

WESTERN SYDNEY
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LEADERSHIP IN ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S FASTEST GROWING REGIONS

Western Sydney is Australia's third largest and fastest growing economy. With a large multicultural population and expanding international reach, we are uniquely placed to help students tap into a global mindset. Through our strong ties to local business, industry and community leaders, our students have access to exciting study, work and community engagement opportunities within Western Sydney and across the globe.



WHY POSTGRADUATE STUDY AT WESTERN SYDNEY?

- Western Sydney University is a world-class university with a growing international reach and reputation for academic excellence and impact-driven research.
- Ranked amongst the top two per cent of universities in the world, we value academic excellence, integrity and the pursuit of knowledge. We are globally-focused, research-led and committed to making a positive impact on the communities we engage with.
- As a dynamic place of learning, we continue to challenge traditional notions of what a university 'should' be by pushing the boundaries of how knowledge is exchanged.
- Our approach recognises that learning doesn't just happen in the classroom. Instead, we offer a combination of on-campus, online and clinical learning environments, with real-life work experience in professional and community settings.
- With our growing international reach and reputation, we also provide our students with unlimited opportunities to learn, travel and work in more than 300 destinations across the globe.
- At the University we equip our graduates for more than a career. We are unlocking the potential of the next generation of global citizens, leaders and change-makers.

Course choices

Research degrees

At Western Sydney University, our postgraduate programs are developed in consultation with industry and professional organisations to meet real world needs.

Postgraduate Areas of Study include:

- Arts and Humanities
- Business
- Communication, Design and Media
- Engineering and Built Environment
- Health Science
- Information Technology and Computing
- Medicine
- Nursing and Midwifery
- Psychology
- Research Studies
- Science
- Social Science
- Teaching and Education
- TESOL, Interpreting and Translation
- Therapeutic Studies and Counselling

We are recognised for our capacity to carry out successful collaborative research partnerships with industry, government and community sectors. The University offers many Master and PhD research degrees where you'll both benefit from and contribute to our growing reputation in innovative research.

The quality of our research resulted in 29 research areas being listed as 'at or above world standard' in the Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) report.

This includes five star rankings for 'evidence of outstanding performance well above world standard'. Boasting four research institutes, the University is attracting international, national and local interest.

The Hawkesbury Institute for the Environment (HIE) is a multi-million dollar research institute dedicated to investigating the impact of climate change on native trees and forests.

The MARCS Institute conducts research on auditory perception and cognition with a focus on speech, music, communicating and hearing.

The Institute for Culture and Society (ICS) builds on the proven track record of the Centre for Cultural Research (CCR), carrying out research on the transformations in culture and society in the context of contemporary global change.

The Institute for Infrastructure Engineering (IIE) is building on the work of the Civionics Research Centre (CRC), promoting the concept of 'Smart Engineering'.

A research degree involves completing at least 66 percent of the work through independent research. This includes Master (Honours), Doctoral Degrees and Professional Doctorates. To enhance the research training experience, Western Sydney University provides specific support to research students.

Practical programs provide internal scholarships, research seminars, and hands-on workshops.

For those students interested in pursuing a research career, and who may not have the required research qualifications, our Graduate Certificate in Research Studies can provide a pathway to these higher research degrees.

Types of research degrees

The Master (Honours) degree is usually a supervised program of original research. It is aimed at your professional development, emphasising research methodology appropriate to your field of study. This is a good choice if your aim is to develop your research potential, enhance your skills of problem identification and specification, and your ability to develop and present solutions. The degree can be completed between one and two years of full-time candidature (longer for part-time study).

Graduates of a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) have proven their ability to conduct independent research at a high level of originality and quality. A PhD candidate should uncover new knowledge either by the discovery of new facts, the formulation of theories or the innovative reinterpretation of known data and established ideas. The PhD is recognition of successful research experience at an international standard. Doctorates are completed within three years of full-time candidature, with a maximum enrolment of four years full-time or part-time equivalent.

For more information on how you can be involved in research visit

westernsydney.edu.au/research



Studying at Western Sydney University

We help you balance study and life...

At Western Sydney University we recognise that life balance is important. That's why we offer flexible course structures to help you balance your postgraduate study with commitments at work and home.

The University provides flexible education opportunities, with recognition of prior learning, multiple course choices (many with flexible entry and exit points), professional recognition and industry accreditation.

FLEXIBLE TEACHING

Western Sydney University offers postgraduate coursework programs in a variety of formats to help you manage your time. Flexible teaching arrangements include:

- evening classes
- intensive weekend workshops
- online study and e-learning
- distance education

We offer some distance education courses so you can study without leaving home. Supportive tutors can provide you with one-on-one advice by phone or email and you can network with others in the course by electing to be on a course contacts list. In some courses, residential workshops may be offered if there is sufficient demand. In others, there may be compulsory workshops. E-learning enables students to have quick online access to materials like readings and lectures. You can also interact with fellow students and staff via email and bulletin boards, or pass around documents and links to discuss. Not all courses offer an e-learning component.



Campus life and services

Campus life at Western Sydney University reflects the strengths of its location – one of Australia’s fastest growing regions. Facilities are of the highest standard, with all the technology in place to give you flexibility in your studies.

The University has one of the largest choices of campus locations of any Australian university, with campuses across the Western Sydney region.

Students can access general purpose computer labs with over 1,400 computers that are available 22 hours a day, 7 days a week. We also have wireless email and internet access on all campuses.

There’s a library on every campus or you can log in from home. Most libraries are open seven days a week and most weeknights. Visit westernsydney.edu.au/library for details.

We also offer a range of services to support you in your studies including:

- child care centres
- cafes
- Connect bookshops
- chaplains
- counselling
- disability advisors

All campuses are easily accessed by road and public transport and have excellent night lighting and security.

NETWORKING

Western Sydney University students are also encouraged to draw on the professional experience and achievements of other students to enrich their learning experiences. Students come to the University from a variety of countries, professions, industries and backgrounds, providing for stimulating discussions and group work. Many student collaborations have led to professional partnerships.

Postgraduate study at Western Sydney University goes far beyond the textbooks. By collaborating with other students and drawing on the contacts and experience of academic staff, you’ll develop networks that will inspire your ideas, bolster your career and create life-long friendships. Our graduates can stay in touch through a range of activities and opportunities provided by the Alumni Relations unit. Visit westernsydney.edu.au/alumni or email alumni@westernsydney.edu.au

VIBRANT LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

Western Sydney University is one of Sydney’s most accessible metropolitan universities with campuses across the region. Each campus is directly linked to its community and reflects the cultural diversity, energy and growth of the region. Our campuses are designed to provide vibrant, inspiring learning environments with every opportunity to gain practical experience.

The University has world-class facilities including the School of Medicine, the Hawkesbury Institute for the Environment, the Institute for Infrastructure Engineering, the Institute for Culture and Society, the MARCS Institute, moot courts, nursing laboratories, the Confocal Bio-Imaging Facility, the Biomedical Magnetic Resonance Facility, language laboratories, conference interpreting facilities, and the Robotic Assembly Laboratory.

PUTTING LEARNING INTO PRACTICE

The next generation of doctors train in the anatomy laboratories and other practical facilities at the \$52 million state-of-the-art Medical School at the Campbelltown campus.

Nursing students get essential practical experience in laboratories at the Campbelltown, Bankstown, Hawkesbury and Parramatta campuses, including a full replica of a hospital ward.

Media students get creative in the convergent media studio complex, equipped with recording, post-production, broadcast and narrowcast facilities.

The exercise and sport science laboratory has instruments for measuring a spectrum of factors relating to sport and physical activity, as well as physical and biomedical indicators.

REAL-LIFE SETTINGS

- Health and medical students treat members of the general public in the UniClinic at the Campbelltown campus.
- Community TV station TVS broadcasts on the Penrith campus.

SERVICES FOR YOU

- Residential living on five campuses
- Sports and leisure facilities
- Childcare services on five campuses
- Campus Life officers on five campuses
- Careers services

For more information about student support services visit westernsydney.edu.au/studentlife

OUR CAMPUSES
BANKSTOWN
CAMPBELLTOWN
HAWKESBURY
PARRAMATTA
PENRITH

BANKSTOWN

Located in Milperra, the Bankstown campus provides a warm, friendly, multicultural environment with modern, spacious buildings and landscaped gardens.

Special facilities include:

- Early Childhood Centre
- The MARCS Institute
- Centre for Educational Research (CER)
- Psychology laboratories
- Language laboratories
- Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education
- Religion and Society Research Centre
- Writing and Society Research Centre
- Western Sydney University, The College
- Fitness centre
- Campus Life Officer

CAMPBELLTOWN

Located in the historic Macarthur region of southwest Sydney, the Campbelltown campus offers a unique balance between city and rural lifestyles.

Special facilities include:

- \$52 million purpose-built Medical School
- National Institute for Complementary Medicine (NCIM)
- The UniClinic, a state-of-the-art clinical training facility for health science students
- Moot Court modelled on the Campbelltown Local Court
- Anatomy laboratories
- Nursing laboratories
- Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education
- Biomedical Magnetic Resonance Facility for conducting very high resolution MRI and NMR experiments
- Centre for Health Research
- Campus Life Officer

HAWKESBURY

Located in Richmond in the Hawkesbury River Valley, north-west of Sydney, this stunning location is at the foot of the Blue Mountains and is an ideal place to study.

Special facilities include:

- Hawkesbury Institute for the Environment, a cutting-edge facility for climate change research
- Crime Scene Facility, a dedicated training facility, which allows students to practice forensic science skills
- Food Processing Pilot Plant
- Nursing clinical laboratories
- Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education
- Confocal Bio-Imaging and Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry Facility
- Animal science facilities, including the reptile house and small marsupial house
- Solar Energy Research laboratory
- Science laboratories
- Onsite fitness centre
- Campus Life Officer

PARRAMATTA

Located in Rydalmere between Ryde and Parramatta in Western Sydney, this campus is a combination of heritage and contemporary buildings.

The Parramatta CBD facility is located at 100 George Street Parramatta, providing easy access to transport, restaurants and accommodation.

Special facilities include:

- Purpose-built state-of-the-art teaching facility
- Institute for Culture and Society
- Centre for Research in Mathematics
- Nursing laboratories
- Moot Court
- Computing laboratories
- Historic Female Orphan School building
- Whitlam Institute
- Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education
- State-of-the-art scanning electron microscopes and other complementary research equipment
- Campus Life Officer

PENRITH

Located over three sites in Kingswood and Werrington, the Penrith campus is renowned for its state-of-the-art facilities and scenic grounds.

Special facilities include:

- Institute for Infrastructure Engineering
- Mechatronics and Robotics Facility
- Industrial Design Centre
- Three multi-track recording studios
- \$2 million convergent media studio complex, providing recording, post-production, broadcast and narrowcast facilities
- Computing and photographic laboratories and studios
- Golden Stave Music Therapy Centre
- The Mittiga Centre, a purpose-built disability learning centre
- Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education
- Western Sydney University The College
- Onsite fitness centre
- Community TV station, TVS
- Campus Life Officers

Getting started

In most cases you'll need a Bachelor degree to enter a postgraduate coursework program.

This should be from a recognised institution in an appropriate discipline. You may also need relevant professional work experience, or membership of a professional organisation.

For some programs, entry is available on the basis of relevant professional work experience alone, or a combination of tertiary study and professional experience at a postgraduate level.

Recognition of Prior Learning may also give you entry to postgraduate study even if this is your first university experience. Advanced Standing may be offered on application, as recognition of experience and/or prior studies. The granting of Advanced Standing will effectively reduce the time required to complete your studies and the fees payable.

In some cases, you may need to undertake preliminary studies before starting the course.

Applications for Advanced Standing are available online at westernsydney.edu.au/applyonline

CREDIT FOR EXTERNAL STUDY

You may be able to obtain credit towards your degree for units you completed during another postgraduate degree or study program. Please contact the course coordinator for more information.

ARE YOU STUDYING AT ANOTHER UNI?

If you're enrolled in another institution you can apply to undertake Western Sydney University units for credit towards your main award course. Applicants must complete and lodge a Non-Award/Unitrack/Cross Institutional (Non-Western Sydney University students). Application online at westernsydney.edu.au/applyonline

Applications must be received no later than the Friday four weeks before the first day of the session you intend to commence at Western Sydney University.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO STUDY FOR PERSONAL GROWTH?

Do you want to study for pleasure, or personal skill development? Non-award studies allow you to join courses for professional and personal development, without going through the accreditation process. If you wish to complete a single unit, apply as a non-award student. Applicants must apply online at westernsydney.edu.au/applyonline

Whether your aim is to expand your professional skills, shift your career focus, follow a lifelong passion for learning or undertake a ground breaking research project, the University can help you reach your goals.



Admission requirements

HOW TO APPLY

Apply online using the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) website. Go to uac.edu.au and click the 'postgraduate study' link.

You can download the UAC Postgraduate Coursework Booklet from this site. For the latest information, you should regularly check the updates page at the UAC website for new, cancelled and general course updates.

As part of the application process you may have to complete a supplementary form or questionnaire, attend a test or interview, or provide specific documentation or a portfolio.

UAC will notify you by mail of the outcome of your application. Western Sydney University will then send you information about enrolment procedures and payment of fees.

COURSE ADMISSION CRITERIA

For detailed information on individual courses, including course structure, unit outlines and admission criteria, see the University Handbook at westernsydney.edu.au/handbook

CLOSING DATES

Please take note of the application closing dates as some courses have an early final closing date. The final closing dates for course applications through UAC are published in the UAC Postgraduate Coursework Booklet and online at uac.edu.au. For a list of closing dates for cross-institutional or non-award applications, please call the Western Sydney University Course Information Centre on **1300 897 669**.

In addition to the usual February-April commencement date, the University offers some of its postgraduate courses for a June-August intake.

For the most up-to-date information on available courses, see the UAC website at uac.edu.au or call our Course Information Centre on **1300 897 669**.

COURSE FEES

Details of course fees are available from westernsydney.edu.au/fees or the Course Information Centre on **1300 897 669**. For some courses, you may be eligible to apply for FEE-HELP. Please contact our Course Information Centre for further details, or visit goingtouni.gov.au

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Only Australian and New Zealand citizens or holders of permanent resident visas can apply via UAC. If you're not an Australian or New Zealand citizen or holder of a permanent resident visa, apply directly to Western Sydney University at:

Western Sydney University International
Locked Bag 1797
Penrith NSW 2751 Australia

Tel: **+61 2 9852 5499**

Fax: **+61 2 9685 9314**

Email:

internationalstudy@westernsydney.edu.au

International students should refer to westernsydney.edu.au/international for comprehensive information about living in Australia and studying at the University, including a list of available courses, tuition fees and downloadable application forms.

WELCOME TO WESTERN SYDNEY

Western Sydney University is a world-class university with international reach and a reputation for academic excellence and impact-driven research.

Located in the heart of one of Australia's fastest growing economic regions, the University is ideally placed to provide students with a global perspective and unlimited opportunity for success.

In 2014, the University was ranked in the top two per cent of universities worldwide by the prestigious *Times Higher Education* World University Rankings. Since then it has continued to strengthen its international profile and research standing, building on the innovative work it has already undertaken in technology-enhanced learning and teaching.

Emboldened by a belief in remaining agile to best serve our community, Western Sydney University is pioneering a model of flexible learning that treats students as partners and our strategic partners as co-creators in education.

Working closely with our community, Western Sydney University is committed to unlocking the potential of our students as future leaders, change-makers and leaders in the community.

As we become an even more integral part of Western Sydney and the global community, we continue to focus on changing lives through excellence in research, teaching and scholarship.

We invest heavily in providing new study options, pathway programs and support services to ensure our students have access to a broad range of high-quality undergraduate and postgraduate opportunities.

Your choice of university is an important decision. We believe that success is fuelled by strong desire and ambition. If you have the drive and determination to succeed, then Western Sydney University offers you an unlimited world of potential.

I look forward to celebrating your future success as a graduate of Western Sydney University.



Professor Barney Glover
Vice-Chancellor



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