



UWSCollege FAQs

Who is UWSCollege?

Everything we do at UWSCollege is about providing students with a pathway to the University of Western Sydney (UWS). We are a passionate, vibrant College dedicated to changing people's lives through education. Like our parent, UWS, UWSCollege is committed to the goal of providing greater equity and access in tertiary education.

Where is UWSCollege?

Our Academic Pathway Program is taught at our Nirimba campus as well as our Westmead campus. The Nirimba campus forms part of the Nirimba Education Precinct, located on Eastern Road, Quakers Hill. The Westmead campus is located on Hawkesbury Road, Westmead. Both campuses' are accessible by public transport and major Sydney arterial roads.

What can I study at UWSCollege?

UWSCollege offers students a choice of University Foundation Studies and Diplomas. After successfully completing University Foundation Studies and meeting the entry requirements, students are guaranteed* entry into first year of a UWS undergraduate degree.

University Foundation Studies has five study specialisations to choose from:

- Arts – for students wishing to study Arts, Humanities, Social Science, Psychology, Education or Languages
- Business
- Computing
- Nursing
- Science – for students wishing to study Science or Engineering

Alternatively students can choose from one of our Diplomas from the following list:

- Business and Commerce
- Construction Management
- Engineering
- Health Science (Personal Development, Health and Physical Education)
- Health Science (Health Promotion, Health Services Management and Therapeutic Recreation)
- Information and Communications Technology
- Science
- Social Science

Students who successfully complete one of our Diplomas are guaranteed* entry into the corresponding degree at UWS, with advanced standing of 80 credit points. This means you have already completed one year of your degree!

Why pick UWSCollege?

- Guaranteed* pathways to UWS
- Proven success rates
- Smaller classes mean more personal attention
- FEE-HELP and HECS-HELP is available to eligible students
- Student accommodation is available at Nirimba campus
- Computer and internet facilities are available 7 days a week
- UWSCollege students can access a range of UWS services and facilities
- Free parking at Nirimba campus

How do I apply?

University Foundation Studies

If you are applying for University Foundation Studies you need to apply directly to UWS at applyonline.uws.edu.au

You will be asked to upload scanned copies of certified documents as one of the steps in the UWS Apply Online system to support your application. Documents include academic transcripts, references, CV's, test scores and certificates. If you don't have access to scan documents you can mail these in separately.

Closing date for University Foundation Studies is **10 February 2012**.

Diploma

If you are applying for a Diploma you need to apply through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) at www.uac.edu.au You will have a choice of 9 preferences in your UAC application where you must list UWSCollege as a preference in order to be considered for an offer.

Please note Diplomas available at the Westmead campus have limited places. In order to secure a place at UWSCollege in 2012 we recommend listing the Nirimba campus as a preference also.

To be considered for Main Round Offers you will need to ensure UWSCollege is one of your 9 preferences by **5 January 2012**.

UAC Codes

Diploma Course	Nirimba Campus	Westmead Campus
Diploma in Business and Commerce	729500	729505
Diploma in Construction Management	729510	Not currently offered
Diploma in Engineering	729520	Not currently offered
Diploma in Health Science (Health Promotion, Health Services Management and Therapeutic Recreation)	729530	Not currently offered
Diploma in Health Science (PDHPE)	729540	Not currently offered
Diploma in Information and Communications Technology	729550	Not currently offered
Diploma in Science	729560	Not currently offered
Diploma in Social Science	729570	729575

Can I get the bonus points at UWSCollege?

There are bonus points available through UWS Triple Advantage. You may qualify for Regional Bonus Points and/or Subject Bonus Points. A maximum of 10 bonus points is awarded automatically and no application is required. Bonus points apply to all UWSCollege courses, excluding University Foundation Studies.

Visit www.myfuture.uws.edu.au/tripleadvantage for more information.

I received an ATAR under 40. Can I do anything at UWSCollege?

It is recommended that you go to TAFE to do a uni-prep course, HSC equivalent course, or Cert 1-3 and re-apply after successfully completing that qualification.

Important dates for UAC (for Diploma students only)

Change of preferences:

5 January 2012	for consideration in Main Round
18 January – 25 January 2012	for consideration in Late Round
1 February – 2 February 2012	for consideration in Final Round

Change of preferences must be made through Check & Change on the UAC website and must be submitted by midnight on the relevant closing date.

Offers:

18 January 2012 at 9pm	Main Round offers
1 February 2012 at 9pm	Late Round offers
8 February 2012	Final Round offers

Applications:

2 February 2012	Final applications close (\$143 late fee incurred)
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UWSCollege Information Evenings

All UWSCollege Information Evenings will be held on Nirimba campus between 6pm - 9pm. To register, visit www.uwscollege.edu.au/goingtouni

Date:

Thursday 19 January 2012
Tuesday 24 January 2012
Wednesday 1 February 2012

How much do courses cost and how do I pay?

University Foundation Studies

- Accelerated Program \$ 6,000
- Standard Program \$ 11,500

FEE-HELP is available for students enrolling in University Foundation Studies. FEE-HELP is for eligible full fee paying students to help them pay their tuition fees.

How does a FEE-HELP loan work?

The Australian Government pays the loan amount directly to UWSCollege on your behalf and your FEE-HELP debt is recorded with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Students repay their loan through the tax system once their income is above the minimum threshold for compulsory repayment.

For more information on FEE-HELP refer to www.goingtouni.gov.au

Diploma courses

Australian students studying for a UWSCollege Diploma are provided with Commonwealth Government Supported Places (CSP). The Australian Government contributes to the study costs for students enrolled in a CSP course. Students must contribute the remainder through their student contribution. The amount of contribution depends on the discipline area (or Student Contribution Band) of the unit of study that they are enrolled in. To work out your student contribution you can use the student contribution calculator on UWS website at www.uws.edu.au.

Student contribution band	2012 Student contribution range (per EFTSL)
Band 3 Law, Accounting, Administration, Economics, Commerce, Dentistry, Medicine, Veterinary Science.	\$9,425
Band 2 Computing, Built Environment, Other Health, Allied Health, Engineering Surveying, Agriculture	\$8,050
Band 1 Humanities, Behavioural Science, Social Studies, Education, Clinical Psychology, Foreign Languages, Visual and Performing Arts, Nursing	\$5,648
National Priorities (NP) Mathematics, Statistics and Science	\$4,520

For Diploma students who are Commonwealth supported HECS-HELP is available. HECS-HELP is for eligible Commonwealth-supported students to pay their student contribution.

How does a HECS-HELP loan work?

HECS-HELP is a loan program to help eligible Commonwealth supported students to pay their student contribution amounts.

Eligible students can pay part of their contribution up-front and take out a HECS-HELP loan for the rest through the HECS-HELP loan.

Eligible students who don't want to pay any of their student contribution amounts up-front can use a HECS-HELP loan for the whole amount. Students who use a HECS-HELP loan will be required to pay their debt through the tax system when they earn above the minimum threshold for compulsory repayment, even if they are still studying.

*There are course pass requirements set for all UWSCollege courses for guaranteed progression. For more information refer to www.uwscollege.edu.au.