

Year 10 *Guide*

for domestic students



THE UNIVERSITY OF
SYDNEY

Your world,
full of possibilities
Let's make it happen



We recognise and pay respect to the Elders and communities – past, present, and emerging – of the lands that the University of Sydney’s campuses stand on. For thousands of years they have shared and exchanged knowledge across innumerable generations for the benefit of all.

Why choose Sydney?



Design your own degree

We provide opportunities to follow your passions and combine your interests, with the option to choose from over 400 study areas.

Land your dream job

Our strong rankings and reputation set our graduates apart. We are ranked 19th in the world university rankings*, and have more than 100 specialised majors and minors to ensure you graduate career ready.

Make the world your campus

We have the largest exchange and study abroad program in Australia with over 250 international partners, making it easy for you to travel as part of your study.**

Find your crew

Meet like-minded people, expand your networks and make friends by joining one of our 240+ clubs and societies.

Score a scholarship

We have over \$135 million in scholarships and prizes available to our students each year.

Get experience while you study

Practical and professional experiences are an integral part of all University of Sydney degrees. You can get involved with our highly sought-after placements, internships, research programs and projects.

* QS World University Rankings 2024

**Australian Universities International Directors' Forum Learning Abroad Benchmarking 2023

Where do you start?

It's time to think about your future and learn how the University of Sydney can turn your interests into a career.



“Don't sell yourself short, apply for everything you can! Everyone has such unique talents. There are so many schemes, pathways and scholarships available, as long as you put yourself forward.”

Jiah Pang

Bachelor of Engineering Honours (Mechatronic Engineering) and Bachelor of Science

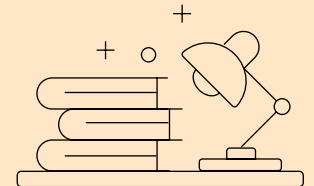
Start your journey early. Preparation is key.

→ Year 10

Join us at one of our Year 10 Info Evenings to begin exploring your options.

6.

Maintain a healthy study-life balance with sports, hobbies and community involvement. These activities may also improve applications for some scholarships and entry schemes.



5.

Get into good study habits to prepare yourself to achieve strong results in Year 12.



→ Year 11

Visit a career expo to find the answers to your questions.

7.

Learn about how the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR), is calculated and how subjects are scaled.





1. Consider different career options and whether you can see yourself doing any of these jobs.



2. Make a short list of the university courses that interest you and match your career goals.

3. Take note of any 'prerequisites' or 'assumed knowledge' listed for your courses. These can help you decide which subjects to take in Years 11 and 12.

TAKE NOTE



Things to note when selecting your subjects

PREREQUISITES VS ASSUMED KNOWLEDGE

Prerequisites are subjects you need to complete at the required standard to be eligible for admission. Some of our courses have a **mathematics prerequisite**.

For details, visit sydney.edu.au/study/maths

Some of our **education degrees** also have specific prerequisites. To check if you might need to meet a prerequisite, visit sydney.edu.au/courses

For some courses, we expect you to achieve a certain level of knowledge in areas such as **mathematics, physics or chemistry** through your high school studies in order to successfully study at a university level. We advise you to consider all **assumed knowledge** when selecting your subjects.

For details, visit sydney.edu.au/hsc-subject-selection and sydney.edu.au/courses

→ Year 12



Don't miss Open Day on Saturday 31 August 2024

8. Look at the entry requirements for your dream course. What ATAR should you aim for? Are there any prerequisites you must meet? Do you need to submit a portfolio or attend an interview?



9. This is the year to focus on doing well at school and get serious about your university choices. Remember to maintain a healthy study-life balance with your extracurricular activities.



10. Consider the pathways you may take if you don't get straight into your preferred course. Look into entry schemes and research scholarships you'd like to apply for.

Get ready for university!



11.

Double check the details of your courses and understand the application process. Most offers to university are made throughout December and January.



Uni 101

High school

VS

Uni

Start and finish at the same time,
Monday to Friday

Start and finish at different times
each day, Monday to Friday

Learn in the classroom

Learn in lectures, tutorials, labs, design studios,
workshops, field research and more

Teacher-directed study

Independent learning and self-directed study

Four school terms

Two university semesters:
late February to late June;
late July/early August to late November

Spend all day at school

Your daily schedule is determined by your subject
choices and degree, giving you more freedom
and control over how you spend your time

LEARN THE LINGO

Dos and
don'ts of
HSC subject
selection



BACHELOR When you start university after high school, you will apply for an undergraduate (bachelor's) degree. These are at least three years long.

ENROLMENT Enrolment is the process that secures your place in a course at the University. It includes accepting the University's conditions of being a student and selecting units of study for the coming semester or year.

UNIT The individual subjects you take each semester are referred to as 'units' or 'units of study'. Each unit has assessments and exams you must successfully complete to pass a unit of study.

MAJOR A major is a sequence of subjects that develop depth of expertise in a field of study. A major is usually made up of 8 units of study. A full list of majors and minors can be found for each degree on our website:

– sydney.edu.au/courses

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MINOR Similar to a major, a minor is a set of subjects, taken sequentially, that are designed to develop expertise in a particular study area. In comparison to a major, you would study fewer units of study (usually 6).

PREREQUISITE Prerequisites are subjects you need to complete at the required standard to be eligible for admission.

PART-TIME or FULL-TIME STUDY

Studying full-time or part-time depends on how many units of study you take for the semester. If you choose to study part-time, you will have fewer hours in lessons or group activities, and it will take longer to finish your degree. Not all degrees are available part-time.

FACULTY A faculty is a group of university departments or schools that teach a similar area of study, e.g. the Faculty of Science or Faculty of Medicine and Health.

Join us

at an event



YEAR 10 INFO EVENINGS

On campus

Wednesday 10 April

Online

Thursday 4 April

OPEN DAY

On campus

Saturday 31 August

Stay up to date with our upcoming events:

sydney.edu.au/ug-events



Share the excitement

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The information published in this guide is current at the time of publication and is subject to change for future years. For the latest course information, including admission criteria, course structure and availability, refer to: sydney.edu.au/courses

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