UOW RECEIVES ‘NO.1 RANKING’ PERFORMANCE RECOGNITION

The University of Wollongong has been rewarded with $5.108 million in extra funding for its number one ranking in the country for teaching performance.

The grant follows The Australian’s front page announcement in August this year that UOW had beaten some of the nation's most prestigious higher learning institutions in a ranking of the nation's 38 publicly funded universities.

The additional grant, from DEST’s 'Student Outcome Indicators for the Learning and Teaching Performance Fund', was officially announced by Minister for Education, Science and Training, Dr Brendan Nelson on 29 November.

Universities were judged on a number of criteria including student employment, outcomes, progress, attrition, progression to full-time study and satisfaction.

For further details of this story, go to http://media.uow.edu.au/news/2005/1130a/index.html

NEW BROCHURES

2006 Wollongong University College prospectuses (Wollongong Campus and Sydney Campus) are now available for all international representatives to order.

Brochures and application forms for the College are also available as downloads at http://www.wuc.edu.au/MyOptions/DatesAndFees-Int.shtm and http://www.wuc.edu.au/MyOptions/DownloadBrochure-Int.shtm

Shortly to be available are two versions of the UOW Graduate School of Medicine brochure. Information for prospective students can be found at http://www.uow.edu.au/gsm/

The UOW international undergraduate prospectus will be released in January 2006 as a 2006/2007 edition.

IELTS TESTING DATES AT WOLLONGONG UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
Wollongong University College (Wollongong) is an official IELTS testing centre, one of only three in the Greater Sydney region.

Extra testing dates have been scheduled in the busy run-up to university commencements in February 2006.

2006 testing dates in 2006:

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Many of the candidates who choose to sit the test live outside Wollongong, and the College arranges FREE bus transport to travel to Wollongong on test day, for those candidates who live in Sydney and who have registered at WUC Sydney to take the test. Candidates living in Sydney can contact WUC Sydney on 02-9310-8400, or call by to the college at 39 Regent Street (off Broadway).

IELTS testing dates can also be found at www.ielts.org (look under “testing centres”)

NEW COURSES FOR 2006

**IT and COMPUTER SCIENCE : Advanced Masters with NEW Majors**

**Master of Information Communication and Technology (Advanced)** – 2 years; with majors in:
- Corporate Network Design
- Corporate Network Management
- Digital Multimedia Design
- IT Management
- Health Informatics
- eEducation Technologies
- Applied eBusiness Technologies
- eBusiness Management

**Master of Computer Science (Advanced)** – 2 years; with majors in:
- Computer & Network Security
- Digital Multimedia Technologies
- Software Engineering

ALL these courses are 72 credit point programs which students can take over two years (3 subjects per session).

Offers will be issued with the two-year duration, but students can complete in 11/2 years through a fast-track option (4 subjects per session).

The entry requirements for the Advanced degrees are the same as for the standard one year Masters in these areas.

Students can take the new majors listed above in either the Advanced Masters or in the standard Masters program.

**Bachelor of Computer Science (Multimedia & Game Development)**

This new major has been designed in response to the growing needs of the game development industry, where graduates are required to have skills in traditional software development as well as in creative arts. The course includes studies in game design & programming, graphic design; multimedia programming, computer graphics, 3D modelling and animation.

**LAW: Postgraduate programs in Prosecutions Law**

UOW is the first university in Australia to offer a Masters program in prosecutorial practice.
The Master of Laws (Prosecutions) is designed specifically to address the educational needs of those with a special knowledge or interest in criminal prosecutions. The program draws on expertise from both academic and professional life, including existing areas of expertise in international, criminal and comparative law, and external expertise in criminal prosecutions.

Applicants must possess either an LLB, or be admitted to practice as a barrister and solicitor for both programs.

Commencements: autumn and spring session
Duration: 1 year (48 credit points)
Tuition: $14,000

Graduate Diploma in Prosecutions
Master of Laws (Prosecutions)

The Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma programs are available from 2006, while the Masters level will commence in 2007.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Postgraduate programs

Extensive changes have been made to public health courses, and are attached as a separate document.

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Master of Science (Medicinal Chemistry)

Graduates with degrees in Pharmacy will now not normally be admitted directly into the Masters program but will be considered for entry to the Graduate Diploma in Science (Chemistry).

The revised delegations are shown under “Science” on the Postgraduate Admissions Guidelines web page: http://www.uow.edu.au/prospective/international/agent/pg_admission/index.html

Master of Forensic Accounting

We can confirm that this course is now to be offered full time and will therefore available for international students.

Graduate Certificate in Commerce – changes to delegations

All offers for the Graduate Certificate in Commerce must now be made by the Faculty of Commerce, in order to allow the Faculty to determine each student’s individual study plan, depending on the students background and intended masters course.

CHANGES TO FOUNDATION STUDIES PROGRAMS AT WOLLONGONG UNIVERSITY COLLEGE SYDNEY

To bring the Sydney Foundation Studies Program into line with the recent Diploma in IT changes (Agent Update 69), WUC Sydney will no longer offer the Maths/IT stream in the Foundation Studies Program.

WUC Sydney will offer continue to offer ARTS and COMMERCE streams in Foundation Studies

WUC Wollongong will continue to offer ALL 4 streams in Foundation Studies – ARTS, COMMERCE, MATHS/IT and SCIENCE/ENGINEERING.

NEW ADVANCED STANDING AND DELEGATIONS – ON THE WEB

The international advanced standing site has been revised. A summary of the updates by country is below. The direct link to this site is: http://www.uow.edu.au/prospective/international/credit/index.html
The main additions and changes in content are as follows:

**Bangladesh**
- Commerce advanced standing has been added for the four existing institutions
- IT & Computer Science advanced standing revised

**Japan, Kenya, Thailand, Indonesia and China**
- Advanced standing for institutions in these countries have now been added

**Singapore**
- IT & Computer Science have been updated, including study plans for the new Multimedia and Game Development major
- Engineering, Science and Health & Behavioural Sciences courses – minor changes only have been made
- Commerce - revised study tables will be uploaded next week. The revised tables will be comprehensive, including advice about duration for students in all Commerce majors, with multiple study plan options for students from the polytechnics.
- Arts/Communication Studies – advanced standing from Singapore Polytechnic will be added next week

**Malaysia**
- IT and Computer Science have been updated, including study plans for the new Multimedia and Game Development major
- Minor revisions have been made to other courses

**Hong Kong**
- Minor changes have been made to existing tables

**2006 ACCOMMODATION APPLICATIONS**

University accommodation applications for autumn session (February 2006) have now closed (deadline was 30 November 2005).

Housing offers will be made to the email address submitted on the students accommodation application form from this week. Students will need to accept this offer by 22 December 2005, by paying a deposit of AUD$350.

Please direct all questions you may have to accomapp@uow.edu.au, or to book accommodation, go to http://apply-accomm.edu.au

**UNIADVICE CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR OPENING HOURS**

UniAdvice will be closed from Saturday 24 December 2005 to Tuesday 3 January 2006 (inclusive) for the Australian Christmas/New Year holiday break.

UniAdvice staff will be available to assist with your enquiries up until 3pm AEST on 24 December 2005. UniAdvice will then resume normal business hours (8:30am to 5:00pm) on Tuesday 3 January 2006.

Wollongong University College will be closed from Monday 19 December 2005 to Tuesday 3 January 2006.

Between Monday 19 December and Friday 23 December, Yenny (yenny@uow.edu.au) will be available for admissions enquiries for WUC (Wollongong + Sydney). Yenny will also be available on Friday 30 December 2005.

From the Wollongong University College and the team at UniAdvice I would like to wish you a safe and happy festive season.

Kind regards,
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University of Wollongong