# Information Sheet 2013/2014

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If outside of normal working hours, please contact Security on +61 8 6488 2222

## Website for more information

http://www.studyat.uwa.edu.au/study-abroad-and-exchange
General Information

Established in 1911, UWA is Western Australia’s oldest university and one of Australia’s most prestigious educational institutions.

First-time visitors to the campus will find UWA’s impressive architecture and beautifully landscaped gardens breathtaking. UWA’s riverside campus, only minutes from the city centre offers an unrivalled study experience. Students have access to libraries, an extensive range of campus services, and excellent sports and recreational facilities to balance the demands of study. Activities include sports such as tennis, squash, basketball, volleyball and aerobics, general interest clubs and societies, cafes, theatres and museums.

The University of Western Australia (UWA) is recognised internationally as a leading university and in 2012 ranked 96th in the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) from the Shanghai Jiao Tong University. UWA is the only Western Australian university to belong to the prestigious Group of Eight – a coalition of the top research universities in Australia – and is one of only two Australian universities to belong to the Worldwide Universities Network, a partnership of 18 research-led universities from Europe, North America, North Asia and Australia.

UWA's formal agreements with nearly 230 institutions (including over 130 Student Exchange Agreements) around the world, provide a spirit of internationalism and promote a lively exchange of staff, students, knowledge and ideas. International exchange students will benefit not only from first class teaching but will also enjoy the beautiful campus at Crawley and its multi-cultural community which includes students from 90 different countries.

Academic Calendar (2014)

First Semester
Teaching: 24 February – 31 May
Examinations: 2 June – 21 June (Including 1 week study break)
Non-teaching Study Break: 21 April – 25 April

Second Semester:
Teaching: 28 July – 31 October
Examinations: 3 November – 22 November (Including 1 week study break)
Non-teaching study break – 29 September – 3 October

Number of credits or units that undergraduate students need to complete in one semester

Standard academic load per semester: 24 points
All students should enrol in 24 points credit points per semester
Most units (courses) have a value of 6 credit points

Academic Information:

- **Degree Information (Website or Program Handbook):** [http://handbooks.uwa.edu.au/](http://handbooks.uwa.edu.au/)
  NOTE: the term “course” at UWA refers to the degree program eg. Bachelor of Science

- **Unit (course) Information / Syllabi:** [http://units.handbooks.uwa.edu.au/units](http://units.handbooks.uwa.edu.au/units) for brief description, semester availability, number of credit points etc
  [http://www.unitoutlines.science.uwa.edu.au/Units/Units.aspx](http://www.unitoutlines.science.uwa.edu.au/Units/Units.aspx) for Unit Outlines (full syllabus)
  NOTE: the term “unit” at UWA refers to an individual class eg. BIOL1130 Core Concepts in Biology

- **Class Format:** Lectures, plus tutorials/labs

- **Grading:**
  - 80-100 High Distinction (HD)
  - 70-79 Distinction (D)
  - 60-69 Credit Pass (CR)
  - 50-59 Pass (P)
  - 45-49 Fail (N+)
  - 0-44 Fail (N)
**Number of credits or units required for completion of first (or equivalent of Bachelor's) degree**

This varies depending on the Degree, please see http://courses.handbooks.uwa.edu.au/courses?section=finder&finder=12,25&title=Bachelor's+Degree

**Is pre-registration (enrolment) available? If not when does registration take place?**

Pre-enrolment is not available at UWA, however classes do not normally fill up. Students may request pre-approval of units by completing a Proposed Study List in the online application. If required, an Academic Advisor will assess the proposed study plan for pre-requisites and other restrictions. An Approved Study List will then be emailed to the students prior to departure.

Formal enrolment takes place during Orientation. Students can seek academic advice during Orientation, and are able to receive additional approvals at this time. The add/drop period is open for the first 3 weeks of classes.

**Language of instruction**

The language of instruction is English.

**Level**

Undergraduate & Postgraduate (for exchange students can depend on terms of the agreement)

**Duration**

Minimum: 1 Semester or trimester
Maximum: 2 Semesters or 3 trimesters

**Restricted programs or courses (not open to study abroad / exchange students)**

This depends on terms of the agreement. If the Agreement is Faculty-based, students may only be exchanged within the relevant faculties as specified within the terms of the Agreement. If the Agreement is a University to University Agreement, students may be exchanged within all faculties. Students may apply for any unit which is part of a standard course of study except for courses within the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry. Other courses may be restricted and some units may also be quota restricted.

**Services available to study abroad / exchange students**

SESA students have access to same services and facilities as full-degree students. Please see Campus Facilities: Student Services [http://www.studentservices.uwa.edu.au/](http://www.studentservices.uwa.edu.au/)
About UWA [http://www.uwa.edu.au](http://www.uwa.edu.au)

**Academic Requirements**

Undergraduate Students: Completion of one year of tertiary study at a recognised institution at the time of application, with an overall weighted average equivalent to 65% on the UWA Grading Scale (normally a B grade or 3.0 on a 4 point GPA scale). Agreed equivalent is outlined within the Exchange Agreement.

Postgraduate students: Completion of a Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in order to take classes at a postgraduate level.

Access to MBA classes requires the completion of a Bachelor's degree plus students must demonstrate managerial experience (generally two years) in order to enrol in these units.

All students must satisfy UWA's standard English language competency requirements. See below.
English Proficiency

Where the primary language of instruction at the home university is not English, Candidates for the exchange program to UWA must satisfy one of the standard English Language Competency (ELC) requirements set out in Table 1, or such other language proficiency requirements as specified in a formal Memorandum of Agreement.

**Table 1: UWA Standard English Language Competency Requirements**

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<th>Qualification</th>
<th>Minimum Requirement</th>
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<td>IELTS</td>
<td>6.5 (no individual band less than 6.0)</td>
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<td>TOEFL (paper-based total)</td>
<td>570 plus and Essay Rating/TWE of 4.5</td>
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<td>TOEFL (computer-based total)</td>
<td>230 and Essay Rating/TWE of 4.5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Next Generation TOEFL - Internet-based Test (IBT)</td>
<td>An overall score of 90 with a minimum score of 22 in the Writing section, and no less than 20 in the other sections</td>
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<td>CELT Bridging Course (20 weeks):</td>
<td>Pass with B</td>
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**Alternative English Language Pathway (Exchange and Approved Study Abroad Partners only)**

Candidates who do not meet the standard ELC requirements as set out above may be approved admission to UWA on the basis of the Alternative English Language competency requirements as set in Table 2.

**Table 2: UWA Alternative English Language Competency Requirements**

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<td>TOEFL (paper-based total)</td>
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<td>TOEFL (computer-based total)</td>
<td>210</td>
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<tr>
<td>Next Generation TOEFL - Internet-based Test (IBT)</td>
<td>Overall score of 77; Writing: 23; Speaking: 19</td>
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<td>CELT Bridging Course (20 weeks):</td>
<td>Pass with C+</td>
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<td>Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English</td>
<td>C grade</td>
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Candidates gaining admission via this pathway must enrol in at least one of the following units in their first semester enrolment:

- English Language and Academic Communication (HUMA 1901) or
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Students may also enrol in both units.

**English Language Bridging courses**

English Language Bridging courses (fee-paying) are available

Provided that students meet the academic requirements for entry, students applying for entry as Study Abroad or Exchange will be issued with a Letter of Offer conditional upon the results of the English Language Bridging course.
**Application deadlines**

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<th>Semester 1 (Feb-June):</th>
<th>Nominations by 30 November, Application and Documents due by 31 December</th>
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<td>Semester 2: (July-November):</td>
<td>Nominations by 1 April, Application and Documents due by 1 May</td>
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Late applications will be considered if there is enough processing time available.

**How to nominate your students**

Exchange/Study Abroad partners are required to nominate to UWA first, and then students will receive an email with password and instructions for completing the online application.

To nominate a student, please email the following details to the Advisor for your region:-
- First Name and Middle Name (As shown on passport)
- Surname
- Gender
- Date of Birth
- Level of Study (1st year, 2nd year etc)
- Duration (1 or 2 semesters, or other for graduate research, MBA etc)
- Student email address
- Exchange / Study Abroad
- Citizenship

**Supporting documents required to be uploaded to the exchange application**

- Most recent Official Academic transcript (signed and stamped by home university)
- Application Coversheet (printed from online application and signed)
- Proposed Study Plan (printed from online application if applicable)
- Evidence of English Language Competency (signed and stamped by home university, if applicable)

In some cases, if the GPA falls marginally below the minimum required, we will also request:-
- 2 x academic references
- 1 x statement of motivation
- 1 x letter of support from home university / international office

**Arrival / Orientation program**

**Recommended arrival dates**

Your students should arrive a day or two before Orientation if housing has already been pre-arranged. Students who have not secured any housing are recommended to arrive at least two weeks prior to the commencement of classes.

**Airport Pick-Up**

A 24 hour airport pick-up service is available free of charge if you have applied for permanent or temporary housing in one of the University Residential Colleges, or if your final destination on arrival is within the university precinct (Nedlands, Crawley, Subiaco, Shenton Park or the Perth CBD).

**Orientation Dates**

- Semester 1, 2014 – will begin on Monday 10 February 2014
- Semester 2, 2014 – TBC

**Cost of orientation program (if any)**

Not applicable, however optional excursions will incur a small fee.
## Accommodation

### Is university-administered accommodation available to exchange students?

Yes. Please go to [http://www.housing.uwa.edu.au/on-campus](http://www.housing.uwa.edu.au/on-campus) for links to Residential Colleges

### Is accommodation guaranteed for exchange students?

No. Applications are on a “first come, first served” basis, so it is important to apply early.

Students do not need to have received an offer letter before they can apply for housing

### Accommodation Application Process

Refer to the website of each individual Residential College. Students usually send their housing applications directly to the residential college; however, if they are included with the exchange application, we will forward it to the college requested.

### If university-administered accommodation is not available, will there be any assistance in finding private housing?

Students will be directed to the Housing Service of Student Services. The Housing Service offers a free and confidential accommodation advisory support service to enrolled students. Housing Officers do not arrange accommodation students but can only provide advice and information and manage the Housing Database, which is a self serve facility allowing enrolled students to view property listings and make their selections accordingly. A number of properties (either on a vacant or share basis) and rooms available for rent in homes in surrounding areas are listed in the Housing Database. Students may then access the information and contact owners or leasers directly to arrange a viewing.


Homestay options are also available. See [http://www.housing.uwa.edu.au/off-campus/private-board](http://www.housing.uwa.edu.au/off-campus/private-board)

## Visa requirements

### Are students required to obtain a student visa?

Yes. Once students’ return the signed acceptance contract with applicable payment, UWA will issue a Confirmation of Enrolment document with will allow students to apply for an Australian Student Visa (ASV). UWA is an eligible institution for Streamlined Visa Processing. See [http://www.immi.gov.au/students/](http://www.immi.gov.au/students/)

### Are students allowed to work?

Students on an ASV can work up to 40 hours per fortnight during semester and unlimited hours during university holidays.

### Working Holiday Visa (WHV)

Instead of a Student Visa, students may be eligible to apply for a Working Holiday Visa (WHV) Please see the following website for the different categories and conditions of a WHV: [http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/working-holiday/visa-options.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/working-holiday/visa-options.htm)

If students come to UWA on a WHV they should be aware of the following -

- Students are not entitled to Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) but must accept the responsibility to arrange their own health insurance and acknowledge that they must cover their own expenses while in Australia
- Students will not be covered by the Education for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act which protects the interests of overseas students studying in Australia. Further information about how ESOS protects overseas students is available at: [http://www.international.uwa.edu.au/studentnet/esos](http://www.international.uwa.edu.au/studentnet/esos)
**Medical Insurance**

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<th>Are international students required to purchase a compulsory plan? If yes, please provide details:</th>
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<td>Yes. Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) is an Australian Student Visa requirement. Costs are (2013 premium)</td>
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<td>AUD$519 - $562 for 1 year</td>
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<td>AUD$259 for 6 months</td>
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<td>More information can be found at <a href="http://www.oshcworldcare.com.au">www.oshcworldcare.com.au</a></td>
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<td>Students from Sweden (covered by CSN), Norway and Belgium do not have to purchase the additional insurance. New-Zealand and Australian citizens will be eligible for Medicare and do not require OSHC.</td>
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<th>Are students able to apply for an insurance waiver if they have their own insurance coverage?</th>
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**Estimated Costs**

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<td>For full list of estimated costs, please go to <a href="http://www.studyat.uwa.edu.au/unilife/costs">http://www.studyat.uwa.edu.au/unilife/costs</a></td>
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<th>Any fees other than tuition (e.g. student services)</th>
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<td><em>Exchange students are exempt from paying the SSAF however, the fee will be applicable to Study Abroad students and must be paid during the semester. Failure to pay this fee will encumber the student and it will not be possible to release a transcript at the end of the program</em></td>
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