

# EXCHANGE & STUDY ABROAD Fact Sheet 2019/20



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<https://www.facebook.com/incomingstudentexchange-andstudyabroaduwa>

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2019/20

### Semester 2, 2019

Teaching: 29 July - 25 October

Examinations: (including 1 week study break): 28 October - 16 November

Non-teaching study break: 30 September - 4 October

### Semester 1, 2020

Teaching: 24 February—22 May

Examinations: (including 1 week study break): 25 May - 13 June

Non-teaching study break: 13 April - 17 April

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Non-teaching Study Break: 24 September—28 September

### APPLICATION INFORMATION

**Semester 1 (Feb-June):** Nominations by 15 November, Application and Documents due by 30 November.

**Semester 2: (July-November):** Nominations by 30 April, Application and Documents due by 15 May.

Late applications will be considered if there is enough processing time.

### How to nominate your students

Exchange/Study Abroad partners are required to nominate to UWA **first**, and then students will receive two emails:

1. To set up an account
2. To complete the application

To nominate a student, please complete the attached nomination spreadsheet and return to the appropriate adviser.

### Supporting documents

All supporting documentation must be **UPLOADED** to their online application:

- Colour copy of passport details page.
- Most recent **Official** Academic transcript **signed and stamped by home university**. Postgraduate students must submit their undergraduate transcript.
- Evidence of English Language Competency, **signed and stamped by home university** (if applicable).

Students can upload documents onto their online application after they have submitted their application.

Applications will only be assessed once all documentation has been received.



## GENERAL ACADEMIC INFORMATION

**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:**

**Unit (course) Information / Syllabi:**

<http://units.handbooks.uwa.edu.au/>

NOTE: the term “course” at UWA refers to the degree program e.g. Bachelor of Science

NOTE: the term “unit” at UWA refers to an individual class e.g. BIOL1130 Core Concepts in Biology

**Undergraduate Units:** Those commencing with a 1, 2 or 3.

**Postgraduate Units:** Those commencing with a 4 or 5. Students should have generally completed a three year bachelor degree to be eligible for postgraduate units.

**Class Format:** Lectures, tutorials, labs, practicals.

**Grading:**

Grade	Description
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](#).

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

Students can enrol prior to arrival with their **Approved Study List**. Students may request approval of units by completing a **Proposed Study List** in the online application. A UWA Academic Adviser will assess the proposed study plan for pre-requisites and other restrictions. On campus enrolment support and academic advice is offered during Orientation. The add/drop period is open for the first 2 weeks of classes.

**Language of instruction:** English.

**Level:** Undergraduate & Postgraduate (dependent on agreement)

**Duration:** Minimum: 1 Semester or trimester

Maximum: 2 Semesters or 3 trimesters

Students may commence in any semester.

## Restricted programs or courses:

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 clinical units within the **Schools of Medicine and Dentistry**. Other units may be restricted and some units may also be quota restricted.

Postgraduate Units in the **School of Psychology** are not available to exchange/study abroad students.

Please note that **Core Law** units will not be available to exchange and study abroad students. Please contact your GLO adviser directly for more information on available Law units.

## ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

### Undergraduate Students

Completion of one semester of study, be in Good Academic Standing as determined by the home institution (UWA's partner university), and meet UWA's English language requirements.

### Postgraduate students

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

MBA Students: to be admitted as an exchange or study abroad student into the [UWA \(Flexible\) MBA program](#) (offered on a trimester basis), students are required to have a minimum of two years professional work experience and an IELTS of 7. Exchange students are not eligible to enter into the Full Time MBA.

## ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

Candidates for the exchange program to UWA must satisfy one of the standard English Language Competency (ELC) requirements set out below, or such other language proficiency requirements as specified in a formal Memorandum of Agreement.

UWA Standard English Language Competency Requirements:

### Qualification

- IELTS 6.5 (no individual band less than 6.0)
- TOEFL (iBT) 82 Overall, with a min score of 22 in Writing, 18 in Reading, 20 in Listening and Speaking

Additional tests are available [here](#):



### **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. Candidates gaining admission via this pathway are assessed on a case by case basis and if approved they must enrol in at least one of the following units in their first semester enrolment:

#### **Professional and Academic Communication 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 and 20 in Writing)
- UWA CELT English Language Pathways:
  - English Academic Pathway 65% (no band less than 60%)
  - Bridging Course Module 1 65% / Module 2 60% (no band less than 60%)

Further information is available [here](#). Enrolling in PACM1100 will take the place of another coursework unit. Please contact the Global Learning Office for further information.

### **English Language Bridging courses:**

Students who do not meet the standard ELC or alternative pathway requirements may wish to consider enrolling in the 20 week [English Language Bridging](#) course. Tuition fees are payable but discounts may be available for students from partner universities. Please contact the Global Learning Office if you would like more information.

For information on English Language courses at CELT please see <http://www.celt.uwa.edu.au/>.

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.

## **ARRIVAL AND ORIENTATION**

### **Recommended arrival dates**

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 students have applied for permanent or temporary housing in one of the University Residential Colleges, or if their final destination on arrival is within the university precinct (Nedlands, Crawley, Subiaco, Shenton Park or the Perth CBD). Students can apply for Airport pick-up and Temporary housing on OASYS once they have accepted their offer.

### **Orientation Dates**

- Semester 2, 2019—Monday 22 July 2019
- Semester 1, 2020—Monday 17 February 2020

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

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

## **ON CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION**

Information on on-campus accommodation is available [here](#).

Housing at the colleges is NOT guaranteed. Generally the Residential College's review applications on a case by case basis. The most important factor that influences a candidate's acceptance to a Residential College is the information that a student provides in their application. For example, the Colleges need to know students' personal & academic achievements; why they would like to reside at a Residential College; if they have any special needs; postgrad/undergrad; enrolled course; year/level of study etc.

### **College Accommodation Application Process**

Students can log onto the [UWA Residential College Application Portal](#) and apply to live on campus in one place. They rank their college preferences from 1-5 and the portal will automatically send their application to the college (starting with their first preference). Students should apply for accommodation as early as possible. There is a fee for the housing application.

## **OFF-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION**

Students can find information about off-campus accommodation online from the following websites:

<https://study.uwa.edu.au/student-life/accommodation>

[Homestay options](#) are also available.



## STUDENT VISA INFORMATION

### 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 (CoE) document which will allow students to apply for an Australian Student Visa (ASV). Visas can take up to 4—6 weeks to be approved.

UWA is an eligible institution for [Streamlined Visa Processing](#).

### 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, some 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](#).

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.

## OVERSEAS STUDENT HEALTH COVER (OSHC)

[Overseas Student Health Cover \(OSHC\)](#) is an Australian Student Visa requirement. UWA can arrange OSHC for students through Allianz. Alternatively, students can purchase their own through one of the other Australian Providers. Students must provide evidence of this when submitting their acceptance documents. For further information please see <http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Stud/More/Health-Insurance-for-Students>.

Most students from Sweden, Norway and Belgium do not have to purchase the OSHC (please check with the Australian [Department of Immigration and Border Protection](#)). New Zealand and Australian citizens will be eligible for Medicare and do not require OSHC.

### Are students able to apply for an insurance waiver if they have their own insurance coverage?

No. OSHC is an Australian Government requirement.

## STUDENT SERVICES

SESA students have access to same services and facilities as full-degree students. Please see Campus Facilities:

- [Student Services](#)
- [About UWA](#)
- [UWA Sports](#)
- [UWA Guild](#)

## ESTIMATED COSTS

### Cost of Living

Please see the following for a full list of [estimated costs](#)

### Any fees other than tuition (e.g. student services):

Compulsory UWA [Students Services & Amenities Fee \(SSAF\)](#):

\*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.

## TRANSCRIPTS

Transcripts will be sent at the completion of the exchange period (either August or January) to the home institution or agent where applicable.

