

UNIVERSITY PREPARATION PROGRAM 2012 Information Brochure



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

PROGRAM CONTENT

CORE COMPONENT - Compulsory for all students

University Orientation and Study Skills 1 REGZ9000 (UOSS1)

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 component

Please note: Students enrolled in the Science and Engineering streams will NOT be able to attend Monday UOSS1 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 UOSS1.

Before they can enrol in Semester 2, ALL students are required to pass UOSS1.

KEY DATES for 2012

Semester 1

Applications Open:

Thursday 1 December 2011 9.30am

Applications Close:

Tuesday 31 January 2012 4.30pm

Orientation Evening:

Wednesday 22 February 2012
6.0pm - 7.30pm

Semester 1 starts:

Monday 27 February 2012

Semester 2

Enrolment date for selecting Semester 2

Elective components: Friday 28 April 2012

UAC On Time

Closing Date: 28 September 2012

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 UOSS1 course (REGZ9000). On successful completion of this course, students enrol in Semester 2 courses.

Semester 2

Humanities stream students enrol in UOSS2 (REGZ9255) **AND** one of the designated Gateway courses.

UOSS2

University Orientation & Study Skills 2 builds on the fundamental academic skills studied in Semester 1. UOSS2 focuses on developing skills in writing and presenting critical reviews and reports by completing a small research project. UOSS2 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.

<i>Offered by:</i>	Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences
<i>Available:</i>	Semester 2
<i>Class Composition:</i>	Mix of UPP students and students enrolled in degree programs.
<i>Prior Knowledge:</i>	None required but must be proficient in written and spoken English
<i>Assessment:</i>	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 2012.

SCIENCE STREAM

Semester 1

Students taking the Science stream undertake the core UOSS1 course (REGZ9000) **AND** the UPP Mathematics Skills 1 course (REGZ9070).

UPP Mathematics Skills 1 (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.

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 3 hour class sessions:

**Monday 6pm to 9pm AND
Wednesday 6pm to 9pm**

Semester 2

On successful completion of the two Semester 1 courses, Science stream students enrol in UOSS2 (REGZ9255) **AND** the UPP Mathematics Skills 2 course (REGZ9072)

UPP Mathematics Skills 2 (REGZ9072)

REGZ9072 builds on the mathematics studied in Semester 1. It 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.

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

NOTE: Students who attain a Distinction result in REGZ9070 in Semester 1 **MAY** be permitted to take one of the following Science Gateway courses in place of REGZ9072:

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.

ENGINEERING STREAM

Semester 1

Students taking the Engineering stream undertake the core UOSS1 course (REGZ9000) **AND** the UPP Mathematics Skills 1 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 (compulsory)
AND

UPP Mathematics Skills 2 (REGZ9072)

NOTE: Students who attain a Distinction result in REGZ9070 in Semester 1 **MAY** be permitted to take MATH1011 Fundamentals of Mathematics B in place of REGZ9072:

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:

MATH1011 Fundamentals of Mathematics B (if not taken previously)

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 2013 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

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. 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

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 2012: **300**

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 2012 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 2013;
- 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.

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.

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

The Honey Pot

Ph: 9385 1230

Email: honeypot@unsw.edu.au

Tigger's Place

Ph: 9385 1222

Email: tiggers@unsw.edu.au

Kanga's House

Ph: 9385 5449

Email: kangashouse@unsw.edu.au

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications for the 2012 UPP will open at 9.30am on Thursday 1 December 2011 and will be accepted until 4.30pm on Tuesday 31 January 2012, 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 2012.

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.

2012 Cut-off dates

Census Date 31 March 2012

Withdrawal without Academic Penalty 22 April 2012

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 2013 University admission.

Orientation Evening : Wednesday 22 February 2012

Time: 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Location: Central Lecture Block 8