to student exchange and study abroad students.
- Units beginning with 5 and above are postgraduate-level and require a minimum of three years' study in a relevant field prior to enrolling.
- UWA does not offer a Bachelor of Law, but instead a postgraduate Juris Doctor. As a result, there are restrictions on the Law units that student exchange and study abroad students can enrol in. For more information, contact the Global Learning Office.
- Medicine, Dentistry and Postgraduate Psychology units are not available to student exchange and study abroad students.

handbooks.uwa.edu.au

*Enrolling in additional credit in excess of 24 points per semester will result in additional fees.

Prerequisites

You will need to meet the relevant academic prerequisites in both level and content.

Academic year

The UWA academic year runs from late February to late November. Semester 1 commences in February, Semester 2 commences in July. You are welcome attend UWA for one or two semesters, either within a single academic year or across a split year (starting in July).

Teaching period

You should normally select units which are offered in Semester 1 or Semester 2. If you wish to enrol in units offered in other study periods, contact the Global Learning Office.

Location

You can choose to study at our Perth campus or at the Albany campus, which is located in a rural city five hours south of Perth. If you are considering studying in Albany, please contact the Global Learning Office before you apply. Full year student exchange and study abroad students may also have the option to study one semester in Albany and one semester in Perth.

For more information visituwa.edu.au/study/global

What can I study?

UWA's curriculum offers a wide range of majors and the flexibility to tailor your study plan to your interests and your home university's credit requirements. You can choose units at different levels and across multiple disciplines, as long as you meet the academic prerequisites. Please note, some units may have restrictions. Units in Medicine, Dentistry, and Postgraduate Psychology are not available to student exchange and study abroad students.

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Choose units from the following majors and specialisations:

Agriculture and Environment

- Agribusiness
- Agricultural Science
- Agricultural Technology
- Environmental Management
- Environmental Science
- Geographical Sciences
- Agribusiness and Agricultural Science
- Agricultural Science and Technology
- Environmental Science and Ecology
- Environmental Science and Management
- Geographical and Spatial Science

Allied Health

- Humanities in Health and Medicine
- Social Work
- Podiatric Health and Medical Sciences

Biological Sciences

- Botany
- Conservation Biology
- Marine Biology
- Zoology
- Biodiversity and Evolution
- Plant Biology
- Wildlife Conservation
- Marine Science

Biomedical Sciences

- Microbiology and Immunology
- Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
- Pharmacology
- Microbiology and Immunology

Business School

- Work and Employment Relations
- Business Management
- Enterprise and Innovation
- Global Business
- Accounting
- Business Analytics
- Business Economics
- Finance
- Human Resource Management
- Management
- Marketing
- Economics
- Financial Economics

Conservatorium of Music

- Contemporary Popular Music
- Music and Society
- Electronic Music and Sound Design
- General Studies
- Music Studies
- Music Theatre

Dental School

- Integrated Dental Sciences

Earth & Oceans

- Geology
- Marine and Coastal Processes
- Geochemistry
- Integrated Earth and Marine Science

Engineering

- Automation and Robotics Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mining Engineering
- Software Engineering

Human Sciences

- Anatomy and Human Biology
- Exercise and Health
- Neuroscience
- Physiology
- Anatomy and Human Biology
- Exercise and Health
- Neuroscience
- Physiology
- Sport Science
- Human Science and Neuroscience
- Human Sciences and Data Analytics
- Human Sciences (Anatomy and Physiology)
- Sport Science, Exercise and Health

Humanities

- Classics and Ancient History
- English and Literary Studies
- French Studies
- Gender Studies
- German Studies
- History
- Italian Studies
- Japanese Studies
- Korean Studies
- Linguistics
- Philosophy
- Spanish Studies
- Human Rights
- Media and Communication
- French Studies
- German Studies
- Italian Studies
- Spanish Studies
- Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Law School

- Criminology
- Law and Society
- Business Law
- Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Juris Doctor

Medical School

- Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing
- Integrated Medical Sciences and Clinical Practice
- Medical Science

Molecular Sciences

- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Genetics
- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Chemistry
- Genetics
- Biochemistry of Nutrition
- Molecular Life Sciences

Physics, Mathematics and Computing

- Computer Science
- Cybersecurity
- Data Science
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Statistics
- Artificial Intelligence
- Computing and and Data Science
- International Cybersecurity
- Quantum Computing
- Mathematics

Population and Global Health

- Public Health

Psychological Sciences

- Psychological and Behavioural Sciences
- Psychology

School of Design

- Fine Arts
- History of Art
- Architecture (Extended Major)
- Environmental Geography and Planning
- Landscape Architecture
- Art History and Curatorial Studies

School of Indigenous Studies

- Indigenous Knowledge, History and Heritage

Social Sciences

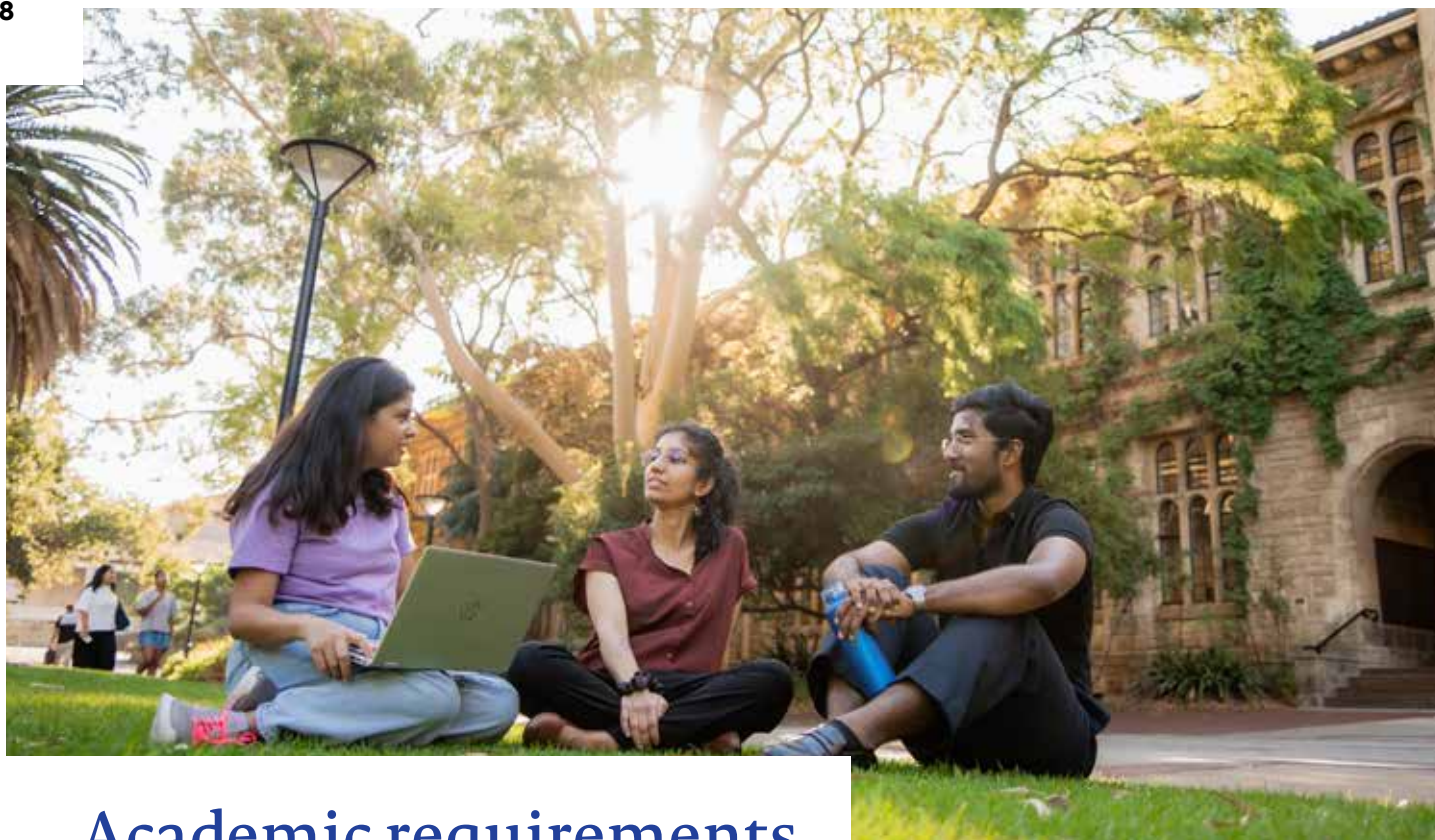
- Anthropology
- Applied Human Geography
- Archaeology
- Asian Studies
- Chinese Studies
- Communication and Media Studies
- Indonesian Studies
- Political Science and International Relations
- International Relations
- Chinese Studies

- Indonesian Studies
- Japanese Studies
- Korean Studies
- Social and Environmental Sustainability
- Pharmaceutical Health

Research

UWA is a leading research institution with strong connections to thought leaders around the world. Many of our courses encourage students to explore research, so there may be opportunities for you to undertake research during your undergraduate studies. If you would like to pursue undergraduate research during your time at UWA, you will need to confirm all arrangements prior to arrival. Contact the Global Learning Office for more information.

If you are interested in graduate research, you will need to first contact a Graduate Research Coordinator in the appropriate school to discuss your proposed topic and check the availability of your preferred supervisor. Visit research-repository.uwa.edu.au for a list of Graduate Research Coordinators.



Academic requirements

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS	UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS	POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS
At the time of the application, you should have completed a high school qualification that meets with the admission requirements for entry into the relevant bachelor's degree program at UWA (for example, Bachelor of Arts). uwa.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/international-and-overseas-qualifications	To study at UWA as a student exchange or study abroad student, you should normally: • have completed one semester of tertiary study at a recognised institution • have a nomination from your home university to participate in the UWA Student Exchange and Study Abroad program, if you are applying through a UWA partner university • be in good academic standing at your home university	Admission to postgraduate courses normally requires the completion of an undergraduate degree.

In addition to meeting the Academic requirements, students must meet one of the English Language requirements.

Alternative english language pathways

Students who do not meet UWA's standard English Language Competency requirements may be approved admission to UWA on the basis of the Alternative English Language pathway. Admission via this pathway is assessed on a case-by-case basis. If approved, students must enrol in the following unit during their first semester at UWA: Professional and Academic Communications (PACM1100).

Minimum scores for this conditional offer are:

- IELTS 6.0 (no band score below 5.5)
- Internet-based TOEFL 70 (17 in Listening, 19 in Speaking, 14 in Reading, 20 in Writing)
- EAP Pathway: Overall score of 65% (no score less than 60%)
- UWA CELT Pathway: Bridging Course Module 1, overall score 65% / Module 2, overall score 60% (no score less than 60%)

For a full list of the University's English language requirements, refer to uwa.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/english-language-requirements. Results for ACT, SAT, TOEFL, IELTS and PTE are valid for two years only.



How to apply

Study Abroad

Applying directly to UWA

To study as a study abroad student, your home university can nominate you, or you can apply independently.

For more information visit uwa.edu.au/study/global

Applying through a UWA representative overseas

If you are applying via an approved UWA representative, your agent must first nominate you to the Global Learning Office. Once this nomination has been received, you will receive an email from the UWA Global Learning Office inviting you to apply.

UWA has representatives in more than 60 countries. A complete list of representatives can be found at uwa.edu.au/study/agents

Student Exchange

Applying through your home university

If your university has an exchange agreement with UWA, you need to be nominated to participate in the exchange program.

Compulsory application documents

Make sure you have the following documentation ready before you start your application for UWA:

- a colour copy of your passport
- your original academic transcript (or a certified copy)
- evidence of English language competency (if applicable)

Where documents are not in English, a certified English translation must be enclosed with your application.

Application deadlines

Semester 1 (February – June)

- Nominations by 15 October
- Application and documents due by 30 October

Semester 2 (July – November)

- Nominations due by 30 March
- Application and documents due by 15 April

Finances

It's important to have considered the fees and expenses you will incur when you study at UWA. Please ensure you have reviewed the tuition fees and any ancillary fees prior to applying.

Study abroad (not student exchange) students, or their sponsors, must pay tuition fees to UWA. These are paid either through your home institution or directly to UWA.

Exchange students are exempt from paying UWA tuition fees. Instead, these fees are paid to their home institution.

For more information about fees visit uwa.edu.au/study/courses-and-careers/study-abroad-and-student-exchange/uwa-inbound



We're here for you

You'll have plenty of support and help when you get to UWA. Here are just a few of the services we offer.

Getting started

Take part in orientation activities, receive mentoring and support from an experienced student (UniMentor) to help you settle into uni life and find your people, your place and your purpose.

Course advice

Advice on study plans, enrolment, scholarships, exams, studying abroad, graduating and more.

Academic support

One-on-one support, workshops and programs to improve your study techniques, writing, English language, maths, stats and research skills.

International student support

Our dedicated support services will help you settle into Western Australia and UWA life.

UWA Student Guild

Run by students, for students, to make sure you have the best university experience possible.

Accessibility support

Perform at your academic best with support for any disability, whether a physical or mental health condition. UWA can help, no matter if your condition is ongoing, temporary or episodic.

Health and wellbeing

Confidential medical, safety and mental health and wellbeing support available with a variety of specialist services and a pharmacy on campus. If you're looking for a doctor, there's a Medical Centre on campus, along with counsellors, psychologists and more.

You can also drop into The Living Room (in Reid Library) to have a chat with a peer supporter about anything, no appointment needed.

Safety

UWA's dedicated security team is on campus 24/7 and is available to walk you to your car, bus stop or UWA accommodation after hours.

Career support

Personalised career advice, industry mentoring, online resources, networking events, workshops and more.

Childcare services

Available for children aged six weeks to five years, plus after school and vacation care for primary school-aged children.

Find out more about support services at UWA:
uwa.edu.au/study/student-life/student-support

Your home away from home

UWA residential colleges

Make the most of your time at UWA and enjoy an amazing, fully inclusive lifestyle. Our five residential colleges, collectively known as College Row, are located directly opposite UWA, so you can sleep in late and still get to class on time.

As well as your own secure, fully furnished room, you'll get meals, cleaning, utilities, internet and more included in your fees. Plus, you will have access to an action-packed calendar of events, plenty of space to study, relax or be active, 24/7 support, personal and career-development opportunities and a great community of friends.

Living off campus

Perth city accommodation

UWA has partnered with purpose-built student accommodation and co-living properties including Yugo Perth City, the Switch, Campus Perth, and Beatty Lodge. These options provide a community-living experience, fostering greater independence for students. All are conveniently located close to public transport for easy access to UWA.

UWA Hosted Accommodation

We've partnered with homestay agencies, to provide students with the opportunity to have a seamless transition by living with UWA alumni or neighbours while adjusting to university life and a new city. With UWA Hosted Accommodation, you'll get more than just a room for rent; you'll get a rewarding experience, lifelong connections, and a warm welcome to Perth.

Partners of UWA Homestays Networks include Australian Homestay Network and Talk About Homestays.

UWA rental partners

UWA has partnered up with reputable real estate agencies to explore the private rental market with you.

Short Stay accommodation

UWA provides both its own Short Stay accommodations and a curated range of recommended university-affiliated options, catering to those seeking temporary lodging solutions. Stays are available from as little as one night to a maximum of two months.

UWA Accommodation Concierge

Our Accommodation Concierge service takes the guesswork out of finding accommodation that fits your lifestyle and budget while you study. Find out the latest information on accommodation options or contact us for assistance.

Find out more at:

uwa.edu.au/study/student-life/accommodation

There are five colleges to choose from:



St Catherine's College
stcatherines.uwa.edu.au



St George's College
stgc.uwa.edu.au



St Thomas More College
stmcc.uwa.edu.au



Trinity Residential College
trc.uwa.edu.au



University Hall
unihall.uwa.edu.au



Perth - a city of opportunity

When you study at UWA, you're not just choosing a world top 100 university (QS 2026) you're choosing to live in a city that's the perfect place for studying and launching your career when you graduate.

Perth is a vibrant, multicultural city full with opportunity. Its thriving social scene offers an abundance of festivals, eateries, bars and bustling weekend markets that add flavour to the city and its suburbs.



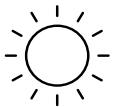
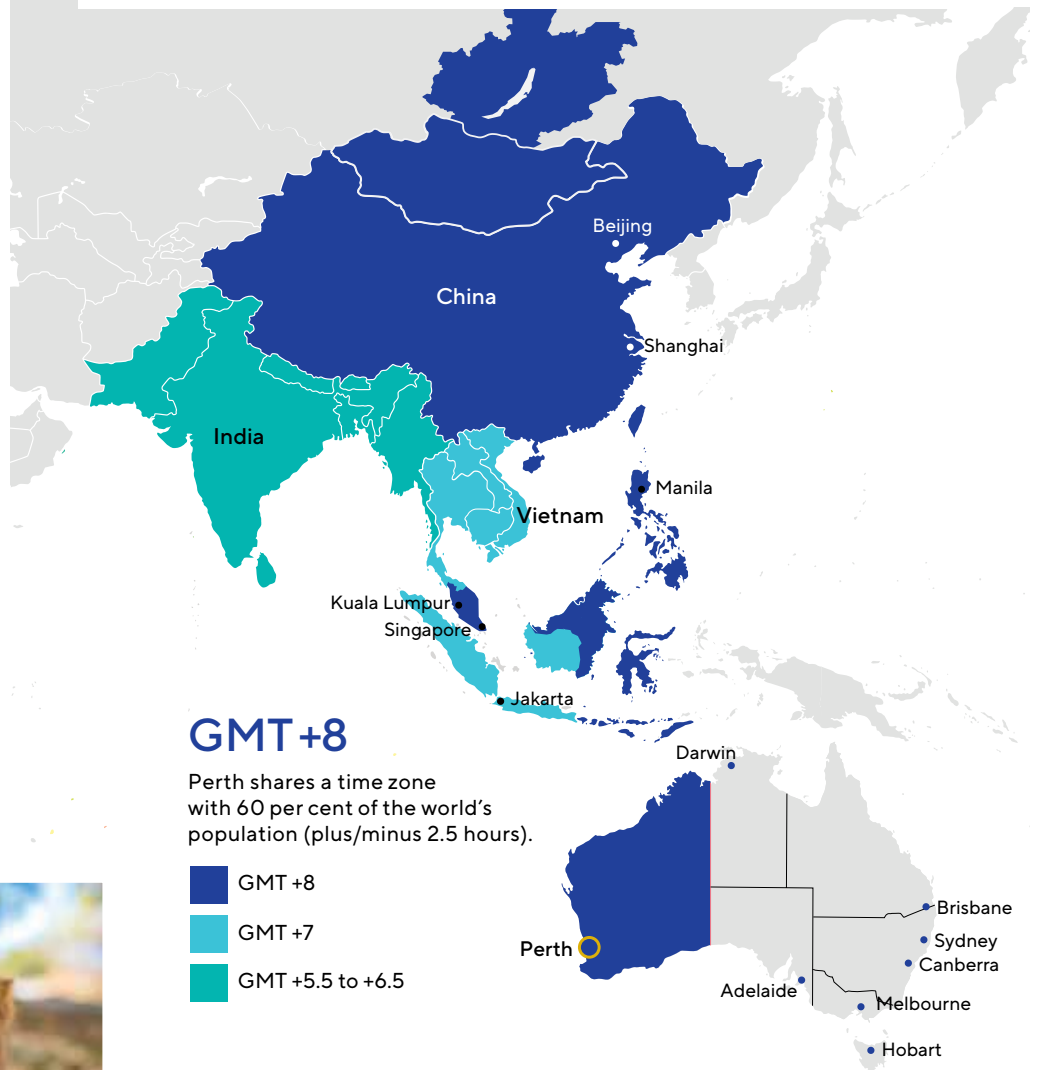
Perth has a **projected population of 3.5 million by 2050**
(CITY OF PERTH 2024)



Perth is a multicultural hub with 55,000+ international students and 36% of our population born overseas
(ABS)



30% of ASX listed company headquarters located in Perth
(WA STATE GOVERNMENT)



Warm mediterranean climate

Summer: December-February
Autumn: March-May
Winter: June-August
Spring: September-November



Average weekly incomes in Perth are **8.9% above the national average**

(AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS 2024)



Perth is the world's #15 most **liveable city**
(ECONOMIST 2024)



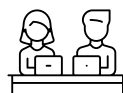
A **strong economy** with sustained economic growth, 3.1% pa average over the past 10 years

(WA GOVERNMENT, ECONOMIC PROFILE 2023)



Perth is one of Australia's most **affordable capital cities**

(WORLDWIDE COST OF LIVING REPORT 2023, ECONOMIST INTELLIGENCE UNIT)

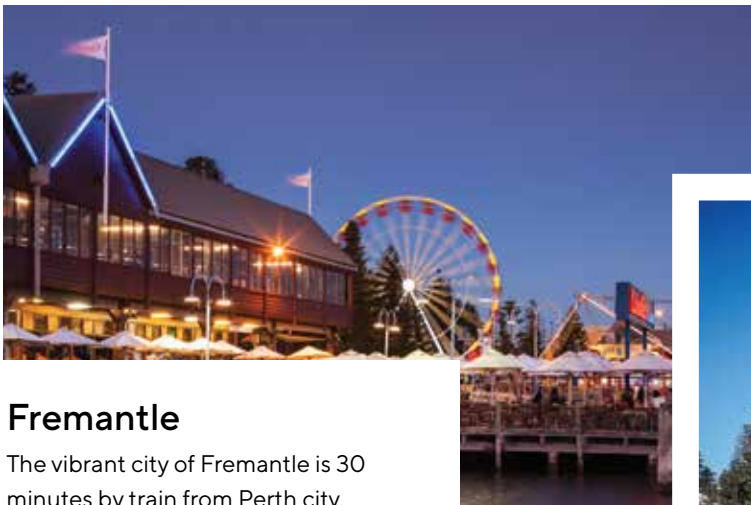


Perth is ranked in the world's top 50 for most student-friendly cities (RANKED 35 IN QS BEST STUDENT CITIES 2025)



Experience Western Australia

Western Australia is famous for its diverse, breathtaking landscapes. From stunning coastlines and unique wildlife to incredible natural attractions, there's so much waiting for you to explore!



Fremantle

The vibrant city of Fremantle is 30 minutes by train from Perth city. Discover a mix of Australian maritime, convict and colonial history alongside buzzing markets, lively bars and casual street cafés giving you a taste of 21st century life with the locals.

Northbridge

Visit free museums, art galleries, or theatres in Perth's Cultural Precinct. Northbridge comes alive at night, with late night bars and clubs, or indulge in food from around the globe in the many restaurants and cafés.

Rottneest Island

Rottneest is just a short ferry ride from Perth and makes for a perfect day trip. With 63 stunning beaches and coral reefs to explore, jump on a bike and experience the island. Be sure to look out for the island's unique wildlife including the world famous quokka.



Cottesloe Beach

Just a 10 minute drive from UWA, Cottesloe Beach is famous for swimming, surfing, sunsets, and lively Sunday sessions. Stroll on the white sand or dine at one of the stylish eateries overlooking the beach. There is also a world-class sculpture exhibition held in summer each year.



Margaret River

Three hours south of Perth in one of the world's 36 biodiversity hotspots, Margaret River. Rolling vineyards meet breathtaking coastal and forest scenery. Experience award-winning wineries, restaurants, stunning beaches, tall-timber forests, world-class surf breaks and ancient caves.



The Pinnacles

Located three hours north of Perth is the lunar-like Pinnacles which form one of Australia's most unique and fascinating natural landscapes.

Karijini National Park

Two billion years in the making, Karijini National Park is one of Western Australia's most spectacular natural attractions offering amazing hiking trails through ancient gorges. With massive gorges, crystal clear rock pools and waterfalls, Karijini National Park is a must for anyone with a thirst for adventure.



Ningaloo Reef

World Heritage listed, Ningaloo Reef is one of the planet's last great ocean paradises. Swim with the world's biggest fish, the whale shark or join an eco-adventure tour to view a huge variety of marine wildlife including turtles, whales, orcas, dugong, manta rays, sharks and more!

Kings Park

Located across from UWA and next to the CBD, Kings Park is larger than Manhattan's Central Park, and offers spectacular views over the city and Swan River. Explore the park's Botanic Gardens, suspended bridge tree top walk, or watch a movie under the stars in the outdoor cinema.

A vibrant campus

With a campus close to Perth city, the Swan River, beaches and parklands, you can enjoy life-changing experiences at UWA.

Discover your new favourite study spot and see the campus for yourself through our online virtual tour: uwa.edu.au/360-campus-tour

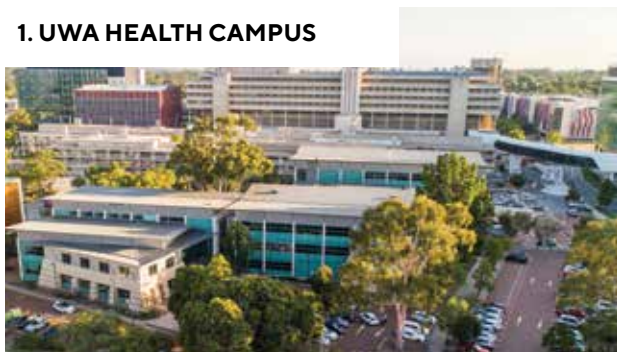


UWA Albany

Located five hours' drive from Perth, the Albany campus offers students a unique learning and research opportunities. Here you can experience all that regional Western Australia has to offer while studying at university.

uwa.edu.au/albany

1. UWA HEALTH CAMPUS



The campus includes the Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre (QEIMC) and offers modern learning facilities for health and medical students



2. EZONE UWA BUILDING



World-class learning space for engineering and mathematical science students, industry, alumni and community

3. REID LIBRARY



Extensive study spaces and convenient facilities at the heart of the Perth campus



PERTH CBD (5KM)
UNDER 10 MIN DRIVE
15 MIN BIKE RIDE (DESIGNATED PATHS)

PERTH AIRPORT (22KM)
30 MIN DRIVE

UWA PERTH CAMPUS

4. BAYLISS BUILDING



Thriving centre for cutting-edge research and teaching, with advanced labs on every level

6. BILYA MARLEE



An Indigenous knowledge gateway housing the School of Indigenous Studies

5. MATILDA BAY



Popular social gathering spot right opposite the UWA campus

7. BUSINESS SCHOOL



One of the premier business schools in the Indo-Pacific region offering a real-world trading room and training facility for students



Life at UWA

UWA is more than a university - it's a safe, welcoming and supportive community where you can make connections and friendships that will last a lifetime.



Accommodation

Living at UWA means you can easily walk to uni, cafés and shops; you're also only a short bus ride to the city and Perth's best beaches.

Arts and culture

Our on-campus art gallery features rotating exhibitions. Explore museums and enjoy regular music concerts.

Events

Enjoy fun social events, opportunities for industry networking, workshops and more.





Extracurricular courses and programs

Through collaborations with industry partners, we offer a range of free leadership, entrepreneurial and other courses to expand your skill set and advance your career.

Food and drink

Enjoy a variety of cuisines (catering for all dietary requirements) from cafés and a range of food outlets on campus and in the neighbourhood.

Libraries

UWA has several dedicated libraries across campus with high-tech study facilities, resources and learning spaces. There is also a range of virtual assistance options available.

Spirituality and faith

UWA is a multi-faith university that supports and welcomes students with diverse cultural and spiritual backgrounds.

Sport and fitness

Get active with our modern gym, swimming pool, wide range of recreational and fitness courses, social sports and more.

Student clubs and societies

With more than 140 clubs and societies you'll meet friendly people with the same interests as you and a desire to make amazing things happen.

Volunteering

There are opportunities to get involved on or off campus to support a cause, organisation, charity or group.

uwa.edu.au/study/student-life





Experience every moment

Stay up-to-date with the latest info about studying at UWA, what uni life is really like, our courses and career pathways, events, study tips and so much more!



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