



# University of Western Australia

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## Financial requirement

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**Financial guarantee amount**      The University of Western Australia has no specific financial requirement. You will need to show the Australian Government around £5,000 for your visa. Approximate costs of living can be found at [www.studentservices.uwa.edu.au/ss/financial/cost\\_of\\_living](http://www.studentservices.uwa.edu.au/ss/financial/cost_of_living)

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## Brief overview of the university

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Established in 1911, UWA is Western Australia's oldest university and one of Australia's most prestigious educational institutions.

First-time visitors to the campus will find UWA's impressive architecture and beautifully landscaped gardens breath-taking. UWA's riverside campus, only minutes from the city centre offers an unrivalled study experience. Students have access to libraries, an extensive range of campus services, and excellent sports and recreational facilities to balance the demands of study. Activities include sports such as tennis, squash, basketball, volleyball and aerobics, general interest clubs and societies, cafes, theatres and museums.

The University of Western Australia has achieved top ratings in the Good Universities Guide, consistently attracts the State's top school-leavers, and has received one of the highest allocations of research funds for the nation. UWA is a member of the 'Group of Eight', a group of prestigious Australian Universities which enrol 30% of all University students and conduct over 60% of university research.

In 2006, UWA enrolled 82.7% of the State's top 5% of school leavers and 79.5% of the top 10% of school leavers who enrolled at Western Australian universities.

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## Academic issues

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**Academic strengths**      An emphasis on research and research training is a defining characteristic of The University of Western Australia. The University is one of Australia's leading research-intensive universities and the premier research institution in Western Australia. Annually the University receives in excess of \$115m of external research income, expends over \$166m on research and graduates over 250 higher degree by research students, mostly PhDs. In the Australian context, it is a medium sized, comprehensive university.

Also see Study at UWA - [www.publishing.uwa.edu.au/studyatuwa/](http://www.publishing.uwa.edu.au/studyatuwa/). While this is written for full-degree students, exchange students will get a 'feel' for

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|  | the university and what is on offer here.   |
| Restricted/closed Departments                      | Medicine and Dentistry. Some individual units within certain faculties are restricted, but we will let a student know if they have chosen a restricted unit. Unfortunately this list will vary from year to year. |
| Can I pre-register for classes before arrival?     | No – but we will send out a list of units approved by faculty for you to study. Classes at UWA typically do not have fixed class sizes.   |
| If yes, please give details                        | N/A   |
| Link/s to detailed subject or course descriptions: | UWA Handbook:<br><a href="http://handbooks.uwa.edu.au/units?section=faclist">http://handbooks.uwa.edu.au/units?section=faclist</a><br>(here you will find the listings for each faculty and subject area)         |

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### Semester dates

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| Orientation for Study Abroad & Exchange Students Confirmed) | Commences 25 July 2011 (To be |
| UWA Second semester begins                                  | 1 August 2011                 |
| Mid Semester Break (1 week)                                 | 26-30 September               |
| Classes end   | Beginning of November         |
| Study Break / Examinations                                  | 7 November                    |
| UWA First semester begins                                   | 27 February 2011              |
| Mid Semester Break (1 week)                                 | 9 April – 13 April            |
| Classes end   | 1 June                        |
| Study Break / Examinations                                  | 4-23 June                     |

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### Housing

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| Guaranteed housing?                            | No. Early application is encouraged. You do not need acceptance from UWA to apply.  |
| If no, is on campus housing readily available? | No, there are some places but not enough for all students so it is advisable to apply for on-campus housing early as entrance to the Residential Colleges can be competitive.   |
| When is housing information sent?              | With the offer letter, but information can be obtained online and an application sent prior to receiving an official offer from UWA.  |
| Link to housing website                        | <a href="http://www.international.uwa.edu.au/sesa/perth/accommodation/oncampus">www.international.uwa.edu.au/sesa/perth/accommodation/oncampus</a>  |
| Brief details                                  | There are five Residential Colleges (or Halls of Residence) affiliated with the University providing housing for over 1,000 students. The Colleges, which are located adjacent to the University campus, welcome students of every faith and offer a friendly and supportive environment. All Colleges (with the exception of St Catherine's College – an all women's college) accommodate men and women.<br><br>The campus and Residential Colleges are situated next to a main highway where public transport provides efficient access to Perth's central business |

district, Fremantle, major shopping centres and beaches. There is also a network of cycle paths surrounding the University and nearby suburbs giving students an economical and efficient transport alternative

Allocation process You will be contacted directly by the respective College you have applied to with all of the details.

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### Application information

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Which month of the year are applications processed? They are processed on a rolling basis. There may be a delay for applications received just prior to and during the Orientation period.

Which month of the year do you send out offer letters? Offer letters are processed within two weeks of receiving an application providing all of the documents and details are complete.

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### Immigration information

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Which month of the year do you hope to send immigration documents? Immigration documents (COE's) are sent with the official Offer letters.

Where can I find further information about immigration? [www.immi.gov.au/e\\_visa/students.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/e_visa/students.htm)  
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### Pre-arrival information

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Which is your nearest airport? Perth Airport (both Domestic and International terminals)

Do you offer an airport pick up programme? Yes

Brief details This is a complimentary service offered to all Exchange students and details will be sent with the Offer letter.

Do you have an orientation programme? Yes

Is it mandatory? Yes

How much does it cost? Free. Optional excursions are also offered and there is a small charge to participate in these.

What are the dates? See above (included in semester dates). Generally Orientation is held one week prior to the commencement of classes.

Link for a website for further details Not available. Information is sent in your offer letter

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**Health Insurance**

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| Do you have mandatory health insurance? | Yes  |
| Brief details                           | <a href="http://www.oshcworldcare.com.au/oshc/oshc/os00.aspx?SessionPC=489497">www.oshcworldcare.com.au/oshc/oshc/os00.aspx?SessionPC=489497</a> |
| Approximately how much does it cost?    | \$210 for 6 months, \$420 for 12 months (these will probably rise in the new year)   |
| Can this be waived by my own policy?    | No   |

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**Additional costs**

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| Do I have to pay any mandatory costs?    | Yes                   |
| If yes, please provide details and costs | Overseas Health Cover |

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**General Information**

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| Links to tourist information | Western Australia Tourism Commission:<br><a href="http://www.westernaustralia.com/en/">www.westernaustralia.com/en/</a><br><a href="http://wa.gov.au/aboutwa/">http://wa.gov.au/aboutwa/</a><br>Perth Weather<br><a href="http://weather.ninensn.com.au/weather/national/WA.asp?location=Perth">http://weather.ninensn.com.au/weather/national/WA.asp?location=Perth</a> |
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Useful websites                      Go to <http://www.international.uwa.edu.au/sesa/websites>

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Link to the Study Abroad office pages                      [www.international.uwa.edu.au/sesa/welcome](http://www.international.uwa.edu.au/sesa/welcome)

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