1. NEW INTERNATIONAL STAFF

UniAdvice welcomes two new admissions case officers to the Service Centre:

Yongmei Zhu has been part of the Service Centre for the past 3 years working in the role of Admissions Assistant. Yongmei has well-developed skills and knowledge and will take charge of Region D (Team 1).

Christine Walkam has worked in a variety of positions at the University for many years, and brings with her a high level of knowledge and enthusiasm. Christine can be contacted with regards to applications from Region D (Team 2).

An updated list of service centre contacts, and the regions they are responsible for, can be found on the UOW representative’s website at: [http://www.uow.edu.au/prospective/international/agent/service.html](http://www.uow.edu.au/prospective/international/agent/service.html)

2. ACCOMMODATION ALLOCATIONS FOR SPRING SESSION 2005

Thank you for your feedback on problems you or your students may have experienced with the accommodation service prior to autumn session intake 2005. Problems were partly on account of the huge demand for places in autumn session. UniAdvice staff have met with Accommodation staff, and we are assured that there is plenty of accommodation in halls of residence for this coming session, and that there should therefore be no delay in responding to requests from agents or students.

If you should experience ANY delay in response to booking requests, please let us know, by emailing one of our Customer Management Team at uniadvice@uow.edu.au. They have been instructed to follow up your concerns on the same day and respond to you.

3. WUC UPDATES

New Course: 5 week ETS

A 5 week ETS program has recently been introduced at the College with the first class commencing at the Wollongong campus on 23 May, 2005. English for Tertiary Studies - 5 weeks (ETS 5) is a short advanced level course for higher level students who need to improve their academic reading and writing skills to prepare for university study, or those who have narrowly failed to satisfy the assessment requirement in a longer ETS course.

Entry requirements for this course include one or more of the following:
IELTS 6.0 (minimum reading 5.0/writing 5.0 – no more than one of these band scores may be lower than 6)
Satisfactory result in the WUC placement test
or
Pass Conceded in the following WUC courses: ETS 10 weeks, ETS 15 weeks, English for Business with a percentage greater than 50%

Successful completion of ETS 5 enables students to enter an undergraduate or postgraduate degree at UOW. For details go to http://coursefinder.uow.edu.au/prospective/view5.aspx?mode=&campus=&goto=ETS&Submit.x=14&Submit.y=9

**Senior Secondary Program at WUC**

The Senior Secondary program at WUC Sydney and Wollongong continues to remain popular with agents and students, with 60 commencements in session 1 of the four-session program in February 2005 and an additional 25 commencements on 8 June 2005.

The course remains one of only a few in Australia which enable students from year 10, or year 1 of senior high school to articulate directly into the start of a bachelor degree program in less than 18 months.

Results of WUC students exiting from the Senior Secondary and Foundation Studies program show that their pass rates in bachelor degree courses at UOW are over 85%.

With parents concerned about the costs of secondary education in Australia, the Senior Secondary Program represents an affordable, effective and time efficient alternative.

**Recent Changes to Foundation Studies Visa Arrangements**

Students wishing to undertake Foundation Studies from DIMIA’s AL 3 or 4 countries can now apply for a student visa higher education subclass 573 if they have completed year 11 equivalent, and have IELTS 5.5 (or IELTS 5.0 if packaged with ELICOS).

The Australian government has now clarified that the “one year” Foundation Program must have a minimum of 26 weeks of contact, and 720 hours of "structured learning", and the Wollongong Foundation Program (2 sessions) is designed to meet these requirements.

If you experience any difficulty in having CoE’s approved, please let us know immediately, by contacting Yenny (yenny@uow.edu.au) at WUC Wollongong or Lee Wen Wu (lwu@uow.edu.au) at WUC Sydney.

Wollongong Foundation Studies graduates have an excellent record of success in their undergraduate studies, with a recent student tracking survey showing that WUC Foundation Studies students had a pass rate of 89.6% in subjects undertaken at degree level.

**Accommodation Options for Under 18s**

Students who studying at WUC and are under 18 years of age are required to reside in Homestay until they reach the age of nineteen. The Homestay family is able to act as a guardian for the student while they reside with them. It is possible for parents to appoint their own guardian for their child. Students under 18 years of age who reside in homestay pay a slightly higher fee for their accommodation.
4. MID YEAR GRADUATION TIMETABLE


5. MOU WITH THE UNIVERSITI SAINS MALAYSIA (USM)

The University of Wollongong recently signed an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) agreement with the Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) in Penang, one of Malaysia’s oldest and most prestigious universities.

The agreement will incorporate a range of joint collaborations including student exchange, joint research in Education and Arts including work with the Centre for Asia Pacific Social Transformation Studies (CAPTRANS) and an ongoing series of research grants investigating the issues of global English in university education in Australia and Malaysia. The MOU also incorporates existing work in the areas of archaeology being conducted with USM. For More information go to: [http://media.uow.edu.au/news/2005/0606a/index.html](http://media.uow.edu.au/news/2005/0606a/index.html)

6. AWAY FROM THE OFFICE

I will be on annual leave from Tuesday June 14 until Friday July 1. For any urgent student or application enquiries you may have during this time please contact the relevant admissions officer or Mary Jorgenson.

From the UniAdvice team at the University of Wollongong I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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