UOW’s FIVE STAR SUCCESS IN 2008 GOOD UNIVERSITIES GUIDE

The 2008 Good Universities Guide reaffirms the University of Wollongong’s standing as one of the country’s leading research institutions and a place where students not only experience a five-star educational experience but a five-star chance of gaining a job with a top salary at the end of their degree.

Under the Guide’s ranking system, only the top 20 per cent of universities can be awarded a five-star rating in any one category.

UOW received five stars in the six key areas of:

***** Research intensivity
***** The educational experience  generic skills
***** The educational experience  graduate satisfaction
***** Graduate outcomes  getting a job
***** Graduate outcomes  positive graduate outcomes
***** Graduate outcomes  graduate starting salary

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wollongong, Professor Gerard Sutton said the guide’s findings clearly showed that UOW was among the elite research and teaching universities in Australia.

UOW LISTED IN TOP 500 JIAO TONG RANKINGS

The University of Wollongong has moved into the Top 500 academic rankings of world universities by the respected Institute of Higher Education at Shanghai Jiao Tong University. The rankings are strongly weighted in favour of research.

In formulating its rankings, the Institute scans universities that have Nobel Laureates, field medals, highly cited researchers, or papers published in the prestigious Nature or Science magazines. In addition, the Institute scans major universities of every country with a significant number of articles indexed in major citation indices. In total, more than two thousand universities were scanned for eligibility.
UOW RECEIVES 9 CARRICK AWARDS FOR 2007

UOW has repeated its 2006 success, winning 9 of the prestigious Carrick Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning. These awards are awarded annually by the Carrick Institute for Learning and Teaching in Higher Education to recognise and celebrate outstanding teaching, whether by individuals or teams.

NEW POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS AND PATHWAYS

Changes have been made for 2008 offerings by the Faculty of Commerce and the Graduate School of Business (GSB) that will diversify pathways to a range of postgraduate Commerce degrees and provide unique opportunities to obtain double Masters degrees, with a resultant saving in time and cost.

The Faculty of Informatics will also offer new programs in 2008 that consolidate its existing Masters degrees and provide a wider and more diverse range of majors.

COMMERCE

- a new Master of Commerce for students with non-business bachelor degrees, which articulates into the specialist masters degrees in Strategic Management, Strategic Marketing, Strategic Management and Marketing, Strategic Human Resource Management, Forensic Accounting and Applied Finance (with Banking, Investing and Managing specialisations). For all of the aforementioned specialist masters degrees, students can get credit exemption of 2 subjects from the specialist masters course, allowing the completion of 2 Masters degrees in 2 years.

- a Graduate Certificate in Commerce leading to all masters courses. This course provides a pathway into the M Com and subsequently to the specialist Masters degrees. It is designed for diploma holders with 3 years’ work experience, and for students with IELTS 6.0

- the Graduate Certificate in Commerce can also lead to the Master of Professional Accounting (MPA), for 3-year diploma holders with 3 years’ work experience, and for non-CPA-recognised bachelor degrees, as well as for students with IELTS 6.0

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

- a new Graduate Certificate in Business leading to all masters courses in GSB, available Autumn/Spring in Wollongong and intakes A/B/C/D in Sydney, for 2-year diploma holders with 2 years’ work experience, or 3-year diploma holders, and for students with IELTS 6.0

- a new Master of Project Management* and a Master of Retail Management*, available Autumn/Spring in Wollongong and intakes A/B/C/D in Sydney

- a Master of Management, available autumn/spring in Wollongong

- every masters program is available as a one-semester/two intake Graduate Certificate in Wollongong and Sydney - international business, logistics, project management, retail management, management.

- exemption of 6 subjects in the MBA, and reduction of the MBA work experience from 2 years to 1 year, when the MBA is packaged with another business/management degree. Masters degrees
which can be included in MBA packages include: Engineering Management, Engineering Practice, Health Leadership and Management, Health Management, Nutrition Management, International Business, Logistics, Education (Educational Leadership) and ANY master degree from the Faculty of Commerce, including the MPA.

- a Doctor of Business Administration (DBA), will be offered in Sydney. The Sydney Business School will have one intake (intake A) in 2008*.

*subject to final approval

FACULTY OF INFORMATICS

- Master of Information and Communication Technology (MICT) - available as a 1 year program, or an advanced program over 1.5 or 2 years - now with 5 majors - eBusiness, Network Management, Strategic Management, eLearning and eHealth*. NOTE: the MICT eBusiness major replaces the Master of Electronic Commerce.

- new pathway course, the Graduate Diploma in Information Systems and Technology (GDIST), for non-IT/computing bachelor degree holders or diploma holders with 3 years' work experience, leading to MICT, Master of Information Systems (MIS), Master of IT Management (MITM) and Master of Health Informatics

- Master of Computer Science - available as 1 year program, or an advanced program over 1.5 or 2 years - now with 4 majors - computer and network security, multimedia information processing*, software engineering and intelligent systems*

- Graduate Diploma in Internet Science* now leads to Master of Engineering Studies as well as Master of Internet Science*

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FURTHER INFORMATION AND DELEGATIONS

PDF’s detailing the new courses and their admissions requirements will be available for download from the Representatives website next Thursday, 23rd August: http://www.uow.edu.au/prospective/international/agent/index.html

Delegations for the new Commerce courses which have received final approval are on the agent website at http://www.uow.edu.au/prospective/international/agent/pg-admissions/index.html

Delegations for Graduate School of Business and Informatics courses will be available shortly.

Offers for all courses apart from those marked with an asterisk* can be made from now onwards. We will notify all agents as soon as possible when final approval is gained for those courses marked with an asterisk*.

UOW STUDENTS GAINING THE EDGE ON GLOBAL EMPLOYABILITY WITH NEW CERTIFICATE OF GLOBAL WORKPLACE PRACTICE

UOW graduates have long held an edge on employability and this university consistently performs well in terms of graduate outcomes (read more about UOW’s FIVE STAR rankings in “Getting a job” and “Graduate starting salary” in the 2008 Good Universities Guide).
Building on its success as a university that produces some of the most highly sought after graduates in Australia, the university Careers Service has launched a new Certificate of Global Workplace Practice to produce globally mobile graduates and empower and enable international students in their career aspirations.

The key features of the program are:
- English Language development classes, with a focus on successful IELTS outcomes;
- Workplace Communication seminars to develop oral and written communications skills;
- Cultural diversity training;
- Job search preparation to build skill in job applications and interviews
- Work placements;
- Workplace culture training to provide insights about workplace behaviour and expectations; and,
- Referral to a recruitment consultant.

Two International Careers Consultants have been employed to work with students when the program commences in 2008. It is anticipated that the Certificate of Global Workplace Practice will be offered free-of-charge to all students and students who successfully complete the program will have the certificate listed on their academic transcript.

The program is ideal for international students who aim to gain a competitive edge in employability prior to application for the new 18 month graduate visa for work experience and English language study. It also enables students to gain work skills and experience while studying in Australia that will position them ahead of other graduates upon return to their home countries.

**ENROLMENTS UP ON SPRING 06**

Enrolments in the UOW Spring session are up 11% compared to 2006. We would like to thank all our representatives for their efforts and support.

**ON-LINE IELTS PREPARATION**

The Online IELTS Test Preparation course provides targeted practice in the four components of the IELTS test (speaking, reading, writing and listening). There are 100 interactive lessons with a variety of engaging instructive practice exercises and a database of answers to the questions. The course can be studied completely online with tutor assistance from our highly skilled teachers.


**ACCESSING REPRESENTATIVE WEBSITE**

The International Representatives website provides useful information for agents, including Admissions Guidelines, information on how to order promotional materials and links to course information, dates and fees. You can access the international reps website via the direct link:


or via the UOW International Prospective Students’ page:


(The password is representative.)