International Student Website!

www.uow.edu.au/student/international

Student Administration and Visa Information available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week!

FULL DETAILS AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE
Further Enquiries?

**Student Central**

Ground Floor, Building 17

**Phone:** 1 300 ASK UOW

**Fax:** (02) 4221 4322

**Email:** askuow@uow.edu.au
Rules governing International Students & their Study
COE & Course Duration

International Students **MUST** complete their course as per the timeframe set out by your current Confirmation of Enrolment (COE).
COE & Course Duration

♦ MUST be enrolled in 24 credit points per session to complete their course in the timeframe set on their COE.

♦ Students enrolled in a two year 72 credit point degrees will still be able to complete 18 credit points per session.

See International Website for more Information
Reduction of Study Load

**Compassionate and Compelling Circumstances**

These are circumstances that are **beyond the control** of the student and which have an impact upon the student’s course progress or wellbeing.
Reduction of Study Load

♦ Two Levels of Application
  • 24 credit points to 18 credit points
  • 24 credit points to 12 credit points or less

♦ Applications must be submitted before Censis Date

♦ Apply online via SOLSMail

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Advanced Standing & Your COE

Advanced standing is offered to students who have successfully completed courses or parts of courses at other universities and colleges.

VERY IMPORTANT: If you are granted advanced standing it may decrease the amount of time you will need to complete your course.
Student Visas and Conditions
Student Visa Conditions

- Every visa has conditions that you **MUST** comply with.

- Mandatory conditions are always in place, even if it is not listed on your visa label.

Check **YOUR** student visa to see what conditions you have!

If you hold a non student visa, please take your passport to Student Central in Building 17 to update our records.
Student Visa Conditions

If you do not comply with your student visa conditions, your student visa may be cancelled!
Mandatory Student Visa Conditions

♦ 8202 – Meet Course Requirements
  • Must make **Satisfactory** Academic Progress for each Intake or Session of Study
  • Complete Course as per timeframe on COE

♦ 8516 – Satisfy Visa Requirements
  • Must continue to satisfy the requirements for the granting of your student visa for example – sufficient financial capacity to support your study and living costs while in Australia
Mandatory Student Visa Conditions

You **will not** be reported to DIAC if you are placed on Probation. Only if you reach the final step of exclusion.
Mandatory Student Visa Conditions

♦ 8501 – Maintain Overseas Health Cover (OSHC)

• Must have OSHC for the duration of your student visa

• If your OSHC expires and you are sick or injured then you could face expensive medical bills
Mandatory Student Visa Conditions

♦ 8533 – Notify Provider of Address

• Advise University of your LIVING address within 7 days of enrolment or change of address

• MUST BE LIVING ADDRESS not post office box, agent or Faculty address

• Update your address via SOLS anytime
Mandatory Student Visa Conditions

♦ 8101 – No Work

• You cannot work in Australia
• Placed on all student visas initially
• You can apply for permission to work

See International Student Website for more information
Mandatory Student Visa Conditions

♦ 8105 – Limited Work

• Applied and received permission to work

• During Session – CAN ONLY WORK 20 Hours per week
• Session Breaks – can work unlimited hours

Your studies must be your #1 PRIORITY. Work grounds are NOT grounds for Special Consideration
Mandatory Student Visa Conditions

♦ 8516 – Satisfy Visa Requirements

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• Example – sufficient financial capacity to support your study and living costs while in Australia

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Student Visa Conditions

♦ Other Visa Conditions

- There are more conditions
- Confirm with DIAC what YOUR visa conditions are
- Full list available on www.immi.gov.au

See International Student Administration Website for more information
Ceasing Study
Leaving the University

♦ Course Withdrawal - International
  • Only after you have been with the University for 6 months
  • Must notify the University
  • Go to International Student Website for process information, apply for a Course Withdrawal-International form via SOLSmail.
  • If you do not let the University know then your student visa may be cancelled!

See International Student Website for more information
Leaving the University

♦ Letter of Release - International

• Only if you have been with the University for less than 6 months.
• Must have exceptional circumstances.
• Apply via SOLSMail

See International Student Website for more information
Taking a Break from Study

♦ Just taking leave?
  • Fill out a Leave of Absence Form
  • Can apply for up to 12 months leave
  • Must demonstrate compassionate or compelling circumstances.
  • Must notify us before you leave
  • Must provide supporting documentation

See International Student Website for more information
How to Avoid Student Visa Problems
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♦ Be Aware of Your Student Visa Conditions

• Know what YOUR conditions are
• Get help early

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How to Avoid Student Visa Problems

♦ Check your SOLSMail Regularly

• International Student Officer will always send you a SOLSMail if you are found to be in breach of your visa conditions
• If you get a SOLSMail – DON’T PANIC. They give you a chance to amend your enrolment

BUT DO NOT IGNORE THE MESSAGES!
If you do then your situation may be reported to DIAC.
How to Avoid Student Visa Problems

♦ Pay your Fees
  • Pay your fees on time
    – We cannot extend the due date
  • If you do not pay your fees on time your enrolment will be cancelled
  • To be reinstated you will be required to pay the outstanding tuition fees PLUS $450 late fee and $100 reinstatement fee

If you remain cancelled, the University will advise DIAC

Check your Fee Statement on SOLS & read your SOLSMail Messages!

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