

Year 10 *Guide*

for domestic students in 2023



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SYDNEY



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 knowledges 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 1st in Australia and 4th in the world for graduate employability*, and are in the top 45 in world university rankings.**

Make the world your campus

We have one of the largest mobility programs in Australia and 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 250+ 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 Graduate Employability Rankings 2022

** QS World University Rankings 2023



Where do you start?

It's time to start thinking about your future and how studying your dream course at 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.



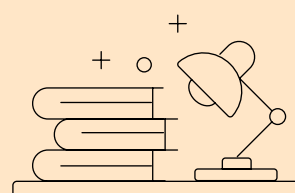
1. Consider different career options and whether you can see yourself doing any of these jobs.



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

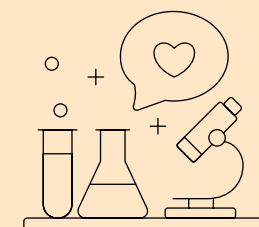
6.

Maintain a healthy study-life balance with sports, hobbies and community involvement. These activities can 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.



4.

Choose subjects you like and do well in at school. This is also a good way to determine your future career direction.

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



→ Year 11



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

→ Year 12



Don't miss **Open Day** on **Saturday 26 August 2023**

7.

Learn about how the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR), is calculated and how subjects are scaled. sydney.edu.au/atar-explained



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 extra curricular 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.

11.

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



Get ready for university!



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. Many 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 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

Start and finish at the same time,
Monday to Friday

Learn in the classroom

Teacher-directed study

Four school terms

Spend all day at school

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

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

Independent learning and self-directed study

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

Your daily schedule is determined by your subject
choices and/or 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

Tuesday 2 May

Wednesday 10 May

Online

Thursday 11 May

OPEN DAY

On campus

Saturday 26 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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