

# UNIVERSITY PREPARATION PROGRAM 2011 Information Brochure



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THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

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## BACKGROUND

The UNSW University Preparation Program (UPP) is an enabling program for adults aged 21 and over who either do not possess formal qualifications or whose academic qualifications do not satisfy the minimum entry requirements for admission to university study. The program has been designed to assess academic potential and to provide a realistic environment within which students can develop the skills to manage tertiary study effectively.

Satisfactory completion of the UPP does not guarantee admission to any specific program, but can be used as evidence of recent study when applying for admission to the University. Prospective students should note that total educational background, and not just UPP results, will be taken into consideration for admission purposes.

## PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The UPP is offered in 3 streams:

1) Humanities stream	2) Science stream	3) Engineering stream
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suitable for programs in Arts &amp; Social Sciences, Built Environment, COFA, Law</li> <li>Offered over 2 semesters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suitable for programs in Science and Mathematics</li> <li>Offered over 2 semesters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suitable for programs in Engineering</li> <li>Offered over 3 semesters</li> </ul>

## PROGRAM CONTENT

### CORE COMPONENT - Compulsory for all students

#### *University Orientation and Study Skills 1 REGZ9000 (UOSS 1)*

*Offered by:* The Learning Centre

*Available:* Semester 1

Exclusively to UPP students

*Course Description:* Refer to the 'UPP Course Component Details' brochure

*Class Composition:* UPP students

*Prior Knowledge:* None required but must be proficient in written and spoken English

*Weekly Timetable:* Students will attend ONE of the following 2-hour class sessions:

**Monday 6pm to 8pm OR**

**Tuesday 6pm to 8pm OR**

**Friday 12pm to 2pm**

plus 1 hour online tutorial

**Please note:** Students enrolled in the Science and Engineering streams will NOT be able to attend Monday UOSS sessions.

Assessment is continuous and comprises class participation, a seminar presentation, two essays and a final examination.

Attendance is compulsory from Week 1 onwards. To be considered for admission to UNSW you must achieve a mark of at least 60/100 in UOSS.

Before they can enrol in Semester 2, ALL students are required to pass UOSS 1.

## KEY DATES for 2011

### Semester 1

#### Applications Open:

Wednesday 1 December 2010 9.30am

#### Applications Close:

Monday 31 January 2011 4.30pm

#### Orientation Evening:

Wednesday 23 February 2011  
6.00pm - 7.30pm

#### Semester 1 starts:

Monday 28 February 2011

### Semester 2

#### Enrolment date for selecting Semester 2

**Elective components:** Thursday 28 April 2011

#### UAC On Time

**Closing Date:** 30 September 2011

## UPP STREAMS

Students undertaking the UPP choose one of three streams depending on their intended area of undergraduate study. The Humanities stream is suitable preparation for those wishing to apply for programs in Arts & Social Sciences, the Built Environment, College of Fine Arts and Law. The Science stream is suitable preparation for those who do not have sufficient background in mathematics and wish to apply for programs in Science. The Engineering stream is suitable preparation for those students wishing to apply for programs in Engineering.

### Hours per week

Depending on the UPP stream, students are required to attend classes on campus for 2-6 hours per week and complete some online components. Approximately 6-8 hours per week of additional study is also required for each component of the UPP.

## HUMANITIES STREAM

### Semester 1

In Semester 1, students undertaking the Humanities stream enrol in the core UOSS 1 course (REGZ9000). On successful completion of this course, students enrol in Semester 2 courses.

### Semester 2

Humanities stream students enrol in UOSS 2 (REGZ9255) **AND** one of the designated Gateway courses.

### UOSS 2

University Orientation & Study Skills 2 builds on the fundamental academic skills studied in Semester 1. UOSS 2 focuses on developing skills in writing and presenting critical reviews and reports by completing a small research project. UOSS 2 will be taught in lecture and tutorial format (2 hours per week), and one hour online.

### Gateway Course (Elective Component)

By successfully completing the Gateway course UPP students can experience first-hand the teaching methods, learning environment and workload of an actual undergraduate university course. Students gain full credit for this 6 UoC course.

*Offered by:* Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences

*Available:* Semester 2

*Class Composition:* Mix of UPP students and students enrolled in degree programs.

*Prior Knowledge:* None required but must be proficient in written and spoken English

*Assessment:* This may include a combination of the following - class participation, maintenance of a learning journal, short written assignments, seminar presentations, essays, and a final examination.

### Course Choice

The enclosed sheet 'University Preparation Program Course Component Details' details the elective courses to be offered in Semester 2 2011.

## SCIENCE STREAM

### Semester 1

Students taking the Science stream undertake the core UOSS 1 course (REGZ9000) **AND** the Mathematics Skills course (REGZ9070).

### UPP Mathematics Skills REGZ9070

REGZ9070 is designed to provide a level of competency in mathematics for students who have not studied HSC Mathematics (or equivalent) at high school and who wish to apply to UNSW programs with Assumed Knowledge in Mathematics.

*Class Composition:* Mix of UPP students and students enrolled in degree programs.

*Course Description:* Refer to the 'UPP Course Component Details' brochure

*Prior Knowledge:* Year 10 Advanced Maths is assumed. You should be confident with algebra (eg. Simplification of expressions, solving equations & inequations, factorisation including quadratic equations and using a scientific calculator including the fraction, power and exponential keys).

### Timetable:

Students will attend BOTH of the following 2 hour class sessions:

**Monday 6pm to 8pm AND  
Wednesday 6pm to 8pm**

### Semester 2

On successful completion of the two Semester 1 courses, Science stream students enrol in UOSS 2 (REGZ9255)

**AND** one of the following:

MATH1011 Fundamentals of Mathematics B **OR**  
MATH1041 Statistics for Life and Social Sciences **OR**  
PHYS1111 Fundamentals of Physics **OR**  
BIOS1101 Evolutionary and Functional Biology **OR**  
PHYS1160 Introduction to Astronomy

Students gain full credit for this 6 UoC course. UOSS 2 will have science-themed assessment tasks.

## ENGINEERING STREAM

### Semester 1

Students taking the Engineering stream undertake the core UOSS 1 course (REGZ9000) **AND** the Mathematics Skills course (REGZ9070).

### Semester 2

On successful completion of the two Semester 1 courses, Engineering stream students enrol in the following 2 courses:

ENGG0360 Communicating in Engineering **AND**  
MATH1011 Fundamentals of Mathematics B

Students gain full credit for these 6 UoC courses. Students

are required to obtain an overall WAM of 65 for Semester 1 in order to progress to Semester 2.

### **Semester 3 (ie Semester 1 2012)**

On successful completion of the two Semester 2 courses, Engineering stream students enrol in:

PHYS1111 Fundamentals of Physics.

Students gain full credit for this 6 UoC course.

The program must be completed within the 18-month period.

An overall WAM of 65 with 65 for each of MATH1011 and PHYS1111 is required for entry into the Bachelor of Engineering.

## **FURTHER STUDY AT UNSW**

Students who successfully complete the UPP are eligible to apply for admission to most undergraduate programs at UNSW, but should note that admission is NOT guaranteed.

To be eligible for consideration for UNSW programs you must achieve a minimum mark of **60/100** in the core *University Orientation and Study Skills* courses.

The University Preparation Program is **NOT** accepted as a basis for admission to the following UNSW programs: All programs in the Australian School of Business, Medicine, Optometry, Medical Science, Advanced Science, Advanced Mathematics or B Psychology. UPP students may apply to all other UNSW programs, providing they meet all of the eligibility criteria.

## **APPLICATION TO UNSW**

### **Universities Admissions Centre (UAC)**

UPP students wishing to apply for degree programs at UNSW in 2012 must lodge an application through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) in September. UAC applications will open in August. It is the responsibility of the student to lodge a UAC application by the due date. See [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)

### **Selection Criteria/Assumed Knowledge**

Some programs at UNSW have Assumed Knowledge (eg. HSC Mathematics). Full details of Assumed Knowledge and other selection criteria such as interviews and auditions are detailed at [www.unsw.edu.au/assumedknowledge](http://www.unsw.edu.au/assumedknowledge). Please read the entries carefully to make sure that you are eligible to apply for the program(s) you are interested in.

## **ADMISSION TO UNSW**

### **Previous Study**

Applicants should note that it is not only your UPP results that will be taken into account in the selection process, but all the qualifications you currently hold, ie. school results, plus any tertiary studies undertaken, plus your UPP results. This means that, for some competitive programs, even though you obtain a high score in the UPP you might not be offered a place in a degree program if you have an earlier record of failure at tertiary level.

## **Law**

UPP applicants are eligible to apply for the Combined Law programs such as Arts/Law via UAC. To be considered for entry to Law, students must achieve a minimum of two Distinction grades in the UPP. All UPP students applying for Law programs are required to take the Australian Law Schools Entrance Test (ALSET) in November. Further details can be found at the Faculty of Law website [www.law.unsw.edu.au](http://www.law.unsw.edu.au)

## **ADMISSION TO UNIVERSITY POST-UPP**

Although admission is not guaranteed, a large proportion of students who complete the UPP are successful in obtaining a place in a degree program. For example, in 2009, 156 UPP students successfully completed the program and applied to enter a degree program in 2010 through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC). Of the 156 applicants, 100% gained admission to university - 100 (64%) offers were made to undergraduate programs at UNSW for Semester 1 2010, and 56 (36%) were made to other universities.

### **Further Study at Other Universities**

Other universities accept the UPP for admission to undergraduate programs. If you wish to apply to another university you should contact the Admissions Office of that university to check that the UPP will be accepted for admissions purposes.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Enrolments**

The number of places available in the UPP will be limited.

Places available in Semester 1 2011: **200**

### **Program Costs**

As part of UNSW's commitment to widening participation, students are not required to pay fees for the UPP as the program is provided via enabling funding from the Australian Government. UPP students will incur some costs for materials they may need for the course they are enrolled in.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants wishing to enrol in the 2011 UPP must:

- be either an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen or hold a current Australian Permanent Resident visa;
- be 21 years of age or over at 1 March 2012;
- meet UNSW's English Proficiency requirements;
- Not already meet minimum entry requirements for admission to university
- Not be concurrently enrolled in any other program of study

### **English Language Proficiency**

Applicants whose secondary education was not conducted in English are required to demonstrate proficiency in the English language at the time of application. For information please see [www.unsw.edu.au/elp](http://www.unsw.edu.au/elp).

## Successful Completion and Certification

All participants who successfully complete the program will receive a University Preparation Program Certificate. Please note that successful completion of the UPP requires students to complete **ALL** components of the program.

## Library

A UNSW student identification card, valid for the duration of the program, will be issued to all UPP students to allow access to UNSW library facilities.

## Indigenous Australians

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders interested in undertaking the UPP, should contact Nura Gili – Indigenous Programs at UNSW, on (02) 9385 3805/3226.

## Students with a Disability or Medical Condition

UNSW is committed to ensuring that, as far as is possible, all students are allowed to participate equally in the educational opportunities offered by the University. As part of this commitment, it provides a range of services for students with disabilities. These include note-takers, readers or sign interpreters, examination support, library provisions and resource materials. If you have a disability or medical condition you should contact an Equity Officer (Disability) to discuss your support needs before you lodge an application for the UPP – call (02) 9385 4734 or visit the web site at [www.studentequity.unsw.edu.au](http://www.studentequity.unsw.edu.au) .

## UNSW Early Years

The University has four childcare centres for UNSW students. These are only available during the day. For further details contact:

### House at Pooh Corner

Ph: 9385 5448

Email: [poohcorner@unsw.edu.au](mailto:poohcorner@unsw.edu.au)

### The Honey Pot

Ph: 9385 1230

Email: [honeypot@unsw.edu.au](mailto:honeypot@unsw.edu.au)

### Tigger's Place

Ph: 9385 1222

Email: [tiggers@unsw.edu.au](mailto:tiggers@unsw.edu.au)

### Kanga's House

Ph: 9385 5449

Email: [kangashouse@unsw.edu.au](mailto:kangashouse@unsw.edu.au)

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications for the 2011 UPP will open at 9.30am on Wednesday 1 December 2010 and will be accepted until 4.30pm on Monday 31 January 2011, or until all places are filled.

Applications will be acknowledged by email on receipt and a confirmation of enrolment letter with class details/ locations will be sent approximately 2 weeks before classes begin in February 2011.

**Applying by mail:** The completed application form should be returned to:

UNSW Admissions Office (UPP),  
The University of New South Wales  
Sydney NSW 2052

**or delivered to** UNSW Student Central during working hours.

## Conditions of Withdrawal

Notice of withdrawal must be made in writing to the Admissions Office. 'Withdrawn' status will be granted if withdrawal takes place on or before the relevant cut-off date. If withdrawal takes place after the cut-off date you may record failures in the courses in which you were enrolled.

## 2011 Cut-off dates

**Census Date** 31 March 2011

**Withdrawal without Academic Penalty** 17 April 2011

## UPP Orientation Evening

An orientation session will be held prior to the commencement of the course to provide students enrolled in the UPP with information on administrative matters as well as application procedures for 2012 University admission.

**Orientation Evening : Wednesday 23 February 2011, 6.00pm - 7.30pm**