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CONNECT: DIRECT APPLICANTS

INFORMATION FOR NON-HSC STUDENTS AGED 18 TO 21 YEARS AND MATURE STUDENTS AGED 21 YEARS AND OVER

UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG
AUSTRALIA

PERSONALISED EXPERIENCES : WORLD-CLASS RESULTS

RANKINGS AND RATINGS

At UOW, we're always proud of the work we're doing. It's nice when others acknowledge our achievements.

TOP 100 IN THE WORLD FOR GLOBAL GRADUATES

UOW is ranked in the top 100 universities in the world in the QS World University Rankings Graduate Employers Survey 2013. This review rates institutions based on employers' opinions of their graduates.

TOP 2% OF UNIVERSITIES IN THE WORLD

UOW is also ranked in the top 2% of universities in the world by its performance in both the 2013/2014 Times Higher Education World University Rankings and the 2013/2014 QS World University Rankings.

FOURTEEN YEARS OF GRADUATE SUCCESS

2014 marks the fourteenth year in a row that UOW has scored five stars for our graduates Getting a Job, Graduating Starting Salaries and Positive Graduate Outcomes*. This shows UOW is a place where students not only get a five-star education, but a five-star chance of gaining a job at the end of their degree.

QS 5-STAR RATINGS

In 2012/2013 UOW was awarded the maximum 'Five Stars' in the QS star rating of universities worldwide.

*2014 Good Universities Guide (Universities & Private Colleges)

CONNECT: UOW DIRECT

WHO IS A DIRECT APPLICANT?

A direct applicant is anyone who applies directly to UOW. You can apply for direct admission if you:

- are an Australian citizen or holder of a permanent humanitarian visa residing in Australia for the completion of your studies or a New Zealand citizen or holder of other permanent visas
- are not currently completing the HSC. All students currently completing the HSC must apply via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC), regardless of age. Direct applicants may apply directly to UOW UniAdvice, which is the UOW enquiry and admissions service.

WHAT TYPE OF STUDENT ARE YOU?

- Non-HSC students: aged 18–21 years, who may or may not have completed high school studies.
- Mature Students: aged 21 years and over (on 1 January of the year of intake), who may or may not have completed high school studies.

HOW DO YOU QUALIFY?

To be eligible for consideration, you must fulfil the entry requirements of the course you are applying for; however, direct applicants have a few options to meet these requirements. While admission to UOW is based on your academic background, many factors are taken into account during the application process, such as completion of a recognised tertiary pathway program or TAFE qualification. In some cases, relevant work experience may assist your application.

APPLICATION PATHWAYS

You can apply using one of the following application pathways:

Australian Year 12 or Overseas Equivalent

Direct applicants can apply to UOW by using Australian Year 12 results, or an overseas equivalent. Qualifications that are more than 10 years old will be assessed on a case by case basis. Your past results will be converted to an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) and must reach the current minimum ATAR requirement to be considered.

TAFE or Private Colleges

You may also be considered for entry to UOW based on the completion of a TAFE program* or similar programs completed at private institutions approved within the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF). The following qualifications may be submitted for consideration in support of your application:

- Advanced Diploma
- Diploma
- Associate Diploma
- Certificate IV (excluding trade certificates).

Admission to UOW depends on the completion of the course and the level of academic performance achieved. Up to one year advanced standing may be awarded after completion of an Advanced Diploma or Diploma qualification. See our Mature Age website for more information about advanced standing www.uow.edu.au/future/mature

*Successful completion of a TAFE/AQF qualification may not provide entry to all undergraduate programs.

Tertiary Preparation Certificate

The NSW TAFE Certificate IV in Tertiary Preparation (TPC) may also be considered for entry to UOW. Your final overall score will be converted to an ATAR and must reach the current minimum ATAR required.

Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)

Mature Age students may take the two-hour multiple-choice Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) to be considered for entry to UOW. The STAT assesses a range of skills and knowledge you will need for tertiary study. UOW requires STAT applicants to undertake the multiple choice component of this test only. It is coordinated by UAC and held several times a year. Contact UAC on (02) 9752 0200.

Note: the STAT is not available to future students applying for degrees in Engineering or double degrees in Law.

ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS

If you don't have an Australian ATAR or an overseas equivalent, there are preparation programs that will provide you with guaranteed entry to UOW on successful completion.

UOW College

UOW College offers university preparation programs to teach you the skills and knowledge you need to succeed at UOW. The programs seek to bridge the gap between school and university, helping you make the transition smoothly. UOW College offers the following programs:

- University Access Program for students aged 21 years and over
- University Entrance Certificate for non HSC students aged 18-21 years who do not meet the requirements for direct entry to UOW
- Diploma programs equivalent to the first year of a UOW Bachelor degree, open to all ages.

On successful completion of a UOW College program, students enter undergraduate studies at UOW. For more information visit the UOW College website www.uowcollege.edu.au

Woolyungah Indigenous Centre (WIC)

Located on the Wollongong Campus, WIC provides a number of programs, services and facilities to encourage and support tertiary education amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

The Woolyungah Indigenous Centre Alternative Admissions Program is held by WIC twice each year. For further information contact the team at WIC on (02) 4221 3776 or email wic-enquiries@uow.edu.au or visit www.uow.edu.au/wic

APPLY

As a direct applicant, in most cases* you have a choice about how you apply. You can apply directly to UOW by completing a direct application or through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) – for more info go to www.uac.edu.au

UOW welcomes direct applications for most courses* which are free and provide a personalised service where you can talk with us about your individual circumstances. We will keep you updated on the progress of your application and you will generally find out the result of your application sooner than when you apply through UAC. You can apply online at apply.uow.edu.au, or obtain a direct application form by calling us on 1300 367 869 or by downloading a hard copy from our website: uow.edu.au/future/mature/apply

*Applications for the Bachelor of Nursing, Bachelor of Nursing Advanced and all undergraduate Education degrees must be made through UAC

HOW TO APPLY - DIRECT APPLICATIONS

1. Find the course you want to study

Find the course you want to study through the UOW CourseFinder at coursefinder.uow.edu.au or you can contact us on 1300 367 869 or uniadvice@uow.edu.au to discuss options and have a Course Directory mailed to you.

2. Complete an application

All direct applications can be made online through apply.uow.edu.au. You can save your incomplete application and return to it later. Alternatively, you can download a hardcopy application form from uow.edu.au/future/apply or contact us and request one be sent to you.

3. Submit your application

Once your application is submitted, we will send you an acknowledgement email, which will advise you of your UOW student number (used for further enquiries), when you can expect to hear the outcome of your application, key contacts and next steps.

4. Application outcomes

If your application is successful, you will receive a formal offer to study at UOW.

HOW TO APPLY - UAC APPLICATIONS

UOW accepts applications for all undergraduate courses through UAC. For the Bachelor of Nursing, Bachelor of Nursing Advanced and all undergraduate Education degrees, applications MUST be made through UAC. For information, closing dates and to apply through UAC go to www.uac.edu.au.

COSTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

There are a wide range of payment options and financial assistance schemes available to direct applicants. All students qualify for HECS-HELP, so you won't need to pay university fees up-front. There are also a number of scholarships available.

Other costs or fees may include textbooks, transport, parking, childcare, accommodation and living. For more information on fees, HECS-HELP and scholarships, visit www.uow.edu.au/future/mature/costs

APPLICATION CLOSING DATES

University of Wollongong programs

The following dates can be used as a guide of when to submit your direct application and when you will be advised of the outcome of your application.

Application Closing Dates
Autumn (March start): 30 September
Spring (July start): 1 June

For UOW College closing dates please visit the website www.uowcollege.edu.au

You can expect to hear about the outcome of your application between December and January for applications to Autumn session; offers are released from mid-June to July for Spring session.

Late applications will be accepted where places are still available. If you submit a late application however, you should be aware that due to the high demand for many courses, the availability of places may be limited. If you submit a late application you can expect to receive an outcome closer to the session start date.

SUPPORT

We offer a range of services to our students, many of these being academic, however other services are available to assist with transition to university life — student orientation sessions are held providing information on study skills, library facilities and how to access and use UOW's online resources.

Learning Development offers a range of free resources and services if you wish to improve your academic performance. Workshops are run throughout the year and range from essay and report writing, presentation skills and maths refresher courses.

PASS (Peer Assisted Study Sessions) is a program where you're able to work together with other students to consolidate understanding, reinforce key concepts and develop effective study strategies. PASS consists of weekly one-hour, non-compulsory sessions led by 'Peer Leaders', students who have excelled at the subject in the past. PASS is provided if you want to improve your understanding of course material and improve your grades.

Student Support Advisers (SSAs) are part of the Student Support and Peer Learning team at UOW. If you have a non-academic issue that is affecting your study, then an SSA may be able to help. Every faculty has an SSA who you can contact with your concerns or problems. SSAs are based at Wollongong and Shoalhaven Campus and can help students at all UOW campuses and education centres.

Careers Central connects you with career and job opportunities. You can receive assistance with job searching, career planning, job application and job interview skills.

For more information on support services visit
www.uow.edu.au/student/services

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GENERAL ENQUIRIES

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