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# University Preparation Program

Your pathway to studying at university



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“I truly feel that the UPP course prepared me massively for uni. What I learned about studying, researching, thinking and writing put me in an advantageous position for my first year.”





# Let UPP change your life!

The University Preparation Program (UPP) offers a pathway to university study for people who are 20 years or older.

Perhaps you love learning but your study skills are a little rusty and your confidence needs a boost. Or you are looking to improve your job prospects or career progression with degree qualifications. Or maybe you have reached that time in your life when you can finally follow your dreams.

The UPP is a pre-entry program to help you improve your academic skills before you start a degree. It aims to introduce you to university-style learning in a supportive environment. Essay writing, notetaking, giving presentations, critical thinking, researching and sitting exams are among the many skills you will learn.

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“Being taught how to learn was critical. Had those skills been taught to me when I was younger I might not have failed the first time around.”

## Who can apply?

To be eligible for the UPP, you will need to meet the following criteria:

- Be at least 20 years of age on 1 March in the year you begin the UPP
- Be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or hold a current Australian Permanent Resident visa
- Meet UNSW English language requirements
- Have not already met the minimum entry for university, or be enrolled in further studies.

## How long does the UPP take?

The UPP takes an academic year (or one year and one term for Engineering) to complete and is offered on a part-time basis. The study load is between two to nine hours per week face-to-face, depending on the stream you choose, plus roughly two hours of personal study time for every hour you spend in class. Classes are scheduled in the evening in Terms 1 and 2. However, in Term 3 you may have to do some classes during the day.

## Program structure

You can choose to study in one of the following areas:

- Humanities
- Business
- Science
- Engineering

In each stream you will study both compulsory and elective courses. The University Orientation and Study Skills (UOSS) courses are common to all streams. They focus on bringing your academic skills up to university level. In Engineering, Science and Business streams, you also develop fundamental maths skills.

When you successfully complete the program, you can use your results to apply for further studies at UNSW or at another university which accepts the UPP results for entry. UPP students have gone on to study in many diverse areas from law and education to biological science, engineering and construction management. As one student said, it changes your way of thinking and opens a pathway to a better life.





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“I decided to do the program because it was affordable and accessible to me, and because classes were only a few hours each week, so I could fit it in around my work hours.”



## Program Outline

Stream	Program length	Class time	Timetable options in Terms 1	Examples of post UPP studies
Humanities	3 x 10 week terms	2-5 hours per week	Monday evening, Tuesday evening, or Friday day	History, languages, literature, education, fine arts, architecture, social policy
Science	(Feb - April, Jun - Aug, and Sep - Nov)	5-8 hours per week	Monday and Wednesday evenings plus Tuesday evening or Friday day	Psychological science, biology, earth and environment, chemistry, physics
Business		5-8 hours per week	Monday and Wednesday evenings plus Tuesday evening or Friday day	Commerce, marketing, and other aspects of economics
Engineering	4 x 10 week terms (as above + Feb - April the following year)	6-9 hours per week	Monday and Wednesday evenings plus Tuesday evening or Friday day	Branches of engineering, for example civil, electrical, mechanical

## What does the UPP cost?

There are no tuition fees for the UPP as it is fully funded by the Australian Government. However, this situation may change so please check fee details prior to application - [futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/upp](http://futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/upp).

There are other costs associated with study that you will need to cover:

- Student Services and Amenities Fee (\$111.75 per term for part-time study in 2018), letting you access all the services available for students at UNSW
- Cost of any course materials such as textbooks or calculators.

## Applying for the UPP

Applications are made through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au) using the UNSW UPP course code 430200.

Applications open in August and on-time applications close towards the end of September for the following year's admission. An on-time application costs \$67.

**You can apply as late as January in the admission year (if places are still available).**

For more information on the application process, visit: [uac.edu.au/undergraduate/](http://uac.edu.au/undergraduate/)

## Be part of the UNSW community

As a UPP student, you can use all the support services and facilities at UNSW. The university has a vibrant student community with many clubs, societies and social activities that you are welcome to join.

## From UPP to degree

The UPP is accepted for entry into an extensive range of courses at UNSW. You can also use your UPP results to apply to other universities. If you have any questions about your eligibility for a particular degree at UNSW, please contact our Admissions Office on (02) 9385 3656.

Thousands of students just like you have completed the UPP and have gone on to study a wide variety of degrees.

**For more information, please contact:**

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