

IMPORTANT DATES

Last day to withdraw from single session subjects via the web without academic penalty:	Autumn Session	5 May
	Intake B	24 May
Applications for August Graduation close		10 May
Grad Skills Assessment test enrolment close		10 May
Autumn Session Final Exam Timetable on web		10 May
Applications for Translation Dictionaries close		31 May
Autumn Session Exam Period		15 - 28 June
Autumn session results on the web		9 July

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Work Visas for International Students

International students who wish to apply for a work rights visa can do so at the University Post Office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays between the hours of 9.30am to 11.30am. You can also apply on-line through the DIMA website at www.immi.gov.au. Please ensure you have credit card details available.

Gillian Luck,
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Student Administration issues:

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Ph: 02 4221 3927

Student academic issues:

Ph: (02) 42 21 3555 (switch)

ask to speak to the relevant academic unit or SubDean of the Faculty

Web addresses in this issue:

Student Online Services

www.uow.edu.au/student/sols/

UOW Careers Fairs

www.uow.edu.au/student/careers/services/fairs.html

Graduate Recruitment Closing Dates

www.uow.edu.au/student/careers/jobseekers/graduate.htm

DIMA

www.immi.gov.au

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MOSS VALE CENTRE NOW OPEN

The Moss Vale Education Access Centre opened for business on 4th March 2002 with 27 students. The Centre is currently running 3 degree courses - a Bachelor of Business Administration; a Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Arts (Community & Environment).

In 2002, first year subjects are being offered - 7 for Arts and 8 for Commerce/Business Administration. Next year, first and second year subjects will be offered, and the following year first, second and third year subjects.

Students enrolled in the main Wollongong Campus, who live in the Southern Highlands are invited to enrol in individual subjects at the Moss Vale Centre, as well as make use of the facilities available here.

During Spring Session 2002 the following subjects will be offered: ECON121; ACCY102; MARK101; MGMT110; ABST150; ARTS113; GEOS142.

Further information may be obtained from Sonia Sense, Coordinator of the Moss Vale Education Access Centre. Phone 4869 1888; Fax 4869 2342; email ssense@uow.edu.au

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DO YOU WISH TO GRADUATE IN AUGUST ?

Graduation ceremonies are to be held 1, 2 and 5 August - application forms are available on the web or from the Student Administration Office and must be submitted to Student Administration by Friday 10 May. Note that applications are essential, whether you are intending to attend the ceremony or to have your degree conferred in absentia (posted to you without participation in a ceremony).

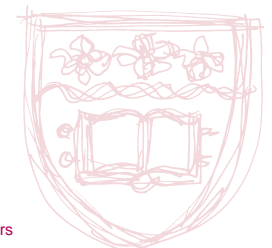
FIRST YEAR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Have you completed your Information Literacies Introductory Program yet? ILIP100 is a zero credit point subject that is **compulsory** for all undergraduate students. You are encouraged to complete it within the first six weeks of session and it **must** be completed by the end of the first academic year of enrolment. Failure to complete ILIP100 will cause your Spring Session subject results to be withheld. Classes and self-paced alternatives are available. Details and times are available by following the link from the SOLS page, Library home page or ask at the Library for details. Phone 02 4221 3548.

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FINAL YEAR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS – HAVE YOUR SKILLS ASSESSED !

The Graduate Skills Assessment (GSA) has been designed by the Australian Council for Educational Research, to help final year students identify their mastery of skills that employers value. Students will receive an official record of their results, which may be a useful addition to their CV. The 3 hour test has been scheduled for Friday 14 June at the Wollongong Campus, commencing at 9.00am. There is no cost to students to sit this test and receive their results. Enrol in GSA 002 via logging on to SOLS and selecting the "Variation to Enrolment" option. Enrolments close by 10 May. Another test will also be run in Spring Session on 8 November.



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On-line Special Consideration Applications

As part of the revised special consideration policy introduced last year, students were provided with a facility to submit applications on-line via SOLS. The application form and guidelines are available at www.uow.edu.au/student/sols. Students are still encouraged to discuss short extensions with co-ordinators in person.

When submitting your documentation to Academic Registrar's Division please ensure you include a copy of your confirmation page which includes your student details. Certificates submitted without clearly identified student details cannot be processed.

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Illawarra Graduate Careers Fair - 8th May 12pm to 2pm, Uni Hall

This is a great opportunity to find out about career opportunities in the local area. National and international employers have graduate recruitment closing dates in late April, early May. More details can be found at:

UOW Careers Fairs

www.uow.edu.au/student/careers/services/fairs.html

Graduate Recruitment Closing Dates

www.uow.edu.au/student/careers/jobseekers/graduate.htm

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Autumn Session Exams coming up soon !

The **provisional exam timetable** is out now - log on to SOLS and select the exam timetable link. The final timetable is to be published on Friday 10 May.

Translation dictionaries in exams may only be used by students from non-English-speaking backgrounds who have been granted special permission. Students who were born in a non-English-speaking country and have been resident in Australia or another English-speaking country for less than 10 years are invited to submit an application (forms available from Student Administration) by Friday 31 May.

A photo identification card will be issued to approved students who must show this card at each exam before they will be permitted to use a translation dictionary. Further details are available from Student Administration.

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You want: a change of career • higher earning potential • a competitive advantage • career advancement • increased knowledge ?

Invest in your future now. A postgraduate program from the University of Wollongong will give you a distinct advantage. Our strong links with industry mean you'll develop market-relevant skills that are immediately applicable to your work environment. With the new Postgraduate Education Loans Scheme (PELS) — a world-class postgraduate education is now even more accessible.

To find out more about:

- the Postgraduate Education Loans Scheme (PELS);
- how you can consolidate your existing knowledge or skills base, in order to advance your current career;
- how you can pursue a new career or a new direction with a postgraduate program from UOW; or
- gain an insight into postgraduate study at UOW, from a student's perspective;

Come to our information evening, Tuesday 30

April 2002, 6.30pm – 8.30pm, Wollongong UniCentre, Building 11, University of Wollongong.

Call 1300 367 869 ASAP to reserve your place.

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The Student Experience and Advice to New Students !

A student experience survey was undertaken in November-December 2001 with graduating students. Over 86% of respondents reported experiencing high satisfaction with their time spent at the University. The most important aspects of university life from their perspective included intellectual stimulation/pursuit, skill development and enhancement.

The University grounds was the most significant feature identified, followed by the friendliness of staff and other students, excellent facilities and the quality and helpfulness of staff. The most memorable and satisfying moments of their time at the University, related to graduation and or receiving results which were personally satisfying. A significant proportion nominated the friendships they had made and the general friendly environment as being their most memorable experience.

When asked what advice undergraduate students would pass on to new students, these were some of the responses:

- collect as much information about your proposed subjects as possible (from other students, talking to lectures, attend the first lecture, etc), but make sure you do something that interests you;
- organise yourself and balance your study/assignment load, manage your time effectively, stay on top of assignments (if you fall behind, it is extremely hard to catch up later);
- attend lectures and tutorials and keep up-to-date;
- get to know your lecturers; find out as much as possible: ask questions and read everything; seek help when you need it - don't wait for it to be too late.
- there are a wide range of support services available to students; learn where the uni computers are located and the access times, how to use them, and about the university web sites (especially sols);
- don't underestimate the library - attend library workshops, meet librarians, learn how to use its facilities;
- get to know the campus – where everything is located; experience the social side of university life, meet a diverse range of people and make friends; support each other; your personal attitude towards study is important;
- be organised, balance study and social activities, motivate yourself (no-one else will chase up late assignments), don't panic, and have fun!