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The University of Western Sydney (UWS) is a research-led university serving a growing and diverse urban region, with a student population in excess of 40,000. As a major urban university, UWS boasts campuses spread across the Greater Sydney region – Bankstown, Blacktown/Nirimba, Campbelltown, Hawkesbury, Parramatta, Penrith and Westmead. While each campus offers a unique learning environment, they all share the same friendly communal atmosphere that makes UWS a great place to study, make friends and succeed in your chosen field.

UWS has an industry-oriented approach combining academic learning with practical, hands-on learning. Students can access state-of-the-art facilities including the Biomedical Magnetic Resonance Facility, Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometer, Confocal Bio-Imaging Facility, high-end field emissions scanning electron microscope, School of Medicine, nursing laboratories, moot courts, Crime Scene House, mechatronics facility and food processing pilot plant. Many courses include extensive work placements to give students 'industry ready' credentials.

Climate change and renewable energy research at UWS recently received a significant boost with a \$40 million Federal Government grant to develop a national facility. Based at the Hawkesbury campus, the new Hawkesbury Institute for the Environment will assist the nation to adapt to carbon-constrained economy and attract leading researchers from around the globe. The new facility will enhance the university's research strengths and expertise in climate change research, carbon capture, water conservation and solar energy research.

The UWS School of Law has established a free legal referral clinic called the Parramatta Community Justice Clinic (PCJC). Located in the heart of the Parramatta Justice Precinct, the clinic will allow final-year law students to gain real-life experience and offer free legal services to the Greater Western Sydney community.

UWS continues to revitalise its campuses, with building refurbishments and new facilities and services to enhance the student experience. A new gym at Penrith offers the latest equipment and professional trainers, while on-campus accommodation for students at UWS has been expanded. Brand new buildings at the Parramatta campus now offer 345 beds. In addition, new facilities at Penrith and Campbelltown have lifted the number of available beds to well over 1,100.

As a student at UWS you become part of an exciting learning environment that attracts world-class staff and students from metropolitan and regional Australia, along with exchange students from our partner institutions all over the world.

UWS offers a wide range of courses across broad areas of study. They are designed to nourish your mind and prepare you for success in the real world. You will enjoy an exciting, contemporary mix of theory and applied knowledge. This means you can be involved in your industry before your professional life

even begins. As part of the fabric of a vibrant and growing region, UWS seeks to ensure that its activities make a difference to the lives of individuals and communities by 'Bringing knowledge to life'.

IMPORTANT DATES

Enrolment dates

Enrolment with UWS is online. Further information will be sent to successful applicants with the UAC offer letter.

Session dates

Spring session 30 July–2 December 2012

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be offered a place in a course at the University you must meet the general requirements listed in one of the following categories, satisfy English language requirements and be selected in competition with other eligible applicants.

1 Australian secondary studies

2011 Australian Year 12

If you were a 2011 Australian Year 12 student you will be considered for admission on the basis of your ATAR or interstate equivalent. Read the individual course descriptions on UAC's website for any additional selection criteria. **There will be no Regional Bonuses or Subject Bonuses for mid-year admissions.**

Previous Australian Year 12

If you have completed an Australian Year 12 before 2011 you may be considered for entry on the basis of your ATAR or equivalent. This includes studies accumulated over consecutive years with the approval of the appropriate state education board.

2 Australian tertiary studies

If you have completed or part-completed any tertiary studies, including TAFE course/s, accredited AQF course/s from private providers or previous university studies, you may be considered for admission on the basis of those studies.

Exclusion: A current exclusion from a higher education course may lead to your application for a course at UWS being unsuccessful.

Current UWS students

If you are studying a course at UWS in Autumn session 2012 and wish to transfer to another UWS course for Spring session 2012, you must apply through UAC. Students applying via UAC to transfer courses must meet any additional selection criteria such as portfolio and/or interview and/or minimum study requirements relevant to their preferred course.

Note: If you want to change your degree Key Program, you do not need to apply through UAC.

3 Overseas qualifications

Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia with overseas qualifications should contact UWS to discuss eligibility for admission.

If you hold qualifications from countries where English is not the standard language of instruction, you must provide evidence of English language proficiency. For requirements read table 5 in the *UAC 2012 Guide* or visit UAC's website.

4 Alternative entry

If you do not have any of the formal educational qualifications outlined in the above categories you may be eligible for entry into the University on the basis of the following.

Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)

If you have not completed an Australian Year 12, do not possess any formal qualification, or want to improve your chances of selection, you are advised to sit the STAT. To register to sit STAT for 2012 mid-year admissions, download a registration form and information leaflet from UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au

Employment experience

Your application can be considered on the basis of work experience. A vocational rank based on paid employment of one year or more is determined by the type of work and the length of service. For further details read the information under 'Employment Experience' at www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/admission/alternative-entry.shtml

Foundation Studies

Australian applicants can apply online direct to UWS to undertake Foundation Studies conducted by the University pathway college, UWSCollege. For further information visit www.uwscollege.edu.au

UniTrack – non-award study

UniTrack gives you the opportunity to enrol in individual units from a wide range of degree programs at UWS. You may apply for up to two units per session. This is equivalent to a part-time study load. Your results may help improve your competitiveness for entry to university.

You can then apply for a degree program through UAC. Call 1300 897 669 for further information or visit www.uws.edu.au/unitrack

Limited ATAR

If you received a Limited ATAR in 2011, your application will be considered on this basis. For information on the Limited ATAR, read section 8.8 in the *UAC 2012 Guide*.

RESTRICTIONS ON MID-YEAR ADMISSIONS

If you are offered a place to commence in Spring session 2012 and you wish to defer your studies, you will only be granted deferment to Autumn session 2012 (six months).

You will not be granted 12 months of deferment under any circumstances.

COURSES AVAILABLE BY DIRECT APPLICATION

There are some non-UAC courses that are available by direct application to UWS. These include Honours and research programs.

For closing dates and application process for direct applications visit www.uws.edu.au/admissions. For more information and an application form call the Course Information Centre on 1300 897 669.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are eligible to apply for the Bachelor of Teaching (Primary) AREP by direct application. For more information call 1300 032 923.

ENROLMENT

Acceptance of offer

Information about how to accept your offer, important dates and how to enrol are contained in the New Student Information brochure, which will be sent to successful applicants with the UAC offer letter.

Advanced standing

UWS will consider applications for Advanced Standing on the basis of previous studies or other experiences that have been successfully completed within 10 years of the date of your application for Advanced Standing. For details visit www.uws.edu.au/advancedstanding.

Submit your application at or before enrolment and attach relevant supporting documents.

Deferment of offer

As stated above, UWS will not grant deferment in excess of six months to students offered admission for Spring session 2012.

Fees and charges

All students must pay student contributions for a Commonwealth-supported place – read section 7 in the *UAC 2012 Guide*.

For information about student contributions visit the UWS website at www.uws.edu.au/fees

STUDENT AND CAMPUS SERVICES

Accommodation

Whether you are living on the UWS campus or off, you will make friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. You can choose from a range of quality, affordable accommodation including residential halls and townhouses, cottages and units. For more details visit residences.uws.edu.au, call UWS Residential Colleges on (02) 4570 1248, or email residentialcolleges@uws.edu.au; for Living Local visit www.uws.edu.au/livinglocal; for UWS Village email info@uwsvillage.com.au or call (02) 8821 0631.

Careers

UWS provides a high-quality online career and employment service for students and new graduates. Students can register online via CareerHub to access job vacancies, articles, web links, news and information on events. On-campus activities include career and employment events such as careers expos and graduate employer activities. For more information visit www.uws.edu.au/careers

Chaplaincy

Chaplains are available on all campuses to cater for different religious groups and various needs. Activities include regular meetings/small group work, spiritual counselling and general support. Further information can be found at www.uws.edu.au/chaplaincy

Counselling

Free and confidential counselling is available to all students. The UWS Counselling Service offers individual and group assistance in personal, social and academic support. For further information visit www.uws.edu.au/counsellingservice

Learning assistance

UWS provides a variety of workshops and online programs to assist students at tertiary level with academic writing and literacy study skills, maths skills, and critical thinking and research skills. Programs cover a wide range of topics including assignment writing, note-taking, essay writing, thesis and report writing, examination techniques, and grammar.

The Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS) program offers students the opportunity to work with other students to understand the content of their unit/s and develop various study strategies to help improve academic performance.

For further information on learning assistance services visit www.uws.edu.au/slu

Library/computing services

The UWS Library recently achieved International Standards Organisation (ISO) 9001 Accreditation.

UWS libraries have extensive modern facilities including full text and indexing databases and online access to other Australian and international institutions. Students have access to one of Australia's largest electronic collections.

The collection is available to students and community members. UWS libraries make available a wide range of learning resources including books and periodicals, print and electronic. They also provide full professional support and assistance; both face to face and through virtual email and web-based services.

Sports and recreation

UWS realises the importance of an active and healthy lifestyle and supports the sporting, recreation interests and leisure pursuits of students by providing sporting and recreational opportunities at all campuses.

UWS is recognised as an elite athlete-friendly university and has a comprehensive Sporting Scholarships program engaging community sponsors.

Student equity

UWS supports students from designated equity groups through a range of targeted equity support programs and projects. For further information visit www.uws.edu.au/studentequity

Student organisations

The Student organisation provides a voice for student issues and represents students at various forums and on various governance and other university committees. The association aims to provide amenities, activities and support for students while they study.

Students with disabilities

UWS provides services that focus on the educational requirements of students with disabilities or a chronic health condition. These services include peer note-taking, sign language interpreters, reader assistance, individual examination arrangements and alternative methods of assessment. A range of assistive technologies is also available.

For course information brochures call the Course Information Centre on 1300 897 669 or email study@uws.edu.au

Transport

Each campus is easily accessible by both public and private transport.

All campuses have facilities for student parking.

UWSConnect

There is a diverse range of services offered across the six UWS campuses including cafeterias, bars, catering services and retail outlets. Students can get their hair cut, buy textbooks, choose sandwiches and hot food, drink great coffee and even listen to live bands.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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