FACULTY OF CREATIVE ARTS

ORIENTATION

2008
Dean’s Welcome

- Professor Andrew Schultz
Creative Arts offers you

- Opportunities to develop your talents within a rigorous academic and vibrant artistic environment that provides a supportive and nurturing place to study with
- A teaching staff who are all practising artists
- The chance to engage with visiting professionals in your field and from other disciplines in a faculty recognised internationally for the quality of its graduates.
But wait, there’s more ...

- Engage with a culture of scholarship and creativity
- Make connections - professionally, personally - networks and lifelong friendships
- Study overseas on exchange programs
- Career advice / job prospects
- Student representation on university committees - your voice is important
- Sporting and recreational facilities (URAC)
- Clubs and social life, WUSA
So...

- Enjoy your time with us.
- And by the way... a reminder
- Reserved Parking only in Creative Arts Carpark
- ie. Don’t park in the Dean’s spot, or any other spot (including mine)
- $70 fine for parking offenders
Faculty Structure

- Dean: Professor Andrew Schultz
- Sub Dean: Associate Professor David Vance
- Faculty Manager: Siobhan Lenihan
- Three Schools
  - Music & Drama
  - Art & Design
  - Creative Writing & Journalism
School Structure

Heads of School
  Music and Drama: Professor Sarah Miller
  Visual Art and Design: Dr Brogan Bunt
  Journalism and Creative Writing: Assoc. Prof Stephen Tanner

Program Coordinators

Academic Staff

Technical Staff

Admin Staff

Contact Points
  Music & Drama: Brooke House, Room 113 (Reception)
  Art & Design: Tanya Barton, Room 132
  Creative Writing & Journalism: Fiona O’Neill, Room 147
First things ...

- Memorise your student number
- It’s only 7 digits ...
- and your course code...eg BCA is 840
- These numbers allow staff to locate your academic record instantly, and
- Accelerate handling of any administrative matters relating to your course
Be informed ...

- Sipping from a fire hose ...  
- Dive In CD - a portable resource for now, tomorrow, and the rest of your time at university
- Stay informed - things can change
Communicate

- SOLS (Student On Line Services) - manage your enrolment, see your results, check your timetable
- Tutorial enrolment - SMP Online Tutorial System:
Email

- SOLS Mail - messages from academic and admin staff
- Don’t ignore these! They provide vital information, advising status, important deadlines, subject information
- UoW Webmail - your own email account
- Read regularly - at least twice a week, if not daily
Internet Access


- Quotas apply, so use for study, research. Recreational use will not be a valid reason to apply (online) for any increase
Planning your degree

You will need:

• A major (sometimes called a specialisation) - a coherent program of study in a discipline

plus

• Electives: subjects YOU choose to complement your major, and expand your knowledge in other disciplines
The BCA Degree

- 144cp
- A major, 108cp in your specialisation, plus
- Electives (36cp, max 18cp at 100 level)
- VAGD 144cp fully prescribed
Dean’s Scholars Program

- 144cp - a directed program of study across two discipline areas.
- Mentor: Associate Prof. David Vance
- Students must maintain distinction average to continue as Dean’s Scholars
B Journalism

- 144cp
- 100 Level: 30cp prescribed subjects
- 200 Level: 36cp prescribed subjects
- 300 Level: 42cp prescribed subjects

Plus

36cp non-Journalism electives
(max 18cp at 100 level)
Double Degrees

• Majors in both degrees

plus

• additional subjects to complete required credit points, depending on the second degree with BCA or BJour
We Want You To:

- Acquire the UoW **Graduate Qualities**
- to become informed and
- independent learners who are
- Problem solvers,
- Effectives communicators, and who
- Put knowledge to responsible and ethical use
That responsibility includes:

- Managing your academic program
- Balancing studies with other responsibilities - family, friends, employment, social life
- Recognising that sometimes major events happen at the most inconvenient moments, and
- Seeking assistance when you can’t cope alone
Tips for success

- Be familiar with the course rules governing your degree - you can find these on the university website
- Understand the relevant Codes of Practice and Policies
- Observe subject requirements - read subject outline!
- Meet subject attendance requirements
- Meet assessment deadlines - late work penalties apply
- Manage time carefully - contact hours / study time
- Make full use of all information resources - eg Library
- Avoid academic dishonesty - eg plagiarism/ cheating
- Observe safety regulations and procedures
- Respect cultural and racial diversity of university community, and
- Tell us if you encounter problems ... asap
• SOURCES OF INFORMATION
• DIVE IN - collect your CD today
• Talk to academic Staff: 4 hours available for consultation each week
• Check University and Faculty Web Pages
• Visit Student Central (Bldg 17) One stop shop
• Consult Subject Coordinators /Heads of Schools
• See the Sub Dean - as a last resort!
CAUTION

- By all means, ask your friends, but
- DON’T rely only on advice of other students ...
- It can be misleading, or simply wrong!
Obstacles to success

- ‘Life’ happens ...
- External commitments - eg employment, carer’s duties
- Mishap/ illness/ unavoidable obligations eg Jury service
- Poor time management
- BUT ...
Help is at hand ...

• You only have to ask:
• Speak to your subject coordinator, or
• Program coordinator / Head of School
• Apply for Special Consideration
• Student Equity and Diversity Liaison Officer -SEDLO (Kerry Banks)
• Counselling Services
• Disabilities Office
• Learning Development Centre
• Sub Dean
• Dean of Students
Academic problems?

• Don’t bottle it up, or let it fester
• Talk to someone: your tutor, subject or program coordinator, Head of School, Sub Dean
• Discuss grievances informally at point of conflict.
• If unresolved informally, move to formal process (see university and faculty website for information on Grievance Procedures)
Personal problems?

- Maybe a SEDLO can help you
- Kerry Banks - SEDLO for Creative Arts and Education
Student Equity and Diversity Liaison Officers (SEDLOs)

- 5 across campus, 2 faculties each
- Part of Student Services, with access to
  - Disability Services,
  - Careers,
  - Counselling,
  - Learning Development, and PASS program.
- All of these services are free and confidential.
- SEDLOs can help with information about these services and referrals to them.
SEDLOS can help with

- Any non-academic issue impacting on your studies eg. planning your time, family issues, legal issues, needing to leave study, poor grades, illness or injury, worries about studies etc.

- Liaison with: Student Services, Academic Registrar's Division (ARD), Academics, External Agencies.

- Work with International Students to help with orientation to a new country, uni systems, external supports, housing etc.

- Equity Programs including “EdStart 2008”

- Help in finding who to speak to about immigration and visa issues.
Contacting your SEDLO

• UOW Website....search SEDLOS.....contact details.

• Contact: by Phone (02) 4221 4529
  Email: kerryb@uow.edu.au
  Office: Building 23:G17

• Call, or email. If I am not in the office, we will get back to you ASAP.
EdStart 2008

- UOW Grant-In-Aid for domestic, undergraduate students.
- $500 towards the costs of items such as: textbooks, readers, IT supplies, stationary, photocopying and printing (Bega, Shoalhaven and Wollongong Library).
- Assessed on the basis of financial need.
- Rounds 1, 2 and 3 close at various times.
- Over 900 given out last year.
- Keep an eye out for other scholarships throughout the year.
Welcome to Wollongong Celebration

- Celebrating International Students in the Illawarra region
- 29th February, 2008
- Wollongong Mall
- Free buses from the Uni and accommodation services.
- Starts at 11:30am
- Stalls, giveaways, music, information stalls
and finally

Enjoy your time at UoW!

Remember that University life offers a lot more besides your classes ...

Make the most of it!