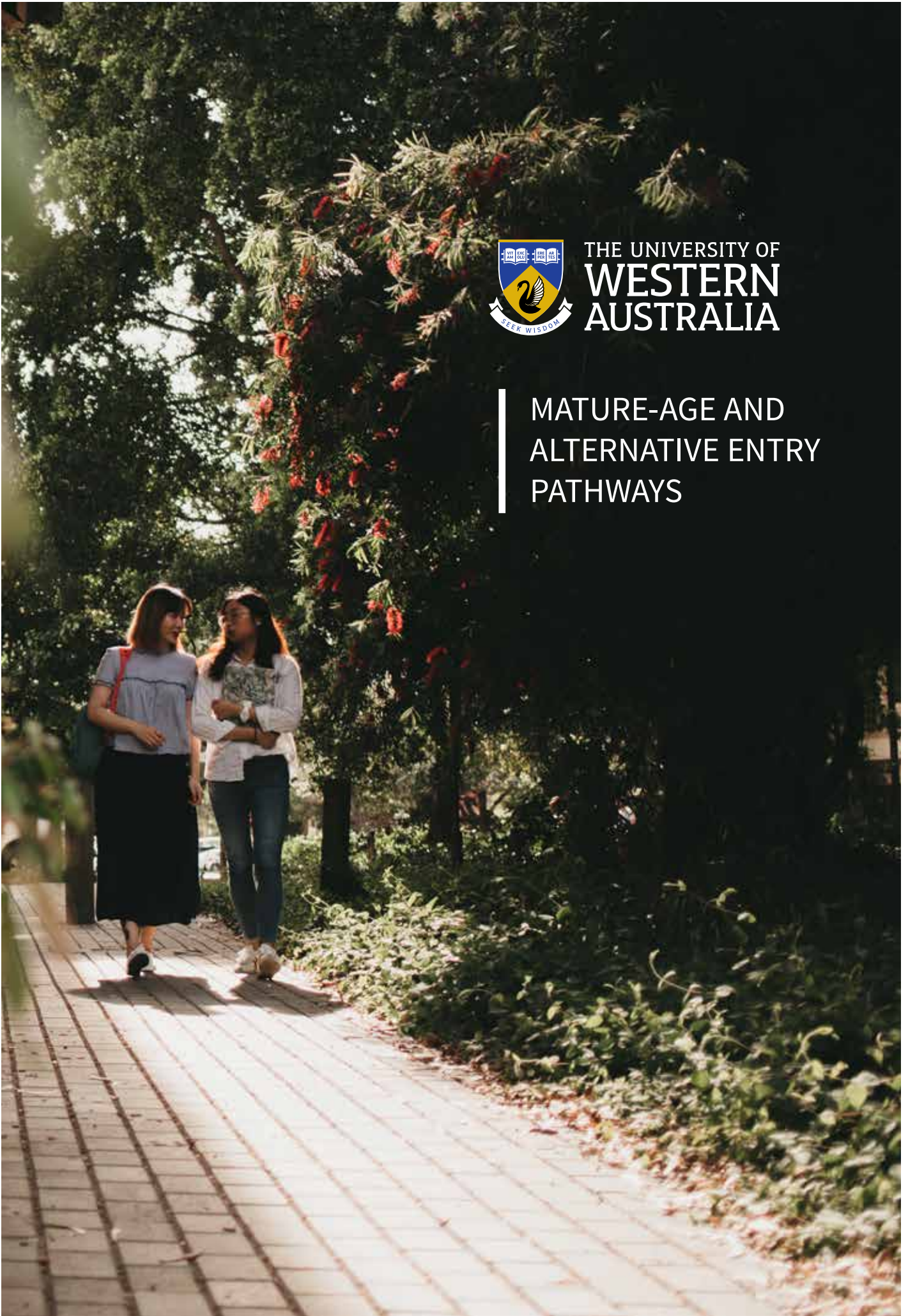




THE UNIVERSITY OF
**WESTERN
AUSTRALIA**

MATURE-AGE AND
ALTERNATIVE ENTRY
PATHWAYS



Why choose UWA

Study at an
internationally
recognised
university

RANKED
91st in the
world
1st in Western Australia
(ARWU 2017)



Well-established
industry
partnerships





5 stars for graduate starting salary – our graduates are among the highest-paid in Australia
(Good Universities Guide 2018)



GROUP OF EIGHT AUSTRALIA
MEMBER

UWA IS a member of the 'Group of Eight' – a coalition of the best research-intensive universities in Australia.

180+

international renowned student exchange partner institutions



What is mature-age entry

Mature-age students bring unique qualities to the learning environment, which is why UWA offers a number of pathways to enable mature-age students to enter university.

If you are aged 20 years or over on 1 March of the year you wish to commence university studies (or 1 August for mid-year entry), you qualify for our mature-age entry pathways.

Our Future Student Advisers can provide individual guidance to help you choose an entry pathway that's suited to the course in which you wish to enrol.

Traditional university admission requirements can sometimes present impractical and costly financial barriers, for mature-age students.

At UWA, we believe a lack of previous academic qualifications should not be a barrier to tertiary education.

Through the UWA Mature-age Access Program (MAP), we are dedicated to opening up university study to mature-age people.

Find out more study.uwa.edu.au/map

You can:

- study part-time or full-time
- demonstrate your academic ability, English language competency and subject prerequisites through an approved provisional enrolment
- defer your tuition costs through the HECS- HELP scheme (Australian citizens or holders of a permanent humanitarian visa)

Special support services for MAP students include:

- more than 40 workshops every semester covering everything from time management to critical thinking, grammar to exam strategies
- daily WRITESmart drop-in sessions from 10am–12pm during teaching weeks – a great opportunity to discuss quick questions with our expert advisers
- numerous workshops to provide support for students whose units include a mathematical or statistical component

MAP students can also join the Mature Age Students' Association aimed at bringing together mature age students within the University.



“I’d always wanted to further my studies at university but never had the opportunity to do so, having been brought up in a large, single-parent family with financial constraints. Giving up on my dreams was not an option, so when I learned about UWA’s Mature-age Access Program (MAP) I decided to give it a go. It’s not easy, but MAP has allowed me to juggle work, family and full-time study. The programs are incredible and they helped usher me into university life. It’s never too late to achieve your dreams.”

Elina Ndzai
MAP student

Find your pathway to UWA

You are:	You have:	Your entry options are:
A MATURE-AGE STUDENT ¹	LITTLE OR NO PREVIOUS STUDY	SPECIAL TERTIARY ADMISSIONS TEST (STAT) You can gain admission to UWA courses by sitting and passing the STAT. If you meet the minimum required scores, you will also meet our English language competence requirements.
		TWO-COURSE ATAR Mature-age students can complete two WACE courses at an approved institution. An Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is then calculated based on these course results.
		FOUR-COURSE ATAR In this pathway you will follow the same study program as a Year 12 student at an approved institution. An ATAR is then calculated using your four best WACE course results.
		MATURE-AGE ACCESS PROGRAM (MAP) This program gives you the opportunity to study at UWA on a trial basis. By successfully completing four units within a provisional enrolment program and satisfying course requirements, we'll offer you full enrolment in your course with credit for units already passed.
		ACCESSUWA² By completing a minimum of four units via the AccessUWA program, you may be considered for admission to UWA. These units may also be credited towards your degree.
		YEAR 12 If you have obtained the minimum ATAR or equivalent for a UWA course, you can apply for entry.
A NON - MATURE-AGE STUDENT ¹	PREVIOUS STUDY	REGISTERED TRAINING ORGANISATION (RTO) QUALIFICATIONS RTO qualifications at diploma level or above will make you eligible for entry to UWA.
		PRIOR TERTIARY STUDY Applicants with previous or current tertiary study – minimum one full-time semester of a bachelor's degree – may be eligible for entry to UWA.
		ACCESSUWA² (See above)
A NON - MATURE-AGE STUDENT ¹	LITTLE OR NO PREVIOUS STUDY	YEAR 12 (See above)
		FIRST IN THE FAMILY PROGRAM This program supports students who aim to be the first in their immediate family to attend university. If your ATAR is 75 – 79.95, and you just miss out on admission into UWA, we'll scale your ATAR up to 80. Check your eligibility: study.uwa.edu.au/first-in-family
		REGISTERED TRAINING ORGANISATION (RTO) QUALIFICATIONS (See above)
		PRIOR TERTIARY STUDY (See above)

1. You are considered a mature-age student if you are at least 20 years of age as at 1 March in the year you intend to commence university study for Semester 1 or as at 1 August for Semester 2.
2. AccessUWA is also available for prospective students who have previous study.

Your next step(s):	Then you:	And finally:
<p>Meet minimum STAT requirement. study.uwa.edu.au/how-to-apply/entry-requirements/mature-age-entry</p>	<p>Apply for entry to a UWA undergraduate degree for Semester 1 via TISC at tisc.uwa.edu.au or for Semester 2 via uwa.edu.au/applynow</p>	<p>ENROL IN A UWA UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE: BACHELOR OF ARTS, BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE, COMMERCE OR SCIENCE</p>
<p>Check that you meet UWA's English Language Competency or sit and pass a UWA-approved English test. study.uwa.edu.au/elc</p>		
<p>Apply for Mature-age Access Program study.uwa.edu.au/map</p>		
<p>Apply for AccessUWA (study.uwa.edu.au/accessuwa) and complete four stand-alone units. You must meet UWA's English Language Competency or pass an approved English test. study.uwa.edu.au/elc</p>	<p>Apply for entry to a UWA undergraduate degree for Semester 1 via TISC at tisc.uwa.edu.au or for Semester 2 via uwa.edu.au/applynow</p>	
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What to expect

Starting university can be an exciting yet daunting and overwhelming experience, particularly for students who have been away from study for some time. The following tips may help ease you into university life.

Preparation is key

From the moment you're offered a place at UWA, there are several steps to follow to help prepare you for your first semester. Take note of any important dates to ensure you don't miss crucial deadlines and essential information sessions. It also helps to be organised and not leave things to the last minute.

Upon receiving an offer of a place, the UniStart website is your gateway to joining us at UWA. It is from here you will accept (or defer) your offer, research and select the units you need to enrol in, work out your timetable and find out what documentation you will need to enrol. On enrolment day you can speak to a Student Experience Officer about the units you wish to enrol in, register your unit and timetable preferences and obtain your student card.

Allow for an adjustment period

Starting university is a big step for most students and, at first, it may be difficult to understand what is expected in terms of studying and assignments. Allow yourself time to adjust, develop study skills and balance your home, work and study life – it won't happen immediately. Extra support is always here if you need it. Take advantage of the many student services available to you and by persevering through this challenging transition period, you will be amazed at what you can achieve (see page 11).

Frequently asked questions

How do I select my units?

It is important to choose a course that interests you in order to stay motivated throughout your degree. Once you accept your offer via the UniStart website, and prior to enrolling online, you will be directed to the UWA Handbook website. The Handbook is an online resource where you can view and research the units available within your chosen course, as well as those from other areas you may wish to include as part of your degree. You will then have the option to select your units in consultation with a Faculty Adviser as part of the enrolment process. The UWA Handbook can be viewed at handbooks.uwa.edu.au.

The process for Access UWA students differs and you should contact the relevant school when selecting units.

How many units should I do?

A full-time study load is usually four units per semester, although studying three units is also considered full-time for Centrelink and student concessions. If you are working full-time or are a primary caregiver for children, we recommend you do no more than two units in your first semester, although one is probably ideal.

How should I manage my time?

Most classes at UWA are taught within normal business hours, so you'll need to plan to be on campus during the day. It is also important to factor study time (both on and off campus) into your schedule.

How many classes will I need to attend?

Each unit has a set of classes. These usually consist of lectures, tutorials and laboratories. In most units you will have two 45-minute lectures and a 45-minute tutorial each week. There are, however, some units that have significantly more contact time. The UWA Handbook provides information on contact hours required for each unit.

When will I need to attend uni throughout the year?

UWA operates on a 13-week semester basis for most students, with a one-week study break in each semester.

Semester 1 usually starts in late February and ends in June when examinations are held. There is then a mid-year break before Semester 2 starts in late July and ends in November.

These semesters do not necessarily coincide with school holidays.

The University is open and holds classes on all State public holidays during the year, but observes all national public holidays including Australia Day, Easter, and ANZAC Day.. Students are expected to attend classes on the public holidays when the University is open.

Tips

We asked our students what advice they would give to new students.

These were the key responses:

Stick with it – even if you feel overwhelmed at first.

Ask questions – keep asking if you don't get answers that make sense

Ask for allowances or help if you need it – provisions are there to support you.

Join programs or study groups – this includes UniMentor and STUDYSmarter.

Get involved – take advantage of the social aspects of uni life to help keep you balanced.

Be organised – a little bit of planning goes a long way.

Is it important for me to stay on campus when I'm not in class?

Spending time on campus outside the classroom has many positive benefits. It will help you meet people and build a support network. Using the libraries on campus for research purposes and as quiet spaces to study is a good idea, particularly if studying at home is difficult.

Find out more at ask.uwa.edu.au.

Fees

The Commonwealth Government subsidises Commonwealth-supported places in courses at UWA for students who are Australian or New Zealand citizens or holders of an Australian permanent resident visa.

Commonwealth-supported students are required to make a contribution to the cost of their course. For Australian citizens, humanitarian visa-holders and New Zealand Special Category Visa (NZ SCV) holders who meet the eligibility criteria, the contribution can be deferred through the Australian taxation system via the Commonwealth Government's HECS-HELP loan scheme or paid directly to the University. Students who elect to use the HECS-HELP loan scheme do not need to pay any of their student contribution directly to UWA but may, if they choose, make partial payments each fee period.

For New Zealand citizens and other permanent residents of Australia, the contribution must be paid in full, directly to the University. Direct payments do not attract a discount. Further information on eligibility criteria for NZ SCV is available.

studyassist.gov.au

How much is the student contribution?

A course at UWA comprises a number of units. A standard unit is worth six (6) credit points. Full-time students usually study four 6-credit-point units in a semester for a total of eight 6-credit-point units in a year. Fees are billed on a semester basis.

The table below provides indicative costs for various discipline areas. The amount of your student contribution each semester depends on the mix of units in which you are enrolled.

The UWA Student Services and Amenities Fee

The UWA Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) is a compulsory fee that directly benefits all UWA students. The fee is used to develop and provide a range of recreational, sporting and educational facilities together with social, education and representation activities and services. This fee can be deferred through HECS through the SA-Help Scheme.

study.uwa.edu.au/fees-and-scholarships

2017 student contribution rates – Commonwealth-supported students

UNIT DISCIPLINE	Annual contribution for a standard full-time load (48 credit points)	Approximate student contribution for a 6-credit-point unit
Humanities, behavioural science, foreign languages, social studies, visual and performing arts, education, clinical psychology	\$6349	\$793
Agriculture, built environment, computing, engineering, health and surveying, pharmacy, mathematics, statistics, science (natural and physical)	\$9050	\$1131
Accounting, administration, commerce, dentistry, economics, law and medicine	\$10,596	\$1324

AccessUWA

AccessUWA tuition fees are not Commonwealth-supported. As a result, the per unit fees are higher and are unable to be deferred through HECS-HELP. Fees must also be paid upfront and in full at the beginning of each semester. See study.uwa.edu.au/accessuwa for details.

Supporting you

Your first few days at university can be challenging, from making new friends and managing your finances, to getting help with your course or even just finding the right lecture room. At UWA, we have a wide range of student support services dedicated to helping you join our community.

Before university even begins, do your homework about accepting your offer and orientation with **UniStart**, which lists useful dates, events and locations of services you may need in your first few days. Our First Year Coordinators and First Year Advisers are also on hand to help out with any issues you may have. They can give you advice on everything from enrolling to fixing clashes in your timetable.

firstyear.uwa.edu.au

There's no-one better to help you through your first weeks than someone who has been in your shoes before and faced the same challenges. **UniMentor** teams you with a student who has already been studying at UWA for a year or two, and who can answer all your questions about university life.

unimentor.uwa.edu.au

If you have a disability or medical condition, **UniAccess** ensures you can enjoy university life to the full, from sourcing assistive technologies to organising alternative examination arrangements.

uniaccess.uwa.edu.au

Studying at university can be very different from your previous learning experiences, and **STUDYSmarter** is there to help you improve your study habits and learn more effectively. It gives you access to learning groups, workshops and online resources, as well as coaching in research techniques, time management, public speaking, assignment preparation and more.

studysmarter.uwa.edu.au

The Student Financial Aid Service

can assist if you need financial help for emergencies or to cover expenses related to your education at UWA. It's free and confidential, and can also provide information about other money matters such as income support and budgeting.

studentfinance.uwa.edu.au

At the **Careers Centre**, you can find help with long-term career planning or finding part-time employment while studying. It can also give advice on improving your resumé and interview skills, or put you in touch with future employers through career expos.

careers.uwa.edu.au

UWA's extensive employer engagement and collaboration programs provide you with practical, real-world experiences in addition to valuable professional networking opportunities.

study.uwa.edu.au/industry

Scholarships

UWA scholarships and awards are designed to ensure equity and access for all students and to reward and acknowledge excellence in our community. For more information on eligibility and how to apply, visit **scholarships.uwa.edu.au**.

When health problems arise, UWA's on-campus **Medical Centre** is your destination for comprehensive medical care.

student.uwa.edu.au/life/health/medical-centre

The UWA community also provides a professional and confidential **counselling and psychological service** for students, offering referrals to specialists on and off campus should you need them. The service is free for all students.

counselling.uwa.edu.au

For more spiritual guidance, the University has **chaplains** who are happy to provide pastoral care.

spirituallife.uwa.edu.au

Finding somewhere to live during your time at university can be one of the greatest challenges for students. The University can offer advice on accommodation options, housing issues and tenancy law, and runs an online accommodation database that you can access once you have accepted your offer from UWA.

housing.uwa.edu.au

For students with family commitments, **the UWA Early Learning Centre** can provide either part-time or full-time daycare for children aged from six weeks to five years.

childcare.uwa.edu.au



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Speak to a Future Students
Adviser during business hours

131 UWA (131 892)



Email

Email your
enquiries to:

future-students@uwa.edu.au



askUWA

Find answers to our
FAQs anytime

ask.uwa.edu.au



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Adviser, 2:30–4:30pm (WST)
Monday – Friday



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