

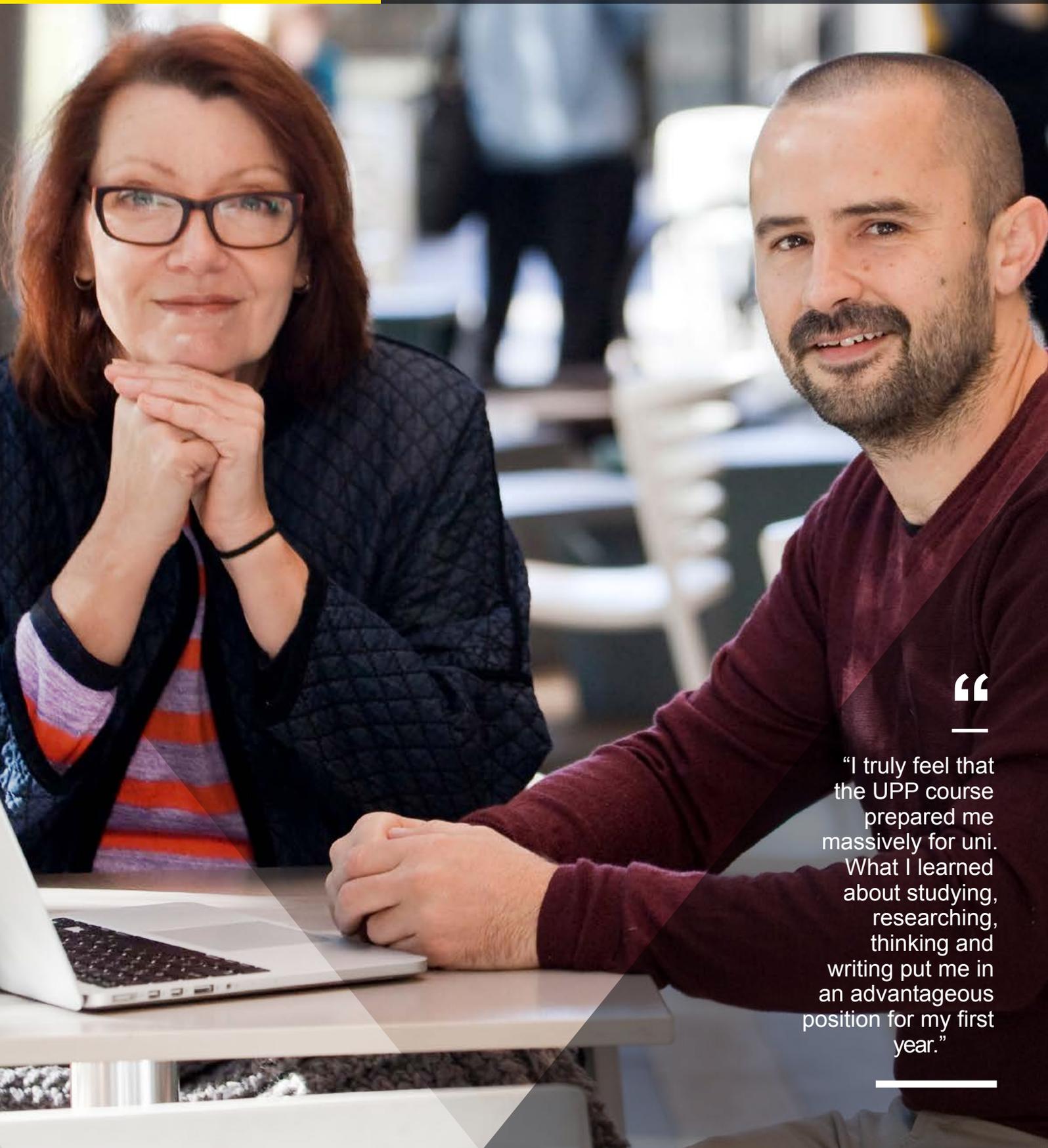


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# University Preparation Program

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.



