Sydney Next
Why choose the University of Sydney

2021
We acknowledge the tradition of custodianship and law of the Country on which the University of Sydney campuses stand. We pay our respects to those who have cared and continue to care for Country.
UNIVERSITY CAN HELP YOU ACHIEVE YOUR DREAMS
WHY UNIVERSITY?

Increase your options
Certain careers are only accessible if you have a uni degree.

Earn more*
A university education increases your earning potential over your career, compared to those without degrees.

A great education
You’ll learn versatile skills for life at university from leading teachers.

Improve your wellbeing^
Research shows that uni graduates tend to be healthier, more engaged and more satisfied with their lives.

More job offers**
Achieving a degree can make you more attractive to future employers – almost three-quarters of graduates have a job within four months after leaving university.

Embrace new opportunities
Challenge yourself, try new things, get involved, grow, learn and have fun.

WHY CHOOSE THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY?

- Leading teachers
- Vibrant, bustling multicultural student community
- Central location, stunning campus and surroundings
- Lots of overseas exchange options
- Excellent support services
- A wide range of extracurricular activities
- Different pathways to entry
- Large number of scholarships on offer
- Opportunity to develop solutions to real-world problems
Follow your interests.

You may know exactly what you want to do after school, or you may have no idea. There’s bound to be a University of Sydney course that interests you. So why not check it out?

- sydney.edu.au/courses

There are many types of courses you can study at the University of Sydney. You’ll graduate with a degree. Within each course there is a wide range of subjects (called ‘units of study’) that you can choose.

For some courses, you don’t need to have studied anything in particular at high school – for others (such as engineering or science) you might need to have finished the HSC in maths or chemistry or physics. Check the requirements as early as you can. If it’s too late for you to complete a certain HSC subject, you may still be able to enrol for your preferred uni degree by doing a bridging course or equivalent.

Where to start

- Think about what you are interested in, what subjects you like at school and what kinds of jobs sound cool. You can even start with a more general degree like Bachelor of Arts, so you can try different things out.
- Browse different degrees in each faculty. sydney.edu.au/courses
- Research the UAC guide to find out what you’ll need to get in (prerequisites and assumed knowledge are required for some courses).
- Combine your interests with more than 100 study areas in a shared pool of majors and minors (a major is the subject you study the most, and qualify for your degree in).

Common terms and definitions

When researching different types of courses, you’ll find these common terms used by UAC, universities and colleges.

Prerequisites

A specified NSW HSC course or equivalent that you need to have completed, or achieved a specified standard in, before you are eligible to be offered a place in the tertiary course (course prerequisites) or a subject within that course (subject prerequisites).

Assumed knowledge

Some institutions assume you have knowledge of specific NSW HSC courses or equivalent before beginning your course. If you do not have the assumed level of knowledge but have met the admission criteria you can still be selected for the course, but you may have some difficulty coping with your studies. Bridging courses may be recommended for some students who do not have the assumed level of knowledge.

Recommended studies

NSW HSC or equivalent courses that institutions suggest will help you in your chosen university course. However, if you haven’t studied these courses your chances of selection are not affected.

ASTAR Subject Finder app

Complete the ASTAR Subject Finder app to see what area of study is best suited to you, and what subjects you need to choose to make sure you get into the right uni course.

- astar.tv/subjectfinder
What is uni really like?
Unlike school, you won’t be stuck in a classroom from 9 to 5, Monday to Friday. Depending on your timetable, you might only be in class three days a week, for 12 hours total. You’ll have a timetable of classes but will manage your own time.

Depending on your study area of interest, you won’t just learn in a classroom or lecture theatre. You will have the opportunity to learn in laboratories or studios and work on collaborative projects with businesses, community organisations or government bodies that will develop your networks and deepen your practical skills.

At uni you’ll get to learn what you really want to learn. You won’t get chased by your teachers to hand in your assignments, or have them checking whether you are doing all of the homework required. You’ll be much more independent, taking control of your own workload and learning.

Studying more independently can be challenging at first but there’s plenty of support available.

Uni is a lot bigger than school, but you’ll meet people from all around Australia and the world and make friends and skills for life.

Transferring courses at uni
What if you don’t get a high enough ATAR to get into the exact course you want at the University of Sydney? Or if you start one degree and then decide that you are really interested in something else? You can start any degree course at any university, and then apply through UAC to transfer to what you really want to do.

It is still a competitive process, and your grades from your uni courses will be counted, so it is important to do as well as you can.

− sydney.edu.au/study/how-to-apply

What is a course?
A course = a degree
If you haven’t completed a uni degree before, you are an undergraduate student and will be studying a Bachelor degree.

What is a faculty?
A faculty or school is similar to a department at school. It’s a way to group degrees and subjects.

The faculty you enrol with depends on the course you choose.
HOW DO I APPLY FOR UNI?

Universities use ATARs to help them select students for their courses.

What is an ATAR?
To be eligible for an ATAR in NSW, you must satisfactorily complete at least 10 units of ATAR courses for your HSC. An ATAR is a number between 0.00 and 99.95 that indicates your position relative to all the students in your age group. It is based on the marks you receive for your subjects, and universities use it as part – or all – of their entry criteria for courses.

Eg: an ATAR of 70.00 means that you are 30 percent from the top of students who sat the HSC.

Your ATAR is not always the only thing universities look at. Sometimes you may be eligible for an adjustment to your ATAR. And depending on the course you’re applying for, universities look at other criteria, such as personal statements, questionnaires, portfolios of work, auditions, interviews or other tests. You can also apply as a non-school leaver, or mature age entry, under different entry criteria.

The University of Sydney offers a number of admission pathways for Year 12 students that consider factors beyond your ATAR alone.
Apply for university through UAC
UAC is the Universities Admissions Centre – your starting point for university applications. UAC publishes a guide that lists all the courses offered by all the different universities in NSW and the ACT. Once you have decided which courses you’re interested in, log on to the UAC website and enter your course preferences.
− www.uac.edu.au

Education Access Schemes (EAS) – an alternative pathway to get an offer for a place at university

The University of Sydney has the Broadway Scheme for students whose schooling has been impacted during years 11 and/or 12. Make sure to check your eligibility before applying.

There is more than one pathway into the University

Admission pathways can help you get into uni
If your studies have been impacted by commitments or circumstances beyond your control, you may be eligible for adjustment factors through admission pathway schemes.

Circumstances that are considered include financial hardship, attending a regional or remote school, residing in a low socio-economic area, illness, family disruption, English language difficulties or refugee status. See page 8 for a full list of our admission pathways.

Meet Alex
Growing up, Alex Eden always had a passion for mathematics and physics, and knew that he wanted to pursue those interests after high school. Alex graduated from Taree High School in 2014 and, after seeking advice from family and his careers advisor, he began studying a Bachelor of Engineering at the University of Sydney.

Alex was initially nervous about moving to Sydney because it meant leaving behind his friends and family in Taree. However, he found that by participating in uni events and stepping outside of his comfort zone, he was able to make plenty of new friends and make the most of his new environment.

“Don’t be too afraid of moving to a big city or coming to a big university. It will accelerate how quickly you mature and develop, and that’s not a bad thing. You probably will get homesick, but you’ll learn how to cope with that pretty quickly and you’ll really start enjoying yourself.”

Alex Eden
Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical Engineering)
The University of Sydney admission pathways

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Early Offer Year 12 (E12) Scheme

We realise the ATAR is not always a true measure of your potential to succeed at university and beyond. Our E12 Scheme gives you the opportunity to tell us more about your goals, skills and achievements. Applications are made via UAC’s Schools Recommendation scheme (SRS). Successful applicants receive:

− an early conditional offer to an eligible course with lower minimum ATAR requirements,
− a guaranteed place in your E12 course if you meet the E12 ATAR requirement and all other admission criteria for that course.
− A $5950 first-year scholarship
− University of Sydney Union ACCESS Rewards membership which provides discounts on and off-campus
− Access to scholarship to study overseas
− Additional faculty support.

There are more than 90 courses to apply for through E12, so you’ll have plenty of options to choose from.

Who is it for?

To be eligible, you need to be assessed by UAC’s Educational Access Scheme as:

− experiencing financial hardship; or
− residing at the time of your UAC application in an area identified as being in the lowest 25% of socio-economic disadvantage in Australia; or
− attending a NSW rural or regional school.

You also need to be:

− undertaking the HSC or IB at a NSW high school
− a domestic undergraduate student
− supported by your school principal via UAC’s Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS).
**Elite Athletes and Performers Scheme**
Athletes and performers at state or national level

**Broadway Scheme**
(The University of Sydney’s Educational Access Scheme (EAS) offered via UAC)
Domestic high school students who have experienced disrupted schooling and/or home environment, financial hardship, personal illness, disability, refugee status or English language difficulty in Year 11 and/or 12

**Academic Excellence**
Students who received a Band 5 or 6 in English of Mathematics

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<td>- Considered for admission to eligible courses with an ATAR of up to five points below the published ATAR</td>
<td>- Entry into most courses (with the exception of all combined Medicine courses) with up to ten points below the guaranteed ATAR</td>
<td>A number of adjustment points will be added to your ATAR, depending on the degree you have applied for</td>
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<td>- Support throughout your degree if your sporting commitments continue</td>
<td>- 600 places allocated each year</td>
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**Closing dates**
- UAC will automatically generate an EAS application for you if the residential address or the school you enter in your UAC undergraduate application meets the E12 criteria. If an application is generated for you, UAC will send you an email notification within 48 hours of completion of your application for admission.

If you meet the EAS financial hardship category, you must upload the supporting documentation required by UAC to your EAS application by 11.59pm on 20 September 2020 to confirm your eligibility for consideration under the E12 Scheme in time for UAC conditional Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS) offers in mid-November 2020.

**How to show the impact of your circumstances**
Bridie Douglas has changed directions a couple of times during her university journey. She wasn’t sure what she wanted to study and almost took a gap year, but at the last minute she enrolled in a Bachelor of Applied Science in Speech Pathology. After a year into the degree, she transferred to a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Anthropology, though finally decided on studying a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Advanced Studies with a major in Design.

Bridie was lucky enough to receive several scholarships, including the E12 Early Offer Scheme, which have supported her during her educational journey.

“I guess the reason that I looked at the E12 over other university entry pathways was because I knew that Sydney Uni was arguably the best uni in the state, and my thought was ‘If I can get in there, why would I want to go anywhere else?’”

Alex Eden
Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical Engineering)

“Just go for it! It can be a bit scary coming all the way here, but it’s really different and fun and it’s been a genuinely great experience for me. And if you’re worried about the cost, there are so many financial services available that you can apply for that will make things a lot easier. You really don’t have anything to lose by giving it a try!”

Bridie Douglas
Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Advanced Studies
“I think the biggest thing that helped me was actually making it up to the Open Days. I know that for rural students it’s hard, but that gave me so much motivation. It really felt like, when I chatted to students and they were loving Law, it really confirmed that ‘I want to be a part of that’.”

Caitlin Douglas
Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws
CAN I AFFORD TO STUDY AT UNIVERSITY?

Some people think you need a lot of money to go to university, but this is not true. There is financial assistance available.

How much does uni cost?
In Australia, the government pays a large portion of the course fees for undergraduate domestic (not international) students. This is known as a Commonwealth-supported place. You will pay the remainder as a student contribution. This doesn’t need to be paid upfront. Through HECS-HELP you can defer the fee until you start earning a certain income.

What is the HECS-HELP program?
A scheme that assists eligible Commonwealth-supported students to pay their student contribution amount with a loan. HECS-HELP loans are available at all public universities. You don’t have to start paying your loan back until you start earning a certain amount.


How do I pay for uni?
At the start of each semester you will be sent an invoice for your student contribution. There are a couple of options on how to pay:

1. Defer the full amount through the HECS-HELP program (a loan scheme offered by the federal government). You start paying back installments through your tax, once you earn above the threshold.
2. Pay the full amount and get a discount off the entire cost.

“I wanted a university in a city that was big enough to offer me a bunch of things that I hadn’t experienced before. I wanted to do new things.”

Stephen Sanders
Bachelor of Science (Advanced)
“A big thing for me in coming to Sydney was to make new friends and socialise, and I think living in one of the uni accommodation buildings made it a lot easier for me.”

Daniel Cook
Bachelor of Engineering Honours

What other costs will I have?
Not every student is the same, so everyone’s budget will be different. Expenses to consider:
- Food and accommodation
- Transport
- Phone and internet
- Textbooks and stationery
- Utilities bills
- Gym membership
- Student club fees and entertainment
- Medical and dental bills
- Remember to include the cost of additional materials you might need for your study: eg: a computer, music scores and instruments, art materials, lab coats, science kits and other equipment
- Student Services and Amenities fee.

Accommodation options
If you live in Sydney you can commute to uni each day. But if you need to move out of home to come to uni there are a range of accommodation options available:

University accommodation
The University of Sydney has several accommodation options on campus where you can enjoy quality, affordable, self-catered housing.
Cost: $245–$460 per week
- sydney.edu.au/university-run-accommodation

College
On-campus colleges are a great way to make friends and become independent. Colleges provide three catered meals a day, laundry services and fully furnished rooms. Many of them have equity scholarships to help.
Cost: $600–$800 per week
- sydney.edu.au/colleges

Off-campus accommodation
Rent a studio apartment, or a room in a shared house. You will also need to pay for utilities bills, some furniture and food.
Cost: $220–$400 per week
- sydney.edu.au/accommodation

Worried about costs?
Sydney is one of the most expensive cities in the world. But it doesn’t have to be. Get smart, learn how to make a budget and stick to it. Google ASIC Budget template to help you work out where your money is going.
HELP WITH FINANCES WHILE YOU STUDY

Scholarships can help pay for uni
There are over 100 scholarships available at the University of Sydney. There are scholarships for students who are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, experiencing financial hardship, living with a disability, or from rural or regional areas. Every residential college and University residence has their own scholarship and/or variations of financial support, you just need to apply. There are also many scholarships for specific degrees and faculties, so once you know what degree you’d like to study, find out more at − sydney.edu.au/scholarships

Scholarship
A payment made to support students with costs associated with higher education.

Bursaries and loans
A bursary is a type of scholarship awarded based on financial need, to help cover essential living and study expenses. Interest-free loans of up to $1000 are also available to students to help pay for living and study expenses.
− sydney.edu.au/financial-support

Government support
To find out whether you’re eligible for government support like the Youth Allowance, Abstudy, a Relocation Scholarship or Start-Up Scholarship, contact Centrelink.
− servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/centrelink

Part-time or casual jobs
Earn extra cash while you study and gain valuable work experience:
− Sydney CareerHub
careerhub.sydney.edu.au/students
− University Sydney Union jobs
usu.edu.au/Work-For-Us
− Student Edge
studentedge.org/jobs
“The hardest part of coming to Sydney to go to university is that it’s very expensive to live in the city. I am fortunate to have two scholarships that help enormously. Honestly, I wouldn’t be here if I wasn’t getting this financial aid. It helps tremendously. I applied for many universities but one of the other reasons I came here was because of the two scholarships, which made it financially viable for me.”

Jennifer Spence
Bachelor of Commerce

Need help with your scholarship application?
Use the ASTAR Scholarship Builder to write an awesome application for admission pathways and scholarships at the University of Sydney.
- scholarships.astar.tv

Scholarship facts
- Opening and closing dates vary so do your research and apply ASAP so you don’t miss out.
- Thousands of $$$ go unallocated each year – you’ve got nothing to lose by applying.
- You can be awarded more than one scholarship (conditions apply).
- Scholarships should not have any effect on Australian Government benefits and payments, such as Youth Allowance, unless the total value exceeds the threshold indicated by the government.

“I applied for the E12 scholarship, and was lucky enough to get it. It helped a lot in making me financially secure, so I could buy stuff for uni – books, travel cards, a laptop, to set me up. I was working in retail and paying bills for my family, but E12 allowed me to have enough money for things I needed at uni.”

Danii Hudec
Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Advanced Studies

“Through E12 I could get into the course I wanted with an early conditional offer, a lower ATAR cut off and a scholarship. It made me start to really consider the University of Sydney.”

Robert Tran
Bachelor of Engineering Honours
MORE THAN A DEGREE

What else is available at uni?

**Fantastic campus life**
With hundreds of sporting, cultural and community clubs and societies, cafes, bars and bands, you’ll be part of a great student community.


**USU**
Join the University of Sydney Union (USU) so you can get discounts on food, drinks, events and heaps more throughout the year. You can also volunteer with the USU.

  - [usu.edu.au](http://usu.edu.au)

**Sydney Uni Sport and Fitness**
Located on-campus it’s a great way to meet new people and stay fit.


**The Learning Centre**
Helps students develop their academic communication, research and study skills.

  - [sydney.edu.au/students/learning-centre](http://sydney.edu.au/students/learning-centre)

**The Mathematics Learning Centre**
Provides support and guidance for eligible students to develop their understanding, skills and confidence in mathematics and statistics.

  - [sydney.edu.au/students/mathematics-learning-centre](http://sydney.edu.au/students/mathematics-learning-centre)

**Counselling and Mental Health Support**
Free counselling and mental health support service for current students.

  - [sydney.edu.au/students/counselling-and-mental-health-support](http://sydney.edu.au/students/counselling-and-mental-health-support)

**University Health Service**
Healthcare facilities located on campus that can treat an injury, illness or other health concerns.


**Special consideration**
We know that while you are studying there may be circumstances or essential commitments that impact your academic performance. Our special consideration process is here to support you.

  - [sydney.edu.au/students/special-consideration](http://sydney.edu.au/students/special-consideration)
Sydney Abroad
The Vice Chancellor’s Global Mobility Scholarship and Award provide financial support to undergraduate students to undertake a semester exchange or short-term Global Mobility program at destinations around the world.
− sydney.edu.au/study/why-choose-sydney/study-abroad-and-exchange.html

The Careers Centre
Free career counselling services and resources to help students find a job during/after university, including workshops, careers fairs and employer information sessions.
− www.sydney.edu.au/careers

Peer Mentoring Programs
Our Peer Mentoring Programs give new students the opportunity to meet peers and build networks, learn about student life and settle in to the University.
− sydney.edu.au/students/become-a-peer-mentor

Accommodation Services
Accommodation Services is a great place to get advice on where to live, expected costs and accommodation options both on and off campus.
− https://www.sydney.edu.au/study/accommodation.html

Welcome Week sessions
At Welcome Week, you’ll learn what life as a university student is all about. This is your opportunity to get ready for your course, explore campus and start making friends before lectures begin.
− sydney.edu.au/study/get-ready-for-uni/orientation.html

Multifaith chaplaincy
Chaplains are professionals who have been appointed by their faith community and officially recognised by the University to provide spiritual support and pastoral care to students on campus.
− sydney.edu.au/students/faith-religion

Disability Services
We offer a range of services and adjustments to help you achieve your academic goals and minimise the impact a disability can have on your experience at university.
− sydney.edu.au/students/disability-support

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Support
We provide, assistance and support to all Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students throughout their university journey — from admissions to graduation. This includes pastoral care, advocacy support, mentors and faculty staff; we can also provide referrals and tutorial assistance.

“It’s a big step moving from a small country town to the city for uni. There’s a lot of responsibility and I was nervous. But once I came, I made a lot of connections which made me feel better. There’s good support here, I know where to get help and now I feel at home.”

Simone Armstrong
Bachelor of Civil Engineering and Architecture
Your journey to university is as unique as you are. At the University of Sydney, you have the opportunity to create your own path. You can customise your course, and get involved in extracurricular activities to personalise your experience.

To learn more, send us an email, call our helpline or visit our website.

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