1. **SARS**

We understand that the SARS issue is of concern not only to those living in the affected countries, but also to prospective students who are concerned what will happen after their arrival in Australia. The University will be releasing a statement on its SARS policy early next week to address these concerns, and you will be advised in a following update.

2. **DIMIA Changes**

On 31 March DIMIA announced changes to the work experience exemption for Skilled Migration applicants, which will affect a number of students currently studying a UOW course of less than 2 years in length, and who had planned to apply for migration on the basis of their studies. The University has been in correspondence with Minister Ruddock and DIMIA, directly and through the peak body, the Australian Vice Chancellors’ Committee (AVCC), to seek transitional arrangements for those students who are presently undertaking studies with us. We are also seeking clarification on what programs of study qualify under the new 2-year requirement to meet the work experience exemption for Skilled Migration, and we will advise you as soon as these clarifications are provided.

3. **Fee Increase**

Course fees for University courses in 2004 have been set, and will be advised to you within two weeks. The new fees will apply to all offers made for University courses commencing in 2004 made after the implementation date. For 2004, the University will maintain its fees policy of holding the fee quoted in the offer letter valid for the duration of a student's course (i.e. the 2004 fee will continue to apply for the duration of the course, and will NOT increase year-by-year).

4. **Course Availability for July**

Applications for all courses with a spring session intake (21 July), as well as intake C (7 July) remain open at this time. We expect strong demand for undergraduate and postgraduate Commerce faculty and Sydney Business School/Graduate School programs to be maintained, and we ask you to advise students to apply at the latest by 20 June to avoid disappointment.
5. **NEW WEBSITE**

UOW has upgraded its website significantly, with upgrades expected to be completed to the international site in early June 2003.


The international home page now includes the "CourseFinder" facility. You can type in any field of study name like "accounting" or "accountancy" to find all available courses in this area.

There is also a link to the VIRTUAL TOUR, which enables you to show prospective students extended panoramas of the city and the campus, as well as the faculties. Try it out at [http://www.uow.edu.au/virtual/](http://www.uow.edu.au/virtual/)


From here you can click through to details of all courses offered at UOW, or directly to "subject descriptions" at [http://www.admin.uow.edu.au/owa/sid/CAL.USER_CALENDAR_SELECT_SCREEN](http://www.admin.uow.edu.au/owa/sid/CAL.USER_CALENDAR_SELECT_SCREEN)

6. **NEW INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI SITE**

To see where our alumni are active internationally, just click on [http://www.uow.edu.au/alumni/intchapters.html](http://www.uow.edu.au/alumni/intchapters.html)

7. **NEW MASTER OF COMPUTER STUDIES - 3 SESSION PROGRAM**

The course duration has been extended to three sessions, i.e. 72 credit points. The new program has been presented to the ACS for a ruling on accreditation.

The program has been arranged so that students with OR without C++ in their computing background can commence in ANY of autumn OR spring session (but NO LONGER in summer session).

Subject listings are shown at Attachment 1 of this email.

8. **NEW GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN INTERNET TECHNOLOGY**

The new Graduate Diploma in Internet Technology is both a stand-alone qualification, as well as a pathway for entry to the popular Master of Internet Technology.

First intake: Spring 2003
Entry: Autumn and Spring
Campus: Wollongong
Duration: 2 sessions (48 credit points)
Tuition Fees: $8,900 per session.

More details are provided in Attachment 2 to this email.
9. **CLARIFICATION ON PROGRESSION FROM FOUNDATION STUDIES INTO ADVANCED DIPLOMA EXPRESS PROGRAM**

WUC has asked all agents with delegated admissions authority to note requirements for progression from Foundation Studies and Advanced Diploma Plus into the Advanced Diploma Express program (see Attachment 3).

10. **PAYMENTS REQUIRED ON PACKAGE OFFERS**

Just a reminder on payments where more than one CoE is issued:

- **ENGLISH only**: students pay full course length
- **ENGLISH + other WUC course type**: students pay full ENGLISH fees + 1 session of the other WUC course
- **ENGLISH + other WUC course + UOW course**: students pay full ENGLISH fees + 1 session of the other WUC course + $1000 of UOW course
- **ENGLISH + UOW**: students pay full ENGLISH fees + 1 session of UOW course
- **ENGLISH + 2 courses at UOW**: students pay full ENGLISH + 1 session of 1st UOW course + $1000 of 2nd UOW course

11. **METHODS OF PAYMENT for UOW courses**

You are reminded that all payments for University courses should be made by BANK CHEQUE or CREDIT CARD.

Payments by TT remain difficult to trace and may result in delays in eCoE issue.

**ATTACHMENTS**

**ATTACHMENT 1 - DETAILS OF NEW MASTER OF COMPUTER STUDIES**

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Course structure:

- 6 core subjects (each 6 credit points - total 36 credit points)
  - Computer Programming
  - Information Technology B
  - Data Structures
  - Data Structures, Algorithms, Systems
  - C Family and UNIX
  - Citizens’ Rights in the Information Society.

PLUS AT LEAST 2 subjects from the following:

- Information & Communication Security Issues
- The Wired World
- Database Design & Implementation
- Database Performance Tuning
Systems Administration  
Artificial Intelligence  
Human Computer Interface  
Interfacing & Real Time Programming  
Organisation of Programming Languages  
Computer Security  
Advanced Topics in Database Management

PLUS 2 ANOTHER 2 subjects from the list above  
OR  
2 subjects from the following:

Theory of Computer Science  
Computer Systems Architecture  
Development Methods & Tools  
Operating Systems  
Java Programming & the Internet  
Distributed Systems  
Database Systems

**ATTACHMENT 2 - Graduate Diploma in Internet Technology**

The program is for candidates with limited ICT technical qualifications but significant experience in related fields, who wish to upgrade their knowledge and understanding of internet technology.

Candidates gain general and specialist skills in diverse areas of internet technologies and their applications, including:

- programming and programming languages such as Java  
- database systems  
- system level engineering principles and design  
- electronics and communications  
- embedded internet systems.

The program also provides state of the art practical exposure to internet technologies through advanced laboratory experiments, as well as communication and group work skills.

**GDipIT Entry Requirements**

International candidates with a three-year tertiary qualification (not deemed equivalent to an Australian Bachelors degree), with a 60% grade average, in Telecommunications, Computer or Electrical Engineering, Computer Science, Information Technology or related field will be granted direct entry into the GDipIT.

Applicants with other degrees containing relevant computer content and /or who have at least two years Internet/computer work-related experience who do not meet the entry requirements for the Master of Internet Technology (MIT) may be considered for entry to the GDipIT.

Other applicants who do not meet the entry requirements for the MIT may be considered for entry to the GDipIT.

**MIT Entry Requirements**

A three or four-year Australian Bachelors degree (or equivalent from a recognised tertiary institution) with a 60% grade average completed within the last five years in Telecommunications, Computer or Electrical Engineering, Computer Science, Information Technology or equivalent;

or
Applicants with other degrees containing relevant computer content and/or who have at least two years Internet/computer work-related experience may be considered, or may be eligible for entry to the Graduate Diploma in Internet Technology;

or

Applicants who have a Bachelor degree but do not meet the requirements for direct entry may be eligible for entry to an off-shore preparatory program or to the Graduate Diploma in Internet Technology.

*Articulation to the Master of Internet Technology
Students will need to study a further 2 sessions in the Master of Internet Technology following successful completion of Graduate Diploma in Internet Technology

**ATTACHMENT 3 - PROGRESSION FROM FOUNDATION STUDIES INTO ADVANCED DIPLOMA EXPRESS PROGRAM**

· To progress from Foundation Studies OR "Advanced Diploma Plus" after 1 session a student is required to pass all 4 subjects with a WAM of 65 and achieve a mark of at least 55% in the subject Study Skills.

· After 2 sessions of foundation studies students are required to pass all 4 subjects in the second session and achieve a WAM of 50 and a mark of at least 55 in the subject Study Skills.

· In addition to this students must be in the appropriate stream of Foundation Studies.

· A student who achieves the appropriate WAM and at least 55% in Study Skills but fails up to 2 subjects may be permitted to progress to the Advanced Diploma program providing the mark in these failed subjects is at least 40%.