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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

On-Campus Security (24 hours)	6488 3020
Fire, Police and Ambulance (Emergencies)	000
Police Attendance	131 444
Alcohol and Drug Information Service	9442 5000
Crisis Care	9223 1111
Suicide Emergency Service	
Samaritan Youthline	9388 2500
Sexual Assault Resource Centre	9340 1828
After Hours Psychiatric Emergencies	9224 8888
Lifeline WA (Phone Counselling Service)	131 114

Please note: all costs in this book are in Australian dollars

Purpose of this Guide

We are delighted you have chosen The University of Western Australia to undertake your tertiary studies, and wish you every success.

This booklet will help you prepare for your study experience and has been designed to provide you with information about organising your departure, arriving in Perth and settling into the University and your new environment. There is also information about living in Australia and academic matters.

To make the best use of this book, don't try to read it all at once. Take your time reading through it and bring it with you to Perth for future reference. Some of the issues covered may not seem important to you at home, but will be once you arrive in Perth.



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Message from the Vice-Chancellor

The University of Western Australia (UWA), established in 1911, is a dynamic, comprehensive university where research and higher degree programs underpin and inform undergraduate teaching.

UWA is one of Australia's leading research universities (a member of the Australian 'Group of Eight' research universities) and has built an international reputation for excellence and enterprise.

As well as having access to one of the best learning environments in Australia, you will be connected to the international world of knowledge through the University's strategic global networks. And with intellectual excellence and critical thinking at the heart of all UWA degrees, you will become one of our many graduates who are leaders in all fields of endeavour both in Australia and abroad.

We also take the student experience seriously. Our university's campus is renowned for its vibrant social, cultural and sporting life as well as its environmental beauty.

UWA encourages and supports international students. You will discover a world-class learning environment which is enriched through the diversity brought to it by students and staff from over 90 nations. On our garden campus, just five minutes from the centre of Perth, international students enjoy cross-cultural experiences and friendships which contribute significantly to their learning and play an on-going role in their lives.

Having chosen to study at The University of Western Australia, you will graduate with a qualification with wide international recognition and will be well-equipped to operate within a changing global environment.

We look forward to welcoming you to UWA.



Professor Alan Robson AM
Vice-Chancellor



PRE-DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL

Student Visa

Students wishing to study in Australia must obtain a Student Visa. To apply:

- a copy of the 'Confirmation of Enrolment' (COE) issued by the International Centre must be presented to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.
- complete a 157A Form – Application for a Student Visa, or apply online www.immi.gov.au
- undertake a medical and X-ray examination (depending on your country of origin),
- lodge the application with the Australian High Commission/Embassy in your home country www.dfat.gov.au/missions/index.html

Currently, a fee of \$450 is levied for a visa application.

As a holder of a student visa, it is important that you are aware of the following:

- You must possess a valid visa and Overseas Student Health Cover for the entire duration of your course;
- You must satisfy course progress requirements.

If you do not complete your course in the duration of your original visa, an extension can only be granted in limited circumstances. You may only suspend or take leave of absence in special circumstances, e.g. illness and compassionate/compelling circumstances. This must be supported by relevant documents.

Other important points to be aware of:

- the University is required to report any change in your enrolment status including course exclusion, change of course, discontinuation of study and early completion of course;
- students are required to remain enrolled with the University for the first six months of their degree. Students wishing to change institutions during the first six months must request a release letter from the International Centre;
- you must either leave Australia or renew your visa and health cover before the expiry date of your visa;
- you must notify the University of any changes of address within seven days of moving;
- the information you provide to the University may be requested by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship and other Australian government agencies.

For more information about the ESOS Act and how it applies to you, go to www.international.uwa.edu.au/esos

Health Requirements and Insurance

Australian health regulations require you to be certified medically fit and possibly vaccinated against some diseases before you leave your country. The Australian High Commission or Embassy in your country will advise you accordingly.

It is a condition of the student visa that all international students have overseas student health cover (OSHC) for the duration of their course. For example, if you are undertaking a three year course, you will be required to purchase OSHC for three years.

It is recommended that you have your eyes and teeth checked before departure. Dental work and spectacles are not covered under OSHC and are relatively expensive in Australia. You can purchase additional cover for these ancillary services at an extra cost.

What to Bring



Tips

Use a large, strong suitcase with wheels or trolley and a good piece of hand luggage. Make sure that your baggage does not exceed the airline's limit, as excess luggage charges can be expensive.

In the section on Immigration and Customs below, note the items to be declared, and pack them separately in a bag so that customs declaration and checking is easier. Failure to declare items can result in a fine.

Carry important documents, valuables, some extra clothing and personal items in your hand luggage, but make sure it is small enough to fit in the aircraft's overhead cabin compartment or under your seat.

Remember to label all your bags with your name and address.

Clothing and Personal Items

Dressing on campus is informal. In summer, lightweight clothes, sandals or track shoes (joggers) are sufficient. In winter, heavier weight clothing, including a woollen jumper/sweater, winter coat or waterproof jacket, is recommended.

In spring and autumn, jeans with a lightweight jacket or jumper/sweater is sufficient.

Generally, the cost of clothing and footwear in Australia is comparable to western countries but more expensive than Asian countries. However, it is possible to find bargains during sales in the larger stores.

Clothing

- jeans/trousers, blouse/shirts, T-shirts, shorts, undergarments and socks
- woollen jumpers/sweaters, a jacket/coat
- bathrobe (towelling), pyjamas and home wear clothes
- sportswear, swimwear, hat for summer
- closed shoes, sport/track shoes, sandals, other casual footwear

Personal Items/Goods

- toiletries
- bath towels
- alarm clock, sewing kit
- spare pair of spectacles and/or contact lenses and a current prescription
- laptop
- hair-dryer, electric shaver, electric iron
- calculator
- camera
- iPod, MP3, CD Player
- dictionary (Macquarie and Oxford are used in Australia)

Important Documents

- passport
- UWA Confirmation of Acceptance and Pre-Departure pack
- prescriptions for any regular medication
- work/character references
- medical history
- driver's licence
- credit card

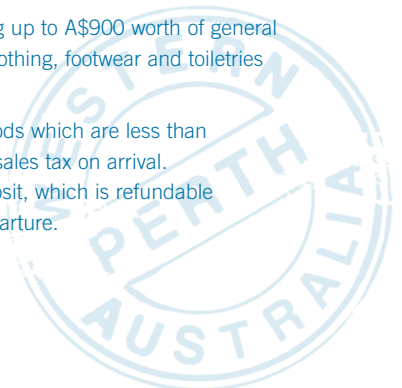
In Australia, 240 volts is the standard voltage for electrical appliances and you may need an adaptor.

Duty Free Concession

If you are aged 18 years or over, you are allowed to bring up to A\$900 worth of general goods into Australia duty free. Personal items such as clothing, footwear and toiletries (excluding fur and perfume) are free from duty and tax.

If you intend to bring a new laptop or other electrical goods which are less than 12 months old, you may be liable for customs duty and sales tax on arrival.

Alternatively, you may be required to pay a security deposit, which is refundable when you take the laptop out of the country on your departure.



Immigration and Customs

During your flight you will be required to complete an "Incoming Passenger Card". Western Australia has strict customs and quarantine laws which forbid most processed animal products, agricultural products (cereals, fruits, honey, dairy products), any item which can carry diseases, insects and other pests, wildlife and products made from skins, feathers, bones, shells or ivory. You will be responsible for every item you bring with you. Heavy penalties and on-the-spot fines will be applied if you do not declare quarantined items. You must tick "YES" if you are carrying any food, plant material or animal products.

In addition, if you are carrying \$10,000 or more in foreign or Australian currency, you must declare it on your Incoming Passenger Card. Failure to declare is an offence.

Avoid at all costs, drugs, weapons, explosives and other illegal imports, and do not carry other peoples' goods or parcels unless you are 100% sure of the contents.

IF IN DOUBT, DECLARE IT.

For more information please refer to www.customs.gov.au and www.aqis.gov.au

Financial Arrangements

You should bring \$4,000 to take care of your initial expenses and to cover at least the first month. It is suggested that you bring these funds as:

Cash	\$1000
Bank draft or travellers cheques	\$3,000

On arrival, open a bank account (if you haven't already done so) with the \$3,000. After a few weeks, you will be able to let your parents (or whoever is sponsoring you) know how much money to send and how often.

Some Australian banks have branches in other countries. If a branch is present in your country, open an account before you leave as this will make financial transactions more convenient once you arrive in Perth.





Arrival in Perth

You should plan to arrive in Perth at least 10 days prior to the start of semester (if living off-campus) and two days prior to the University's orientation programme (if living on-campus) to allow time to settle in, take care of administrative arrangements and adjust to your new environment.

Airport pick-up is available to all new international students. The service includes being met at Perth International or Domestic Airport and transportation to a residential college or a location near UWA.

If you plan to live off-campus, and don't have friends or relatives who can accommodate you for a few days, temporary accommodation for one or two days can be arranged at one of the residential colleges.

If you require airport pick-up or temporary accommodation, you must request these services at least seven days before your date of arrival. Information on the arrangements for temporary accommodation and an airport pickup will be provided to you by the University on acceptance of your offer.



Orientation

UWA conducts orientation programmes for all students prior to commencement of each semester (refer to Semester Dates on page 46). **All students are required to attend the orientation programme. If you are an undergraduate student, you can find out about activities related to your orientation at www.unistart.uwa.edu.au**

Orientation:

- helps make the transition to your new life in Perth smooth and enjoyable;
- gets you enrolled in your course;
- makes you aware of different learning styles and study techniques;
- introduces you to the facilities on campus;
- confirms the conditions and responsibilities linked to your Student Visa;
- provides information about OSHC;
- helps you open a bank account;
- provides an opportunity to meet other students and staff;
- introduces you to places of interest in Perth.

All new international students must attend the orientation programme as detailed advice and individual counselling is not available for those who do not attend.



Enrolment

Enrolment is one of the most important parts of the orientation programme.

It is a good idea to start planning your programme of study before programme enrolment. The UWA handbook contains all course information and unit/subject descriptions. The handbooks can be found at handbooks.uwa.edu.au, or at any UWA overseas representative office (www.studyat.uwa.edu.au/undergrad/international/apply/agents). Academic staff will be available during the orientation programme to provide advice on your choice of units.

Please note that you will not be able to attend classes, use the library or obtain a student card until your enrolment has been completed and processed.

During enrolment you will be issued with a student card. This card allows you to use the library and other facilities, and also receive concessions (for public transport, cinema, etc.) and discounts. If you lose your card, you should report it immediately to Student Administration. A replacement card can be provided but will cost \$15.

Cultural Adjustment

Everybody who moves to another country will experience feelings of distress, confusion, nervousness and loss of confidence. This general sense of unease is sometimes described as culture shock. If you begin to experience these feelings, don't worry, it is normal and will soon pass.

As you settle in and come to terms with the differences in culture, people, social customs and life in your new environment, you will start to enjoy the change, and experience a new found energy. This process of adjustment normally takes from three to six months and is sometimes called the 'U' curve of adjustment because of the way your feelings fall and rise.

The first step in coping with the problem is being aware that what you are going through is normal. Some other steps you can take include:

Be Positive: Concentrate on the positive aspects of your decision to come to Australia to study and try to dismiss any negative thoughts you are having;

Examine Your Expectations: When confronted with situations that make you uncomfortable or miserable, examine your expectations. Were you realistic in your preconceived notions of life and people of Australia? Have you generalised too much? Are you too rigid in your mind set? Try to be flexible and change to meet your new circumstances;

Listen and Observe: Human beings are different everywhere. Their behaviour and methods of communication both verbal and non-verbal are a result of their cultural history and social systems. The correctness or incorrectness of their ways compared to yours is not important. You are in Australian society - listen, observe and learn so that you don't interpret or communicate the wrong signals;

Ask Questions: If you don't understand something, including what people are saying or gestures that are used, ask them. You will find most people are happy to take the time to explain things to you;

Go Out and Explore: Learning to function in a new culture requires effort and contact. Don't be too shy to meet people or get involved in social activities. Cross-cultural interaction can be difficult but they can also be fun. Try and see the humorous side of uncomfortable situations and don't be afraid of making mistakes. With time, understanding and knowledge, you will soon become 'multicultural';

Talk it Out: If you come from a culture where people don't talk about their problems, attempt to overcome this. Talking about your adjustment problems, especially to other new international students, will lighten the burden and make you realise that these problems are quite common;

Seek Help: If you continue to have adjustment problems, seek help. Speak to the International Student Adviser or a counsellor from Student Services (see 'Useful Contacts' at the back of this book).



INFORMATION FOR AusAID SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS

Your AusAID Student Contact Officer is:

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Telephone: 6488 2420
Facsimile: 6488 8510
Website: www.international.uwa.edu.au

After hours contact (Security Office): 9380 3120.

On Arrival

Each AusAid scholarship student is met at the airport by a representative of the University and taken to their arranged temporary accommodation.

AusAid scholarship students are given an arrival pack, containing relevant information and maps. The International Centre strongly encourages students to read this information to understand what is happening in the days prior to commencement of their course.

The Centre recommends AusAid scholarship students bring at least \$300 on arrival to cover immediate expenses until they receive their establishment allowance.

On the next working day (Monday to Friday) after an AusAid scholarship student's arrival, students should make their way to the AusAID Office at the International Centre, arriving at 9.00am to meet the Student Contact Officer. Students should bring with them their passport, UWA Letter of Offer and arrival pack.

On making contact with the AusAID Student Contact Officer, students will be assisted with banking arrangements, Overseas Health Cover and contribution to living expenses information. In addition, students will be registered with the Accommodation Service at the University to assist with finding permanent accommodation.

Introductory Academic Program (IAP)

AusAID scholarship students commence their Introductory Academic Programme (IAP) around five days after their arrival. The IAP is compulsory and UWA is required to report to AusAID on student attendance. Please look for further information on the IAP in the arrival pack. The IAP has been designed to provide students with the best possible start to their studies at UWA.

AusAID Scholarship Student Family Arrangements

- AusAID does not provide any financial support for family so students must have additional funds to support their family in Australia. The International Centre strongly suggests that students assess their financial capabilities before bringing family to Australia.
- Remember, when AusAID students do not bring family members to Australia, they are eligible for a free 'reunion' airfare home each year.
- Like AusAID, UWA recommends students do not have family join them until after being in Australia for six months. The reasons are fair and the recommendation is in a student's best interest as the scholarship recipient. Students need to adjust to a new environment, return to study after being in the workforce and focus ensuring an academically successful first six months. Anecdotal evidence indicates that the first six months as a student is the most difficult.
- Students who bring an international mobile phone can immediately place a new SIM card in their phone, enabling immediate contact family at home.
- Should students decide to bring family, the UWA Student Contact Officer will provide support in organising childcare and schooling, and will provide the relevant documentation for the family's visa application.

Schooling and Childcare

- AusAID scholarship students are eligible for free primary and secondary schooling for their children but there are additional costs involved such as Annual Voluntary Fee (all parents are expected to pay), uniform fees, books, excursions etc.
- It is important to understand that if a student's child needs English language training, or has a learning difficulty or disability support these may incur additional fees and could cost up to \$2000 per year. This is paid by the student, not the University. It is recommended that children commence English language training prior to arrival in Australia.
- Good quality childcare services are available close to the University. Students are eligible for an 80% childcare rebate as an AusAID student, however the fees for childcare may still be a considerable amount of money.

Important documentation to bring

- Family members' birth certificates
- Marriage certificate
- Children's immunisation records
- Academic transcripts for children over 12
- Spouse qualifications and work references

Please see the relevant pages in this guide for information on what to bring, immigration and customs, financial management, finding accommodation, cost of living, Australian laws, working in Perth, health care, UWA policies and study matters.

LIVING IN AUSTRALIA

When people in other countries think of Australia, they immediately picture kangaroos and koalas, or have a particular image of Australia, such as the Sydney Opera House or Uluru (Ayers Rock). These famous icons only show a small part of the richness of Australia's natural treasures and its cultural diversity. Western Australia is an enormous state and offers a wealth of experiences, from the drama of the outback and spectacular coastlines to the cosmopolitan and sunny, outdoor living of Perth. To help you adjust to your new environment, it may help to know a little about Australia's history, people and social customs.

History

First inhabitants	Aboriginal people
European contact	16th century
British Colony established	1770 by Captain James Cook
First Fleet arrived	26 January 1788 at Botany Bay, New South Wales
Australia Day holiday	26 January
Federation	1901
States	Western Australia, Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia, Queensland, Tasmania
Territories	Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory
Population	21.7 million

The People

Australia is a multicultural country although its British colonial ties mean that it has a predominantly Anglo-Saxon population.

Since British colonisation, there have been two main influxes of immigrants to Australia. One was with the gold rush in the 1850s and the second followed World War II.

Post-World War II immigration brought a flood of European immigrants, many of them from Greece, Italy, Yugoslavia, Lebanon and Turkey. These immigrants have since made an enormous contribution to the country, enriching its culture and broadening its vision. From the 1980s, Australia has also accepted increasing numbers of Asian immigrants and it is this complex blend of people which has provided the basis for Australia's multicultural policies and outlook.



Social Customs

A Sense of Individuality

Most Australians value their individuality and would like you to accept them as individuals. They are confident and proud whatever their talents, occupations and physical attributes may be. They dislike being treated simply as a member of a particular group, class or position.

Fair Play

Australians generally have a sense of fair play. The idea of giving a person a 'fair go' is very much a part of the Australian psyche. If you ever feel that you are unfairly treated, point this out and you will invariably receive a positive reaction.

Position of Women

Gender is no basis for different treatment in Australia. Women legally have the same rights, status and opportunities as men. Australian women might appear to be more independent, outspoken and self-reliant compared to women in some other countries. In spite of these rights and successes in the workplace, Australian women still take their parental role very seriously and manage this role alongside careers and other interests.

Humour

Though humour has universal application, certain aspects of Australian humour are worth noting. Firstly, Australians have the ability to laugh at themselves. Secondly, they go out of their way to make fun of people who consider themselves better than others. A great deal of teasing is also indulged in among close friends. If you find yourself the butt of a tease, especially if it is done in a joking manner, it means you are accepted and no offence is meant.

Greetings

'Good morning', 'Good afternoon', 'How do you do?' are formal greetings. Informal greetings are 'Hello', 'Hi', 'G'day', 'How are you going?' Men usually shake hands when they meet each other. Women sometimes shake hands with both men and other women.

Addressing People

Australians generally have a first (given), middle and last name (surname). First names are used more frequently, especially among friends and peers. As a mark of respect with people such as university staff members or the parents of friends and formal acquaintances, you should address the person as Mister (Mr), Missus/Mrs (married woman), Miss (unmarried woman) or Ms (married or unmarried), followed by their surname. People with a title such as Professor, Doctor etc are addressed by their title followed by their surname.

Queuing and Personal Space

When several people are waiting for something, for example a taxi, bus, tickets or lifts, they queue. This means forming a line in the order of arrival. Trying to push ahead or 'jumping the queue' is not tolerated and those attempting to do so may find themselves in an uncomfortable position. Australians also value their personal space and appreciate being given more space when queuing or standing in close proximity to other people.

'Excuse me', 'Please', 'Thank you'

These phrases are used in Australia as a mandatory mark of courtesy. 'Excuse me' is used when speaking to someone who does not expect you to speak, when asking someone to repeat something they have said or when joining in an ongoing conversation. It is also used to apologise for a mistake or speech discretion. 'Please' is used when requesting anything. 'Thank You' is used when something is handed to you, a favour is done or a request is met.

Replies To Invitations

All invitations whether formal (written) or informal (over the phone/in person) are replied to as soon as possible. If you accept an invitation and later become unable to attend, it is customary to contact your host(s) to inform them of this change. When formal invitations have an RSVP date, replies are expected by that date.

Punctuality

The concept of 'rubber time', which is common in some parts of Asia, does not operate in Australia. Most events and appointments will occur at the agreed or specified time and everybody is expected to be punctual. If you cannot keep an appointment or are going to be late, always inform your host(s) immediately.

Smoking

If in the company of people or in someone's home, it is good manners to ask before lighting up or if there are no other smokers, go outside to smoke. Smoking is banned in aircrafts, theatres, cinemas, restaurants, and in public buildings (including shopping centres).

Table Manners

Eating with one's fingers is okay at informal meals such as picnics, barbecues and for take-away meals. When having a meal at a table at home or in a restaurant, knives, forks and spoons are used. Fingers are used for bread and occasionally for meat with bones. If you don't know which piece of cutlery to use, ask around before going out and watch other people.

Social Functions and Outings

The most common social functions are dinners, parties and barbecues held in private homes. At these functions, guests normally bring a bottle of wine or cans of beer. Sometimes guests are requested to 'bring a plate'. This means that each guest brings a plate of food to be shared by everyone. On other occasions, guests are informed on the invitation 'BYO' (Bring Your Own drinks or meat for a barbecue). People also invite friends to go out to restaurants, movies and other events. Sometimes the person issuing the invitation will offer to pay for the whole, or part of the event, but most times costs are shared equally.

At any venue where alcoholic drinks are sold, the convention is to 'shout' a round. This means that when a group is drinking together, each person in the group will take a turn to buy a round of drinks. If you don't wish to do this, say so before any drinks are bought.

Physical Contact in Public

Men mostly shake hands when meeting each other. Women, on the other hand, display greater physical affection in public. Hugging and greeting each other with a kiss on the cheek is very common among women. Display of affection between men and women, like hugging, kissing and holding hands, is quite common, and those who are close friends or family often greet and say goodbye to each other with a kiss on the cheek.

Home Life

Australians are very family orientated and spend a great deal of time doing family orientated activities. The home is cherished as a family's own private space and most work nights are spent at home. Weekends, especially in spring and summer, are spent catching up with close friends or doing work around the house and garden. If you wish to contact or visit friends at home, it is best to avoid doing so before 9am and after 9pm. A telephone call before dropping in will also be most appreciated.

Clothing in Summer

Clothing in summer is often kept to a minimum. Young people, including women, wear shorts and brief tops in public. This is acceptable and should not be mistaken as a sign of loose morals.



Conversation

Australians love to engage in conversation. Topics of conversation between acquaintances will generally be neutral ones such as sport, films or music, and will not include those that are personal or could lead to disagreements or arguments. In casual conversations, questions about personal relationships, someone's income, the cost of one's home and possessions and a person's age should be avoided unless you know the person very well.

Making Friends

Australians are friendly. They smile, joke and are willing to help anyone who asks them. But when it comes to making close friendships, they take their time. Close friendships in Australia are mostly based on repeated interactions, shared interests and common points of view.

Unacceptable Social Habits

Every society has certain rules concerning social habits and some practices which are socially acceptable in your society may not be acceptable in another. In Australia, the following are considered unacceptable (some are even unlawful) and you should note them:

- avoid speaking in your own language at length while in the company of other people;
- avoid swearing, shouting, using indecent language and spitting in public;
- don't throw paper towels, tissues or feminine hygiene products into toilet bowls as they clog up the system. Only toilet paper should be flushed down the toilet;
- it is appropriate to blow your nose rather than sniffing, and to use a tissue or handkerchief.



'Australian' English

All English speaking countries in the world have their own particular accent, pronunciation, vocabulary, slang and style of speaking English. Australia is no exception. Even between the Australian States some words and styles of speaking are different. Though you may have studied and spoken English in your home country, you may initially have problems in understanding 'Australian' English or have problems making people understand you.

Don't worry, with time you'll pick up the 'Aussie' (Australian) dialect. The main aspects of 'Australian' English to look out for are:

The Australian accent

This is unique to Australia and pronunciation of some words may be different to those you are familiar with.

Speed

'Australian' English is spoken quite fast with the tendency to join words together for example, 'G'day' for 'Good day', 'How ya goin' for 'How are you going?'

Expression

Use of slang and home-grown vocabulary is very common. There is also a tendency to shorten and abbreviate words, sometimes adding an 'o' or 'i'.

Some examples of abbreviations:

aggro	aggressive
arvo	afternoon
rego	registration (for example, car registration)
servo	service (petrol) station
yobbo	a 'loud mouth' male
barbie	barbecue
brekky	breakfast
moszie	mosquito
sickie	sick day off work
sunnies	sunglasses
Uni	university
beaut	good, great
suss	suspicious
ta	thank you
tute	tutorial



Some examples of Australian terminology:

barrack	voice support (for team)
bloke	a male
bludger	lazy, free-loader
car park	parking lot
chips	french fries
chook	chicken
chuck	throw
crook	not feeling well
cuppa	cup of tea
deli	delicatessen, corner store
fair dinkum	genuine, real
fair go	equal treatment
full on	intense
gutless	weak, afraid
jumper	sweater
loo	toilet
love/dear	term of endearment
mate	friend
ocker	uncultivated Australian (usually male)
no worries	no problems, okay (sometimes used instead of "you're welcome")
ripper	great, terrific
shocker	something that is distasteful or disliked
shonky	suspect in quality or character
spot-on	perfect
spunk	good-looking male/female
squiz	inquisitive look
tomato sauce	ketchup
what's up	what's wrong



The Law

As an international student you are subject to all State and Federal laws. From the perspective of the law, you are no different from a citizen or permanent resident. In fact, the consequences of breaking the law (depending on the offence) could be more serious, as the punishment may also include cancellation of your student visa. The law governing the following matters should be given particular attention:

- contractual agreements – be aware that all written agreements such as tenancy contracts, hire purchase agreements, and agreement to purchase contracts are legally binding. Read the fine print and make sure you understand everything before you sign;
- if you are under the age of 18 years, you are not permitted to purchase alcoholic drinks. Driving while under the influence of alcohol (ie having a blood alcohol level exceeding 0.05) is a serious offence and can be dangerous. Regular breath-testing is carried out by police and if you are caught you will be fined and may lose your driver's licence or be imprisoned, depending on your blood alcohol level;
- making loud noise (music, shouting, etc) late at night is against the law;
- it is illegal to gamble except through officially licensed agencies such as the Burswood Casino, TAB and Lotto;
- bribery is a serious crime. Don't attempt to bribe anyone and also be careful not to allow your actions to be interpreted as a bribe;
- other laws that you should note are those involving motor vehicle accidents, road rules (such as speeding, driving without a valid licence), disagreements with neighbours, causing a public nuisance, cheating and shoplifting.

The Police

The Police Services (State and Federal) in Australia are part of the Public Service and not part of the Armed Forces. Their job is to prevent and solve crime, protect life and property, and to maintain law and order. If you have to deal with the Police, it will be to your advantage to co-operate with them and conduct yourself in a polite and unexcitable manner. You are also entitled to certain legal rights, which are as follows:

- you are considered innocent until proven guilty in court;
- unless you are formally arrested, you can refuse to go with the Police, answer any of their questions, give your name (except for traffic offences), or make a statement;
- you need not say anything that may incriminate you;
- the Police cannot threaten you or cause you any bodily harm, but if you resist arrest they can use reasonable force;
- if you are formally arrested, you have the right to be given details of the charge, make one telephone call to contact a lawyer/relative/friend, request an interpreter and ask for bail. Furthermore you need only give your name and address. If you want to make a statement you may write it yourself or have an interpreter do it for you.

Legal Advice and Assistance

If you need legal advice and assistance, contact the International Student Adviser who will direct you to the appropriate agency. You can also receive assistance and advice from the following:

Legal Aid Western Australia, Tel: 1300 650 579

Citizens Advice Bureau of WA, Tel: 9221 5711

Youth Legal Service, Tel: 9202 1688

Discrimination/Harassment

The University of Western Australia is committed to maintaining a work/study environment, which is free from discrimination and harassment. If you experience discrimination, harassment, or unfair treatment or if you feel uncomfortable about the behaviour of another student or a staff member, the university has procedures to deal with these issues and has appointed a team of Equity and Diversity Advisers to provide assistance. All enquiries are dealt with in confidence. For more information, please refer to www.equity.uwa.edu.au/welcome/advice_and_assistance

See "Useful Contacts" at the back of this book for telephone numbers.



LIVING IN PERTH

Facts in Brief

Perth	Capital city of the State of Western Australia
Population, Perth	1.5 million
Size of Western Australia	2,525,500 sq km (largest state of Australia)
Population, Western Australia	2.1 million
Government	Democratic (Westminster System)
Time Zone	GMT + 8 hours
Religion	Complete religious freedom
Official language	English
Climate	Perth has a mediterranean climate with hot dry summers and relatively mild wet winters.

Average Temperatures - Perth

Summer Dry & Hot	17° to 28°c (62° to 82°f)	December to February
Autumn Some Rain	13° to 24°c (55° to 75°f)	March to May
Winter Rain	9° to 17°c (48° to 62°f)	June to August
Spring Some Rain	11° to 21°c (52° to 70°f)	September to November



Air Travel Times to Perth

From	Hours	Time Difference
Bangkok	6.50	-1 hour
Berlin	21.00	-6 to -7 hours
Chennai	9.00	-2.5 hours
Dubai	10.25	-4 hours
Frankfurt	17.30	-6 to -7 hours
Hong Kong	7.00	same
Jakarta	4.50	-1 hour
Johannesburg	9.05	-6 hours
Kuala Lumpur	5.40	same
London	18.10	-7 to -8 hours
Los Angeles	17.30	-15 to -16 hours
Mumbai	11.55	-2.5 hours
New York	22.30	-12 to -13 hours
Paris	20.00	-6 to -7 hours
Seoul	11.00	+1 hour
Singapore	5.00	same
Stockholm	22.00	-6 to -7 hours
Taipei	8.50	same
Tokyo	9.50	+1 hour



Accommodation/Housing

On Campus Accommodation

There are five residential colleges/halls on-campus which can accommodate approximately 1000 students. The colleges have students of different ages and backgrounds, and are places where students can share academic and personal interests with other students. The Colleges offer a furnished private room and three meals a day. More importantly they offer an environment where tutors and senior students help with studies during the transition from school to university. There are also social activities organised to help students balance the demands of study.

Colleges	Currie Hall St Catherine's College (female college) St George's College St Thomas More College Trinity
Location	Stirling Highway, Nedlands (opposite UWA campus)
Cost	Ranges between \$310 - \$345 p.w. (2009)
Application Fee	\$60 (non-refundable)
When to Apply	As early as possible (you don't have to have an offer of a place at the University to apply)
Contact	Any of the colleges (see page 52)

Send your completed application form with the application fee to the College you choose as your first preference. If the first choice is not successful, the application will automatically be forwarded to the next preferred college with places available. Contact details can be found at www.studentservices.uwa.edu.au/ss/housing/living_on

Off-Campus Accommodation

Accommodation close to the University is usually in high demand and more expensive than other areas. The University Housing Officer maintains listings of both vacant and shared accommodation available to students in areas surrounding the campus. However, the Housing Officer does not evaluate the accommodation or negotiate on your behalf with the owner/agent. You are responsible for judging the quality, suitability and safety of the accommodation.

Please refer to www.studentservices.uwa.edu.au/ss/housing for more information about housing.

Where to look for accommodation

- listings at the UWA Housing Office database at Student Services and the Housing Office, website – www.studentservices.uwa.edu.au/ss/housing/living_off/finding_offcampus
- community and local newspapers (*The West Australian* and *Sunday Times*) under the rental column,
- advertisements placed on notice boards around campus,
- real estate agents,
- help from other students who are familiar with the university area.

Tip

Before signing a lease, it is crucial that you understand the terms and conditions that apply. The Housing Officer has a number of information pamphlets that can assist you in this regard.

Types of Accommodation

Shared accommodation

What is it?	sharing a flat, unit or house with other students or the owner of the property
Own room/share room	yes, either furnished or unfurnished
Cost	between \$150 and \$250 per week, depending on the size, type, location, furnishings
Bond	usually required (4 weeks' rent)
Signed agreement/contract	good idea to negotiate one before you move in (available from the Housing Office)
Other costs	share of household expenses, such as electricity, gas and telephone
Meals	responsible for your own meals

Homestay

What is it?	usually refers to a furnished room in a house with families
Own room	yes, usually furnished
Cost	between \$250 to \$300 per week (includes meals, electricity, gas, water)
Bond	usually required (4 weeks' board)
Signed agreement/contract	usually required
Other costs	telephone calls
Meals	included in board cost

Renting or Leasing

What is it?	entering a contract to rent or lease a flat, unit or house, either on your own or with friends
Flat/unit, house	yes, either furnished or unfurnished
Cost	varies depending on the location and condition of the property one bedroom flat: \$260 - \$400 per week two bedroom unit: \$320 - \$500 per week three bedroom house: \$450 - \$600 per week
Bond	yes (4 weeks' rent)
Signed agreement/contract	yes, usually a lease for six months or more
Other costs	four weeks' rent in advance a letting fee (one week's rent) connection fees for electricity, gas and telephone, plus regular charges for these utilities
Meals	responsible for your own meals

Tips On Renting

- see the Housing Officer at UWA before going out in search of accommodation, (www.studentservices.uwa.edu.au/ss/housing/downloads)
- think about the type of housing you want and how much rent you can afford,
- before agreeing to move into shared accommodation, it is important to carefully assess whether you will enjoy living in that household and with those people,
- be aware of the distance and travelling times to and from campus,
- always view the room/flat/house before making a decision,
- don't be pressured into taking a place that is not what you want,
- ask questions and consult the Housing Officer on matters that you are not clear about, and
- read the free booklet titled 'Renting a home in Western Australia' which is available from the Housing Officer, the Department of Commerce or the Tenants Advice Service,
- before signing a lease, it is crucial that you understand the terms and conditions that apply.



Money Matters

Money

Australian currency comes in the form of coins and notes. The basic unit of currency is the Australian dollar.

Coins: 5c, 10c, 20c, 50c, \$1, \$2

Notes: \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100

Banks

Australia's major banks:

ANZ

BankWest

Westpac

Commonwealth Bank

National Australia Bank

plus many other smaller banks and credit unions

Banks On-campus

Westpac

Unicredit

Banks Close to UWA campus

ANZ

Bank West

Commonwealth Bank

National Australia Bank

Some of these banks also have branches in other countries and, if a branch is present in your country, we recommend you open an account before you leave home. This will make money matters easier once you arrive in Perth. If this option is not available, you should open an account soon after arrival. Funds from your parents (or your source of financial support) can be sent direct to your bank account by telegraphic transfer (TT) or by bank draft. This arrangement can be made through any bank in your home country. If funds are sent by bank draft, allow two weeks for posting and clearance.

When opening a bank account you will need your passport and some other form of identification. The bank will ask you for a Tax File Number (TFN), which you do not have to provide. However, if you do not provide a TFN the bank will charge you a higher than normal tax rate on any interest you earn. You can apply for a tax file number online at: www.ato.gov.au

Banking hours are 9.30am - 4.00pm Monday to Thursday and 9.30am - 5.00pm on Friday. Banks are closed on Saturday, Sunday and public holidays. Banks also operate automatic teller machines (ATM) on campus and in all suburbs. Access to accounts at ATMs are through cards and a Personal Identification Number (PIN). Should the card (and/or PIN) be misplaced/stolen, you must notify your bank immediately (after hours numbers are available).

Most major banks also have telephone and internet banking facilities.

Money Management

Most students are on a limited budget, therefore managing money is an important skill to learn. You should work out a realistic budget and stick to it, ensuring that your expenses do not exceed your income. If you find yourself overspending, analyse your expenditure and commit yourself to making changes. To assist you in working out a budget, the following guide is provided:

Estimated Cost of Basic Living per Week (Single Student Living Off-Campus)*

Weekly rent (shared accommodation with 2-3 students)	\$170
Meals/Snacks	\$140
Gas/electricity/water/phone	\$45
Transport (SmartRider)	\$15
Miscellaneous	\$70
Total weekly cost	\$440

** Students with a family (spouse and one child) should budget a minimum of \$800 per week for living expenses.*

An amount of \$400 - \$600 per semester should be set aside for textbooks and other study materials, and \$1,600 - \$2,000 should be allocated for initial set-up costs, which will include:

Accommodation bond (4 weeks rent @ \$170 p/week – refundable)	\$680
Advanced rental (2 weeks @ \$170 p/week)	\$340
Connection fees (phone, electricity, gas) – shared cost	\$60
General second-hand furniture, crockery etc.....	\$700
Total establishment cost	\$1780

Financial Assistance

Students experiencing difficulties managing their finances can seek assistance from the International Student Adviser at the International Centre. A short-term loan of \$1,500 is available from the University to international students who find themselves in temporary financial difficulties. Loans are not available for tuition fees.

Working in Perth

Australian immigration regulations allow international students to work up to a maximum of 20 hours per week during academic term and full time during vacation periods.

Dependants of undergraduate students are also restricted to a maximum of 20 hours per week and are not allowed to work until the student begins their course. However, dependants of postgraduate students can work full-time.

Students and dependants of students, intending to work must ensure they have a 'Work Right Visa'. This is usually included with your Student Visa. If in doubt, contact the Department of Immigration and Citizenship - Tel 13 18 81

Work available to students is mainly part-time in restaurants, factories and shops. The best way to seek employment is by checking newspaper advertisements, through recommendation from friends and by enquiries at the Careers Centre on campus.

Although part-time work is available, it is not plentiful or regular. Students should not include potential income from work in their financial calculations or budget planning.

Tax File Number

If you work you will need to apply for a Tax File Number (TFN). Employers will require your TFN to enable them to deduct income tax from your salary before you receive it. You can apply for a TFN online at: www.ato.gov.au

Income Tax

The Australian Taxation Office classifies international students studying in the country for six months or more as residents for taxation purposes. If you earn any income you will have to submit a tax return at the end of each financial year (30 June). Interest earned from bank deposits or other investments are considered income and are subject to income tax.

If you are employed, your employer will deduct income tax from your salary and at the end of each financial year you will receive a Payment Summary showing your income and tax deductions. The Payment Summary must accompany your completed tax return when it is submitted to the Taxation Office.

The Taxation Office will give you a refund if your total income for the year was less than \$6,000 (for 2008/2009) or if you paid too much tax. Conversely, if insufficient tax was deducted, then the difference must be paid to the Taxation Office.



Health Care and Insurance

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

All international students (except those from Sweden and Norway who are covered under different arrangements) must have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC).

The University has appointed Worldcare as the provider for Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for students at the University of Western Australia, however international students may choose to use another health cover provider, if they wish.

OSHC will pay 100% of the scheduled fee for medical consultation. If you see a medical practitioner (GP) who charges above the scheduled fee, you will be required to pay the difference. OSHC pays for the total cost of hospital treatment by a doctor appointed by the hospital, in a shared ward of a public hospital. If you choose your own doctor and get treatment in a private hospital, OSHC will only pay the scheduled fee. All costs beyond the scheduled fee have to be met by you. OSHC will also pay for emergency ambulance transport and rebates for certain prescription items.

For more information on overseas health coverage, please refer to www.studyat.uwa.edu.au/undergrad/international/visas#health

Payment of Medical Accounts

Some medical practitioners may require you to settle your account directly with them. In this case, you will have to pay in full directly to the medical practitioner and then claim a reimbursement from your OSHC provider. To make a claim, you will need to complete a claim form and attach your receipt of payment. Other medical practitioners may choose to charge the account directly to the OSHC provider.

Claims may be submitted to Worldcare representatives who are on campus daily to deal with claims and other enquiries relating to OSHC.

Health Services

UWA has a medical centre on campus, located on the second floor of the Guild Village. Charges for services are generally equivalent to scheduled fees.

The University area and all suburbs of Perth are well served by private medical practitioners. Some practitioners charge scheduled fees while others charge above scheduled fees. This should be clarified when appointments are made.

Emergency hospital services are available 24 hours a day without an appointment at the following general hospitals. Look for the 'Emergency' or 'Casualty' signs:

- Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital
- Royal Perth Hospital
- Fremantle Hospital
- King Edward Memorial Hospital (for females)
- Princess Margaret Hospital (for children only)



Transport and Communications

Public Transport

The organisation that runs Perth's public transport system (integrating buses, trains and ferries) is called Transperth.

Full-time international students are entitled to concession on public transport.

To access concession fares, students must purchase a Tertiary SmartRider Card from the University Campus News and Gifts Newsagent. A card purchase fee of \$5 applies.

A minimum of \$10 must be added to your SmartRider Card at the time of purchase.

Once you have added value onto your SmartRider Card, you can start to use it on buses, trains and ferries. Using the SmartRider Card will save you over 15% on cash fares.

Further information on fares, timetables and SmartRider can be obtained at

www.transperth.wa.gov.au

Taxis

Taxis are fairly expensive and have non-negotiable meter charges. An extra charge is levied after 6pm, on weekends and public holidays.

Private Transport

Based on your finances and the distance between your residence and the campus, you may choose to own a car or travel by bicycle. A reasonably good secondhand bicycle can cost between \$120 and \$150 and you must wear a safety helmet when cycling in public.

If you decide to buy a secondhand car, remember to consider the following:

- the running costs involved, such as maintenance, insurance, registration, petrol and parking;
- when inspecting a car, always take a friend who knows about cars for a second opinion;
- when purchasing a vehicle from a private seller, contact the Register of Encumbered Vehicles (REVS) to check whether any money is owing on the vehicle;
- when buying from a car dealer, any document you sign can be legally enforced. Therefore ensure that you fully understand all terms and conditions contained in the documents. Do not sign an 'Offer to Purchase' document unless you are sure that you want to buy the car;
- when uncertain about the condition of a vehicle, have it checked by a qualified person. The Royal Automobile Club of WA (RAC) provides an inspection service for a fee.



Vehicle Insurance

By law, all vehicles in WA are covered by compulsory Third Party Insurance which is incorporated into the car registration fee. It covers personal injury to other people involved in an accident with your car. It does not cover the cost of other damages, repairs to the other vehicle or to your own. It is recommended that you purchase separate comprehensive insurance to protect yourself against damage to your car and other vehicles in the event of an accident. If you are holding an international/overseas driving licence, before you purchase your car insurance, you should clarify with your insurer whether the policy will cover you in the event of accident.

Driver's Licence

The Department for Planning and Infrastructure (Licensing Services) are responsible for driver's licences and car registrations.

If you have a valid overseas licence, you may drive in Western Australia on your overseas licence until it expires. You must carry your licence at all times. If your overseas licence ceases to be valid or expires, you will be required to apply for a WA licence if you wish to continue driving.

If your overseas licence is not in English, you should have it translated to English through the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI) Tel 9472 3588.

Western Australia operates a demerit 'point system' for drivers. Twelve points are allocated to you and are deducted when driving offences such as speeding and going through red lights are committed. It takes three years for points to be added back onto your licence. If you lose all 12 points, your licence will be suspended for a certain period. Driving under the influence of alcohol over 0.05 or drugs is a serious offence in Australia and can result in fines and losing your licence, not to mention loss of life. Use of seat belts is compulsory.

Please refer to www.dpi.wa.gov.au/licensing for more information relating to driving licences.

Postal Services

Australia Post has agencies and post offices in all suburbs and are open from 9.00am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday (some branches also open on Saturday from 9.00am to 12.00pm). Payment for most government bills, car registrations, driver's licences, utility charges and other monetary transactions can be processed at Australia Post offices and agencies.

There are strict rules governing postage of parcels containing animal and plant materials, foodstuffs, medicines and artefacts. If you intend to send or expect to receive any parcel containing these materials, make sure to obtain the necessary advice from customs and postal authorities in advance. If you change your address, you can have your mail re-directed to your new address by completing a "Change of Address" form. You will be charged for this service.

Telephone

Perth's telephone and mobile phone services are provided by several companies, the biggest being Telstra. Local calls from a private or public phone are charged on a per call basis (unlimited time). Charges for calls outside the Perth metropolitan area, interstate (STD) and international (ISD) are levied at scheduled rates per minute. Reduced rates are charged during off peak hours. All calls from and to mobile phones are more expensive than standard calls and are charged on a timed basis.

Before deciding on a particular telephone company, shop around and evaluate services on offer and costs. Additional attention should be paid to mobile telephone contracts and especially to clauses concerning the obligations of the subscriber.

Email, Internet and Facsimile

All telephone lines in Perth are capable of carrying email, internet and facsimile traffic. Connections for email and internet via PCs and modems are easily carried out. There are numerous email and internet providers in Perth, and students should shop around before deciding on a provider that meets their budget and purpose.

Newspapers

The West Australian Daily newspaper
Sunday Times Weekend
 Weekly community newspapers Delivered free to households

National and interstate papers are also easily available, and major overseas newspapers are available to read free of charge at the University and public libraries.

Television

Six free-to-air TV channels broadcast programmes throughout most of the day and night. Three are commercial stations (Channels 7, 9 and 10) and two are publicly funded (Channels 2 and 28). One of the public stations, SBS (Channel 28), specialises in multicultural and ethnic programmes. SBS programmes include movies and news in many languages besides English. All five stations are Australia-wide.

Cable TV is available for a fee in most suburbs including those around the University. Service is provided by contractual arrangements between the provider and the user.



Religion

Australians are generally very tolerant of other people's religions and you are free to practise any religion you wish. Nearly every major religious group is represented in Perth, although Christianity is the most widely practised.

UWA has Catholic and Anglican priests on campus, and a Muslim prayer (Masjid) room which is located at the east end of Winthrop Hall.

Refer to 'Useful Contacts and Websites' at the back of this book for a list of some religious organisations and places of worship. For a detailed list of churches in Perth, refer to the White Pages of the Perth telephone directory (www.whitepages.com.au). They are listed by denomination.

Accompanying Family

Students thinking of bringing their spouse and children to Australia should carefully consider issues such as finance, housing, adjustment of family members, education of children, and the family's ability to cope with language, social and cultural issues, before making a decision.

There are various government administrative and regulatory policies concerning family accompaniment of students. With the exception of postgraduate research students and Australian government sponsored students, Students of all other categories will be required to pay full fees for their dependants' education.

Students with school age children are required to bring with them:

- immunisation records
- education records.

These documents will be required to register your child/children for schooling or child care.

Students intending to bring their families must advise the University of their intention and should also familiarise themselves with the policies before making a decision. Students are advised to arrive in Australia on their own to allow them time to settle in and make preparations for their family's arrival.

Spouses of international students enrolled in a Bachelors or Honours degree or Graduate Diploma are permitted to work up to 20 hours per week.

Details of current policies and application procedures for family members are available from:

- Australian High Commission or Embassy in the student's home country (www.dfat.gov.au/missions);
- Department of Immigration and Citizenship (www.immi.gov.au).

Schooling for Dependent Children of Postgraduate Research Students

The Western Australian State Government provides a limited number of places in government schools for the dependent school age children of international postgraduate research students. Postgraduate research students and international students sponsored by the Australian Government, whose dependent school age children intend to attend a government school, should contact the International Centre for more information. There will usually be no tuition fee charged for children placed in government schools under this scheme, although there is a voluntary annual fee which parents are requested to pay. However, if the school considers that the child/children's level of English is inadequate, the child/children will be required to attend a specialist school which provides intensive English language classes. There will be a tuition fee for these classes. Fees will also be charged if the child/children have other special needs, such as a physical disability or impairment, that require special support. These fees must be paid by the parents. The University is not responsible for these fees.

All other dependants of international students will be required to pay full fees.

Entertainment and Visitor Information

Shopping

Like all cities, Perth has shops and stores catering to most consumer requirements. On arrival, you will find all you need at shops close to the campus – along Stirling Highway, Broadway and Hampden Road. After settling in, you may wish to venture further to Claremont, Fremantle, Perth City, Northbridge and other suburban centres.

Opening times (for most shops):

Monday to Friday:	8.30am - 5.30pm (See below variations for Thursday and Friday)
Thursday:	8.30am - 9.00pm (suburbs only)
Friday:	8.30am - 9.00pm (Perth City Centre only)
Saturday:	8.00am - 5.00pm (some smaller stores may close at 1.00pm)
Sunday:	12.00pm - 6.00pm (Perth City Centre and Fremantle only)

Prices in shops are fixed and bargaining is not customary.



Supermarkets

The main supermarket chain stores are Coles, Woolworths and IGA. Goods at supermarkets are generally cheaper than 'delis' or smaller speciality stores.

Close to campus

- Coles Supermarket, Claremont Shopping Centre, Gugerri Street, Claremont
- IGA, Broadway Fair Shopping Centre, 88 Broadway, Nedlands
- IGA, 152 Stirling Highway, Nedlands

Department Stores

The major department chain stores are Myers and David Jones. There are also discount department stores such as Target, K-Mart and Big W which sell similar products at comparatively lower prices.

Close to campus

- David Jones: in the city
- Target: located in the city and in Fremantle
- Myer: located in the city and in Fremantle

Pharmacies and Chemists

These are the only shops that sell prescription medicines. They also stock all forms of non-prescription drugs, medicines, medical and health supplies, toiletries and cosmetics.

Close to campus

- Campus Pharmacy - Ground Floor, Guild Village, UWA
- Broadway Fair Pharmacy, Shop 22, Broadway Fair Shopping Centre, 88 Broadway, Nedlands
- Hollywood Pharmacy, 29A Hampden Road, Nedlands
- Stirling Drive-In Pharmacy, 234 Stirling Highway, Claremont (open until 11pm every day)

Asian Grocery Shops

Asian grocery shops can be found in Northbridge (city), and around Perth's suburbs.

Close to campus

- Kong's Oriental Supermart, Shop 9, Broadway Fair Shopping Centre, 88 Broadway, Nedlands Tel: 9386 1939

Halal Food/Meat

Halal food and meat are available at the following outlets:

- Bentley Halal Meats, Shop 4, Hillview Place, Bentley Tel: 9458 1052
- Med Halal Meats, 73 Honeywell Blv, Mirrabooka Tel: 9249 7740
- Ismail's Halal Butcher, 307a Fitzgerald St, West Perth Tel: 9382 3076
- Carousel Halal Meat, Shop 27/53 Cecil Ave, Cannington Tel: 9358 1227
- Mahsuri Satay Restaurant, 313 Albany Highway, Victoria Park Tel: 9362 5062
- Levant Cuisine Restaurant, 139 Barrack Street, Perth Tel: 9325 3496
- Cafe Karache, 124 Murray Street, Perth Tel: 9325 7777
- Little Moorish Restaurant, 10 Eastbrook Tce, East Perth Tel: 9225 7880

Markets

Perth has markets that open on weekends and public holidays. They comprise a collection of stalls that sell all kinds of goods and services including Asian wares, clothing, fresh produce, prepared food, crafts and fortune-telling.

Close to campus

- Station Street Markets Subiaco, Station Street, Subiaco
- Fremantle Market, Corner South Terrace and Henderson Street, Fremantle
- Boatshed Fresh Food, 40 Jarrad Street, Cottesloe

Eating Out

There are numerous restaurants, cafés and eating places in Perth. Although many are concentrated in Northbridge and Fremantle, you will find eating places, serving all types of international cuisine, elsewhere in the city and in every suburb.



When eating out, remember:

- BYO means you are able to Bring Your Own alcohol;
- tipping is rarely practised (only in very good restaurants and/or if the service has been excellent);
- food is generally not available after 10.00pm. There are certain places, that remain open until late, with some cafes in Northbridge open for 24 hours;
- casual eating out in Perth is inexpensive.

Close to campus

- Mother's Foods, 11 Broadway, Nedlands
- Chinese Village Restaurant, 17 Broadway, Nedlands
- Broadway Pizza, 165 Broadway, Nedlands
- Broadway Fair Shopping Centre, Broadway, Nedlands
– various cafés/take-away food outlets
- Hampden Road, Nedlands - various cafés, restaurants

Movie Theatres

- Hoyts (several locations) www.hoyts.com.au
- Greater Union (several locations) www.greaterunion.com.au
- Windsor Cinemas, 98 Stirling Highway, Nedlands,
- Luna Cinemas, 155 Oxford Street, Leederville and 3 Essex Street, Fremantle, www.lunapalace.com.au



STUDYING AT UWA

Academic Matters

Studying at a university in Australia may be different to what you have been used to and therefore you need to take note of the academic expectations at UWA.

When studying at UWA

- emphasis is on independent learning and continuing your study outside classes,
- you will be expected to take an active part in learning rather than rote learning,
- critical thinking is necessary,
- it is important to have your own opinion and to be able to support your opinions with facts and references,
- you will receive less direction from lecturers, and
- you will have fewer assessments but with heavier weighting.

Students are encouraged to

- collect and analyse data,
- ask questions,
- develop an argument in a logical form and
- participate in discussion and debate with other students and teachers.

Classes

Weekly lectures may have more than 100 students. These are complemented by smaller, weekly tutorials, seminars or laboratories and workshops where you will be expected to actively participate in discussion and debate.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is “taking and using as one’s own, the thoughts, writings or inventions of another.” These thoughts or writings could be, for example, from a book or the internet or from the work of other students.

It is a very serious offence that carries substantial penalties. A student may receive a failing grade for the work in question, or be excluded from the unit.

Tip

Major assignments for different units may be due around the same time, so manage your time effectively to ensure deadlines are met.



Having Problems?

Ask for help if you are having problems. Your tutors, lecturers, the course coordinator and Academic Student Adviser/Sub-Dean are all there to help you, so talk to them about any difficulties you are having. Alternatively, a counsellor or learning skills adviser at Student Services can provide assistance with developing your study skills, or contact the International Student Adviser at the International Centre.

Academic Assessment System

Depending on the course you are enrolled in, assessment takes various forms. In some courses, assessment comprises of final exams, short tests and essays. Others are based on the continuous assessment of assignments, short essays, field trips, tutorial papers, oral exams and seminars.

Most units (subjects) will have one or two big assignments rather than lots of smaller ones. Lecturers look for an argument or thesis in assignments and how you express your ideas and information.

Exams

Timetable	Exam timetables are published approximately three weeks before the start of examinations. Your personal exam timetable is accessed through your student website - Student Connect.
Duration	usually 3 hours + 10 minutes reading time

Tips

Exams at UWA may be more heavily weighted than you are used to, especially for science and maths units. It is best to review your lecture and tutorial notes on an ongoing basis.

Important	There is no provision for early examinations unless the circumstances are considered to be an emergency.
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Grading

<i>Percentage</i>	<i>Grade (all faculties)</i>
80-100	HD (High Distinction)
70-79	D (Distinction)
60-69	CR (Credit Pass)
50-59	P (Pass)
45-49	N+ (Fail)
0-44	N (Fail)
UP	(Ungraded Pass)
UF	(Ungraded Fail)

Change of Enrolment

It is student's responsibility to ensure that all enrolment details are correct. Students should therefore take care in their selection of courses or units. Students wishing to change their enrolment must complete a "Change of Enrolment" form available from the enquiry counter at Student Administration. This form must be completed and lodged in accordance with the faculty deadlines and the instructions on the form.

Withdrawal from Course

Students withdrawing completely from a course must notify the International Centre in writing and complete a "Change of Enrolment" form. Forms are obtainable from Student Administration.

Text Books

Textbooks can be expensive, but you can reduce the cost by:

- not buying every book listed on a reading list,
- seeking the advice of senior students as to which books are essential,
- advertising on noticeboards around campus for the books you want to buy, and
- buying second-hand books from the UWA secondhand bookstore on campus.

New books can be bought from the Co-op Bookshop on campus. If you pay the joining fee, a discount of up to 15% is possible.

Encompass Info Shop at Broadway Fair Shopping Centre also sells discounted text books.





Semester Dates

	Semester 2 2009	Semester 1 2010	Semester 2 2010	Semester 1 2011
Orientation Programmes				
International Undergraduate Students	13 - 17 July	10 - 19 February (subject to change)	12 - 16 July (subject to change)	TBC
International Postgraduate Students	13 - 17 July	10 - 19 February (subject to change)	12 - 16 July (subject to change)	TBC
Study Abroad/Exchange	13 - 17 July	10 - 19 February (subject to change)	12 - 16 July (subject to change)	TBC
Semester Dates				
Classes commence	20 July	22 February	19 July	28 February
Non-teaching study break	7 - 11 September	5 - 9 April	6 - 10 September	25-29 April
Classes end	23 October	28 May	22 October	3 June
Pre-Examination study break	26 - 30 October	31 May - 4 June	25 - 29 October	6-10 June
Examinations	31 October - 14 November	5 - 19 June	30 October - 13 November	11-25 June
Vacation Commences	15 November	20 June	14 November	26 June

Services for Students

International Centre

www.international.uwa.edu.au

The International Centre, located in Hackett Hall (see map on page 58), is the principal point of contact for international students. Its functions is to:

- Provide on-going support to international students on matters of general welfare such as health insurance, visa, financial assistance etc,
- Manage the University's international student recruitment programmes,
- Develop effective relationships with overseas institutions,
- Administer student exchange agreements,
- Provide advice on study abroad and student exchange programmes for all students,
- Process undergraduate, postgraduate, study abroad and student exchange applications.

Student Services

www.studentservices.uwa.edu.au

Student Services, located on the second floor of the Guild Village, offers a wide range of services to students. These include transition programmes, Counselling and Psychological Services (CAPS), Study Smarter (learning, language and research), Housing Service, Careers Centre, Medical Centre, Childcare Service and UniAccess. Information about these services will be provided during your enrolment or can be accessed at the website above.

Transition Programmes

There are several transition programmes designed to assist you as you settle into uni life. If you would like to be connected with a student before you arrive, UniLink can help. Once you get here, if you are an undergraduate student, you can connect with a mentor via UniMentor or participate in social activities and learning support through UniSkills. Information about these programmes is available at www.unistart.uwa.edu.au

Counselling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

The Counselling and Psychological Services (CAPS) provides professional and confidential service free of charge to students at UWA. Counsellors are clinical psychologists and are trained to assist students to deal with issues such as personal problems, anxiety, dealing with stress /trauma etc.

The Study Smarter team offers a wide range of services to help students succeed academically at UWA. Free workshops, podcasts, English language corner, great online resources and individual consultation are available to students. In addition, postgraduate students can connect with others through the LACE (Language and Cultural Exchange) programme.

Housing Service

The Housing Service maintains a listing of both shared and vacant accommodation available to students in areas surrounding the campus. They also provide information and advice on housing issues, such as tenancy law, understanding leases etc. They do not however arrange accommodation for students. It is the student's responsibility to view potential accommodation and assess its suitability.

Careers Service

The Careers Service provides assistance in finding part-time and casual employment. It also offers free advice on career choices related to specific employment, information on methods of applying for positions, and interview techniques.

Medical Centre

Male and female doctors are available at the Medical Centre. Staff at the Centre provides confidential and comprehensive medical care to students. Students wishing to consult the doctors must make an appointment.

Child Care Service

UWA Child Care Services provides a Long Daycare and Out of School Hours care services. It offers part-time and full-time care to children aged six weeks to five years. After school and vacation care for students up to twelve year olds, during state school terms and school holidays. Places are always in demand and fees are charged on a per week basis.

UniAccess

UniAccess provides a range of services including support and advocacy to UWA students who wish to disclose a disability or a chronic medical condition and request assistance.

The Library

www.library.uwa.edu.au

The study centre of any university is its library. At UWA the library system consists of subject libraries, a geology collection and a Scholars Centre. The subject libraries include the Biological Science Library; the Business Library; Education, Fine Arts & Architecture Library; Humanities & Social Sciences Library; the Law Library; Mathematics & Physical Sciences Library; the Medical & Dental Library; the Music Library; Science Library and the Undergraduate Physical Sciences Library.

To obtain maximum benefit from the libraries, their resources and facilities, students need to learn how to use them. Each library offers information literacy guides and training, both online and in a face-to face environment. Staff at information desks is also available to help students find the material and information they seek.

Email Services

www.its.uwa.edu.au/student

The University provides each student with an email account with a web-based interface. This allows convenient access via any Internet-connected computer, on or off campus. The account can also be upgraded to provide full Internet access including dial-up connections from a home computer. Students should activate and begin using their email account as soon as possible. All official university correspondence will be sent to this account.

Student Connect

www.studentconnect.uwa.edu.au

Student Connect is the gateway to the Student Information System. Student Connect will allow students to manage their own enrolment. They can also change their password and address details, view their current enrolment, class timetables, examination timetable, results etc.

UWA Student Guild

www.guild.uwa.edu.au

The UWA Student Guild is the representative body for all students at UWA. It is run by the Guild Council, whose members are elected to office by their respective fellow students.

The Guild provides a wide range of services such as catering, sporting activities, second-hand bookshop, Guild printing and media and the Guild shop. When required, it makes representation on behalf of students to the University and to government. It also has a large number of clubs and societies, which organise activities and entertainment. Some of the different types of clubs include International Student Services (ISS), Postgraduate Students' Association (PSA), Amnesty International, Arts Union etc. These clubs and societies provide opportunities for students to network and socialise outside the academic circles.

Student Parking and Parking Permits

www.ofm.uwa.edu.au

Parking permits are not issued to first-year students unless they are already graduates of UWA or another university. Full-time students in second or subsequent years of degree programme may obtain a permit subject to certain conditions. A fee is payable for the permit.

Important University Policies and Regulations

Tuition Fees

Annual tuition fees are payable in two instalments each year, on a semester basis. Payment must be made no later than the first day of each semester. A late fee will apply if tuition fees are not paid by the due date. You should have already paid the first semester fee by the time you arrive at university.

Refund of Tuition Fees

Students have the right to apply for a refund of fees providing they meet certain conditions. Details of conditions of the Refund Policy are found on the reverse side of the "Acceptance of Offer" form sent with your Letter of Offer, or at www.international.uwa.edu.au/studentnet/intstudents/refunds

Equity and Diversity Policies

The University is committed to promoting equality of opportunity for all students and to providing inclusive and supportive learning environment. Information about the University's equity and diversity policies can be obtained from www.hr.uwa.edu.au/equity/

Charter of Student Rights and Responsibilities

The Charter of Student Rights and Responsibilities outline the fundamental rights and responsibilities of students who undertake their education at UWA. The Charter contains information on

- General and fundamental rights and responsibilities
- Equal opportunity and non-discrimination
- Access to education
- Quality of education
- Student representation
- Procedure for grievances, appeals and complaints.

To access the Charter visit www.secretariat.uwa.edu.au/page/42905

Grievance Procedure

The University has policies to deal with student grievance and complaints. If students are unhappy with the outcome of their internal appeal process, they may approach an external body. Further information can be accessed at www.secretariat.uwa.edu.au/home/policies/appeals

Appeals against Academic Assessment / Progress Status

In the event that students are dissatisfied with their academic assessment /progress status, there is avenue for appeals. For more information visit www.secretariat.uwa.edu.au/home/policies/appeals

Useful Contact Numbers and Websites

Note: To telephone Perth from overseas, dial the country and area codes +61 8 before the number.

On Campus

International Centre

General Enquiries

Tel: 6488 3939
Fax: 9382 4071
Email: international@uwa.edu.au
Website: www.international.uwa.edu.au

Director

Mr Kelly Smith (Acting)
Tel: 6488 1853
Email: kelly.g.smith@uwa.edu.au

International Student Adviser

Ms Sally Tan
Tel: 6488 2428
Email: sally.tan@uwa.edu.au

Associate Director (Undergraduate)

Mr Garry Hendy
Tel: 6488 3723
Email: garry.hendy@uwa.edu.au

Acting Manager (Postgraduate)

Tel: 6488 4504

AsuAID & Scholarships Officer

Ms Deborah Pyatt
Tel: 6488 2420
Email: deborah.pyatt@uwa.edu.au

Manager, Study Abroad/Student Exchange

Ms Milly Ingate
Tel: 6488 3537
Email: milly.ingate@uwa.edu.au

Finance Officer

Ms Wai Chee Yao
Tel: 6488 1409
Email: wai-chee.yao@uwa.edu.au

Centre for English Language Teaching

The Centre offers English language programmes for international students. Courses include general English, English for academic purposes and English for business.

Tel: 6488 3539
Fax: 6488 1077
Email: celt@uwa.edu.au
Website: www.celt.uwa.edu.au

Faculty Offices

Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Visual Arts

Tel: 6488 2582
Fax: 6488 1082
Email: alva.admin@uwa.edu.au
Website: www.alva.uwa.edu.au

Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Tel: 6488 2091
Fax: 6488 1059
Email: arts-students@uwa.edu.au
Website: www.arts.uwa.edu.au

Faculty of Education

Graduate School of Education
Tel: 6488 2388
Fax: 6488 1052
Email: gse@uwa.edu.au
Website: www.education.uwa.edu.au

Faculty of Engineering, Computing and Mathematics

Undergraduate Tel: 6488 3061
Postgraduate Tel: 6488 3060
Fax: 6488 1026
Email:
Undergraduate Enquiries:
sub-dean.ecm@uwa.edu.au
Postgraduate Enquiries:
ecm-sec@uwa.edu.au
Website: www.ecm.uwa.edu.au

Faculty of Law

Tel: 6488 2945
Fax: 6488 1045
Email: lawgen@law.uwa.edu.au
Website: www.law.uwa.edu.au

Faculty of Life and Physical Sciences

Tel: 6488 3396
Fax: 6488 1058
Email: science@science.uwa.edu.au
Website: www.science.uwa.edu.au

Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry

Tel: 9346 7323
Fax: 9346 2369
Email: medinfo@meddent.uwa.edu.au
or dentinfo@meddent.uwa.edu.au
Website: www.meddent.uwa.edu.au

Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Tel: 6488 2565
Fax: 6488 1002
Email: faculty@fnas.uwa.edu.au
Website: www.fnas.uwa.edu.au

UWA Business School

Tel: 6488 2780
Fax: 6488 1068
Email: reception@biz.uwa.edu.au
Website: www.biz.uwa.edu.au

Residential Colleges

Currie Hall
Tel: 9273 3333
Fax: 9388 1224
Email: admin@curriehall.uwa.edu.au
Website: www.currie.uwa.edu.au

St Catherine's College

Tel: 9442 0400
Fax: 9386 3844
Email: enquiries@stcatherines.uwa.edu.au
Website: www.stcatherines.uwa.edu.au

Trinity

Tel: 9423 9423
Fax: 9423 9422
Email: admin@trinity.uwa.edu.au
Website: www.trinity.uwa.edu.au

St George's College

Tel: 9449 5555
Fax: 9449 5544
Email: admin@stgeorgescollege.com.au
Website: www.stgeorgescollege.com.au

St Thomas More College

Tel: 9386 0111
Fax: 9389 1104
Email: stmcrsec@cyllene.uwa.edu.au
Website: www.stmc.uwa.edu.au

Security and Parking

Web: www.ofm.uwa.edu.au
Fax: 6488 1144

Security Control Centre (24 hours)

Tel: 6488 3020

Emergencies (24 hours)

Tel: 6488 2222

Student Administration

The Student Administration Office is responsible for student enrolment, updating of student records, production of examination timetables and academic transcripts, as well as organisation of graduation ceremonies.

iPoint

iPoint provides students with answers to questions online, anytime.

Tel: 6488 3235

Fax: 6488 1083

Website: www.ipoint.uwa.edu.au

Student Services

Counsellors

Tel: 6488 2423

Fax: 6488 1119

Learning Language and Research Skills Advisers

Tel: 6488 2423

Fax: 6488 1119

Housing Officer

Tel: 6488 3547

Email: housing@uwa.edu.au

UniAccess: Disability Office

Tel: 6488 2423

Fax: 6488 1119

Email: uniaccess@uwa.edu.au

Careers Centre

Tel: 6488 2258

Fax: 6488 1119

Email: careers.centre@uwa.edu.au

Medical Centre

Tel: 6488 2118

Fax: 6488 1078

Child Care Services

Tel: 9389 9433

Fax: 9389 9588

Out of School and Vacation Care Centre

Tel: 9389 1848

Fax: 9389 9588

Other Services and Facilities

Equity and Diversity Office

Tel: 6488 3873

UWA Student Guild

Tel: 6488 2295

Fax: 6488 1041

Email: enquiries@guild.uwa.edu.au

Website: www.guild.uwa.edu.au

Guild Education Officer

Tel: 6488 2295

International Students Services (ISS)

Tel: 6488 2270

Email: iss-committee@gu.uwa.edu.au

Postgraduate Student's Association

Tel: 6488 3194

Fax: 6488 1200

Email: psa@guild.uwa.edu.au

University Co-operative Bookshop

Tel: 6488 2069

Email: uwa@coop-bookshop.com.au

Fax: 6488 1007

Outside Agencies

Australian Taxation Office

45 Francis Street, Northbridge, WA 6000

Tel: 13 28 61

Website: www.ato.gov.au

Tax File Numbers (TFN) Enquiries

Tel: 13 28 61

Equal Opportunity Commission

Tel: 9216 3900

Department of Immigration and Citizenship

411 Wellington Street, Perth, WA 6000

Tel: 13 18 81

Website: www.immi.gov.au

Council for International Students of Western Australia (CISWA)

Australia Asia Building
1st Floor, 275 Stirling Street
Perth, WA 6000

Tel: 9227 7660

Fax: 9227 7663

Email: ciswa@bigpond.com



Department of Planning and Infrastructure

Tel: 13 11 56

Electricity: Synergy

(Customer Services)

Tel: 13 13 53

Gas: Alinta Gas (Enquiries)

Tel: 13 13 58

Legal Aid Western Australia

55 St George's Terrace, Perth WA 6000

Tel: 9261 6222 or 1300 650 579

Department of Commerce

Consumer Protection Advice Line

219 St George's Terrace, Perth WA 6000

Tel: 1300 30 40 54

Police Department (Subiaco Branch)

365 Bagot Road, Subiaco WA 6108

Tel: 9381 6811

Police Department Perth

1 Hay Street, East Perth

Tel: 9222 1216

Register of Encumbered Vehicles (REVS)

Tel: 1300 30 40 24

(Call to check if the car you are intending to buy privately has money owing on it.)

Tenants Advice Service

Tel: 9221 0088

(Mon-Fri 8.30am - 12.00pm, and
Wed 2.30 - 7.30pm)

Transperth

Tel: 13 62 13

Website: www.transperth.wa.gov.au

WA Tourist Centre

Ground Floor Albert Facy House

(Corner of Wellington Street)

Forrest Place, Perth

Tel: 1300 361 351

Website: www.westernaustralia.com

Hospitals

Fremantle Hospital

Alma Street, Fremantle

Tel: 9431 3333

Princess Margaret Hospital for Children

Roberts Road, Subiaco

Tel: 9340 8222

Royal Perth Hospital

Wellington Street, Perth

Tel: 9224 2244

Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital

Hospital Avenue, Nedlands

Tel: 9346 3333

King Edward Memorial Hospital for Women

374 Bagot Road, Subiaco

Tel: 9340 2222

Banks

ANZ Bank

31 Broadway, Nedlands, WA 6009

Tel: 13 13 14

Website: www.anz.com.au

BankWest

28 Bayview Tce, Claremont WA 6010

Tel: 13 17 18

Website: www.bankwest.com.au

Westpac Bank

(Campus Branch), Guild Building

Tel: 13 20 32

Website: www.challengebank.com.au

Commonwealth Bank

4 Stirling Highway, Nedlands, WA 6009

Tel: 13 22 21

Website: www.commbank.com.au

National Australia Bank

Tel: 13 22 65

Website: www.national.com.au

Unicredit (Campus Branch)

Tel: 6488 1219 or 9389 1011

Religious Organisations and Places of Worship

Perth Mosque Inc

427 William Street, Perth WA 6000
Tel: 9328 8535

Islamic Council of Western Australia

7 Malvern Road, Rivervale WA 6103
Tel: 9362 2210

St. Margaret's Anglican Church

58 Tyrell Street, Nedlands WA 6009
Tel: 9386 1083

St. George's College Chapel

(Anglican)

Opposite UWA on Stirling Highway
Tel: 9449 5555

St. Matthew's Anglican Church

114 Onslow Road, Shenton Park WA 6008
Tel: 9381 2640

Holy Rosary Catholic Church

46 Thomas Street, Nedlands WA 6009
Tel: 9386 1870

St. Thomas Catholic Church

2 College Road, Claremont WA 6010
Tel: 9384 0598

St. Thomas More College Chapel

(Catholic)

Opposite UWA on Stirling Highway
Tel: 9386 0111

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

1 Salvado Road, Subiaco WA 6008
Tel: 9381 0400

Riverview Church (Pentecostal Church)

237 Princess Road, Nedlands
Tel: 9386 1770

Kings City Church (Pentecostal Church)

Suite 51/102 Railway Street,
West Perth WA 6005
Tel: 9321 2551

Jewish Centre in WA

61 Woodrow Avenue, Yokine WA 6060
Tel: 9276 8572

Buddhist Society of WA

18 Nanson Way, Nollamara WA 6061
Tel: 9345 1711

Hindu Temple of WA

Lot 41 Warton Road,
Canning Vale WA 6155
Tel: 9455 2097

Sikh Association of WA

123 Saddleback Grove, Canningvale 6155
Tel: 9256 1314

Church of Christ

70 Dalkeith Road, Nedlands
Tel: 9386 5856

Full Gospel Assembly, Perth

1 Hillview Place, Bentley WA 6102
Tel: 9451 2100

Lutheran Church of Australia

16 Aberdeen Street, Perth
Tel: 9227 8072

Influencers City Church

Perth Modern School, Subiaco
Tel: 1800 462 838

Telephones

Telstra

(Connections, sales, accounts)
Tel: 13 22 00

Directory Assistance

(Australian local and national telephone numbers)
Tel: 1223

Directory Assistance

(International telephone numbers)
Tel: 1225

White Pages of the Perth telephone directory

Website: www.whitepages.com.au



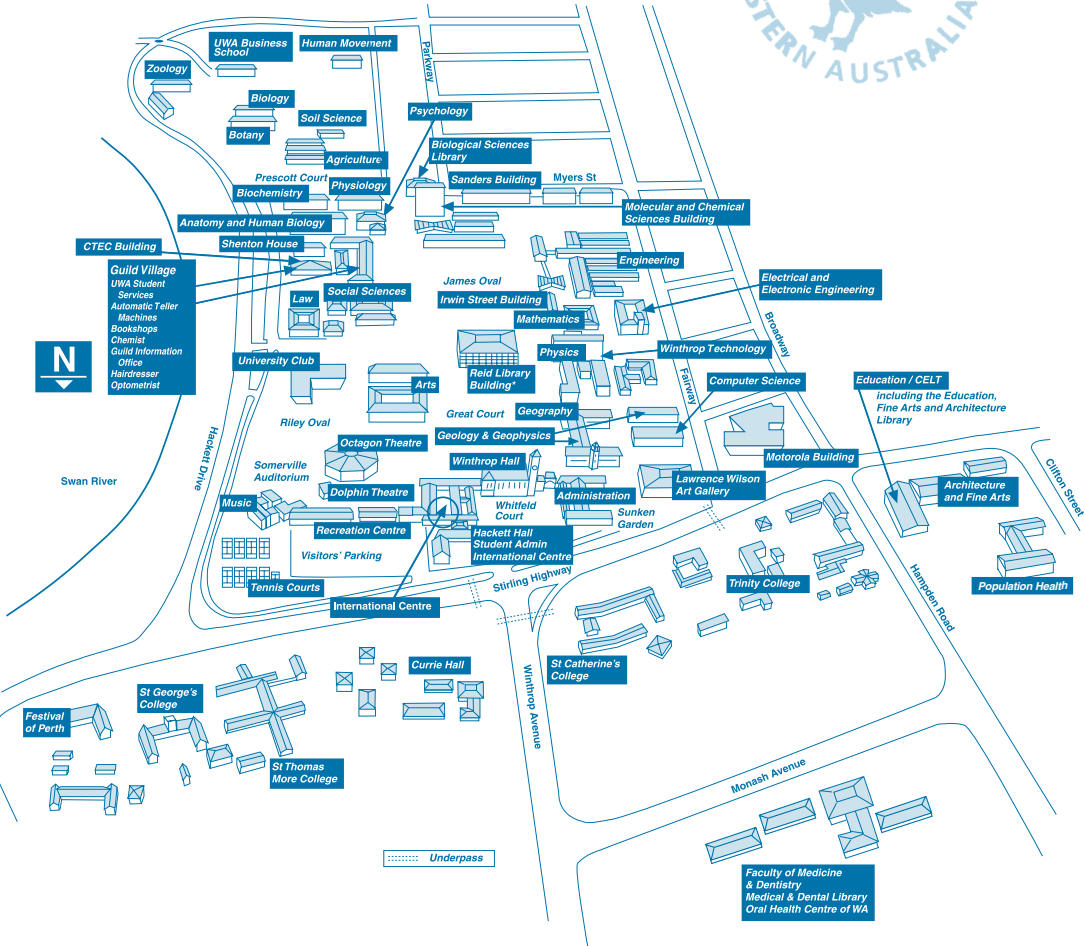
Glossary of Terms

Aborigines	The first inhabitants of Australia
Acceptance of Offer	The document a student signs to accept a place at UWA
ATM	Automatic Teller Machine
ATO	Australian Taxation Office
Bond	An amount of money paid before moving into a residential property (or college) as contingency
CATS	Central Area Transit System – free bus system within Perth city centre
CISWA	Council for International Students of Western Australia
Confirmation of Enrolment	The letter a student receives after accepting a place at UWA (required for visa and enrolment)
DEST	Department of Education, Science and Training
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
DIAC	Department of Immigration and Citizenship
EEO	Equal Employment Opportunity
Enrolment	Records student details and the units/subjects a student is undertaking for the year
ESOS	Education Services for Overseas Students
Flat	Usually one or two bedroom apartment
GST	Goods and Services Tax
Guild, Student Guild	Student representative body
Guild Village	Area on campus where guild service outlets, banks, cafes and students services are located
ISS	International Students Service (part of Student Guild)
Lease	A tenancy agreement/contract
SmartRider	A pre-paid bus/train card
O-Day	Orientation Day run by the University
OLCR	On-line Class Registration
Orientation	Sessions which help with administrative procedures and adjustment for new students

OSHC	Overseas Student Health Cover
Pre-departure	Before students leave home for study in Australia
PSA	Postgraduate Students' Association
Rec Centre	Recreation Centre – sports centre including gyms and courts
Residential College/Hall	One of the University's five residential colleges or halls of residence
Student Card /Campus Card	Card issued by the University which allows students to use the library and receive concessions
TFN	Tax File Number
Tenant	A person who pays rent to owner/agent to occupy a property
Transperth	Transport organisation for buses, trains and ferries
TT	Telegraphic transfer – for international bank transactions
Tuition Fees	The fee payable for the course (does not include amenities fee, accommodation, textbooks or equipment)
Undercroft	The area below Winthrop Hall
Unipark	The University's parking administration
Uni	University
Unit	A subject within a course; also a name for an apartment or flat
Utilities	Refers to gas and electricity
UWA	The University of Western Australia
WA	Western Australia



Campus Map



Enquiries

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The University of Western Australia

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