UNSW Australia is one of the largest and most international universities in Australia. UNSW is a member of the Group of Eight leading research universities in Australia, with an international reputation for high quality research and innovation. UNSW Australia has welcomed International students from more than 120 different countries for more than 60 years.

Whether you are contemplating UNSW, about to get on the plane for Sydney, or have already arrived, this guide is designed to prepare you for the experience. Discover the lifestyle available to UNSW students, plan for your arrival in Sydney and take your first steps as a UNSW student.

Studying overseas can be hard emotionally and culturally but this guide will break down some barriers. With pre-departure checklists, cultural information, campus maps, faculty details, student association information and much more, you will be ready to start your UNSW journey.

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Discover the unique lifestyle Sydney offers and all the great activities that UNSW students can experience during their time at University.
Australians are often informal, open, and direct in their communications and tend to be similarly relaxed in lifestyle. Sport and other recreational activities are key to Australian life, as are community gatherings like festivals, barbeques and parties.

Australian culture is a mix of its history - Indigenous stories and British tradition, combined with the rich cultures of Australia’s many migrants. Australia’s society is known for equality, without clear class distinctions.

Australia has high educational standards, producing well qualified graduates aware of modern challenges. Australian researchers contribute significantly in various fields and have a profound impact on the world stage.

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Sydney

Sydney, Australia’s biggest city, is known for its ideal climate, relaxed lifestyle and friendly locals. The city is surrounded by beaches on its Eastern side and the CBD is positioned on the beautiful Sydney harbour, meaning that a water view is never far away! Here are 5 ways to make the most of your time in Sydney.

EXPLORE
Sydney is home to a wide variety of beaches and natural wonders to contrast its culture and bustling city life. Most of Sydney’s best spots, including Sydney Harbour, are easy to access via public transport, making weekend adventures a great option!

1

SHOP
Shopping in Sydney is truly world-class. Whether you’re after shopping malls and stores, outlet stores or just a nice bookshop, Sydney has Australia’s finest options for you to explore when you get here!

2

RELAX
With lots of public space, it’s easy to find somewhere in Sydney to relax. Whether you want to walk or exercise or meet up with friends, one of Sydney’s many public parks will suit your needs. Virtually every suburb in Sydney features a park for you to visit.

3

ENJOY
With a relatively relaxed and open culture, Sydney is a place where the good things in life are celebrated. Whether it is a drink with friends at one of the city’s many bars or cafes, a sports game or a trip out of town, Sydney is a city where you will always find something new to enjoy.

4

TASTE
As the home to people of many different cultures, in Sydney you will find a wide variety of cuisines. Eating out on a budget is made possible with a wide variety of restaurants across the city. It’s also easy to find good quality fresh food to cook at home.

5
Your New World
Around UNSW
AROUND UNSW

Your New Home

All UNSW campuses are located in fascinating suburbs, surrounded by areas to explore and discover. Wherever you are located you will be able to meet the locals and make it your new home.

KENSGINGTON

UNSW is located in Kensington, in Sydney’s South-Eastern Suburbs. Kensington is only 6 kilometres from Sydney’s CBD, and is often referred to by students as “Kenso”. Kensington is easily accessible by public transport (bus) from most areas of the city.

Apart from UNSW, Kensington is mostly a residential suburb, with 11,000 residents. UNSW is located close to Sydney’s horse-racing district and is next door to Royal Randwick Racecourse. Kensington has access to a wide variety of parks and recreation spaces, the biggest being the nearby Centennial Park, a huge urban park area with bike paths and sports fields.

COFA: ART DESIGN MEDIA

The recently redeveloped UNSW College of Fine Arts Campus is located in Paddington, in Sydney’s inner Eastern suburbs. Paddington is an upmarket suburb, filled with terrace houses, boutique stores, and cafes. With so many options you are sure to find a delicious cup of coffee around every corner. COFA is just over 4km away from the Kensington campus and a free shuttle bus is available. Oxford St is a prominent component of Paddington and is world famous for its annual Mardi Gras. People travel from all corners of the world to be part of the event and join the extravagant parade. For those who enjoy sport, Paddington is also home to the Sydney Football Stadium and the Sydney Cricket Ground.

UNSW CANBERRA @ ADFA

UNSW’s Australian Defence Force Academy Campus is located in Canberra, in the Australian Capital Territory. It is easy to access Canberra’s CBD, via public transport, which hosts some excellent nightspots and restaurants but the real value in Canberra is often in its amazing landmarks and outdoor activities. A short trip from the campus will take you to The National Gallery of Australia, The National Library of Australia and as the nation’s capital you will also find the Old and New Parliament House buildings, in addition to the Australian War Memorial.
Campus Highlights

1. Roundhouse Bar
2. Library
3. Relaxing Lawns
4. Book Shop
5. Supermarket
6. Food Courts
7. ARC
8. Sport + Rec
9. Student Central
10. Sports Ovals

Areas to Relax
Places to Eat & Shop
Play
A Day off Study

9AM  Enjoy one of the best luxuries of being a student - a late wake-up on your days off!

11AM  Take a train, bus or ferry to Sydney’s Circular Quay to visit the Museum of Contemporary Art - and take in the best view in Sydney on your way! Entry to the Museum is free and open 364 days a year. The Museum is located in West Circular Quay, with an entrance at 140 George Street. Inside, you will find the best of Australian and international contemporary art.

12PM  Buy a cheap takeaway lunch from one of the many cafes around Circular Quay (or eat a pre-packed snack), and take the harbour-side walk from Circular Quay to the Sydney Botanic Gardens (closest to East Circular Quay). Inside the garden you will find the very best picnic spots in Sydney.

2PM  Take advantage of Circular Quay’s selection of public transport and take the bus to one of Sydney’s best beaches - Bondi. The 333 bus route will get you there quickly.

3PM  Take off your shoes and go for a stroll along Bondi’s beautiful beachfront.

6PM  Indulge in some cheap takeaway fish and chips - best eaten looking out to sea with a friend!

7PM  Drop in for a drink at Bondi’s famous watering hole, The Beach Road Hotel, which features live music on most nights.

9PM  Take public transport home.

10PM  Time to sleep, watch movies or explore the internet - it all depends on whether you have uni tomorrow….

A Day of Study

7AM  Wake up and start the morning well with a healthy breakfast and walk or commute to the UNSW campus.

8AM  Take advantage of UNSW’s Fitness and Aquatic Centre, located on campus and open from 6AM every day. One swim pass costs $5 for students, and a regular gym and swim membership costs $35.00 a fortnight.

9AM  Make the easy walk from the on-campus Fitness and Aquatic Centre to your first class of the day.

11AM  With a break in-between your class, catch up with a friend over a cup of coffee or tea at one of the many excellent cafes on campus.

12PM  Arrive at your next class.

2PM  Eat lunch outdoors at one of UNSW’s best secret spots - the Sculpture Lawn behind the Morven Brown building.

3PM  Attend your third (and final) class of the day.

6PM  Get to know your classmates better over a post-class visit to one of UNSW’s student bars - like the Whitehouse or the Roundhouse - or late-night cafes.

7PM  Make dinner at home using fresh ingredients from the campus supermarket.

8PM  Get to know Australian culture by indulging in some of our best television options!

9PM  Revise the work you have done in class today with a study session and plan the rest of your week.

9PM  Time to sleep!
Food & Cuisine

Whether you prefer eating at home or out, sharing or eating alone, Sydney has everything covered. Without breaking your budget, you can have a range of culinary experiences within easy reach of UNSW. Sydney is also well suited to catering for all nutritional and dietary requirements.

BREAKFAST AND CAFES
Sydney’s café culture is thriving and most suburbs feature cafes that open from around 7AM – 3PM. Sydney’s coffee is renowned around the world and there are many coffee shops that brew their own blends of coffee. Coffee and tea tends to cost around $3.50 and a sandwich between $7 - $12. Breakfast and lunch options are available at most cafes and you can expect to pay under $20 for each meal at a café.

BBQ + PICNICS
A great Australian tradition is the BBQ. Simply find you nearest public barbeque (most parks and beaches have one!), buy some sausages, steak and snacks and take advantage of Sydney’s excellent outdoor days with a great meal. Just don’t use the clichéd “throw a shrimp on the barbie” catchphrase – Australians actually call them prawns!

ON CAMPUS
Around UNSW Kensington Campus, you have a lot of food options available to you. With food courts, convenience stores, coffee shops and takeaway restaurants there is a vast range of quick meals. If you live in self-catered accommodation, you can find ingredients for cooking and fresh food at the on-campus Supermarket. If you would like to eat out on campus, you have a wide variety of choices, from boutique café/bars to Indian cuisine.

DINNER DATES
Sydney is a city where romance comes easy. To impress a dinner date, just secure a good view – a task that is pretty simple! A dinner date can be as casual as a picnic at the Royal Botanic Gardens overlooking Sydney’s harbour, or as fancy as a dinner at the famous Icebergs on Bondi Beach. There’s no need to spend money to impress – just enjoy Sydney’s beautiful environment, and your company.

EATING VEGETARIAN AND HALAL
Sydney has a wide variety of vegetarian food options. You can find vegetarian food on campus at stores like Yummba Vegetarian. Off campus, head to King St in Newtown for the widest range of vegetarian-only restaurants in Sydney, where you can often expect to pay less than $10 a dish! You will also find vegetarian-only restaurants and cafes in Surry Hills, Enmore (both inner city) and Harris Park (in Sydney’s Western Suburbs).

Sydney also has a large variety of halal food options. Sydney’s best-known halal restaurants can be found in the suburbs of Lakemba, Auburn, Burwood, Randwick and Kingsford.

Food & Cuisine
Food Districts

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Places to Check Out:

Huong Huong
228 Marrickville Rd, Marrickville
huonghuong.com.au

Let's Eat
352 Illawara Road, Marrickville
letseatthai.com.au

NEWTOWN

Sydney is also home to a hip young crowd, this is particularly evident in suburbs like Newtown and Surry Hills. Here you will find a range of awesome bakeries, great breakfast/brunch spots, coffee shops pumping out blends from around the world and gastropubs that take food and drink very seriously.

Places to Check Out:

Black Star Pastry
277 Australia St, Newtown
blackstarpastry.com.au

Mary's
6 Mary St, Newtown

LEICHHARDT

Leichhardt is known for it’s Italian and Mediterranea population, who provide amazing cuisine – from pasta to excellent coffee. The Italian Forum in Leichhardt is known as a key place to find (you guessed it) Italian restaurants, but if you venture into the suburb’s other streets, you will discover the best of Leichhardt’s friendly and welcoming cafés.

Places to Check Out:

Aperitivo
163 Norton St, Leichhardt
aperitivo.com.au

Casa Messina
116 Marion St, Leichhardt
www.facebook.com/casamessina

HAYMARKET - CHINATOWN

Haymarket is traditionally known as “Chinatown” in Sydney but is a mecca for many Asian food outlets, stores and events. A walk around Haymarket will show you many amazing restaurants – the hardest thing can be choosing where to eat.

Places to Check Out:

Red Chilli Sichuan
1/8 Dixon St, Haymarket
redchilligroup.com.au

Mamak
15 Goulburn St, Haymarket
mamak.com.au

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Shopping & Groceries

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1. SHOPPING FOR FUN
The CBD has a number of shopping districts, that make for a fantastic day of shopping, including the famous Queen Victoria Building, and department stores Myer and David Jones. If you are looking for boutique stores, Paddington is the right place to go, and if you are on the hunt for crafty high fashion, check out Newtown. Nearby Westfield Bondi Junction has a huge variety of stores to satisfy all of your shopping needs.

2. SETTING UP YOUR HOUSE
If you have moved into a new house or room, setting up your home can be a challenge. Luckily, Sydney has a couple of Ikea stores – a do-it-yourself furniture and homewares outlet – many homewares stores in the CBD and a great number of second-hand furniture and white good stores where you can make your house a home without breaking the bank.

3. BARGAIN HUNTING + SECOND-HAND
As a student, it is likely you will want to save money where you can. Thanks to Sydney’s amazing selection of second-hand stores, this is easier than you might think! Charity stores such as St Vincent De Paul operate in almost every suburb, offering new and used clothing, furniture and other items at a fraction of their original price. Markets, that take place across the city on weekends, are also a great place to find what you want and pay less. Rozelle, Glebe and Bondi are all popular.

4. FOOD SHOPPING + GROCERIES
Every suburb in Sydney tends to have, or is close to, a supermarket-style shopping store with fresh groceries and other foodstuffs. If you are looking for something a bit harder to find – such as exotic spices or Asian greens, specialty stores are often to be found in areas such as Newtown, Ashfield, Parramatta, Chinatown and more.

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The Places To Go

Sydney is known for its wide array of shopping options. From local fashion designers to tourist markets, there is something for everyone.

As you get to know Sydney you will discover your own favourites but here is a rough guide to get you started. Knowing where to look is half the battle!

SHOP

GROCERIES

Like gift buying, money can be saved in Sydney by doing your grocery shopping at Markets. The Sydney Fish Markets in Pyrmont sell the freshest seafood at the lowest prices – but watch out for big weekend crowds! Paddy’s Market in Haymarket has the cheapest selection of fresh food in the inner city – and a great selection of Asian groceries.

TEXT BOOKS

UNSW has two textbook stores on campus – the UNSW Bookstore, and the UNSW Second-hand bookstore. As the names suggest, the second-hand bookstore sells used copies at a discounted price, while the UNSW Bookstore stocks everything you need for your current semester of study.

DRESS UP

If you are in need of an outfit for a formal occasion, date or (eventually!) graduation, Sydney’s major department stores stock a wide range of Australian and international designers and have mens and womens formalwear floors. Try David Jones, and Myer in the CBD or Bondi Junction.

GIFTS

If you are in need of a gift, a trip to one of Sydney’s many weekend Markets – such as Glebe Market, Balmain Markets or the Rocks Markets – will have a large selection of local goods for you to pick out as a gift. Most market goods are relatively cheap and made locally, so they are a great choice to send home to family and friends.

COSMETICS

UNSW has a pharmacy on campus that sells a range of cosmetic products in addition to fulfilling prescriptions that you require. Elsewhere across Sydney there are a range of discount pharmacies that often drastically reduce the recommended retail price of cosmetic products. Chemist Warehouse in particular are known for reducing cosmetic products, with a store nearby in Randwick.

STREETWEAR

If you want the latest sneakers, or want to channel Jay Z, check out the CBD’s Galleries Victoria building for the latest in cult streetwear labels including Carhartt, APC, Levis, and more. Culture Kings in the Mid City Centre live up to their names and are a must visit for streetwear in Sydney. In addition to a wide range of merchandise, including sneakers, jerseys, hats and more, they even have a barbershop!
Nightlife & Entertainment

Sydney is world famous for its nightlife and entertainment, yet another reason why UNSW is a great place to study. Whatever you are into, you will find everything you want and more in this exciting city.

There are many cocktail bars to be found in Sydney, including several on the World’s Best Bar list. These establishments range from cool craft cocktail venues to lavish bars in expensive hotels. The more extravagant options often feature stunning views of the city and beyond.

Live music is one of the best ways to engage with Sydney’s creative scene. Performances from local and international acts happen everyday of the week across the city. Expect to pay around $10 for entry to a small or local band, and up to $60-$100 for international and stadium shows.

In Sydney, one common feature of nights out are trips to the “pub”. The city’s pubs are places where people from all walks of life meet for a cold beer, game of pool and good conversation. Expect the beer to be (relatively) cheap, the atmosphere relaxed and the food hearty. Many pubs are called hotels, even if they don’t have accommodation.

Sydney’s cinemas can be the perfect escape from the often hot weather in summer. With a variety of art-house and specialty cinemas across the city, you are sure to find something amazing to watch. If you have a student card, you will often score a 30 – 50% discount on your ticket, and keep an eye out for the regular Tuesday discounts at all cinemas.

Although Melbourne often claims to be the cultural capital, Sydney’s performing arts scene is an amazing creative world for you to explore. Sydney’s premier arts destination, the Sydney Opera House, has a year-round schedule of opera, theatre, music and more, as do venues like the Sydney Theatre Company, Carriageworks and the City Recital Hall.

Sydney is filled with sports fans, and weekends often feature professional-level games of everything from netball to water polo. Entry to most games is relatively affordable (under $40 for big games, and local games are often free. Heading along to some of Australia’s favourite sports – like Australian League Football (AFL) will show you another side to Aussie culture.
Nightlife Districts

**NEWTOWN**

Newtown is, by far, the hot spot for Sydney student nightlife. The suburb is full of lively yet approachable establishments to spend your hard earned cash. A lot of them are genuinely cool and often lack the high price tags you might find elsewhere in Sydney.

**Places to Check Out:**

- **Newtown Hotel**
  - 174 King Street, Newtown
  - newtownhotel.com.au

- **Courthouse Hotel**
  - 202 Australia St, Newtown
  - facebook.com/courthousehotel

**POTTS POINT**

If you have money to spend on a night out, then some of the classy Potts Point venues may be what you are looking for. You will find a range of upmarket bars, restaurants and nightclubs throughout the area.

**Places to Check Out:**

- **Soho**
  - 171 Victoria St, Potts Point
  - sohobar.com.au

- **The Bourbon**
  - 22 Darlinghurst Rd, Potts Point
  - thebourbon.com.au

**SURRY HILLS**

If you are after a pub then head to Surry Hills, here you will find a great range of pubs and bars. The area has a real buzz, so whether you are after a cold pint or a tasty pub meal you won’t be short of options.

**Places to Check Out:**

- **The Forresters**
  - 336 Riley St, Surry Hills
  - forresters.com.au

- **Trinity Bar**
  - 505 Crown St, Surry Hills
  - trinitybar.com.au

**DARLINGHURST**

These days it is getting easier to find delicious desserts at venues right across the city. However, Darlinghurst features a wide array of late night eateries and the city’s best gelato spots that are perfect for that after dinner treat.

**Places to Check Out:**

- **Gelato Messina**
  - 241 Victoria St, Darlinghurst
  - gelatomessina.com

- **RivaReno Gelato**
  - 280 Crown Street, Darlinghurst
  - facebook.com/RivaRenoGelatoAustralia

- **Gelato Messina**
  - 241 Victoria St, Darlinghurst
  - gelatomessina.com

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  - 280 Crown Street, Darlinghurst
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Parks & Beaches

**BONDI**
Bondi Beach is Sydney’s best known - it’s almost certain that you have seen an image of this iconic beach at least a couple of times before. With pristine sand - and a strong local beach culture, Bondi is perfect for people watching, parties, surfing, exercise or swimming. If the weather isn’t great, you can still soak up the Bondi atmosphere from one of the many bars and restaurants overlooking the ocean.

**CENTENNIAL PARK**
Just 20 minutes walk from UNSW and close to the city centre is Centennial Park, inner Sydney’s biggest public space. With tracks for bike riding and jogging, ponds, sports fields and more, this is a great place to get active. Centennial Park also has a café, and picnic spots abound – this is the place to come if you don’t want to feel like you are in a big city!

**COOGEE BEACH**
The closest beach to UNSW, Coogee, has a wide bay-style beach (a great swimming spot), lots of sand for games and sunbathing (with appropriate sun protection!) and a wide promenade and park overlooking the beach. In summer, expect to see many families, tourists and locals using the beach as a party spot, as the free-access BBQs and many takeaway restaurants make this the perfect outdoor spot.
Over 53,000 students from 120 countries worldwide currently study at UNSW. The University celebrates its many international alumni, and welcomes students from all over the world.

The campus celebrates its multicultural diversity in a variety of manners. At UNSW, you will find various cultures expressed through cuisines available on campus, spaces dedicated to cultural and religious practice, (such as the Islamic Centre Prayer Room), and multicultural events. There are many student cultural clubs available to join to connect with your culture.

With this diversity in student population, UNSW is a safe place to express your culture and learn about others in a respectful environment.
RELAXING

On Campus

GET ACTIVE!

UNSW has a variety of sports and recreation facilities, with sports teams you can join, a pool, gym, and more. If you are feeling stressed, exercising can be a great way to relax – and meet new people on campus!

COMMON AREAS

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TAKE A WALK

If you would like to clear your head, a walk around campus is an excellent choice. Walk to the Old Main Building lawn for shady serenity, or take a hike up campus for a break that will get you fit as you climb UNSW’s famous stairs.

QUIET SPOTS

Not all students know, but UNSW features its own Japanese Garden. Hidden behind the Vice Chancellor’s building, this is an oasis of calm amongst the crowds of the university. If you want serenity with a view, head to the top verandah of the Scientia building – almost always empty, you can sit here and survey your UNSW kingdom.

CAFÉ BREAK

UNSW has cafes dotted throughout the campus. A cup of coffee or tea can be an inexpensive luxury to relax on your day at campus. For around $3 you can get your caffeine hit, and soak up the buzz of the student cafes. But be prepared – uni students love their coffee so there might be lines!

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Not all students know, but UNSW features its own Japanese Garden. Hidden behind the Vice Chancellor’s building, this is an oasis of calm amongst the crowds of the university. If you want serenity with a view, head to the top verandah of the Scientia building – almost always empty, you can sit here and survey your UNSW kingdom.

CAFÉ BREAK

UNSW has cafes dotted throughout the campus. A cup of coffee or tea can be an inexpensive luxury to relax on your day at campus. For around $3 you can get your caffeine hit, and soak up the buzz of the student cafes. But be prepared – uni students love their coffee so there might be lines!
The Faculties

UNSW is divided into nine faculties, in addition to the Graduate Research School. Each faculty is independently responsible for the administration of programs they offer. Contact faculties directly to discuss your individual program or to learn more about a particular area of study.

**ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (FASS)**
This is a lively community of leading academics encouraging students to explore big ideas. They combine traditional scholarship with progressive thinking, and apply that knowledge to contemporary challenges. They make a significant contribution to public debate and their research generates outcomes with real social impact and community engagement. Attracting bright, imaginative, globally conscious students, they challenge them to think critically and then translate their knowledge and skills into exciting and unpredictable careers. The opportunities for students demonstrate that this faculty truly offers a license to explore.
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**AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS (ASB)**
As Australia’s leading business school, the ASB is a powerhouse of business education and research in the Asia Pacific region. The ASB has a global reputation for excellence in teaching and learning and an extensive range of top ranked business degrees.
Their students are ambitious, connected and bright. Their lecturers and researchers are leaders in their fields, with deep real-world expertise, and inspiring tomorrow’s leaders to think outside the box in a rapidly changing business world.
+61 2 9385 3507
businessinfo@unsw.edu.au
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**BUILT ENVIRONMENT (BE)**
UNSW Built Environment (BE) is one of the largest architecture faculties in Australia and is internationally renowned for its comprehensive range of multidisciplinary degree programs. At BE they focus on the design, construction and management of the 21st century city within the disciplines of Architectural Computing, Architectural Studies, Construction Management and Property, Industrial Design, Interior Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Planning.
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ENGINEERING

This is the pre-eminent centre for engineering studies and research in Australia, offering the widest choice of disciplines. They provide a cutting-edge education, incorporating the latest developments in each field. The Faculty consistently performs well in international rankings and their staff and students are successful at winning competitive awards at the highest local and international levels. UNSW Engineering is real-world focused, maintaining strong industry links as well as professional and commercial connections.

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MEDICINE

At UNSW Medicine, the dedication to teaching excellence and pioneering research is almost unparalleled. Driven by an unflinching commitment to turn discoveries into cures, the brilliant minds and extraordinary programs they’ve nurtured over the past 50 years have helped them develop into a leading national and international research-intensive medical school. And today, their excellence and undisputed leadership in the fields of neuroscience, cancer research and health innovation sees them ranked alongside some of the world’s premier universities.

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COFA: ARTS DESIGN MEDIA

COFA is located in Paddington and consists of four schools, the School of Art, The Sherman School of Art History and Art Education, The School of Design Studies and The School of Media Arts. The new campus is the largest dedicated design school in Australia. It also hosts fully online art and design courses and an online Masters degree facilitated through the college’s online academic unit.

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LAW

UNSW Law sets the standard for Australian legal education, research and public engagement. Their teaching is student-centred, research-based and outward-looking, never losing sight of law’s impact on how we live now. Their graduates have flexible skills, critical perspectives and broad horizons. Their research is interdisciplinary, collaborative and leads to real change in public policy and the law.

At UNSW, law meets justice.

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DISCOVER
GRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOOL

The Graduate Research School (GRS) is the central administration and support unit for all higher degree research candidates at UNSW. UNSW offers outstanding opportunities for postgraduates to pursue their research careers by offering the following degrees:
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
- Masters by Research
- Master of Philosophy (MPhil)

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UNSW CANBERRA AT THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE ACADEMY

UNSW Canberra is the Canberra campus of The University of New South Wales (UNSW) and is located at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA). The Academy provides tertiary education and military training for the Australian Defence Force (ADF). International students at ADFA are higher degree research students.

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SCIENCE

UNSW is a powerhouse for scientific learning and research. It is the university of choice for thousands of the brightest students from around the world who want to learn from award-winning academics, access cutting-edge facilities and connect with industry leaders. Consisting of nine schools, and with more than 400 staff and 700 researchers on board, they have got science covered - from anatomy to zoology and everything in between. They focus on delivering the best balance of theory and practical work to equip you with the skills, knowledge and experience to fast-track your career.

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STUDYING AT UNSW

Courses will generally involve a combination of lectures and tutorials, although some courses will vary. Assessment will occur throughout the semester in the form of assignments (individual and/or group), participation, reports, tests and/or exams.

End of semester exams occur both on campus and at Randwick Racecourse, depending on your course. English and Bi-Lingual dictionaries are permitted in any exam other than a language exam. Some courses may permit ‘authorised material' including lecture notes, molecular models, approved calculators and texts as prescribed.
The Journey Starts Long Before You Leave

Prepare for your first day at UNSW. Everything you need to arrange before you get on the plane to Sydney, how to officially become a UNSW student and be aware of your responsibilities and requirements.
Things to Consider

Getting ready to study at UNSW is an exciting but busy experience. This checklist will help you make sure you have sorted everything before you set off for Sydney.

- OFFER
  What type of offer did you get? UNSW will provide you with a Full Offer, Full Offer with Outstanding Requirements, Conditional Offer, Packaged Offer or a Wait Status. Be aware of the expiry and deferment conditions of the offer.

- ACCEPTANCE
  Once all requirements are satisfied you have two different options for acceptance; online or in writing. To accept online you need to log onto myUNSW while written acceptance should be sent to the Admissions Office.

- ENROLMENT
  Plan your enrolment by checking your program requirements and learning about the courses offered. Then login to myUNSW and add your chosen courses/classes.

- VISA
  Make sure you will satisfy all visa requirements and understand all processes for obtaining your student visa. Be aware of all conditions of the visa and the appropriate contacts.

- ACCOMMODATION
  Research your accommodation options including residential colleges, private rentals and student apartments. Know the differences between the accommodation styles and the pro’s and con’s of each.

- COST OF LIVING
  Know the costs of life as a student at UNSW to make sure you are on top of your expenses. Get a rough guide of expenses so you know what you face financially when you arrive in Sydney.

- BANKING
  Know about the currency in Australia, learn about setting up a bank account and understand the process for sending money overseas.

- PACKING
  Make sure what you can and can’t bring with you on your flight to Sydney. Make sure you have all your paperwork sorted in your carry-on luggage, photocopies of your passport and some Australian currency for when you land.
The Offer Process

Procedures for Undergraduate, Postgraduate Coursework and Research Programs.

Common Outcomes:

1. FULL OFFER
   Congratulations! Your application was successful.
   Once the offer has been issued, you should accept as early as possible and no later than the deposit payment due date.

   FULL OFFER WITH OUTSTANDING REQUIREMENTS
   Your application is almost complete; you need to supply your certified proof of completion certificate or letter to the University prior to the census date of your first semester.

   unsw.edu.au/document-certification

2. CONDITIONAL OFFER
   A conditional offer is issued indicating the anticipated conditions of offer that you have to meet to gain unconditional admission. The conditions could be academic and/or English, or in some cases, relate to under 18 visa requirements. You must submit the required evidence in order to accept the conditional offer. This evidence needs to be a certified copy, see the website for details on who can certify your documents.

3. PACKAGED OFFER: ENGLISH LANGUAGE WITH UNSW DEGREE
   International applicants who have a minimum Academic IELTS overall score of 5.0 may be considered for a Conditional Package Offer. A package offer may be given for applicants who have the academic qualifications required for admission, but whose IELTS results did not meet the English language requirements.
   Eligible applicants will be given an English offer and a primary degree package offer from UNSW.

4. APPLICATIONS WITH AN ON HOLD/WAIT STATUS
   Application has been received but is missing something relevant to the application such as payment of the application fee, transcripts etc. Your application will not proceed until the issue is resolved by contacting Admissions or the Graduate Research School.

ACCEPTING AN OFFER
Accepting Your Offer

1. ONLINE ACCEPTANCE
International students can choose to accept/defer/withdraw online via myUNSW. Students are required to pay a deposit (currently AUD $4,000*) when they accept their offer. Approved sponsored students by-pass the need to pay a deposit and have to accept the offer using the Reply Form attached to their offers together with a copy of the International Sponsored Students Agreement form.

2. PAPER ACCEPTANCE
You can accept your offer by completing the Reply Form contained in your offer letter and returning it to the Admissions Office along with a bank draft for AUD $4,000* made payable to 'The University of New South Wales' or by providing your credit card details.

*For some students these amounts will vary.

Enrolling

Enrolment services will be available on the myUNSW site 2 months before session starts. Enrolment assistance is available upon arrival.

PREPARE
- Check that you can access myUNSW
- Check that you are not blocked from enrolling
- Know the requirements for your program

PLAN
- Learn about the Courses and Classes
- Choose your classes before you enrol
- Be aware of course unit values

ENROL
- Log on to myUNSW and add your chosen courses
- Ensure you have selected lecture and tutorial/lab times for all courses
- View more info here:
  - www.gettingstarted.unsw.edu.au
YOUR VISA

Conditions & Requirements

You are responsible for satisfying the academic criteria of your student visa. International students have to complete their programs within the timeframes set out on their Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE). For most International student visa holders this means enrolling in 24 units of credit per semester to complete their program within the duration of the Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE).

ALTERING YOUR COE

The timeframe on your CoE can only be altered under very restricted circumstances and you will need approval from the University. You will need to provide evidence of the circumstances, either compassionate or compelling circumstances, implementation of a specified intervention strategy or if an approved deferment or suspension of study has been granted.

PROGRAM LEAVE

You cannot take leave from your program or suspend your studies unless there are exceptional circumstances which are beyond your control. UNSW will not be able to grant leave under this provision without documentation which supports your request for program leave.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

Students are required to maintain satisfactory academic progress. If students do not make satisfactory academic progress the University is required to inform the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP).

You cannot take leave from your program or suspend your studies unless there are exceptional circumstances which are beyond your control. UNSW will not be able to grant leave under this provision without documentation which supports your request for program leave.

International student visa holders are required to have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for the entire length of their visa.

You must inform the University of any change to your current residential address within seven days of it changing.

Failure to comply with the conditions of your student visa could result in the cancellation of your Student Visa and you will be subject to removal from Australia.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I DO NOT COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE CONDITIONS?

You must comply with all of the conditions of your visa. If you fail the University is obliged to inform DIBP. A letter will be issued to you, advising that you have 28 days to attend a specified DIBP office to resolve the matter. If you fail to report, your visa will be automatically cancelled and you will be subject to removal from Australia.

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT FOR MORE ADVICE?

If you have difficulties understanding your student visa conditions or wish to discuss any personal issues that are affecting you, you can contact Student Development International. You can also contact your academic advisor/program authority/Faculty office for advice regarding your enrolment, academic performance, progression or intention to take program leave.

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student.unsw.edu.au/international

UNDER 18

Under 18 visas are issued by DIBP in two categories; accompanied and unaccompanied. Accompanied students will reside in Australia with a parent, legal guardian or a close relative of good character (nominated by both parents) who is 21 or over. Unaccompanied students will require a Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare letter (CAAW) from UNSW. These students must live in UniLodge (until they turn 18), attend step-up orientation program, attend Under 18s Arrival Essentials workshop and attend regular scheduled meetings with an International Student Advisor.
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Accommodation

RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES
If you want everything taken care of, then residential colleges may be the way to go. This is the most structured accommodation option available and includes all meals, academic support, pastoral care, live-in staff and an organised social and sporting program.

UNSW has several residential colleges, each with their own unique qualities: Basser College, Philip Baxter College, Goldstein College and Fig Tree Hall.

Pros: You have more time to focus on studying as you live on campus and everything is provided. Additionally you have access to a support network and social interactions with other college residents.

Cons: As everything is included, the cost of a residential college can be higher than other options. If you prefer greater independence and less structure then other options may be more suitable.

rc.unsw.edu.au/colleges/unsw-colleges

UNSW-OWNED APARTMENTS
For those who desire independent living but still want to live on campus, this option is ideal. They are operated by UNSW but do not include extras like food and pastoral support.

There are several UNSW apartments available either on or nearby the Kensington campus: University Terraces, Barker Apartments, Mulwarree Apartments and High St Apartments.

Pros: Living on campus makes your study life significantly easier and the apartments are full of other students to socialise with. Independent living gives you greater control over how you spend your time. If you have a partner or family, they can live with you in these apartments.

Cons: If you like your own space you will need a studio or 1 bedroom apartment and they are more expensive than sharing. If you choose to share you will need to learn to share bathrooms, kitchens and living spaces.

rc.unsw.edu.au/apartments/accommodation

STUDENT DORMITORIES
Colombo House is now available to provide international students with dormitory style living. Each room comes with an ensuite bathroom, king single bed, study desk and wardrobe.

Pros: This option provides you with your own private room, a quiet desk to focus on studying and large common rooms and kitchen.

Cons: In self-catering accommodation you are responsible for buying and preparing your own meals.

rc.unsw.edu.au/colleges/unsw-colleges
Private Housing

PRIVATE RENTAL
Renting an apartment or house either alone or with housemates is truly independent living. For better or worse you will be responsible for everything that happens and the associated costs.

Pros: You have complete control over your own lifestyle and determine who you share your space with. For those who love their independence, or already have a group of friends/family to share with, this can be an appropriate option.

Cons: With independence comes the costs and you will have to either pay extra for fully furnished accommodation or obtain furniture yourself. Paying for everything, including utilities, can be an expense and an additional hassle on your study life.

STUDENT ACCOMMODATION
In addition to the UNSW operated apartments, there are other options either on or nearby campus. These options provide fully furnished rooms with shared kitchens and bathrooms.

The UNSW affiliated apartments are:
- New College Village
  - ncv.unsw.edu.au
- UNSW Village
  - unswvillage.com.au
- UniLodge
  - unilodge.com.au/sydney/unsw

Pros: Student Accommodation is ideal for focusing on study, and these apartment buildings have designated study areas. As the buildings are full of students they present great opportunities for socialising.

Cons: Shared apartments and buildings full of students can create distractions for students who struggle with time management. If you struggle to study when sharing spaces then student apartments may not be for you.
The Costs of Living

Estimates suggest you will need at least AUD$20,000 a year as an international student to live in Sydney. This can vary based on your spending habits and lifestyle. Here are a few tips to save you some money on the basics.

1. **FOOD + GROCERIES**
   Savings can be made by preparing meals at home, planning your meals for the week and freezing leftovers. Eating out is tempting, but it is very expensive! There are plenty of grocery stores around UNSW, and many specialty shops selling ingredients from a range of countries.

2. **TRANSPORT**
   If you live near enough to campus then walk or ride a bike to cut down on transport costs. Cycling in Sydney is safe as well as being good for the environment and your fitness. Public transport, when required, is reliable so there is no need to buy a car.

3. **ENTERTAINMENT**
   There are student specials available on a range of activities across the city; keep an eye out around campus for advertising, follow companies on social media and sign up for student newsletters. Most cinemas will have a day every week, commonly Tuesday, where you can watch a movie cheaply.

4. **ACCOMMODATION**
   Your cost of living can vary significantly depending on your accommodation choices. Be aware of additional costs like utility bills and that if you rent privately you will need money upfront for a bond (although you should get it back). How far you live from campus will also impact upon your transport costs.
Money & Banking

**TRANSFERRING FUNDS**

To receive money from overseas the sender will need to know your Bank Account Name, Bank Account Number, BSB (Branch Number), Address of the Bank and the Bank’s Swift Code. If you need to send money overseas you will need to know the Account Name, the bank’s ‘SORT’ code, International Bank Account Number (IBAN) (Europe Only) and the SWIFT code of the bank.

**BANK ACCOUNTS**

There are two bank branches on campus (Commonwealth Bank and ANZ Bank) that may be the most convenient to open an account with. Other banks are also located nearby and all feature a range of account options. You will need proof of identity and proof of address to open a bank account. ANZ also offer a pre-departure service so you can open an account before you leave.

movingtoaustralia.anz.com/unsw

**ATMS + EFTPOS**

Bank cash-dispenser machines, known in Australia as Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) are widespread, as is the use of Electronic Funds Transfer at Point of Sale (EFTPOS). In most retail outlets and restaurants you can pay by cash, or EFTPOS using a debit card or credit card. In some convenience stores there may be a minimum spend of approx $10 for EFTPOS transactions.

**CURRENCY**

Australian currency follows a decimal system. A Dollar (A$) is divided into 100 cents (¢). Notes come in denominations of $5, $10, $20, $50, and $100. The notes are in different colours and increase in size according to value. These notes are unique as they are plastic! Coins come in denominations of $1 and $2 (gold coloured coins), 50¢, 20¢, 10¢ and 5¢ (silver coloured).

**CURRENCY CONVERSION**

If you have currency from back home you can exchange for Australian currency. This can be done at Post Offices, however there are hundreds of currency exchange offices scattered all over the city.

**ONLINE BANKING**

All Australian banks now have online banking to give you instant access to your accounts. They can be used to manage your finances, pay bills and transfer money.
Things to Pack

**DICTIONARY**
In case you encounter English words you are unsure of and want to check/confirm their meanings.

**CONVERTER**
For all of your electrical goods you will require an Australian power adaptor. Also pack an extension socket.

**CURRENCY**
Having some Australian currency with you when you arrive will make things easier.

**CLOTHING**
Australia’s climate varies from very hot summers to cold, rainy winters. Be prepared!

**MEDICAL**
Make sure you have any necessary prescription paperwork and any permitted medication you require.

**CAMERA**
Family and friends at home will love seeing snaps of your arrival in Sydney.

**VISA**
Ensure you have your valid Australian visa with you to show when you land.

Things Not to Pack

**MEDICINES**
Some medications are not permitted in large quantities so check before you depart.

**FOOD/PLANTS**
To protect Australia’s unique environment you are not permitted to bring in food or plants without declaration.

**WEAPONS**
Be wary of what can be considered a weapon or risk having it seized.

**AGRICULTURE/VETERINARY**
To protect Australia’s animals you are unable to bring in agricultural or veterinary items from other countries.

**PIRATED GOODS**
Make sure you don’t have any pirated goods (movies etc) in your possession.

**OVER $10,000**
Large amounts of cash (equivalent to A$10,000 or more) are not permitted.

**ALCOHOL/CIGARETTES**
If you require these items make sure you only buy them duty free upon arrival.
You've stepped off the plane in Sydney. Now what? This section will walk you through setting up as a new resident of Sydney and as a student at UNSW.
Getting Home From the Airport

Sydney Airport, also known as Kingsford Smith Airport, is located in the suburb of Mascot. It is conveniently close to both the Inner West & the Eastern Suburbs of Sydney, including Kensington and UNSW. Transport between terminals is fairly easy and can be done via the Airport link train.

UNSW PICK-UP SERVICE
Student Development International (SDI) provides Airport pick up service to pick you up from the international terminal of the Kingsford Smith Airport, Sydney and take you to the SDI Welcome centre at UNSW's main campus. Under 18 students who book this service will be dropped to their accommodation (Unilodge / UNSW Accommodation). Cost of service is AUD 15 per person. Bookings are essential and can be made by completing the online booking form on the website. For information on pickup service dates, hours of operation and online booking for Semester 1 and Semester 2 please check the SDI website.

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Public Transport

Sydney’s public transport system consists of train, bus and ferry, with some additional light rail connections. UNSW is well connected with four express bus routes (890, 891, 892 and 895) running between campus and Central Station. In addition, there are eight non-express buses available.

transportnsw.info

GETTING AROUND

A good tip to remember is that every train line will eventually lead to the city, via the City Circle Line. This line includes Sydney’s major transport hubs, Central, Town Hall, Wynyard, and Circular Quay. There is also a free shuttle bus, route 555 that operates from Central Station to Circular Quay, via George St. You need to signal the driver for the bus to stop. Trip Planner is a great point of reference to find your way on Sydney’s public transport system:

transportnsw.info

NIGHT BUSES

For the late nights, it is good to keep in mind that most regular public transport services finish around midnight, after which the major train services are replaced by night buses. These buses run between midnight and 4am, servicing several areas of the city. They run every night of the week, with additional services on weekends.

More information can be found here:

transportnsw.info

TICKETS

Before boarding any public transport system in Sydney you will need to purchase a ticket. For train & ferry this can be done directly at any train station or ferry terminal. For bus, tickets can be purchased from a variety of stores, such as chemists, convenience stores & tobacconists. International students are eligible for discounts on quarterly tickets. For further information see:

transportnsw.info

SHUTTLE BUS

UNSW provides a free shuttle bus for students to safely get between the COFA and Kensington campuses, especially at night. The shuttle bus stop is located at the Gate 8 entrance on High Street (UNSW Kensington) and at the Greens Rd entrance (COFA). It runs hourly, between 7am - 7pm, for most of the academic year.

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Buying a Bike

Bikes are a great option for transport in Sydney, but you need think how you will use it. Are you using it to get to university, will you be riding long distances, in the rain or off road? Finding your local bike shop and chatting to the staff there can help you decide which type of bike will be the best fit for you.

WHERE TO BUY

Once you’ve decided on the make and style of bike you’d like, the next step is to think about the price you’d like to pay. If you’re in it for the long haul and plan to give the bike a lot of use then buying a new bike is a good investment. If you’re unsure how much the bike will be used or if it is only going to be used short term then it is probably a good idea to buy second hand. Some good places to shop for bikes are Bondi Junction, Wooly’s Wheels, Europa Cycles, gumtree.com.au & omafiets.com.au who operate a buy back scheme.

BIKE ACCESSORIES & MAINTENANCE

It is illegal in Sydney to ride without a helmet, so be sure to get one when you buy your bike. Attached to the bike must also be a bell, red rear reflector and a white front reflector, but most bikes will come with these. You probably also want to consider buying both a front and a back light if you’re going to be riding at night time, as well as a good strong bike lock for parking. In regards to maintaining your bike, a bike pump to keep the wheels inflated and lubricant to oil the chain are always good to have on hand.

BIKES IN SYDNEY

In Sydney it is illegal to ride on the footpath. Fortunately the City of Sydney Council has been busy developing dedicated bike paths throughout the city. They also offer free weekly bike riding and maintenance courses.

UNSW also has a very active bike club with a bike loan program:

UNSW bike club.org.au

Buying a Bike

FIRST STEPS

Buying a Bike
There are many things to consider when buying a car. Perhaps the obvious thing to consider is whether to buy a new or used car. Ask yourself questions such as, do you need a big or a small car, how much will insurance cost, how much petrol will you use and is a warranty important to you? It’s a good idea to compare market prices and options by looking through car ads online; a good point of reference is carsales.com.au. There are car parks available on campus, both casual and permits, in addition to a carpooling service and two carshare cars.

Make sure you have a valid overseas licence. If it is not in English you will need to drive with a translation.

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STAYING SAFE

Some Things To Consider

In general Sydney is a very safe city, but it is still a major city and there is no harm in taking some precautions. These include staying near or with other people, travelling in groups, staying in well lit areas, avoiding carrying large amounts of cash, not showing off your mobile phone and letting people know where you will be when you go out.

SYDNEY SPECIFIC PRECAUTIONS

While Sydney is a safe city there are certain areas, not to avoid but to be wary of; these include Kings Cross, Haymarket & Redfern. Make sure you know the number for a taxi service so you will always have a way of getting yourself home. Taxis Combined is Sydney’s largest taxi network and have over 2000 taxis in the Sydney area. Their phone number is 133 300, additionally their mobile app is a great resource for booking and tracking their taxis. Remember if you ever need it the emergency number in Australia is Triple Zero (000).

SAFETY AT NIGHT

Common sense safety precautions still apply when travelling, and it is particularly good to exercise caution when travelling at night. On train stations there are emergency help points and CCTV cameras. Locate these and wait near them. If you can’t afford a taxi, remember there is always the option to take the night ride bus service. And don’t be too concerned if you do end up in Kings Cross or Haymarket at night, just be sensible and stay with friends when possible.

TRAIN SAFETY

When travelling by train, sit by the blue light as this indicates the guard’s compartment. On Friday and Saturday night try to board the Guardian Service when possible. Police officers and train staff are present both on trains and at certain major stations for this service. On newer trains you can use the emergency help points for emergency contact with the guard. For further information see:

sydneytrains.info/travelling_with/

UNSW SAFETY

The UNSW Online Safety and Wellbeing Tutorial contains safety information for all UNSW students:

student.unsw.edu.au/safety

UNSW Security Services has a comprehensive 24 hour security presence on campus.

For any on campus emergencies contact them on:

9385 6666
Get Connected

UNIVERSITY WIRELESS

On campus you will be able to access the university’s wireless network: ‘UniWide’. Accessible on laptops and mobile devices, this network provides fast, secure wireless network connectivity across UNSW’s campuses. For more information on connecting to the network see:

www.it.unsw.edu.au/students/uniwide

INTERNET

If you plan on using the Internet on your laptop infrequently and at different locations (uni, home, cafés etc), you are best suited to prepaid USB modems (dongles) or tethering to your phone. However, if you are a heavy internet user and plan to study a lot from your private residence, perhaps look at signing up to an ADSL plan with a provider such as Telstra, iiNet, Optus or TPG.

MOBILE

There are also several different options when buying a mobile phone. If getting the latest smart phone is important to you or if you would like international call and text options then a plan is probably going to get you the best phone inclusive deal. If you already have a phone or are looking to buy a cheaper phone then the flexibility and independence of buying prepaid could be the better option. A prepaid sim will come with some credit and then you can top it up as required.

SKYPE, HANGOUTS, VIBER

You probably already have a Skype account, but did you know that you could call both international and national home and mobile phones at very competitive rates from Skype. Hangouts is a new Google+ feature, allowing you to connect, call, message, share photos or stream live recordings with all your Google+ friends for free. And Viber is the new kid on the block, allowing you the same options, but run from your phone. It accesses your address book and allows you to call or text directly from your phone to a friends phone for free.
myUNSW

MyUNSW is your personalised online portal to everything UNSW.

my.unsw.edu.au

1 MOODLE/BLACKBOARD
The links for Moodle and Blackboard, where you can access course information, course materials and submit assignments. You will need to login separately to these applications.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS
This is where you will be informed of developments across the University and approaching key dates. Keep an eye on this to know what is going on around UNSW.

3 MY ALERTS
Personalised updates from the University including enrolment problems and overdue fees. Items in this section require your urgent attention and should not be ignored.

4 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
Information specifically for International Students and links to useful pages across the UNSW website. Make sure you make time to read through these links for a range of relevant information.

5 KEY UNSW INFORMATION
Important links for all UNSW students including key dates and myUNSW FAQs. If you need to change your password for any reason the link is in this section.
FACILITIES

What You Can Find On Campus

LIBRARY
In addition to a comprehensive range of publications the library has printing, copying and scanning facilities, bookable rooms and information kiosks with helpful staff. It is equipped with everything you require to keep your studies on track.

COMPUTER POOLS
In addition to the University’s wireless network for use on your personal laptops, there are several computer labs to complete your work. Located across campus, they enable you to complete all of your assigned work.

FITNESS CENTRE
Featuring a full gym, swimming pool, basketball courts, squash courts, steam room, indoor sports centre and group classes, the fitness and aquatic centre will keep you in shape. This facility caters for a large range of activities and is an important part of the community.

FOOD ON CAMPUS
There are a range of food and drink options spread across the Lower, Middle and Upper Campuses. This range includes an IGA Supermarket, coffee shops, cafes, restaurants and bars. Whatever you are after you will find it on campus at UNSW.

HEALTHCARE
With a pharmacy, optometry clinic, physiotherapy and sports injury clinic, dentist and pathology clinic you are covered for most of your healthcare needs on campus. UNSW Health Services are also available in the Quadrangle building.

COFA@PADDINGTON
The Centre of Fine Arts features an array of facilities for a variety of creative disciplines. This includes the Toolroom, Resource Centre, Letterpress Studio and Digital Print and Copy Service.
Support Services

There are various support services in place to assist you through your time as a UNSW student. This list will help you know about the services and how to contact them. For more information see: www.student.unsw.edu.au/international

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**STUDENT DEVELOPMENT INTERNATIONAL (SDI)**

- SDI run orientation programs, workshops, social activities and day trips for all international students. Includes Welcome Centre from January to March.

- For personalised advice and information on life at UNSW, make an appointment with an International Student Advisor.

- If you urgently require the assistance of security on campus.

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**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISORS**

- Contact Details
  - Ground Floor, John Goodsell Building (F20)
  - Monday to Friday
  - +61 2 9385 5333
  - international.student@unsw.edu.au

- Appointments: 9am - 4pm Monday to Friday
  - +61 2 9385 533
  - international.student@unsw.edu.au

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**STUDENT CENTRAL**

- From enrolment to graduation Student Central will be there to answer all of your general enquiries.

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**Kensington Campus**

- Contact Details
  - +61 2 9385 5418

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**COFA**

- Contact Details
  - +61 2 9385 0733
  - counselling@unsw.edu.au

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**GROUND FLOOR GOODSSELL BUILDING**

- Contact Details
  - +61 2 9385 5333
  - international.student@unsw.edu.au

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**STUDENT EQUITY AND DISABILITIES UNIT (SEADU)**

- At the beginning of each semester ISHA provides support for international students looking for suitable accommodation.

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**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HOUSING ASSISTANCE [ISHA]**

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Getting Involved

There’s more to a successful UNSW graduate than just their grades. UNSW encourages you to take advantage of the wide array of services and resources that will broaden your horizons. Make sure you register and attend the 3 day international student orientation program. It is also recommended you attend the official welcome and your faculty welcome.

STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS
Sign up, join clubs and societies, access discounts and enjoy all the benefits of being a member. This is the ideal place to start to engage with the University community.

MAKING MATES
Both inside and outside of the classroom, making new friends will allow you to enjoy your student experience more. Get out there, put a smile on your face and experience the rewards of expanding your social group.

VOLUNTEERING
Give back to your new community, develop new skills, make new friends and gain invaluable experience. Volunteering is a great way to engage with others while developing yourself.

FINDING WORK
Part time work can provide some additional spending money, prepare you for future work, enhance your language skills and provide an opportunity to make new friends.

WEEK 1 CHECKLIST
Where should you start in your first week at UNSW? Follow this checklist to make sure you are ready to make the most of your student experience.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT
Who do you speak to for help with a range of issues? Read through this list to know who to contact for support.
Student Associations

Arc is UNSW’s student association, run by students for students. Joining Arc can be a great way to get more involved on campus. They run regular parties and events on campus, offer discounts on food and retail, can help you with legal advice or with finding a job and offer a myriad of clubs and societies to join.

1. MEMBERSHIP

There is no membership fee to join Arc, so there is really no reason not to sign up. Registration is easy, all you will need is an internet connection, your student number and contact details. Just follow the prompts at the ARC website. Be sure to join Arc as soon as you can, the membership pack is full of freebies, but only while stocks last.

members.arc.unsw.edu.au/join

2. ADVICE + SUPPORT

As a member of Arc you can join the Student Representative Council to advocate for the rights and needs of students at UNSW. You can also join more specific advocacy and awareness groups such as the environment and ethnic affairs. Arc also offers student support in the form of legal advice or subsidised representation and access to room hire on campus.

3. SOCIETIES

Joining Arc gets you free or discounted membership to any of the 180 clubs and societies on campus. These range from the Film Society, which offers regular free film screenings, to the drama society, where you can take part in the production and performance of plays throughout the year to a range of international student associations, such as the UNSW Chinese society.

4. DISCOUNTS

Joining Arc gets you free or discounted access to all the parties and events on campus. These include session parties, O-week events, Artsweek and Oktoberfest. Furthermore your Arc member sticker makes you privy to a range of on and off campus discounts, such as drink deals at the Roundhouse, cheap and tasty pork rolls at Tropical Green, travel discounts at STA Travel, cheap movie tickets at the Ritz and a buy one, get one free deal at the Sydney Aquarium!
Making Mates

G’DAY
Australians are a friendly bunch, don’t take our laid back attitudes for indifference or disinterest, we’re just really easy going. That said, you’ll be meeting people from across the globe when you start at UNSW. The best thing you can do is to be friendly and forming new friendships will likely be one of the best things about your student experience.

GET INVOLVED
The best way to make new friends is to be as socially active as possible. Join Arc and get involved with the different events, parties, clubs and societies on offer, or even start your own. Join the student magazine or a sports team, join a religious group or if you’re musically inclined you can join one of the campus music ensembles, like the choir or the guitar ensemble.

TUTES & LECTURES
Tutorials are a great place to get to know people. Be vocal in class, not only will the tutor be impressed, but your classmates will get to know a bit about you too. In lectures, sit next to people you recognise from your tutorials or from outside of class and say ‘hi’. Another great idea is to start study groups with people from your classes, meet at a café or at the pub and you’ll soon get to know a little more than just your class material.

THE WIDER COMMUNITY
Sport not only keeps you fit but is the perfect way to get further involved with your community. UNSW has clubs covering a large variety of sports and there are several other clubs in the local area. Community centres also host social sport competitions, where you can play with friends and make new ones.
Volunteering

Develop new skills while giving back to the community and making friends.

1. WHY VOLUNTEER?
Volunteering is a great way to meet people, gain experience, develop practical skills and give back to the community. It is also a nice way to become acquainted with a new city. Furthermore, volunteer efforts will boost your CV and attract employers. UNSW Advantage will allow you to develop a range of professional skills.

2. VOLUNTEER EXPO
UNSW holds a volunteer and work expo every year. This is a great chance to talk directly with various not-for-profit organisations about the volunteer opportunities available. More information can be found here:

   student.unsw.edu.au/volunteer-work-expo

3. ARC
If you’re interested in volunteering then it’s a good idea to join Arc. Arc is home to a huge selection of volunteer positions, ranging from organising campus events to trips to regional Aboriginal communities and peer mentoring. For more information see:

   student.unsw.edu.au/get-involved

4. STUDENT MEDIA
Arc offers a range of opportunities to get involved with student media. You can write for one of the student publications, such as Tharunka (the student magazine), join the radio podcasting program The Pod, or develop your camera skills with student video channel vHub.

5. OUTREACH
Arc also offers various outreach programs such as Walama Muru, which focuses on community development and reconciliation in Indigenous communities; Shack Tutoring, which offers free tutoring services to disadvantaged high school students; and BRIGHTSIDE which offers artistic mentoring to underprivileged high school students.

6. IN THE COMMUNITY
As an international student, UNSW offers you the opportunity to volunteer with not-for-profits in the wider community. This is a great chance to get a further understanding of Australian cultural, social and political systems.

   student.unsw.edu.au/ahegs
Part Time Work

CHECK YOUR REQUIREMENTS

Before you apply for a part time job, make sure you double-check the requirements of your visa. Generally speaking, if you are living in Australia on a student visa then you’re allowed to work up to 40 hours a fortnight during semester and unlimited hours during holidays. Though you are not allowed to begin working until you’ve started at Uni.

—atmi.gov.au/students

PREPARE YOUR KIT

Before you apply for a job you’ll also need to get yourself a Tax File Number (TFN). This is very easy to apply for and means that you’ll be taxed as little as possible. For more information on applying for a tax file number see:

—at.gov.au
If you want to work in a bar or pub then you’ll also need to apply for your Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) certificate, this can easily be done online, HIA is the cheapest provider:

—hia.edu.au/online-rsa

GO OUT AND HUNT

Actually searching and applying for a job is definitely the hardest part. If you want to work in hospitality it’s best to take in your resume in person. Otherwise most jobs will only accept online applications direct through their webpage or through a provider. The most popular job search providers are My Career, Seek and One Shift, or if you want to work in a not-for-profit then Ethical Jobs is the best place to look.

—oneShift.com.au
—seek.com.au

JOBS AND ADVICE AT UNSW

Both UNSW and Arc have career sites that provide a job search database for both internal and external jobs. The UNSW web page also allows you to book workshops in resume or cover letter writing and offers help and advice online:

—careers.unsw.edu.au
Furthermore UNSW offers a personalised career counseling service:

—student.unsw.edu.au/careers-contact
Your First Week

Everything you need to sort out in your first week as a UNSW student. Once this is all out the way, it’s really time to start enjoying the student life!

- **O-WEEK**
- **LIBRARY**
- **MY UNSW**
- **JOIN ARC**
- **TIMETABLES**
- **GET THE APP**
- **ID CARD**
- **BOOKS**
- **THE CAMPUS**
- **THE BEACH**

### O-WEEK

 Attend O-Week. This is a great opportunity to get acquainted with the campus, take tours, attend workshops, meet people, join clubs, go to parties and have a lot of fun.

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### ORIENTATION WEEK

During O-Week take a tour of the library, this will teach you how to use and borrow from the library, as well as how to use the online journal database.

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### LIBRARY

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### MY UNSW

First thing’s first, log into My UNSW and keep track of your class enrolments, timetable and course handbook. In the future you’ll be checking back here for census dates, exams and fees.

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### JOIN ARC

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### TIMETABLES

Next you might want to take note of your timetable, write down the locations of your class and lecture rooms, you might even like to locate them on a campus map. Then organise yourself and your week accordingly.

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### GET THE APP

Before you arrive at Uni, it could be a good idea to download the UNSW Uni-Verse App. This will help you organise your events and courses, and the map tool will help you to locate your classes on campus. Take a look at the Arc App too.

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### ID CARD

On your first day at Uni go and grab your student card from FM assist. This entitles you to reduced rates on public transport and enables you to borrow books at the library. You’ll need your student number and some photo ID to collect it.

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### BOOKS

Before your first class make sure you know what texts and readers you will need to purchase for your courses. You can buy all your necessary course material from the UNSW bookshop.

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### THE CAMPUS

UNSW campus offers cafes, bars, a music venue, dentist, doctors practice, post office, bank, several ATM’s, a chemist, stationary reuse centre, food co-op, sports centre, swimming pool… Get acquainted!

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### THE BEACH

Now you’re all exhausted from a big first week, take the 370 bus down the road and relax at Coogee beach, or even better, walk around for a swim at the tranquil Gordon’s Bay.
## Community Support

The following contacts are services outside of the University that are of key interest.

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<td>If the situation is not life-threatening but still requires police attendance.</td>
<td>☎️ 13 14 44</td>
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<td><strong>AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION</strong></td>
<td>If you feel like you have been discriminated against because of your race, descent, colour or ethnic/national origin.</td>
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<td><strong>BEYOND BLUE</strong></td>
<td>Beyond Blue are ready to take your call if you are feeling depressed or anxious.</td>
<td>☎️ 1300 224 636</td>
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<td><strong>HEALTHDIRECT AUSTRALIA</strong></td>
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<td>☎️ 1300 888 529</td>
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<td>If you experience discrimination at work or are unable to resolve problems at work with your employer.</td>
<td>☎️ 13 13 94</td>
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<td><strong>DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION</strong></td>
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<td>☎️ 131 881</td>
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This guide is just the beginning of your UNSW journey; a journey we hope is full of success and enjoyment. Leaving your home to study is a big commitment but UNSW staff and students will be there to support you along the way. We encourage you to explore the world that surrounds UNSW, whether it be through part time employment, volunteering, enjoying the parks and beaches, or even just meeting the locals.

Sydney is a beautiful city to live in and we hope you learn to love it as much as we do.
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