Welcome to issue 2 of UniSpeak for 2011. A lot has happened around campus since Discovery Day—new buildings, new courses, new faces. You’ve got lots of options to consider for 2012. We hope UniSpeak shows you how UOW is different, and why it might be the right option for you.

At UOW, our curious minds take us all over the world. This issue we look at international exchange, and learning a language; and why they’ll improve your degree and your career. Speaking of degrees, we preview new degrees coming for 2012 in Commerce and Creative Arts at UOW.

We also cover upcoming events, the Year 12 Information Evenings and Rural Ambassador Program. These events are a must if you want to talk to UOW staff and students face-to-face about what you can do at UOW.

As always, if you want to talk about options, call us on 1300 367 869 or email us at uniadvice@uow.edu.au

The UOW team

A truly curious mind can turn a simple answer into a brilliant question. And all the best questions lead to more questions. There’s always more to learn.

So what fuels your curious mind?
CAMPUS UPGRADES
UOW has been busy over the last year upgrading student spaces for 2012—you may have noticed construction and unfinished buildings while on campus during Discovery Day. These projects have been completed and are already being enjoyed by UOW students.

BRAND NEW STUDENT CENTRE
The centrepiece of our student spaces upgrade is a brand new student hub (look left!) in building 11 next to the University hall. It offers everything a busy UOW student needs to have a fun and productive day.

The complex offers lots of flexible study and meeting spaces ranging from circles of bean bag cushions to formal meeting rooms; and spaces just to relax, including the gaming lounges with big screen TVs and gaming consoles.

The Centre for Student Engagement, UOW’s central office for student clubs, societies and extracurricular activity, occupies part of the top floor, and now has facilities for student clubs to use.

NEW LANGUAGES CENTRE
The UOW Faculty of Arts Languages Centre moved into brand new premises. These new teaching spaces incorporate the technology and facilities students need including dedicated computer labs and private study spaces. More information on the Language Centre can be found on the next page.

NEW (GREAT) OUTDOORS
We have finished outdoor areas that will help you use one of UOW’s best facilities—our beautiful campus. Whether for study groups, lunch, or taking a break, we’ve made it easy to enjoy the fresh air.

If you’re on campus for any of the upcoming events or taking a campus tour in the school holidays, make sure you check out these new spaces.
Learning languages will improve your job prospects. It will give you new and richer opportunities for international travel. It can also support other studies by giving you access to new bodies of academic knowledge. Or you can study it for the same reason you can study anything at university: because you love it.

Globalisation
The globalisation of knowledge, economies, and social interaction means that languages are more and more in demand in businesses, governments, NGOs and communities. As such, language skills are now relevant to a huge—and increasing—number of professions.

Lateral thinking and adaptability
Learning a foreign language trains you to work simultaneously within different parameters—in two worlds. In a business context, this would be called “multitasking”. This kind of adaptability makes you very attractive to employers.

Travel and pleasure
Travelling in foreign countries and being able to understand the people and their cultures is a fun and enriching experience. Language students at UOW can enjoy this kind of adventure while earning credit towards their degree through the UOW International Exchange program.

What Languages Can I Study?
UOW currently offers the following languages. Unless stated otherwise, they are available as both major studies and minors across all the language degree offerings.

- French
- Italian
- Spanish
- Japanese
- Mandarin
- Indonesian (available as a minor only)

Degree Options

BACHELOR OF ARTS
You can study a second language as a major in a Bachelor of Arts. As well as a comprehensive coverage of language skills (reading, writing and speaking), these majors include subjects on the culture, history and literature of the language’s mother country. This course of study not only makes you an effective communicator in the language, but helps you understand those who speak it and the issues confronting their societies.

The Bachelor of Arts is one of UOW’s most flexible degrees and is available in 10 different double degree combinations, as well as offering double majors (allowing you to study two majors within the Bachelor of Arts).

MINORS AND ELECTIVES
All Bachelor degrees in the Faculty of Arts have the option to include study in languages, either as a minor study or as elective subjects.

A minor study contains fewer subjects than a major, but still offers a solid foundation in a language, and it is recognised in your transcript when you graduate. The Bachelor of International Studies includes a language minor as a fundamental support for deeper investigations in one of the degree’s nine specialist strands.

Electives are subjects you choose to customise your study program. They’re a great way to add an extra dimension to how you work in the core subjects of your degree. For example, the Bachelor of Communication and Media Studies can include language electives, which will inform your study of the communication and media industries.

DIPLOMA IN LANGUAGES, CERTIFICATE IN LANGUAGES
Both the Certificate and Diploma in Languages are studied simultaneously with a UOW Bachelor degree—you graduate with two qualifications. They can be combined with any Bachelor degree from any faculty at UOW to expand your education. They’re ideal if you are studying a heavily prescribed specialist degree that doesn’t offer many elective choices.

The Certificate is the equivalent of a language minor in the Bachelor of Arts, while the Diploma is the equivalent of a major study.

MORE INFORMATION
For more information, www.uow.edu.au/arts/language

Bachelor of Arts, UAC 753101
Bachelor of Communication and Media Studies, UAC 753110
Bachelor of International Studies, UAC 753121
International exchange—spending one or more semesters of your degree at a partner university overseas—is one of the most exciting additions to a UOW degree. UOW is a truly international university, with a diverse student population, staff from many countries, and extensive links with leading educational institutions around the world.

Where Can You Go?
You can study at over 140 partner universities around the world. Many of these universities teach classes in English, even where English is not the country’s first language. This means you can experience diverse cultures and still advance your degree, even if you’re not studying another language.

Current exchange host countries:

- **Asia – Pacific**: China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand, New Caledonia
- **Europe**: Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Italy, Macedonia, The Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey
- **North America**: Canada, United States of America
- **Latin America**: Mexico
- **Utrecht Network**: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia

Who’s It For?
Exchange is for anyone who wants to see the world. It is available to almost all undergraduate students at UOW, including those doing double degrees. You can elect to study for a single session (6 months) or two sessions (12 months), and take your exchange any time during your degree after you complete your first session at UOW.

For more information, see www.uow.edu.au/student/exchange

Seven Good Reasons
Why go on international exchange at UOW? Here are seven good reasons.

1. **It’ll never be easier.**
You will have access to financial assistance to go on international exchange, and enjoy the full support of the UOW Exchange Office, UOW faculty staff and the partner institution’s international student office. You’ll receive help preparing and planning your exchange, arranging housing or choosing a study program.

2. **Live like a local.**
There’s a big difference between seeing a place and living in it. Live overseas and understand not just how places are different, but why, and what that means for living, learning and working.

3. **Do it and still graduate on-time.**
Taking a gap year to travel before uni is great, but there’s no getting around the fact that starting uni a year late means finishing a year late. With international exchange, you can see the world and still earn credit towards your degree—so you graduate on-time.

4. **Understand others, understand yourself.**
Get out of your comfort zone and learn a lot about yourself. Making new friends in an unfamiliar setting shows you what you’re capable of, and teaches you important skills for working with diverse groups of people.

5. **Get hired.**
Companies value employees who are adaptable, and who can work in an international context. Few things demonstrate these qualities better than international exchange. Study overseas and you will gain a valuable edge when you’re starting your career.

6. **See something new.**
There’s a world of difference waiting out there. It’s not just different people and places, either; it’s whole new ways of life and education. If you’ve ever wondered what people mean by “expect the unexpected”, exchange is your chance to see it for yourself.

7. **Be independent.**
The self-reliance you learn on exchange will propel you through the rest of your degree and give your future a real kick-start.
Celli Lloyd

International Bachelor of Science

Because I study the International Bachelor of Science, I was lucky enough to do two exchanges back-to-back. I spent half a year at Dublin City University in Ireland; and the other half at University of Colorado in the USA.

I loved how different both places were to Wollongong. I could take weekend trips around Europe in Dublin and I could snowboard after class every day in Colorado—though I definitely missed the surf in Wollongong.

The life skills I gained, the friends I made and experiences I had around the world have all influenced me to make new goals for when I finish my degree. I’ve kept these friendships overseas, too, and I’m counting down until I’m there again.
I went to Lancaster University in England for six months in 2010.

Exploring Europe was something I had always wanted to do, and the International Exchange Program seemed the perfect way to combine travel and my studies. Studying at a different university was a fantastic experience; it exposed me to new subjects, lecturers and teaching methods. Adapting to a new environment was challenging at times, but also very rewarding. I definitely gained a sense of confidence and independence after travelling and studying by myself away from family and friends.
new commerce degrees

UOW’s Faculty of Commerce will offer two new degrees in 2012, the Bachelor of Economics and Finance* and the Bachelor of Business*.

Bachelor of Economics and Finance

The Bachelor of Economics and Finance is a specialist degree that will give high-achievers the ability to focus on some of our most popular fields of study.

Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Economics at UOW Dr Martin O’Brien says the program will suit a range of students, and give them strong career prospects.

“Students focussed on the economics side are often interested in policymaking, and may find careers in government. They like analysing situations to predict outcomes, to choose the best way forward.

“In finance, there are lots of opportunities in the private sector. This type of work is more about being able to look at a very noisy environment and pick the solution out of all that.

“This degree will equip students to pursue careers in both these areas.”

Career Destinations Include
Stockbroker, policymaker, merchant banker, specialist journalist, economist, regulatory manager, banking and finance analyst.

Bachelor of Business

The Faculty of Commerce will also offer the new Bachelor of Business in 2012. This three-year degree offers a broad education across all key aspects of the business environment and will have no major topic areas. Instead the Bachelor of Business will offer a high degree of flexibility for you to tailor your studies to your interests, without ever losing sight of the big picture.

Dean of Commerce Professor Trevor Spedding says the degree is designed for students who want a comprehensive business degree shaped to meet the needs of employers on a global scale.

“Students will study the essential core disciplines of accounting, economics, finance, management and marketing while given enhanced scope to study a range of electives and subjects they are interested in.

“Graduates with a Bachelor of Business are equipped with the knowledge and experience to move into many types of business careers such as business development, project management, accounting, finance management and marketing.”

*subject to final approval
Applicants for the Bachelor of Creative Arts, Bachelor of Digital Media and Bachelor of Journalism are no longer required to submit a portfolio of their work for assessment.

Admission is now based on ATAR, although outstanding results in relevant subjects may be taken into account. The Faculty does not advertise an ATAR cut-off due to the unique nature of these degrees and the relevance of specific subjects to each discipline. Applications are through the University Admissions Centre (UAC) and there is no separate direct application to UOW.

In addition to applying to UAC, Bachelor of Performance applicants must submit a Bachelor of Performance Registration Form to UOW by 30 October 2011. Applicants are required to attend an on-campus audition or interview between 21 November and 2 December 2011.

Detailed information on Creative Arts degrees and how to apply can be found at www.uow.edu.au/crearts/futureundergrad

Bachelor of Performance

This is an intensive practice-based course for students with professional ambitions in acting, performance-making or technical theatre, building on UOW's long history of excellence in performing arts.

Whether you want to act, direct, devise, animate or work backstage, the combination of skills development, production opportunities, lectures, and workshops will help you explore a variety of theatrical and performance genres. The emphasis is on developing self-motivated artists with critical and analytical skills.

Students will have the opportunity to specialise in Acting, Performance-Making or Technical Theatre.

Acting students undertake a traditional interpretive actor training, developing skills in acting, voice, singing and movement. In first year, you acquire competencies in theatre-making with an emphasis on collaboration and ensemble practice. You'll also study the history and theory of theatre and undertake studies in professional practice.

Performance-Making students share foundation studies with acting students in their first year. In second and third year they focus on devised works for theatre and modes of contemporary performance.

Technical Theatre* students share core subjects with Acting and Performance-Making students before undertaking basic technical theatre subjects including lighting design, sound design, and stage and production management.

The University of Wollongong recently announced Professor Paul Wellings as its next Vice-Chancellor.

Professor Wellings, who is currently Vice-Chancellor of Lancaster University in England, will take up the appointment on 1 January 2012.

Professor Wellings, a trained research ecologist, spent 21 years in Australia from 1981 working for the CSIRO, including three years as its Deputy Chief Executive. He has served as Vice-Chancellor of Lancaster University since 2002. Lancaster is currently ranked 10th among UK Universities by the 2011 Times Good University Guide. It is also rated number 124 in the 2010–11 Times Higher Education world rankings and number 215 in the 2010 Jiao Tong world rankings.

“I am honoured to accept the position of Vice-Chancellor at the University of Wollongong.” Professor Wellings said. “The University is a key asset for the future development of the Illawarra region and has a significant international reputation. I am looking forward to being part of the next stage of the University’s development.”

Bachelor of Performance (Acting, Performance-Making) UAC 754800
Bachelor of Performance (Technical Theatre)* UAC 754810

*subject to final approval
What to look out for in the coming months!

**early entry live chat**

To answer all of your Early Entry questions, we are hosting an Early Entry Live Chat session on Thursday 14 July, at 3pm (AEST).

Gather up your questions about the application process and about the Early Entry experience, and have them answered by UOW students who have been through the process before.


"Early Entry definitely opened the door for me to discover what I really wanted to do."

Georgie Girdler, Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)

**UOW college**

UOW College is UOW's private university preparation school. The College’s programs offer you the chance to get into UOW, even if your ATAR isn’t what you needed.

While studying at the College, you will have one-on-one access to teachers, while learning in an inspiring, well-equipped environment.

The College offers university preparation programs for a range of students:

**AUSTRALIAN HIGH SCHOOL LEAVERS**

That’s you. The College offers an excellent pathway into University where you will learn from expert teachers in state-of-the-art facilities—and you’ll also get to meet and study alongside students from all over the world. Successful completion of a WCA pathway program means guaranteed entry to a UOW degree.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

Many international students study English language at the College to prepare for their UOW degree, while others study pathway programs.

To learn more, head to [wca.uow.edu.au/domestic](http://wca.uow.edu.au/domestic)

**New Name!**

UOW College recently changed its name from Wollongong College Australia (WCA), so you may see some references in printed documents or on the web using the old name. It’s all the same place, though—there is only one university preparation college at UOW, and it's UOW College.
on tour with UOW

The annual UOW Rural Ambassadors’ Program (RAP tour) is on its way. This year six UOW students will be road-tripping their way across regional NSW and Victoria visiting a school near you!

In the last week of term two, Celli and Kim will be visiting the Riverina region. At the same time Mark and Evelyn will be visiting schools in the Central West. In the first week of term three Emma and Shane will head to the Murray region.

These six students have all moved away from home to come to uni, so they know what it’s like to leave home (have parents freaking out!), find new digs, make new friends and find their way after school in a regional town. They’ll also be able to talk about UOW’s degrees, scholarships, Early Entry, support networks and much more.

We will also hold information nights in some towns for you and your parents. The details for these nights are:

- **Wagga Wagga**
  - Monday June 27, 6.30pm – 8.30pm
  - Townhouse International Hotel

- **Bathurst**
  - Tuesday June 28, 6.30pm – 8.30pm
  - Quality Hotel

- **Dubbo**
  - Wednesday June 29, 6.30pm – 8.30pm
  - Matilda Motor Inn

To see if we’re coming to your school, and to register for the information evenings, visit [www.uow.edu.au/future/events](http://www.uow.edu.au/future/events)

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**Emma Healey**  
**RAP Ambassador**  
**International Bachelor of Science**

I grew up in Orange and went to high school at Kinross-Wolaroi School. After living there my whole life I was excited for a change and I had been told that UOW was “the best-kept secret”.

I was a little nervous about moving away from home but I haven’t once looked back. I knew I’d made the right choice when I moved into campus accommodation and was greeted by a bunch of friendly faces. There’s no time to be homesick when you’re thrown into an orientation week packed with fun events!

I’m looking forward to talking to students on this year’s RAP tour about the opportunities I’ve been given during my degree, including my exchange to America.
UOW Year 12 Information Evenings

To help prepare you for the decisions that you will need to make about your future, the University of Wollongong is holding Year 12 Information Evenings. This is a chance for you and your parents to meet University staff and students, and have your questions about University study answered.

Staff from all nine faculties at UOW, as well as UOW College, will be represented. Expect to hear about everything from Early Entry and scholarships to key dates for UAC applications and student perspectives on university life.

Shoalhaven
Wednesday 22 June
6.30 pm – 8.30 pm
UOW – Shoalhaven Campus
George Evans Road
West Nowra

St George
Tuesday 28 June
6.00 pm – 8.00 pm
St George Leagues Club
214 Princes Highway
Kogarah

Wollongong
Tuesday 16 August
6.30 pm – 8.30 pm
University Hall,
University of Wollongong
Northfields Avenue
Wollongong

Sutherland
Wednesday 17 August
6.30 pm – 8.30 pm
Showroom, Cronulla Sharks
Captain Cook Drive
Cronulla

UOW Southern Sydney
Tuesday 30 August
UOW Southern Sydney Information Evening for UOW Southern Sydney courses only. Call (02) 8536 2000 to book a place or email ssydney-enquiries@uow.edu.au

Registration for all events is essential.
Please visit www.uow.edu.au/future/events to secure your place.