



THE UNIVERSITY OF
**WESTERN
AUSTRALIA**



Student Exchange and Study Abroad Fact Sheet

2025 - 2026

The University of Western Australia

Perth campus:

35 Stirling Highway
Crawley, WA 6009

Established as the State's first university in 1911 and founded with a mission to 'advance the prosperity and welfare of our communities', the University opened in 1913 to just 184 students. Today, more than 28,000 students are enrolled from 115 countries. For more than 100 years, we have contributed to the intellectual, cultural and economic development of Western Australia, the nation and our world.

Albany campus:

35 Stirling Terrace
Albany, WA 6330

Students can enhance their university experience by spending a semester enjoying the fantastic cultural and social activities in Albany. A five hour drive from Perth and situated in the picturesque Great Southern region of Western Australia, our Albany campus offers unique learning and research opportunities. Why not consider one semester in Perth, and one semester in Albany? Keeping in mind the distance of 420kms between the two, it is not possible to take units from both campuses within the same semester, students need to live and study in either Perth (Crawley campus) or Albany.

The Global Learning Office

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Academic Calendar

Semester 1, 2026

Orientation: 16 - 20 February

Teaching: 23 February - 22 May

Non-teaching study break 1: 6 - 10 April

Non-teaching study break 2: 25 - 29 May

Examinations: 30 May - 14 June

Semester 2, 2026

Orientation: 13 - 17 July

Teaching: 20 July - 16 October

Non-teaching study break 1: 31 August - 4 September

Non-teaching study break 2: 19 - 23 October

Examinations: 24 October - 8 November

Deadlines

Semester 1 (February - June)

Semester 2 (July - November)

Nomination

30 September

30 March

Application

15 October

15 April

Nomination process

- A call for nominations, including a **unique link**, is sent to Exchange and Study Abroad partners twice/year:
 - **February** for Semester 2 (February - June) and Split Year (July - June)
 - **August** for Semester 1 (February - June) and Academic Year

Application process

- Nominated students are contacted by the Global Learning Office with application instructions
- Students need to complete an online application and upload supporting documents:
 - Colour copy of passport page
 - Official academic transcript in English, or the original accompanied by an official translation
 - Evidence of English Language competency

English Language competency (ELC)

- IELTS: 6.5 (no band below 6.0)
- TOEFL (iBT): 82 (minimum scores of 22 Writing, 18 Reading, 20 Speaking and 20 Listening)

[Alternative ELC tests are acceptable](#). Students not meeting the standard ELC requirements may be approved admission on the basis of an Alternative ELC, assessed case-by-case. Approved students need to enrol in Professional and Academic Communication ([PACM1100](#)) and minimum requirements are:

- IELTS 6.0 (no band score below 5.5)
- TOEFL (iBT): 70 (minimum scores of 20 Writing, 14 Reading, 19 Speaking and 17 in Listening)
- UWA Centre for English Language Teaching ([CELT](#)) English Language Pathways: EAP Pathway 65% (no band below 60%) or Bridging Course Module 1 65% / Module 2 60% (no band below 60%)

Academic load

- Semester minimum: **18 UWA credit points** (3 units), equivalent to 22.5 ECTS, 45 UK credits, 12 US credits
- Semester maximum: **24 UWA credit points** (4 units), equivalent to 30 ECTS, 60 UK credit, 15 US credits

Course/Unit and Enrolment information

Refer to the UWA [Handbook](#) and [Terminology Glossary](#).

- 'Course' at UWA refers to a degree program, e.g. Bachelor of Science.
- 'Unit' at UWA refers to an individual class, e.g. ENVT2250 Ecology.
- Undergraduate units: Level **1, 2 or 3** (e.g. BIOL1130)
- Postgraduate units: Level **4 or 5** (e.g. MGMT5511)
- Class format: Lectures, tutorials, labs, practicums
- Language of instruction: English

Students will be asked and assessed for their unit selection prior to arrival. Enrolment can be finalised pre-departure and the last day for unit changes is Friday of Week 1 of classes.

Grading scale

Grades | 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)

Academic restrictions

Units in the **Medical** and **Dentistry** Schools and **postgraduate** units in the School of **Psychological Sciences** are not available to Exchange and Study Abroad students. Postgraduate units (JD, Master) in the School of Law and undergraduate units in the School of Psychological Sciences are strictly limited to students meeting unit pre-requisites.

Students may apply to take any other unit in a standard course that they meet the prerequisites for. A few units may be (quota) restricted.

Academic requirements

Undergraduate students: Completion of one semester of study; and be in Good Academic Standing

Postgraduate students: Completion of a bachelor's degree (or equivalent)

Support Services

Health and Wellbeing

- [Free training and workshops](#)
- [Mental health and wellbeing support](#)
- [UWA Medical Centre](#)

Study Success

- Academic Support ([StudySmarter](#))
 - Personalised advice, one-on-one support and comprehensive workshops to improve skills in academic writing, study techniques, English language, research, maths and stats
- Accessibility Support ([UniAccess](#))
 - Help for students with physical or mental health conditions, issues or disabilities

General Support

- Mentor Support ([UniMentor](#)): Current UWA students provide assistance on how to navigate uni life
- LGBTQIA+ inclusion and support ([UWA Allies](#))
- The School of Indigenous Studies ([SIS](#)) provides support and resource centre for Indigenous and First Nations students
- [UWA Guild](#): host of over 140 student clubs; provide academic, welfare and financial support

Accommodation

A range of options are available for students to choose from:

- On-campus Residential Colleges
- Perth City purpose built student housing
- Co-living and homestays
- Perth rental market

Further information can be found on the [Accommodation Concierge website](#).

As with many cities around the world, the housing market in Perth is currently extremely tight. UWA's accommodation options fill up quickly. Applying for housing as early as possible is strongly advised!

Study Abroad Fees 2025*

- 18 UWA credit points: AU\$10,838
- 24 UWA credit points: AU\$14,450

*These are 2025 fees and are subject to an annual increase.

Estimated cost of living

Refer to the [Study Australia website](#) for estimated cost of living.

Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF)

SSAF is applicable to Study Abroad students. Exchange students are exempted.

Visa Information

Students need to ensure they arrive on a visa that allows them to lawfully **study** in Australia for the duration of their visa duration. More information can be found on the Department of Home Affairs website.

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

OSHC is an Australian Student Visa requirement and information is available at the [Department of Home Affairs](#). UWA can arrange OSHC for students through [Medibank](#). Alternatively, students can purchase their own OSHC through one of the [Australian Government approved providers](#).

Residents from Sweden, Norway and Belgium are [exempt from requiring to purchase OSHC](#). New Zealand and Australian (dual) citizens, who are eligible for Medicare, do not require OSHC. Students are unable to apply for an insurance waiver if they have purchased their own health insurance coverage.

Academic Transcripts

At the end of their studies, an academic transcripts will be sent to students directly via the [My eEquals secure transcript repository](#). Students need to share the document with their home university.

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