

## UOW SYDNEY BUSINESS SCHOOL MOVES TO TRIMESTERS FROM 2012

### The Change to a Trimester System

From 2012, the Sydney Business School (SBS) will be offering all its courses at Sydney and Wollongong on a trimester system. Students will be able to choose from three start dates a year in both locations.

	Orientation and Enrolment Day (commencing 9.30 am)	Trimester Dates (inclusive of examination week)
Trimester 1	Tuesday 24 & Wednesday 25 January	30 January – 28 April
Trimester 2	Thursday 3 & Friday 4 May	7 May – 4 August
Trimester 3	Thursday 9 & Friday 10 August	13 August – 10 November

Under the new trimester system, students commencing in 2012 will follow the structures below:

- students taking an 8-subject Masters or Graduate Diploma will normally study in 3+3+2 subject delivery mode, and therefore finish in a duration of one year as per the current semester system. This applies to the following courses:
  - o Master of International Business
  - o Master of Management
  - o Master of Project Management
  - o Master of Retail Management
  - o Master of Science (Logistics)
  - o Graduate Diploma in Business Administration
- students taking the 12-subject MBA will study in a 3+3+3+3 delivery mode, and therefore finish in 15 months (reducing the duration by three months compared to the current semester system).
- students taking the 16-subject MBA Advanced will follow the above MBA pattern for the first 12 subjects, and then take one additional trimester of four subjects. This will take the duration to a total of 5 trimesters or 18 months.
- Students taking a Graduate Certificate will complete four subjects per trimester, and will therefore finish their course in three months.

### Advantages of the Trimester System

Introduction of the trimester system will bring consistency to the starting dates at SBS teaching locations in Sydney and the Wollongong Innovation Campus, as well as introducing a new commencement in May each year.

An advantage of the trimester system is that students may be able to accelerate their Masters study by completing four subjects per trimester. For example, under the fast-track option an 8-subject Masters course could be completed in a 4+4 subject delivery mode, within 2 trimesters (or approximately 7 months). Taking a 'fast-track' load of four subjects per trimester will depend on subject selection and availability in any given trimester.

**If you will be studying English at UOW College before your SBS course:**

**- Trimester 1 2012 Arrangements**

For students destined for SBS in 2012 who are undertaking an English language course at UOW College in Wollongong, and completing English for Tertiary Studies or English for Business in February 2012, transitional arrangements are in place. These students will attend the SBS orientation program on 24 January 2012 and attend SBS classes in the first week of the trimester prior to their English language results being available on 8 February 2012.

**- Trimester 2 & 3 2012 Arrangements**

UOW College will offer two new English for Business (EB) courses in 2012 to build English language skills for students destined for SBS courses; the courses will be offered to coincide with the SBS Trimester 2 & 3 intakes, preparing students for seamless progression to SBS courses at either Wollongong or Sydney campus.

EB is a skills based English course specifically designed to prepare students for postgraduate study in business related degrees. The course develops the relevant core skills needed for successful study; students who successfully complete EB with the required score do not need to take further English language tests (such as IELTS or TOEFL) to enter postgraduate courses in Business and Commerce.

<b>EB Start date</b>	<b>EB End date</b>	<b>UOW Intake</b>	<b>UOW Session Start date</b>
20 February, 2012	4 May, 2012	SBS Trimester 2	7 May, 2012
14 May, 2012	3 August, 2012	SBS Trimester 3	13 August, 2012

The EB course is usually of 12 weeks' duration, however the course commencing on 20 February will comprise 12 weeks of class time (264 hours) taught over 11 weeks.

There are also English for Business or English for Tertiary Studies programs ending on 22 June 2012 which may serve as an alternative for students entering SBS courses in Trimester 3.

Further information about EB and other English language courses at UOW College is on the College [English Programs](#) website.

**Further information**

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