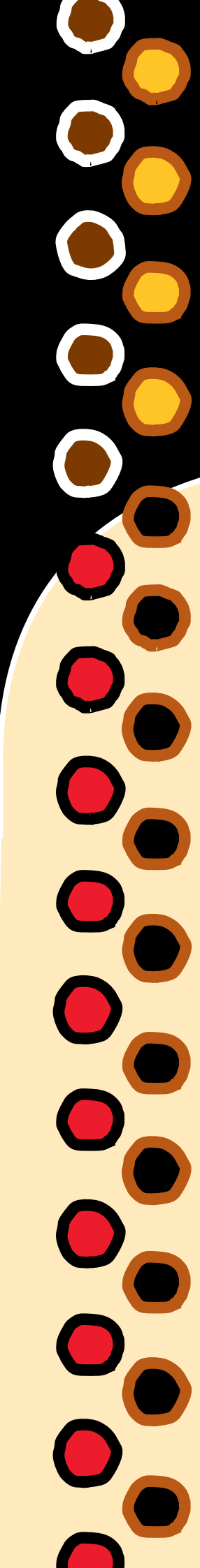


Indigenous Education





Indigenous students at UWS can look forward to learning in a friendly and supportive environment which promotes independent thinking and embraces diversity.

The University of Western Sydney is one of the largest universities in Australia with over 2,000 staff and 35,000 students drawn from across Australia and abroad. The university offers a range of programs designed for the 21st century that yield economic and social outcomes. Our programs are continually adapted to meet the needs of an ever-growing global economy in a flexible and supportive atmosphere.

Our university is committed to providing higher education pathways for Indigenous students and contributing to the process of reconciliation as an education institution which shares with the Australian community the cultures, languages, history and contemporary experiences of Australia's Indigenous people.

The university is rich in social, sporting and cultural amenities set in beautifully landscaped, rolling parklands. The university has its own housing and residential colleges on each campus and includes facilities such as child-care, career development, counselling, newsagent, bookshop, gymnasium and organised sports, food outlets and entertainment.

The university Library houses over a million volumes and provides access to many more through its online databases.

Each of our six campuses is accessible by bus and train from surrounding suburbs. Parking is also available for a nominal fee.

UWS would like to acknowledge the local Indigenous peoples, Elders past and present in which our six campuses span – the Darug, Gandangarra and Tharawal peoples.



The Aboriginal Flag was designed by Harold Thomas, an artist and an Aboriginal, in 1971. The flag was designed to be an eye-catching rallying symbol for the Aboriginal people and a symbol of their race and identity. The black represents the Aboriginal people, the red the earth and their spiritual relationship to the land, and the yellow the sun, the giver of life.



The Torres Strait Islander flag is attributed to the late Bernard Namok of Thursday Island. The flag is emblazoned with a white Dari (headdress) which is a symbol of Torres Strait Islanders. The white five-pointed star beneath it symbolises the five major island groups and the navigational importance of stars to these seafaring people. The green stripes represent the land, the black stripes represent the people, and the blue the sea. The flag as a whole symbolises the unity of all Torres Strait Islanders.

Flexible Programs of Study

Often the hardest question to answer is “What do I really want to study?” At UWS we recognise that making this decision can be stressful and put unnecessary barriers in front of you. As a result of understanding the needs and desires of Indigenous peoples we’ve designed a range of programs to cater specifically for Indigenous communities in metropolitan, rural and remote regions.

Block Mode Programs

Our block mode programs are designed to afford students the luxury of remaining in their community to fulfil their family, financial, career and social responsibilities. Each program has been developed in consultation with communities to strive to meet specific industry skill shortages and to reflect the desires of Indigenous peoples.

To study any of the block mode programs on offer requires students to attend four residential schools per year, each lasting approximately two weeks. Travel, accommodation and meal costs to attend workshops are funded for Abstudy approved students. Students may also be eligible for ITAS tutorial assistance.

Bachelor of Education (Primary) (AREP)

The Bachelor of Education (Primary) – AREP is a five year. This degree gives you the skills and understanding to operate effectively across the full Kindergarten to Year 6 curriculum range. In addition to foundation and curriculum school based subjects, students will extend their literacy, mathematical and cultural perspectives which form a firm foundation for the curriculum studies subjects, in which they will examine the curriculum content of the primary school.

Bachelor of Community Welfare (Family & Community) (AREP)

The Bachelor of Community Welfare (Family and Community) (AREP/METRO) is a four-year program. This degree gives you skills in welfare, community work and community development which are developed through a range of welfare subjects and the integration of field practice, working in welfare agencies – both government and non-government – with academic study.

Bachelor of Applied Science (Environmental Health)

The Bachelor of Applied Science (Environmental Health) is a six-year external program. This degree gives you special skills and knowledge in environmental health, a field which focuses on the interaction between humans and the environment. In many Indigenous Australian settings a major focus for environmental health professionals is the need to provide basic sanitation, waste management, sound buildings and safe food and water.

Professional recognition: This course is the first to be professionally re-accredited by The Australian Institute of Environmental Health (AIEH).



Bankstown



Blacktown



Campbelltown



Hawkesbury



Parramatta



Penrith



Westmead

Areas of study

- Arts
- Business
- Creative and Communication Arts
- Engineering and Information Technology
- Forensics
- Health Sciences, Nursing and Sport Studies
- Law
- Medicine
- Natural, Built Environment and Tourism
- Policing and Criminology
- Psychology
- Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Teaching and Education

Indigenous Scholarships

There are many scholarships available for Indigenous students at the University of Western Sydney to help with the cost of study or accommodation. Scholarship eligibility varies, but most are based on academic ability, leadership potential, financial need or equity. Degree-specific, industry and community-funded scholarships are also available.

Some of the Indigenous Scholarships on offer include:

- Badanami Start-up Grant
- UWS Indigenous Achievement Scholarship
- Commonwealth Learning Scholarships
- Landcom Indigenous Scholarship
- The Slade Group Reconciliation Scholarship
- Department of Sport and Recreation Scholarship

Check out our website for more detailed information
<http://yourfuture.uws.edu.au/scholarships>



How to apply

Prospective Indigenous students have two pathways in which to apply.

1. **University Admissions Centre (UAC)**
Students who are eligible for a UAI may wish to complete an online application for admission via UAC at <http://www.uac.edu.au>
2. **Direct Admission via the Badanami Alternative Entry Program**
Complete the UWS Badanami Alternative Entry Application form. Send your completed Application form, along with any required supporting documentation, to:

UWS Admissions Office
Locked Bag 1797
PENRITH SOUTH DC NSW 1797

For more detailed admission advice or if you require assistance with the application, please contact UWS on FREECALL: **1800 897 669**



Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education

The establishment of the Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education in 2006 demonstrates the university's commitment to enhancing educational opportunities for all Indigenous students.

The Centre is here to provide support and encouragement for every Indigenous Australian student of the university.

Students can drop into Badanami at anytime to study or relax.

Student Support and Services

The Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education have offices located on each campus and offers a range of services and support to guide Indigenous students through their study and to help make their time at the University of Western Sydney enjoyable and enriching.

Badanami is committed to providing Indigenous people with access to higher education and to encourage students, staff and community members to utilise academic and cultural support facilities. We can even put you in touch with a range of services available on campus from study skills courses, careers advice, counselling and medical assistance through to study abroad opportunities.

Badanami's major role is to:

- administer the alternative entry program;
- administer the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme;
- provide personal and cultural support to all Indigenous students;
- administer the Indigenous Student Orientation Program;
- provide advice on enrolment, programs of study, graduation, leave of absence, withdrawal, scholarships and cadetships;
- act as an advocate on behalf of students;
- provide teaching expertise;
- conduct research and consultancy.

What is the Badanami Alternative Entry Program?

The Badanami Alternative Entry Program is a UWS initiative aimed at increasing Indigenous participation in undergraduate programs across all areas of study at the university. You do not need to have a HSC or other qualifications to apply to study at UWS via the alternative entry program. The program includes a two-day assessment workshop which allows you to demonstrate that you meet the essential criteria for the course you have chosen.

What is the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme?

The Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS) enables Indigenous students to receive individual or group tuition with qualified tutors in essay writing, study and research skills. Students are eligible for up to two hours of tutoring per week per subject during semester, and five additional hours of tuition during the examination period.

For more detailed information on alternative entry or about ITAS, please visit our website or contact Badanami on 1800 032 923.

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