



# Exchange Fact Sheet 2021

## About UNSW Sydney

Welcome to UNSW Sydney! We are an internationally acclaimed teaching and research powerhouse, offering exchange students a learning experience packed with academic programs, student activities and educational services.

UNSW Sydney is one of Australia's leading research and teaching universities and one of the top 100 universities in the world. We take pride in the broad range and high quality of our teaching programs. Our teaching gains strength and currency from our research activities, strong industry links and our international nature; UNSW has strong regional and global engagement. We have over 59,000 students and offer an extensive range of undergraduate, postgraduate and research programs.

Located in Sydney, Australia's largest city, the University was established in 1949 and is committed to making a difference by focusing on areas critical to the future. The main UNSW campus is located on a 38-hectare site at Kensington, seven kilometres from the centre of Sydney. Other major campus is Art & Design in Paddington.  
[www.unsw.edu.au/about-us/unsw-glance](http://www.unsw.edu.au/about-us/unsw-glance)

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## Useful websites

Exchange website	<a href="http://international.unsw.edu.au/study-abroad-at-unsw">international.unsw.edu.au/study-abroad-at-unsw</a>
Institution website	<a href="http://unsw.edu.au">unsw.edu.au</a>
Academic calendar	<a href="http://student.unsw.edu.au/calendar">student.unsw.edu.au/calendar</a>
Courses	<a href="http://handbook.unsw.edu.au">handbook.unsw.edu.au</a>
Key Dates	<a href="http://student.unsw.edu.au/calendar/exchange/inbound">student.unsw.edu.au/calendar/exchange/inbound</a>
Faculties	<a href="http://unsw.edu.au/faculties">unsw.edu.au/faculties</a>

Housing resources	<a href="http://accommodation.unsw.edu.au">accommodation.unsw.edu.au</a> and <a href="http://student.unsw.edu.au/accommodation">student.unsw.edu.au/accommodation</a>
Equitable Learning Services	<a href="https://student.unsw.edu.au/els">https://student.unsw.edu.au/els</a>
<b>Course information and selection</b>	
<b>Language of instruction</b>	English
<b>Pre-session language courses</b>	UNSW Global offers <a href="#">English language classes</a> throughout the year for a fee. The <a href="#">Language Exchange Program</a> is also available through the International Student Experience Unit free of charge.
<b>Full time load</b>	18 units of credit per term and 24 units of credit for tailored terms (3 subjects per term or 4 subjects per tailored term). It is not possible to overload.
<b>Can undergraduate students enrol in graduate courses?</b>	Generally, not, but there are limited options for Law and some Science and Engineering subjects
<b>Courses not open for exchange</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MBA Coursework</li> <li>• Courses that are part of the Honours degree (4xxx)</li> <li>• The Australian Defence Force Academy, UNSW Canberra or courses starting with 'z'</li> <li>• Doctor of Medicine program</li> </ul>
<b>Equitable Learning Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Equitable Learning Services</a> provide a range of services to students with disabilities, including note takers, classwork support, assistive technology and exam adjustments.</li> <li>• You should contact Equitable Learning Services prior to departure to ensure the appropriate services are in place by the time you arrive at UNSW. If you need to bring medication, or aids with you, please check with your doctor and Australian Immigration prior to departure as regulations and availability of medications may vary from your home country.</li> </ul>

<b>Faculty restrictions</b>  <b>Online courses</b> Exchange students are limited to taking one online course only	Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enrolment is restricted to Law Majors. Coursework is available at undergraduate and postgraduate level</li> <li>• Juris Doctor courses are open to students enrolled in a Juris Doctor Program at their home institution</li> <li>• Students are not able to take both LAWS and JURD courses simultaneously</li> <li>• LLM elective courses are open to all Law Exchange students</li> <li>• Undergraduate and JD law enrolment for Exchange students is capped, and students are encouraged to also look at LLM elective courses</li> <li>• Core courses are not available to Exchange students</li> <li>• Internship opportunities are available to Exchange students as advertised</li> <li>• Exchange students with a strong research interest may apply to enrol in research thesis with the approval of the Head of School. Research proposal and supervisor must be arranged in advance</li> </ul>
	Arts & Social Sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students wishing to take stage 3 ARTS courses must be majoring in the desired field</li> <li>• Undergraduate students can only enrol in undergraduate courses</li> <li>• Postgraduate students are not eligible to take undergraduate courses</li> <li>• INST, GLST, DANC, EDST, MDIA and Music courses are restricted to declared majors</li> </ul>

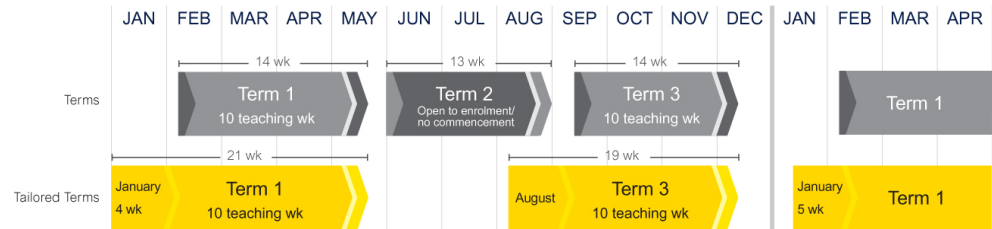
	Art & Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Courses are held at the Paddington campus, approximately 20 minutes away – a <a href="#">free shuttle bus service</a> is available</li> <li>• Priority will be given to students majoring in Art/Design</li> <li>• Students can take a mix of courses from Paddington and Kensington (main) campus, as long as they are aware of the travel involved</li> </ul>
	Business	<p>The following courses are not available to exchange students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Industrial Training courses including MARK2999, MARK3999, MARK4999, FINS3100, FINS3200</li> <li>• MARK6xxx courses</li> <li>• GBAT course</li> </ul>
	Medicine	Exchange students can enrol in courses from the School of Medical Science however courses in the Doctor of Medicine program are not open to exchange students.
	Built Environment	Students are limited to one studio-based course due to space limitations and should be flexible with subject choices
	Engineering	Enrolment in Biomedical Engineering and Computer Science courses is extremely limited; students need to be prepared to select courses from another major
	Science	Postgraduate psychology courses are not available to exchange students

<b>Other requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You must meet prerequisites for courses. This is assessed at the time of application, and new courses can be submitted for approval on an ongoing basis</li> <li>• You must have plenty of back up course options should your preferred courses not be available. Faculties are unlikely to approve timetable clashes. We recommend you submit course approval for all back up courses as early as possible</li> <li>• All students are required to enrol in a full-time load each term.</li> </ul>
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**Term information**

<b>UNSW 3+ and Tailored Terms</b>	<p>UNSW 3+ comprises of three terms as well as a Summer Term in January (ST) and Winter (WT) intensive term in August. You can choose to enrol in one of the following term(s) or Tailored Term(s). Please note the course sequence.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>UNSW Term (study plan)</th> <th>Term sequence</th> <th>Course sequence</th> <th>Total number of courses</th> <th>Units of Credit</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Tailored Term 1 (Summer +Term 1)</td> <td>ST + T1</td> <td>1 + 3</td> <td>4</td> <td>24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Term 1</td> <td>T1</td> <td>3</td> <td>3</td> <td>18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Term 1 &amp; Term 2</td> <td>T1 + T2</td> <td>2 + 2</td> <td>4</td> <td>24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Full year commencing Term 1</td> <td>T1 + T2 + T3</td> <td>3 + 2 + 3</td> <td>8</td> <td>48</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tailored Term 3 (Winter + Term 3)</td> <td>WT + T3</td> <td>1 + 3</td> <td>4</td> <td>24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Term 3</td> <td>T3</td> <td>3</td> <td>3</td> <td>18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Term 3 &amp; Summer Term</td> <td>T3 + ST</td> <td>3 + 1</td> <td>4</td> <td>24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Term 3 &amp; Term 1</td> <td>T3 + T1</td> <td>3 + 3</td> <td>6</td> <td>36</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	UNSW Term (study plan)	Term sequence	Course sequence	Total number of courses	Units of Credit	Tailored Term 1 (Summer +Term 1)	ST + T1	1 + 3	4	24	Term 1	T1	3	3	18	Term 1 & Term 2	T1 + T2	2 + 2	4	24	Full year commencing Term 1	T1 + T2 + T3	3 + 2 + 3	8	48	Tailored Term 3 (Winter + Term 3)	WT + T3	1 + 3	4	24	Term 3	T3	3	3	18	Term 3 & Summer Term	T3 + ST	3 + 1	4	24	Term 3 & Term 1	T3 + T1	3 + 3	6	36
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**Important:** At the point of nomination, your home university will be required to enter a study plan (term selection) for you. This determines your length of stay and terms you will be at UNSW

**Term dates (including exams)**

Refer to [Academic Calendar for Study Abroad and Exchange](#) and [Key dates](#) for most up to date information.

You are required to be at UNSW for the entire exam period. Your personal exam timetables will be released mid term and you should not make travel arrangements until you have received your exam timetable.

Term dates for 2021:

UNSW Term	Study Plan	Start date	End date	CRICOS code
Tailored Term 1 (Summer +Term 1)	ST + T1	4 Jan	15 May	097363D
Term 1	T1	11 Feb	15 May	097364C
Term 1 & Term 2	T1 + T2	11 Feb	28 Aug	097366A
Full year commencing Term 1	T1 + T2 + T3	11 Feb	11 Dec	097365B
Tailored Term 3 (Winter + Term 3)	WT + T3	12 Aug	11 Dec	097367M
Term 3	T3	9 Sept	11 Dec	097368K
Term 3 & Summer Term	T3 + ST	9 Sept	5 Feb 2022	097371D
Term 3 & Term 1	T3 + T1	9 Sept	14 May 2022	097366A
Full Year commencing Term 3	T3 + T1 + T2	9 Sept	27 Aug 2022	097369J
Tailored Term 3 & Tailored Term 1	WT + T3 + ST + T1	12 Aug	14 May 2022	097370E

**Applications**

<b>Applications deadlines</b>	<p><u>Tailored Term 1 &amp; Term 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application deadline: 15 October of previous year</li> <li>Term selection/length of stay deadline: 25 October of previous year</li> </ul>
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	<p><u>Tailored Term 3 &amp; Term 3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application deadline: 1 April of same year</li> <li>• Term selection/length of stay deadline: 10 April of same year</li> </ul> <p>We send offers and visa documentation after the application deadline. It is not possible to change your term selection after the deadline.</p>										
<b>How to apply</b>	<p>Our application is completed online</p> <p>You should first be nominated by your home university (please do not make a direct application through our website). Once nominated, an email will be sent to you with information on how to submit your application. You will need to upload the following supporting documents as part of your application:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Academic transcript (with English translation, if applicable)</li> <li>2. ID page of passport</li> <li>3. Proof of English language proficiency, if applicable</li> </ol> <p>We do not require hard copies of applications. Nomination information is emailed to your home university separately.</p>										
<b>Language requirements</b>	<p>If English is not your first language, you will need to provide proof of your English proficiency at time of application. You can do this by providing evidence that you meet one of UNSW's approved criteria. This is currently 6.5 IELTS or 90 TOEFL (iBT) for Exchange students. You are only required to meet the overall score for IELTS and TOEFL, you do not need to meet each of the subtests. For prior study conditions and other acceptable criteria please see <a href="https://www.unsw.edu.au/english-requirements-policy">https://www.unsw.edu.au/english-requirements-policy</a></p> <p><b>NB</b> It is important to check you meet our English requirements <u>before</u> being nominated by your home university. It is too late to sit a test after our application deadline if you don't meet our entry requirements. You should arrange your language tests at least 6 months in advance.</p> <p>The Australian Government also has requirements for student visas. You must verify and meet any visa requirements.</p>										
<b>GPA requirements</b>	Equivalent to 3.0 GPA (on 4.0 scale) or credit average										
<b>Arrival</b>											
<b>Orientation</b>	<p>All Exchange students are required to attend a compulsory Exchange Orientation.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Term</th> <th>Exchange Orientation Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Tailored Term 1, 2021</td> <td>4 January 2021</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Term 1, 2021</td> <td>11 February 2021</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tailored Term 3, 2021</td> <td>12 Aug 2021</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Term 3, 2021</td> <td>9 Sept 2021</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>University orientation activities also run in the week prior to the start of term and consist of activities and events for all students.</p>	Term	Exchange Orientation Date	Tailored Term 1, 2021	4 January 2021	Term 1, 2021	11 February 2021	Tailored Term 3, 2021	12 Aug 2021	Term 3, 2021	9 Sept 2021
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<b>Social activities</b>	There are fee-paying social activities during the term that exchange students can participate in.										

Housing	
<b>On-campus housing</b>	<p>UNSW <a href="#">affiliated Colleges and Apartments</a> provide high quality accommodation and you need to apply directly to the College or Apartment as soon as possible. Please make sure you select the affiliated options when using the above link.</p> <p>On campus accommodation is extremely limited and is not <u>guaranteed even if you apply by the deadline.</u></p>
<b>Off-campus housing</b>	<p>Most exchange students choose to live off campus and enjoy the beautiful suburbs that surround UNSW. Sydney is a safe city, with public transport connecting the UNSW campuses, beaches, and city centre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Resources and advice</a></li> <li>• We recommend you arrive 1-2 weeks early to find off campus accommodation. You may wish to <a href="#">book temporary accommodation</a> to allow time to find more permanent housing</li> </ul> <p><i>You should never arrange off-campus accommodation or transfer money from overseas.</i></p>
<b>Approximate living costs</b>	<p>We recommend around AU\$9,000 – AU\$11,000 per half year and AU\$18,000 – AU\$22,000 per year. Note that this is for the basics and does not include holiday travel and entertainment costs.</p>
Insurance, funding and visas	
<b>Insurance</b>	<p>An Australian student visa requires you to have <a href="#">Overseas Student Health Cover</a> (OSHC) for its full duration (most students from Belgium, Norway and Sweden are exempt). OSHC is a government requirement and <u>cannot</u> be waived with off-shore health insurance and/or comprehensive travel insurance.</p> <p>The UNSW's preferred provider is Medibank. Further instructions are provided upon acceptance.</p>
<b>Funding</b>	<p>Unless you are contacted with confirmation of a scholarship from UNSW, there are no other available funding opportunities. Students are responsible for funding their own exchange.</p>
<b>Working</b>	<p>Student visas allow you to work once you have commenced your course at UNSW. You can work up to 40 hours a fortnight during session and unlimited hours when your course is <u>not</u> in session.</p> <p><a href="#">UNSW Careers and Employment</a> has a list of employment opportunities available for students and can assist you with your resume and interview preparation.</p>
Transcripts	
<b>Transcripts</b>	<p>An official transcript will be sent to you digitally through myEquals at the end of your exchange, after results are released, that you can share with your home institution.</p> <p>See <a href="#">Grade Definitions</a> and <a href="#">Comparing grading systems</a> for details on our grading system.</p>
<b>UNSW Students</b>	<p>For Exchange Partners who send transcripts for UNSW students electronically, please send them to <a href="mailto:toc@unsw.edu.au">toc@unsw.edu.au</a></p>

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