Welcome to Our New Students & Welcome Back to Our Continuing Students

The University would like to welcome new students who commenced in Autumn session and welcome back students continuing their study with the university.

Are you new to UOW? Don't worry, we are here to help.

The University provides all sorts of information and resources to newly enrolled students so you will find it is a lot easier to settle in and start to enjoy your Uni life.

At Student Central our friendly staff will assist you with various administrative issues such as Official printouts, student forms, fees and payment enquiries, and more. For more information, please visit our centre on the Ground floor of Building 17 or visit our webpage at:

Student Services provides a range of programs and services to assist first year students such as the Learning Development program, The PASS program & Student Counselling Services. Visit their website for more details: http://www.uow.edu.au/student/services/about/index.html.

On the University’s homepage there is also a webpage specifically designed for first year students which provides guidelines for services and information available to new students and also answers to commonly asked questions. Check it out at:

Do you wish to Graduate in July 2007?

Graduation ceremonies are to be held from 18th to 20th July. Application forms will be available online via SOLS on 9 March. Applications must be submitted by Friday 11th May 07. Please 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). Late applications will not be considered.
“New Look” for Current Student Webpage

Last month the Current Students webpage underwent a transformation and received a brand new look!! As a result of feedback from student focus groups, all the existing information was arranged into a more student friendly format with less text and improved navigation to help students find what they are looking for.

The Student Central web page (where you have always located student forms and information about enrolment processes) was raised one level so that it now features on the Current Students page. Everything that was located on the Current Students web page has been grouped in more logical categories.

As this is just phase-one of improving our web services for students, we will be providing further enhancements and improved usability based on the feedback that we receive from you. It is important that you have your say, so we are inviting you to provide your thoughts and suggestions on the new website by clicking on the Student Central feedback link (which is located front and centre of the new Current Students page).

New Look Student Forms

Student Central has revamped paper-based Student Forms! How the forms work and the content is essentially the same, we have just improved the instructions and given the forms a consistent look and feel. The Student Forms and Documents webpage (located through the “Administrative Matters” link on the Current Students page) contains all the updated forms. During the transition period the faculties may still have copies of the old forms – Student Central will still accept these. In the near future we hope to have companion “Learn More Info Here” documents for all forms - to make the process of each form more transparent to students. We currently have this for many of the commonly used forms. If you have any questions, concerns or feedback regarding the forms please don’t hesitate to contact Student Central.

Forms on SOLS

Lodging a Form Just Got Easier

The University of Wollongong uses a range of new technologies for information provision, service delivery and administration.

The aim of Forms on SOLS is to make student administration forms and processes more accessible and easier for you. For certain forms you will no longer have to download or come in to Student Central to obtain and submit a form. Forms on SOLS will cut down the time it takes for you to lodge a form. All you need to do is to log into SOLS, click the form that you want to lodge, fill out the details and click submit. (Please note that not all student Administration forms are on SOLS)

What’s available at Forms on SOLS?

Here is a list of the forms that are available through SOLS.

- Application for Enrolment Status Letter
- Application for Completion Letter (Long)
- Application for Completion Letter (Short)
- Application for Statement Course Fees and Living Costs
- Application for Statement of Remaining Subjects to Complete Degree
- Confirmation of Enrolment (COE)
- Course Details Letter
- Application to Amend Academic Record
- Graduation invitation for Overseas Guests

*Changes to 07 Travel Concessions

Changes to concession Eligibility

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Replacement of Student Rail Pass

According to the Issuant Guidelines any student who has lost (misplaced/stolen) their Student Identification Card containing the Rail concession sticker is now required to apply for a replacement through the RailCorp Passes and Concessions Office. Students must first apply for a replacement student ID card at a cost of $10.00 from Student Central and at the same time collect a verified Student Identification/Free Rail Pass Replacement Application form which can then be posted or taken in person with the relevant application fee to the RailCorp Passes and Concessions Office. For more information please visit: http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/concessions/

Rural and Regional Students

Students under the age of 30 and deemed to fall under Rural or Regional areas may be entitled to an Omnibus Fare Concession. Students will need to collect a Ministry of Transport Form 320 (Omnibus Concession Fare Certificate) from Student Central which should then be taken to the local bus/ferry provider. Students will need to provide evidence to the local bus/ferry provider that they are not receiving an income or remuneration, and produce a timetable of their contact hours at university.


All student enquiries should be directed to the Student Central enquiries help desk on (02) 4221 3927 or email studeng@uow.edu.au.

* Information Relevant to Your Studies

Information Relating to SOLS Mail

Students are reminded that SOLS Mail is the University’s primary method of communication with students.

It is recommended that you check your SOLS Mail at least once per week during session.

SOLS Mail is your Electronic Letterbox to which all online official communications will be sent. You should not confuse your SOLS Mail with email – they are not the same and work in very different ways.

Using SOLS Mail rather than email provides the University with the ability to check that each official communication has been delivered to you and that you have read it. This ability to track mail is beneficial to ensure that important official messages sent to you do not go astray.

All students of UOW have access to SOLS Mail. You are automatically registered as an online user on enrolment. SOLS Mail provides numerous benefits including:

- A fast and secure way for the University to send official communications to you - they won’t be lost in the post at an out of date or hyphenated address.
- Storage and access to official communications. You can access all your official UOW communications from anywhere there is an internet connection.

Your Current Enrolment Details

Remember to log on to SOLS to check your enrolment record. Student Central has run checks to ensure that you have met either pre-requisite and/or co-requisite requirements.

If you are provisionally enrolled in an Autumn or Annual session subject you will need to complete an Academic Approval form and request a waiver from the Head of Academic Unit. The approval must be submitted to Student Central by 5 pm Friday 23 March, if it has not been received by this date you will be withdrawn from the subject.

2007 Tutorial Sign ups

It is important you check the Tutorial and Practical Preferences information page http://www.uow.edu.au/student/tps/index.html for details regarding Tutorial Sign Up. This page provides information on the Tutorial System being used by each Faculty and Department and opening times (if they have been provided by the Faculty and Department). Instructions on how to enrol in a Tutorial Group using the SMP On-Line Tutorial System are also available on this page. To access SOLS visit www.uow.edu.au/student

Updating Your Personal Details, Including Your Emergency Contact via SOLS

In the case of an emergency where there is or has been a serious situation involving your safety, the University may need to contact a close friend, relative or your next of kin. We ask you to insert the contact details of a close friend, relative, or next of kin into SOLS to assist the University in contacting someone should an emergency situation occur.
PLEASE NOTE: The University of Wollongong respects your privacy and would only use this information in a serious situation. We would NOT use these details to give out information about your study or status at the University of Wollongong to anyone without your permission.

To update your details please follow the following instructions below:

- Log into SOLS
- Click on Change Mailing/Family Address option
- Click on Maintain under the heading related contact details
- Complete the Home / Session / Emergency Contact Details form
- Click on Submit

**Information Literacies Introductory Program (ILIP)**

Information Literacies Introductory Program (ILIP) aims to help students by providing the knowledge on how to best use the information gained during their university studies. If you have not already done so, you should complete your ILIP module as this is of most benefit if done within the first six weeks of your studies.

The online module and quiz are accessed by going to the university homepage (www.uow.edu.au) and clicking on the Current Students link, and More Study Information heading then the Graduate Attributes – Including Information Literacies (ILIP).

By clicking the ILIP link, you will go to the ILIP Online Tutorial. This page will explain ILIP. Here you will find online training modules you can do if you don’t know how to use the library. In the light blue bar under the picture you will see ‘Assignment’. After clicking here, you will be required to log in with your email user name and password. You must get 100% to pass.

When you submit your answers, your results will appear immediately. You can redo the questions you have incorrect. When you get 100% you will see a congratulations page. Your results are then automatically sent to administration and your academic record is updated within 24 hours.

Remember ILIP is COMPULSORY for all new UOW undergraduates and for all new postgraduate coursework students who have not completed the online undergraduate ILIP assignment in the past five years.

You must complete ILIP by the end of your first session or your results will be withheld.

**Leave of Absence Requirements**

Please note that the University of Wollongong has made provisions for students in their second session of study needing to take leave from their studies. To apply you will need to fill out a Leave of Absence Form before the closing date specified on the form. If you do not formally apply for a Leave of Absence then your course will be lapsed and you will have to reapply to be admitted back into study. Forms can be downloaded from the Current Students webpage at: http://www.uow.edu.au/student/forms/UOW008135.html or collected from Student Central, building 17.

**Minimum Rate of Progress- MRP Policy**

As you begin your studies this session please be aware of the UOW Minimum Rate of Progress policy which sets the standard you need to achieve to continue your study here.

If you are experiencing problems with your learning, there are a number of resources available to help you avoid being placed on MRP if you are not progressing according to these standards. These include Student Services, SEDLOS, Learning Development, Pass Program. Please see the policy and the guidelines at: www.uow.edu.au/student/mrp/index.html

**Don’t Get in LINE….. Go on LINE!**

As the Census Date (Last day to pay for your tuition fee or the deadline for applying for HECS-HELP/FEELHELP) is approaching (31 March for Autumn session) we would like to remind you of a couple of important things you need to do and the various options available to your to help you to pay for your tuition fees.

**Important!** Please check your SOLS Fee Statement regularly for the updated fees information. It is your responsibility to ensure that your fees are paid in full by the due date. For eligible students, please remember to update your Help Loan Option via SOLS by census date if you want to defer your fees to HECS-Help or Fee-Help. If the fees are not finalised by census date, your enrolment will be cancelled with a resultant penalty fee for reinstatement. See www.uow.edu.au/student/finances/index.html for more information.

**Go on line!** Simply log on to SOLS, select the Fees Statement tab, confirm your balance and then select your payment option. For your convenience a Reference Number is listed on your online Fees Statement, you can use this Reference number to make multiple online payments.
Your options are:

1. Pay by Phone: Call 1300 301 516 to make credit card payments (MasterCard, Visa, Amex or Bankcard) over the phone.
2. Internet Payment: Click on the link on your SOLS Fee Statement to make credit card payments (Bankcard, MasterCard or Visa) on-line.
3. BPAY

Biller Code: 950220
Ref: **** **** ***
Telephone & Internet Banking – BPAY
Contact your participating financial institution to make this payment from your cheque, savings or credit card account.

The payment options detailed above may take up to three (3) working days to process and to appear on your SOLS Fees Statement. As long as you have made your payment by the due date, the payment will be acknowledged as having been made in time.

* July 2007 Graduation Info.

ARE YOU IN YOUR FINAL SESSION?

Apply to graduate via the ‘Graduation Application’ link on SOLS if you wish to graduate in July 2007. Please note that online applications are essential.
- Application Opening Date: 9th March 2007
- Application Closing Date: 11th May 2007
  (No late applications will be considered)
- Graduation Ceremonies: 18th-20th July

Please ensure everything with your record is correct before you apply, such as your name, course name and major name. To declare a major or change your intended major, you need to fill out the application form for Change of Intended Major. Forms can be downloaded from the Current Students webpage at: http://www.uow.edu.au/student/forms/UOW008135.html or collected from Student Central, building 17.

Information about graduation can be found at the ‘Graduation and Beyond’ link on the Current Students webpage.

* International Students Information

The Federal Government has completed a review of the Educational Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) legislation. As a result of this, the rules that govern international students studying in Australia will change dramatically on the 1 July 2007. The changes to the National Code will greatly affect University policy and procedures from 1 July 2007. Under the new rules, International students will be required to complete their course within the timeframe set on their Confirmation of Enrolment (COE). This means that most International Students must be enrolled in 24 credit points per session to complete their course in the timeframe set on their COE. Students will also be able to change their provider after 6 months. This is a reduction in the amount of time international students were previously required to stay at their original provider.

The new rules will also impact on the University’s Minimum Rate of Progress Policy. This will be reviewed and amended in relation to the requirements of the revised National Code. The circumstances under which an institution can approve a leave of absence have also been increased.

The University is working towards compliance with the new rules by implementing changes to policies and procedures. Students will be advised of the relevant changes when the outcomes and impacts of the new rules have been determined.

Current information on the changes and impacts can be accessed at:

SEDLOs Overview

The Student Equity and Diversity Liaison Officers (SEDLOs) provide support, liaison, information, referrals and assistance to UOW students, as well as provision of programs supporting student equity and diversity both within faculties and across campus. They are available to help in a number of areas including:

- Student Welfare for International and Domestic students
- Provision of equity information
- Transition programs for International Students
- EdStart (grants for financially disadvantaged students)
- Liaison for the University’s Disability Service
• Liaison for other Student Services and referral to services such as Counselling, Learning Development, and Careers services, etc.
• Liaison with the Academic Registrar’s Division and other areas of the University
• Liaison with external agencies
• An emergency point of contact and for ongoing information and support for students at risk and students involved in critical incidents

SEDLOS can also liaise on your behalf about issues of concern and can provide support through the University Grievance Procedure.

Please visit the SEDLOS website for more information: http://www.uow.edu.au/student/services/isa/index.htm

*Careers Service Update

Is this your final year? Secure your career before Easter.

For undergraduate and postgraduate in their final year – there are many opportunities coming up over the next few months which will help you secure a great future career. Whilst Education and Health related employers recruit later in the year for 2008 commencements, many graduate employers from Banking and Financial Services, IT, Manufacturing, Engineering, Law and most federal government departments will be on campus over the next 6 weeks. Register on My Job Alert and we can keep you posted on an ongoing basis http://www.uow.edu.au/careers/forms/jsdb-student.html

To give you a feel for employer activity before Easter, already there are 70 organisations registered to attend the National Careers Fair on campus on the 4th April. Check them out from here http://www.uow.edu.au/careers/assistance/CareersFair.html

And don’t forget to access our free workshops and other job seeking resources. Keep up-to-date with all the relevant information from the Careers Service webpage http://www.uow.edu.au/careers/ or pop in and visit the Careers Service – lower ground floor, UniCentre (opposite the new games room) or call 4221 3325.

Are you in your second or final year of your degree and want to increase your employability?

The University Careers Service offers a variety of free programs and services to assist you to get a taste the world of work and develop a better sense of your options and qualities to promote to employers.

Programs are offered throughout the year: one is a more traditional work experience (EEP); another has a more entrepreneurial focus (SIFE); another program places you in a multidisciplinary team working with a local organisation to solve one of their workplace challenges (Univative Illawarra); whilst another sees you working with discipline based colleagues, exploring the connections between your degree and what employers seek in their graduate recruits (GAC). Check all of these options out from here: http://www.uow.edu.au/careers/discover/

*Election of Students to Academic Senate

In November 2006, elections were held for four undergraduate student positions and two postgraduate student positions on Academic Senate, for the term 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2007.

The following undergraduate students were elected:
- John ADAMS
- Levi GARRY
- Warren HUDSON
- Anthony STRIK

There were no nominations received for the two postgraduate student positions.

According to Section 5 of the General Provisions, vacancies created by a failed election shall remain vacant until the next round of elections unless otherwise determined by Senate Standing Committee. At its meeting on 1 November 2006, Senate Standing Committee resolved (Res 64/06) to seek nominations to fill the two postgraduate student vacancies created by the failed election and, following the nomination process, fill these vacancies at the first Senate Standing Committee meeting of 2007, in the same manner as for filling casual vacancies.

Further information on Academic Senate can be found at: http://www.uow.edu.au/governance/committees/academicsenate/UOW000264.html


Any questions concerning the Academic Senate election can be forwarded to Nerida Margrie at nerida@uow.edu.au or 4221 5954.
**Library News**

[www.library.uow.edu.au](http://www.library.uow.edu.au)

**Building a better Library!**

2007 will be especially busy at the Library, with an exciting renovation project underway to revitalise the building into a vibrant campus hub. Over the next year the Library will be transformed into a more open and transparent structure, with updated interiors and a range of flexible study spaces. The extension will provide expanded study, computing and collection storage space. This means more desks, seats, computers and resources for you!

You can keep up to date with the extension by checking our website or the display in the foyer. We will keep you informed of:

- what’s happening in the building, as it happens
- which areas are affected by the building works
- where you can find a quiet spot
- What other options are available for access to study space and computers.

We appreciate your patience and flexibility during this challenging time. Our friendly staff are always available to answer your questions – in person and online – and you can post any feedback at: [http://www.library.uow.edu.au/feedback/index.html](http://www.library.uow.edu.au/feedback/index.html)

**Bag a bargain**

Free re-usable Library bags are available at the Lending Desk from Week 1. They are the perfect size for books and lecture notes. You will spot these blue bags all over campus, so don’t miss out on yours!

**Avoid fines**

No one wants to get to the end of session and find that their results have been withheld because of outstanding Library fines. But there are some simple steps you can take to avoid fines:

- Renew Library items before the due date. Everyone can renew their items once.
- Keep in mind that some high-demand items and services incur higher fines, including Short Loans and recalled items, and group study room key returns.
- Remember that you will be blocked from borrowing and have your results withheld if your fines reach $60.00 or higher.

Newsflash! From Autumn 2007, email reminders will be sent the day before items are due back. Check your UOW email account regularly for notice of items that are due back or have been recalled for borrowing by someone else.

**Get help online ([www.library.uow.edu.au](http://www.library.uow.edu.au))**

Use our Chat to a Librarian and Email a Librarian services for help online. We can assist with all your information and research questions, or simply help you to understand the services that the Library offers. Use the Ask a question link on our homepage to access online help options, from home or on campus.

**Study Abroad & Exchange Update**

**Why wait until you graduate to SEE THE WORLD?**

You can travel and study overseas whilst still obtaining credit towards your UOW degree, if you participate in the UOW International Exchange Program.

Apply today! New Travel Grants are also now available!


Every student travelling overseas will receive a travel grant ranging from $1000-$5000. Financial assistance is also available in the form of OS-HELP loans.

Come and see the Study Abroad & Exchange Office to plan your adventure of a lifetime and to find out about how the Exchange program will enhance your UOW experience. We have over 100 partner institutions across the world that you can study at.

Information Sessions are held every Tuesday & Thursday from 12:30pm to 1:30pm in the Exchange Library located in Student Central, Building 17. Please see us at Counter #1 for more information. [http://www.uow.edu.au/student/exchange/](http://www.uow.edu.au/student/exchange/)

**UNICENTRE**

The Community of UOW

- Wollongong UniCentre is the community centre of the University.
  - UniCentre creates great experience.
  - UniCentre’s activities and facilities bring the diverse University population together, ensuring that during your time at university you gain more than just a degree!
UniCentre VIP...Get into it!

If you hate paying full price then being a UniCentre VIP is for you!

As a UniCentre VIP you’ll be able to swipe your card and earn/redeem Rebate Points, receive cash discounts, special offers and other benefits all around campus. As a UniCentre VIP you will get a huge 12.5% discount or 5% rebate points. That means more money in your pocket to spend on the things you really want. You’ll get special VIP discounts and presale UniBar tickets on specific events. Best of all UniCentre VIP’s get discounts on all CSD activities and events.

Got kids? We’ve got you covered. Childcare is a big expense, but UniCentre VIP’s have the $50 Enrolment Fee waived at Kids’ Uni. Already, you have saved more than half the price of becoming a VIP!

AND ... you also get the advantages of The Rewards Club Loyalty Program (http://www.rewardsclub.com.au) offering discounts at locations all round the country and around the corner including cinemas, restaurants, hotels and even supermarkets and your local eats! The Rewards Club alone is valued @$25.00! VIP zone

The VIP zone is located outside the UniShop and is your information haven. Buy concert and movie tickets, CSD workshop tickets and your VIP card too. Come to the VIP zone and ask any questions, we can help you find your way on campus.

UniShop

Discover more at UniShop with a huge range of academic and general books, a newsagent and general goods. Check out the huge range of UOW memorabilia from UniShop. We have UOW jumpers and tees and UOW souvenirs to help you remember your good old days at Uni!

UniClassifieds

UniClassifieds is a free online service for all UOW students and staff, and is a haven for buying, swapping, selling and trading! Take advantage of this great service today at http://unicentre.uow.edu.au/classifieds/

UniCrew

UniCrew is a student volunteer program run by UniCentre. It is your opportunity to get out there and get involved on campus. UniCrew gain experience that can’t be taught in a lecture hall in marketing, promotions, photography & journalism. Visit our website and join now. (http://unicentre.uow.edu.au/unicrew/)

UniBar

UniBar is the place to be for entertainment during session. Mix it up with Tightarse Tuesday on Tuesday with $2 Heineken schooners and $2 Chip rolls or enjoy the hot session of ‘Foreplay’ on Wednesdays and kick back and soak up the sultry beats and laid back vibe. Thursday nights is band night with a new act every week (Previous acts include Wolfmother, Missy Higgins, Ben Lee, The Youth Group, Eskimo Joe and more). Finally, slip smoothly into your weekend on Fridays at Friday Slide and enjoy the sounds of chilled beats and jazz.

CSD...Centre for Student Development

CSD’s vision is simple, to be a catalyst for positive development in the lives of UOW students. To fulfill this we design and run a wide range of opportunities which students can get involved in including Activities, the Black Opal Leadership Program, Clubs & Societies, Entertainment, Green Team, Project Challenge and Training Workshops. If you want to make uni the ‘Time of your Life’, get involved in CSD today. For all program information go to: http://unicentre.uow.edu.au/csd/
The Back Page

Exam & Assessments Webpage

We have a brand new Examination webpage which you can access via the Current Student page where you can find all details you need to know in regards to exam procedure, exam venue information, timetable issues and key exam dates, please visit: http://www.uow.edu.au/student/examinations/index.html

Managing your Email

Did you know that your student e-mail account can be forwarded to a different personal account if you prefer via the Manage mail facility. Follow the "email and internet" menu item on the SOLS page (www.uow.edu.au/student) and follow the instructions.

Key Dates

Available at ‘Session and Key Dates’ link on the CURRENT STUDENTS Webpage Autumn

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Need to Contact us?

For Student Administration Issues
Contact Student Central or visit us in Building 17
Email: studentc@uow.edu.au
Ph: (02) 4221 3927

For Student Academic Issues
Ph: (02) 4221 3555 (switch) and ask to speak to the relevant academic unit.

*Bicycle Safety-Laws and Penalties

Under NSW legislation a bicycle is considered a vehicle. As such, cyclists are required to obey the road rules, including stopping at red lights or Stop signs, Giving Way as indicated by signage and giving hand signals when changing direction. As cyclists have responsibilities when using the road system, they also have the right, like other vehicles, to use the road and be shown courtesy and care by other road users.

To be a legal road vehicle during the day, a bicycle must have:

- At least one working brake.
- Either a bell or horn fitted to the bike, within easy reach and in working order.

To be a legal road vehicle at night, a bicycle must also have:

- Lights fitted and in use when riding at night - a steady or flashing white light that is clearly visible for at least 200 metres and a flashing or steady red light that is clearly visible for at least 200 metres from the rear of the bike.
- Red rear reflector that is clearly visible for 50 metres when light is projected onto it by a vehicle's headlight on low beam.

All cyclists and their passengers are required to wear an approved helmet correctly when riding a bike. Research has shown that a correctly worn helmet has the potential to reduce the risk of head/brain injury by up to 85%.

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