NEWS In Brief

Are You Graduating in July 2007?

Graduation ceremonies are to be held from Wednesday 18th to Friday 20th July. Please log onto the graduation website for details. Please note that applications are essential, whether you are intending to attend the ceremony or to have your degree conferred in absentia (posted to you without participation in a ceremony). If you have missed this application, you will need to apply on SOLS in September if you wish to participate in the December 2007 graduation ceremonies.

Spring Session Key Dates

Available via the 'Session and Key Dates' link on the CURRENT STUDENTS Webpage

- End of Autumn Session: 22 June
- Release of Examination Results: 5 July
- Graduation Eligibility Confirmation: 10 July
- July Graduation Ceremonies: 18 July – 20 July
- Mid-Year Recess: 23 June-20 July
- Spring Session Orientation Week: 16 July-20 July
- Last day for re-enrolment without late fee: 15 July
- Spring Session Commences: 23 July
- Last day to add subject via the Web: 05 August
- Last day to add subject with approval of Head of Department: 12 August
- Last day to withdraw from Spring session subjects without financial penalty Spring Session Census Date: 31 August
- Last day to withdraw without academic penalty-subject deleted from record: 23 September

Student Matters

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Hot Topics
Have you checked out the Hot Topics section on the Current Students website? This is where we post topical issues affecting you and ask you for your feedback, or let you know the feedback we received in relation to a specific topic. It provides you with an opportunity to have your say about the services we provide and involve you in the process of developing new initiatives.

Ask Us
Use the ‘Ask Us’ page on the Current Students website to ask a Student Administration enquiry. We endeavour to respond to your enquiry within 2 days. For more urgent enquiries contact Student Central by phone or come into the centre located at Building 17 on the Wollongong Campus.

Tell Us
The ‘Tell Us’ page provides you with an avenue to provide your feedback on processes and services that affect you! Tell us what you think, and in addition to a personal response, we will endeavour to publish topical issues on our website so that you are able to see the student group consensus.

Are you OK?
Sometimes Uni life can get you down - assignments, exams, expectations, and sometimes even illness. Everyone needs a little support at some stage during their uni degree so it may surprise you to learn that there are many options for accessing support at UOW. Talk to your faculty SEDLO, the Learning Development Unit, Student Services, or the friendly staff at Student Central.

Check out these links for more information and contact details:

Faculty SEDLOs:

Learning Development:

Student Services:
http://www.uow.edu.au/student/services/about/

Special Consideration
Special consideration is a process to help students minimise the impact of certain adverse and unforeseen circumstances on their progression in a degree as well as their performance in subjects.

What is the timing for applying for Special Consideration?
Students are normally required to seek special consideration before the date scheduled for submission of the assessment item, but no more than five working days after the date when the item was due.

How do I apply for Special Consideration?
Log onto SOLS and complete the online application.

How will I know if I have been given Special Consideration?
You will receive a response to your application from the subject coordinator via SOLS.

What is the deadline to lodge Special Consideration for Autumn Session Exams?
Friday 29 June. If you feel you have the circumstances to warrant a supplementary exam you will need to apply through the Special Consideration application on SOLS.

If you have applied and your examiner advises you that your application is approved, the examiner will be responsible for telling the Academic Registrar's Division that a supplementary exam needs to be arranged. Please check the provisional timetable on 13 July (on SOLS) and let us know immediately if your exam is not showing. For more details see the section on “How Do I Apply for Supplementary Exams?”

What’s happening now?

EXAM TIMETABLE
Results Release
Autumn session exam results will be posted on the web on the 5th of July. To access your results log on to SOLS.

Supplementary Exams Timetable
The Autumn session Supplementary Exam period is Monday 23rd to Friday 27th July. The provisional timetable will be released on SOLS on the Friday 13th of July and the final timetable will be released on the Wednesday 18th of July 2007.
How Do I Apply for Supplementary Exams?

You can apply for a supplementary exam by submitting a special consideration application in SOLS. Complete Part D - Nature of Assistance Sought with a request for a supplementary exam for each relevant subject. Your application must be submitted within seven (7) days of the final exam for the subject, and must be followed by documentary evidence within three (3) days of lodging your application.

Students who sit for supplementary exam(s) should note that they will not be able to graduate in the ceremonies immediately following their final session of study, since final subject results will not have been finalised in time.

What Do “WA” and “WM” Stand For?

Students who have been registered to sit a supplementary exam will generally have their final subject results for the relevant subjects withheld, showing the code ‘WM’ - withheld on medical/compassionate grounds. Those students with an assessment still in the process being marked by their subject coordinator, will have their final subject results for the relevant subjects withheld, showing the code “WA” - withheld on incomplete assessment.

MINIMUM RATE OF PROGRESS

-MRP Policy

As you are completing your studies this session please be aware of the UOW Minimum Rate of Progress policy which sets the standard you need to achieve in order to continue your study at the University.

If you are not progressing according to these standards or are experiencing problems with your learning, there are a number of resources available to help you avoid being placed on MRP. These include Student Services, SEDLOS, Learning Development & the Pass Program. Please refer to the policy and guidelines at: www.uow.edu.au/student/mrp/index.html

HAVE YOU COMPLETED ILIP?

-Information Literacies Introductory Program

What is ILIP?

Information Literacies Introductory Program (ILIP) is compulsory for all new UOW undergraduates and all new postgraduate coursework students who have not completed the online undergraduate ILIP assignment in the past five years. You are encouraged to complete ILIP in your first six weeks at University as it will assist you in learning how to make the most of information resources available from the University.

Login using the ILIP button on the SOLS homepage or through the Library website.

By clicking the ILIP link, you will be taken to the ILIP Online Tutorial and the online training modules. In the light blue bar under the picture you will see ‘Assignment’. After clicking here, you will be required to log in with your email user name and password. You must get 100% to pass.

When you submit your answers, your results will appear immediately. You can redo the questions you have incorrect. When you get 100% you will see a congratulations page. Your results are then automatically sent to administration and your academic record is updated within 24 hours.

You will need to complete ILIP by the end of your first session of study or your results will be withheld.

Statistical Literacy Modules

Also available is the Statistical Literacy Introductory Program (SLIP) to assist with the development of statistical literacy skills. Module 1 is Producing Data and Module 2 is Describing, Clarifying and Presenting Data. SLIP is an introduction to understanding and interpreting statistical information and encouraging critical thought about this form of information. SLIP does not require any previous knowledge of statistics, nor does it require a high level of mathematical ability. SLIP can be accessed at: http://www.uow.edu.au/student/attributes/statlit/

For assistance with ILIP or the Statistical Literacy modules email ilip@uow.edu.au or phone (02) 4221 5686.

WITHHELD RESULTS?

Accessing your exam results can be exciting, but you may be withheld from accessing them if you have an outstanding debt. This may include outstanding library fines, accommodation fees, WUPA/WUSA loans, or KidsUni fees. Other withholds that may restrict you from accessing your exam results are outstanding loans or fines from the faculty, outstanding equipment hire from CEDIR, or an uncompleted ILIP requirement.

Make sure you pay any outstanding debts or complete your ILIP before Monday 2nd of July otherwise you may find that your results have been withheld. Please note that if you pay at the Library or Post office it may take up to 48 hours for the information to be loaded into the administration system, so don’t wait until the last minute!
How do you know if your results have been withheld?

Log into your Enrolment Record on SOLS and if it does not show your results and says “Withheld” click on the link for the details of the withheld.

WINTER GRADUATION CEREMONIES

Congratulations to our students graduating in the July 2007 Graduation Ceremonies!
The University of Wollongong Graduation Ceremonies are an excellent opportunity to celebrate your achievements and to acknowledge family, friends and peers in supporting your efforts in reaching your academic goals. The whole University community extends best wishes to all graduating students in their future endeavours. A few points are provided below to help us help you and your guests have a wonderful graduation experience.

Graduation Key Dates
Eligibility for July graduation will be confirmed in SOLS on the 13th of July. The graduation ceremonies are held over three days, from Wednesday 18th to Friday 20th of July 2007. Collection and mail out of testamurs will be on the 25th to 27th of July.

Please refer to the graduation web link located on the University’s homepage for details on each ceremony: http://www.uow.edu.au/student/graduation/

Graduation Fee
Have you prepaid your $85 Graduation fee? We strongly encourage you to prepay to avoid long queues on the day. You can prepay by BPAY (biller code 950220), or make an Internet payment via SOLS, or credit card payment by phone - call 1300 301 516.

Payments may also be made in person at Student Central in Building 17. Please note that cash payments are not accepted.

On the Day
Registration
Registration for the ceremony is held in the UniCentre Function Rooms, Building 11. Please have your student card and Graduation payment receipt ready to identify yourself to registration desk staff.

At the registration desk you will receive your program booklet marked with your reserved seat number and receive your guest tickets (up to three per graduand).

Once you have registered, you will be directed to collect your hired academic dress.

The Ceremony
You need to be seated at least half an hour before the ceremony starts. We look forward to meeting you and your guests at graduation.

If you have any questions please visit the Graduation and Beyond website: http://www.uow.edu.au/student/graduation/ or contact Student Central, located in Building 17 on the University of Wollongong campus.
If you are provisionally enrolled in a Spring session subject you will need to complete an Academic Approval form and request a waiver from the Head of Academic Unit. This must then be submitted to Student Central for processing by Friday 24th of August 2007.

It is important you check the Tutorial and Practical Preferences information page http://www.uow.edu.au/student/tps/index.html for details regarding Tutorial Sign Up. This page provides information on the Tutorial System being used by each Faculty and Department and opening times (if they have been provided by the Faculty and Department). Instructions on how to enrol in a Tutorial Group using the SMP On-Line Tutorial System and support contact details are also available on this page.

Students are reminded that SOLS Mail is the University's primary method of communication with students. SOLS Mail is your Electronic Letterbox to which all online official communications will be sent. You should not confuse your SOLS Mail with email – they are not the same and work in very different ways.

Using SOLS Mail rather than email provides the University with the ability to check that each official communication has been delivered to you and that you have read it. This ability to track mail is beneficial to ensure that important official messages sent to you do not go astray.

All students of UOW have access to SOLS Mail. You are automatically registered as an online user on enrolment. SOLS Mail provides numerous benefits including:

- A fast and secure way for the University to send official communications to you - they won't be lost in the post or sent to an out of date address.
- Storage and access to official communications. You can access all your official UOW communications from anywhere there is an internet connection.

Students become eligible to take leave from their studies in their second session of study. To apply you will need to fill out a Leave of Absence form before the Last Date to Withdraw without Financial Penalty (see Key Dates). If you do not formally apply for a Leave of Absence then your course will be lapsed and you will have to reapply to be admitted back into study. Forms can be downloaded from the Student Forms and Documents page on the Current Students website or collected from Student Central, Building 17.
National Code Changes
July 1 2007

NATIONAL CODE CHANGES—STAY INFORMED
The implementation of National Code 2007 is currently underway. There are many changes that affect both international students.

For international students, these changes may have an impact on their student visa.

What is the National Code 2007?
National Code 2007 is the legal framework that governs how education is to be provided to international students. This new code aims to ensure that international students coming to Australia are provided with a very high standard of education.

COURSE PROGRESS POLICY
University policies and processes are being changed to reflect the new requirements. A Course Progress policy is currently being created. From 1st of July 2007, all students who experience difficulties will be able to access an intervention strategy tailored to their particular circumstances to assist them in achieving satisfactory academic progress. The appropriate faculty Sub Dean/Associate Dean will be able to approve an intervention strategy. An intervention strategy may include:

- Prescribed Programs (restricted load, specific subjects, or study plans)
- Leave of Absence
- Language and learning support
- Referral by Student Equity and Diversity Liaison Officer (SEDLO) to appropriate services and other personal support options (internal and external to UOW)
- Academic Advice from Associate Dean, Sub Dean, or delegate as appropriate to the circumstance.
- Existing Faculty based remedial programs and arrangements (PASS, etc.)

COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS
The University complaints and appeal policies and processes are currently being altered to reflect the requirements of National Code 2007. From 1st of July 2007, all students will have 20 working days in which to appeal any cessation of their enrolment. This means that if a student’s enrolment is cancelled, excluded, lapsed or suspended they will have 20 working days in which to appeal that decision.

COURSE RULES
The Course Rules have been amended to reflect the increase in flexibility built into the National Code 2007. From 1st of July 2007 there will be more circumstances in which International student will be able to take a Leave of Absence. This can only be done with assessment of a student’s circumstances and appropriate approval.

Further information on the changes and impacts for international students can be found on the international student website: www.uow.edu.au/student/international.

INFORMATION SESSIONS
International student information sessions will be held in the first and second week of Spring Session to in order to discuss the changes and how they will affect international students and their student visas. Information on when these sessions will be held is available from: www.uow.edu.au/student/international.

You can also find the latest information on the National Code changes on this website or visit Student Central.
CAREERS SERVICE UPDATE

Are you in your final year of your degree & want to increase your employability?

The University Careers Service offers a variety of free programs and services to assist you to get a taste of the ‘world of work’ and develop a better sense of your options and qualities to better promote yourself to employers.

Programs are offered throughout the year: one is a more traditional work experience (EEP); another has a more entrepreneurial focus (SIFE); another program places you in a multidisciplinary team working with a local organisation to solve one of their workplace challenges (Univative Illawarra); whilst another sees you working with discipline based colleagues, exploring the connections between your degree and what employers seek in their graduate recruits (GAC). Check all of these options out at: http://www.uow.edu.au/careers/discover/TEC.htm

What do employers want?
What are the employment prospects for your degree?

Find out the answers to these questions and many more by taking part in the 2007 Employability Challenge to be held from 26th July to 20th August 2007. Join in a faculty team to interview employers about what they are looking for when recruiting graduates; present your information and win prizes!

TEC is open to all students from 1st year to postgraduate, from any discipline or faculty. For more information about The Employability Challenge visit: http://www.uow.edu.au/careers/discover/TEC.htm

To take advantage of this opportunity and secure your place in a Faculty team, contact Linda Corrin by Friday 20th July by email: lcorrin@uow.edu.au or call into the Careers Service located on the Lower Ground Floor, Building 11.

Univative Illawarra (29 June – 20 July)

Did you know that you can spend a few hours each day (it’s flexible) in mid-year recess and get an edge on the job market!!

Work related experience is something employers look for!

A host organisation has a business problem/issue challenged to solve it

After 3 weeks work (off site) each team presents their solution

The host organisation judge a winning solution… there is a prize!

This is a great opportunity for networking and to increase your employment prospects; learn while you compete to develop skills that employers want and get a Certificate!

Apply now – closing date 26th of June

Email your resume and student number to: srejske@uow.edu.au


Come in and see us at Careers Service, Lower Ground Floor, Building 11

LIBRARY NEWS

www.library.uow.edu.au

Building a better Library!

2007 will be especially busy at the Library, with an exciting renovation project underway to revitalise the building into a vibrant campus hub. Over the next year the Library will be transformed into a more open and transparent structure, with updated interiors and a range of flexible study spaces. The extension will provide expanded study, computing and collection storage space. This means more desks, seats, computers and resources for you!

You can keep up to date with the extension by checking our website or the display in the foyer. We will keep you informed of:

- what's happening in the building, as it happens
- which areas are affected by the building works
- where you can find a quiet spot
- What other options are available for access to study space and computers.

We appreciate your patience and flexibility during this challenging time. Our friendly staff are always available to answer your questions – in person and online – and you can post your feedback at: http://www.library.uow.edu.au/feedback/index.html
Get the help you need during exams
Our knowledgeable staff are here to assist you through this stressful time! Access the help you need:

In person, with expert assistance available during Library opening hours
Via email, using our Email a Librarian service
Or by telephone on (02) 4221 3548

Don't risk having your results withheld!
Don't forget that you must complete the Information Literacies Introductory Program (ILIP) and pay outstanding Library fines to avoid having your results withheld. Complete ILIP online at:
www.uow.edu.au/student/attributes/ilip/
Pay your fines by Friday 29th June to ensure that your results are released. There are several options for paying Library fines, including EFTPOS at the Main Library and cash payment at the campus Post Office.

Need to know more about the Library?
• Did you feel a little lost this session?
• Was it hard to find the information you needed?
• Would you like to gain confidence in using Library resources?
• Are you looking for ideas to help you do better in your assignments?

We will be launching a new email list in Spring Session to give you the information you need, when you need it! Reinforce the basics, keep up to date with new resources and services, get tips on how to make better use of the Library, and save precious time. Joining the list will take two minutes, reading the email and deciding what information you need will only take one minute... so it is three minutes well spent! Keep an eye on the Library homepage for News on how to join. Coming soon!

Dreaming of California?
Study at the University of California for one or two semesters in 2008! Ranked as one of the top 10 Universities of the World, the University of California is at the forefront of Higher Education and Innovation. Spend your weekends cheering with 140,000 students at a baseball or football match, hiking up a mountain or going to a real life frat party. Past students who have studied at California have traveled to the Grand Canyon, Disneyland, Las Vegas, Yosemite National Park, San Francisco, New York, Mexico and Peru! All without having to extend their degree! So don’t miss out - come to an information session, held every Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30pm in Student Central to find out more.

Applications for the California System close on the 2nd July, 2007 so be quick! Don’t miss this opportunity!

Need to get out of Wollongong?
New scholarships available in Norway!
Study at the Gjovik & Lillehammer University on exchange and you will be eligible for 2 x $5000 Endeavour Scholarships. Get paid to go overseas!

Don’t speak Norwegian? Don’t worry, courses are taught in English and most Norwegians have been taught English since primary school.

If you would like to know more about exchange, Information Sessions are held every Tuesday & Thursday from 12:30pm to 1:30pm in the Exchange Library located in Student Central, Building 17.

Come to the Study Abroad & Exchange Office, Counter 1 at Student Central to find out more!

UNICENTRE
The Community of UOW
Wollongong UniCentre is the community centre of the University.

UniCentre creates great experience.
UniCentre’s activities and facilities bring the diverse University population together, ensuring that during your time at university you gain more than just a degree!

VIP zone
The VIP zone is located outside the UniShop and is your information haven. Buy concert and movie tickets, CSD workshop tickets and your VIP card too.

Come to the VIP zone and ask any questions, we can help you find your way on campus.

STUDY ABROAD & EXCHANGE UPDATE

Why wait until you graduate to SEE THE WORLD?
You can travel and study overseas whilst still obtaining credit towards your UOW degree, if you participate in the UOW International Exchange Program.
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Students Health & Safety
A new guide called UOW Safety Awareness for international students is now available on campus and can be sourced on the web at: http://www.uow.edu.au/about/security/. The guide has been jointly prepared by NSW Police Force, Wollongong Local Area Command and UOW Security. International Students should find the guide helpful on campus and off campus. Go to the Security Office or to Student Central to get your copy.

Spring Session Orientation Overview

Monday 16 July 2007
Study Abroad & Exchange Student Information and Enrolment Sessions - 9:00am McKinnon Building (Building 67)
International Student Orientation Part A 9:15am–1:30pm Uni Hall (Building 11)

Tuesday 17 July 2007
International & Domestic Student Enrolment
(See the Acceptance & Enrolment Pamphlet for enrolment times)
Study Abroad & Exchange Orientation
10am-1 pm Hope Theatre (Building 40)
ILIP Information Session 12:30-1:30pm Library

Wednesday 18 July 2007
International & Domestic Student Enrolment
(See the Acceptance & Enrolment Pamphlet for enrolment times)
Postgraduate Coursework Student Evening
6:30-7:30pm McKinnon Building (Building 67)

Thursday 19 July 2007
ILIP Information Session 12:30-1:30pm Library

Friday 20 July 2007
International Student Orientation Part B
9:15-11:30 Hope Theatre (Building 40)

Summer Session 2007/2008 Timetable

Enrolment opens 3 Sept 07
Lectures commence 3 Dec - 21 Dec 07
Mid-Session Recess 24 Dec - 1 Jan 08
Lectures Recommence 2 Jan – 25 Jan 08
Study Recess 28 Jan – 1 Feb 08
Examinations 4 Feb-8 Feb 08
Release of Results on SOLS 16 Feb 08

You might be thinking of enrolling in Summer session pretty soon so keep an eye on this website: www.uow.edu.au/student/summer/ for more updated information!

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We have UOW jumpers and tees and UOW souvenirs to help you remember your good old days at Uni!

UniClassifieds
UniClassifieds is a free online service for all UOW students and staff, and is a haven for buying, swapping, selling and trading! Take advantage of this great service today at: http://unicentre.uow.edu.au/classifieds/

UniCrew
UniCrew is a student volunteer program run by UniCentre. It is your opportunity to get out there and get involved on campus. UniCrew gain experience that can’t be taught in a lecture hall in marketing, promotions, photography & journalism. Visit our website and join now.

http://unicentre.uow.edu.au/unicrew/

UniBar
UniBar is the place to be for entertainment during session. Mix it up with Tightarse Tuesday on Tuesday with $2 Heineken schooners and $2 Chip rolls or enjoy the hot session of ‘Foreplay’ on Wednesdays and kick back and soak up the sultry beats and laid back vibe. Thursday nights is band night with a new act every week (Previous acts include Wolfmother, Missy Higgins, Ben Lee, The Youth Group, Eskimo Joe and more). Finally, slip smoothly into your weekend on Fridays at Friday Slide and enjoy the sounds of chilled beats and jazz.

CSD…Centre for Student Development
CSD’s vision is simple, to be a catalyst for positive development in the lives of UOW students. To fulfil this we design and run a wide range of opportunities which students can get involved in including Activities, the Black Opal Leadership Program, Clubs & Societies, Entertainment, Green Team, Project Challenge and Training Workshops. If you want to make uni the ‘Time of your Life’, get involved in CSD today. For information go to: http://unicentre.uow.edu.au/csd/