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The release of the *2011 Good Universities Guide* shows that the University of Wollongong (UOW) has achieved a record 43 stars from nine critical categories listed in the independent guide.

UOW scored 40 stars in 2008 and 2009 and 41 stars last year from the nine categories.

This year UOW gained a maximum five stars in the categories of 'Getting a Job', 'Positive Graduate Outcomes', 'Research Intensity', 'Graduate Satisfaction', 'Staff Qualifications', 'Staff-Student Ratios' and 'Generic Skills'. It gained four stars for 'Graduate Starting Salary' and 'Teaching Quality'. Read more on our [News and Media](#) website.

UOW maintains its research credentials as one of top 2 per cent of world universities

The release of the highly-respected 2010 Shanghai Jiao Tong rankings has seen UOW maintain its position for the fourth year in a row as one of the world's top 2 per cent of research universities.

The Academic Ranking of World Universities by the Institute of Higher Education, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, is strongly weighted in favour of research. The Institute scans universities that have Nobel Laureates, field medals, highly cited researchers, or papers published in prestigious journals such as Nature or Science.

In addition, the Institute scans major universities of every country with a

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significant number of articles indexed in major citation indices. [Read UOW Vice-Chancellor's commentary on the 2010 Shanghai Jiao Tong rankings and view the rankings for Australian universities.](#)

New in 2011 - Bachelor of Nursing (Overseas Qualified Nurses)

The Bachelor of Nursing (Overseas Qualified Nurses), CRICOS code: 068539C degree has been designed for nurses who are educated and registered outside of Australia. On completion, graduates are eligible to apply to register as a nurse with the Nurses and Midwives Board Australia (NMBA).

This 2-year course will commence on 31 January 2011 with a 3-week compulsory assessable orientation.

Please note, applicants must have achieved an overall English language proficiency level equivalent to an IELTS of 6.5, with a minimum of 6 in all sub-test scores prior to the commencement of the orientation module.

Graduates are eligible to apply to register with the NMBA subject to meeting the registration standards, including English language proficiency. NMBA currently requires an overall IELTS score of 7.0, and at least 7.0 in reading, writing, speaking and listening. For information regarding registration standards, please visit: www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/

Details of the course and entry requirements, including the personal statement and police clearance requirements, are available in [CourseFinder](#).

Quotas apply to all undergraduate nursing degrees. Applicants who receive a letter of offer will be required to accept their offer within four weeks of the date of issue of the offer letter by payment of a deposit of \$5,000.

If the applicant does not pass assessment in the orientation program AND the applicant does not accept a place in the 3-year Bachelor of Nursing, then the \$5,000 deposit will be refunded without deduction.

English language preparation courses at WCA - Students with an English language condition can enrol in an IELTS preparation course with an ending of 17 December 2010 and sit the IELTS test to qualify for entry to the OQN program. ETS assessment will not be available for entry to the OQN intake due to the earlier start date.

The IELTS Preparation course dates for the 2011 intake are:

- 6 September 2010 – 17 December 2010 (17 weeks)
- 27 September 2010 – 17 December 2010 (12 weeks)
- 8 November 2010 – 17 December 2010 (6 weeks)

WCA Scholarships Scheme

The [WCA Scholarship Scheme](#), which offers discounted rates for English and/or academic courses at WCA, will be available to eligible students commencing at WCA in 2011.

Please refer to our International Representatives' site for current WCA Scholarship information for eligible regions.

Reduction of deposit for WCA/UOW package courses

UniAdvice has reduced the deposit required on a UOW course packaged with a WCA English language course. Admissions staff can issue Confirmation of

Enrolments (CoE's) on a package offer upon receipt of payment of the required deposit for the WCA English language plus a \$1,000 deposit on the UOW course.

This change will be particularly beneficial for students taking lengthy English language courses at WCA who may be hesitant to tie up a larger deposit for a number of months. Details of all payments required on package offers are on the [Representatives'](#) website (password: representative), under Admissions Information – Payment Requirements.

[International fees online](#)

International tuition and Overseas Health Cover (OSHC) fees for 2011 are now available to view on the International Future Students' [Fees](#) website.

[Commission for Intake C and Spring Session 2010](#)

Commission is currently payable for students who have enrolled in Intake C and Spring Session 2010.

Agents are welcome to submit all invoices for Intake C and Spring Session commencements to [Carla Weber](#) for processing and payment.

[Online HDR applications](#)

Agents are reminded that applications for Higher Degree Research (HDR) courses MUST now be submitted via [UOW Apply Online](#).

All online HDR applications submitted by agents will be recorded against each agency, as is the current practice for undergraduate and postgraduate coursework applications, provided the agent uses its log-in. If your agency would like a log-in to use Apply Online, email [Carla Weber](#).

[UOW staff changes](#)

There have been several staff changes at UniAdvice. Please update your contacts accordingly:

Gai Swords (gais@uow.edu.au) has been appointed to the role of Marketing Manager for WCA, and Aaron Woods (awoods@uow.edu.au) has been appointed to the role of International Recruitment Officer for WCA.

Skye Rickey (skyer@uow.edu.au) has been appointed to the new position of International Schools Liaison Officer.

Carla Weber (carlaw@uow.edu.au) has been appointed to the role of International Marketing Assistant, following Vesna's departure from UOW.

Please see the Contact UniAdvice section on our International [Representatives'](#) site (password: representative) for further staff details.

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