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How to plan your semester

A little preparation goes a long way towards helping you stay on top of your studies. [Follow these simple steps](#) to plan ahead and keep calm when exams roll around.



Starting your studies this year? Don't forget to check out the [guide for new students](#).

Solidarity through a student's lens

Film-making extraordinaire and Bachelor of Commerce graduate Martin S Phabmixay shares the inspiration for his Solidarity Tree video, created for our affected students in China, and takes us [behind the scenes of his creative journey](#).



Student access to 24/7 mental wellbeing support

If you need to speak to someone for immediate support, the [Mental Wellbeing Support Line](#) is available any time day or night, including University close-down periods and bank holidays.

- Call 1300 474 065 (accessible within Australia)
 - Text 0488 884 429 (for sms chat option)
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Notices

- The University continues to monitor and provide updates on the coronavirus (Covid-19) situation and study arrangements. If you have been affected, make sure you regularly check our [coronavirus advice page](#).
 - Unit outlines for Semester 1 can now be [accessed online](#) through the student website. Search by unit name, code or keywords. Unit outlines can also be found on the Canvas course page for each unit.
 - If you're a new student, make sure you complete the [Academic Honesty](#) and [Consent Matters](#) education modules by Tuesday 31 March. Students who are affected by the travel ban should complete the Consent Matters module by Week 10 (24 April).
 - [The Student website](#) is your first stop for information about topics including enrolment, fees, graduation, support services, student IT and more. We're currently reviewing the navigation and would love to get your input to help inform where you would find information on the site. Complete our [short card sorting exercise](#).
 - The Student Charter 2020 has replaced the Code of Conduct. It outlines the mutual expectations of students and the University to create a supportive and safe learning environment. [Read your Student Charter](#).
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Get a head start on your career at the fair

Careers fair season kicks off with the Autumn session of the Graduate Jobs and Internships Fair on Wednesday 4 March. Not sure which fair is right for you? [Check out our handy guide](#).



Getting to the heart of Mardi Gras

Mardi Gras is this Saturday and the University is once again a proud partner of the parade. In the lead up to the big event, we spoke to three current students about their journey, and the [LGBTIQ+ issues that matter to them](#).





Get involved

- **Visit the inaugural Sydney Volunteering Fair**

Make 2020 your year to be an active volunteer! Meet representatives from a range of organisations across Sydney and be connected to causes you're passionate about. Visit stalls from university societies, local charities and not-for-profits on Tuesday 10 March. [Register now.](#)

- **Free water safety classes**

Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness is running a six-week program for students who have no or limited experience with the water to learn basic water skills, stroke and survival skills in a safe and friendly environment. Classes commence Week 2 of Semester 1, 2020. [Register now.](#)

- **Sydney Ideas: combating viral panic, misinformation and racism**

What do we do when fear of disease mutates into prejudice and xenophobia? [Join our panel for a critical conversation](#) unpacking the systematic issues in combating racism on Monday 2 March.

Have your say and help us improve educational experience

- How do you feel about collaboration and teamwork at the University? You're invited to [complete a short survey](#) with a chance to win a gift voucher.
 - Participate in [four student consultation sessions](#) to shape how you will be assessed on the graduate qualities. Each participant receives gift vouchers worth \$25 for each session.
 - You're invited to participate in a group interview to discuss your experiences and ideas as part of the Thematic Review 2020 into English language pathways and support. If you are interested, please [send an email](#).
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Don't miss

USU Pride Festival

3 to 5 March

Join us for three massive days of fun, food, workshops, markets and more in celebration of the LGBTQIA+ community on campus. Check out the full program.

Upcoming events

- [Monday 2 March: Sydney Ideas – combating viral panic, misinformation and racism](#)
- [Wednesday 4 March: Graduate Jobs and Internships Fair \(Autumn\)](#)
- [Thursday 5 March: USU How to life with Benjamin Law](#)
- [Thursday 5 March: USU Glitter Gala](#)
- [Tuesday 10 March: Sydney Volunteering Fair](#)
- [Thursday 12 March: Sydney Ideas – Tides: from curious Kimberley to cannibalistic black holes](#)

Students share their anti-racism message

It's important to remember that the University is a respectful environment and that racism won't be tolerated. Watch our students speak out about the importance of being a supportive and inclusive community.

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- **International Student welcome recording**

If you weren't able to make it along to last week's Formal Welcome to New International Students in the Great Hall (or if you'd like to see it again!) - you can now [view the recording online](#).

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