

## Choosing the Right Subjects

- Click on the subject of interest for more detailed information. The list of subjects is arranged alphabetically or numerically.
- Choose Autumn subjects if you are studying during the February term
- Choose Spring subjects if you are studying during the July term. If you are planning to study for a year, please choose subjects for the first semester of your study year only. You will choose the rest while you are at UTS.
- Students may study at the City Campus as well as the Kuring-gai campus.
- Note any applicable “Access Conditions”
- If subject does not list when the class is being offered, visit the UTS Timetable for more information: <http://timetable.uts.edu.au/>. If the timetable has not yet been released look at the corresponding semester for the previous year in order to make a 'best guess' on when subject will be taught.

## Prerequisites and Course Approval

Some subjects may indicate prerequisites; UTS-Sydney will review your transcripts to ensure that you have met these prerequisites with equivalent classes. They will not, in most cases, require that you have taken their exact class. For example, if the prerequisite is History 101 - Australian History, you will need to have taken an introductory history class, not necessarily about Australia. Be sure that you have submitted updated transcripts to AustralLearn so that your prerequisites can be properly evaluated.

Based on availability and prerequisites, UTS-Sydney will either approve or not approve the subject for you to take. If a subject is not approved based on prerequisites, you can approach the professor once you arrive and attempt to obtain approval in person.

## Course Scheduling and Enrollment

Timetables at most universities are not published until just before the semester begins. However, you will be required to enroll in your subjects prior to your arrival to the university. Instructions will be provided once your subject approvals and offer letter come through from UTS-Sydney. The majority of classes do not have quotas, so you shouldn't have to worry about space filling up, but there may be some classes that will fill up.

You will choose your classes from your list of subjects approved by both UTS-Sydney and your US University, according to how they fit into your schedule. If you choose to enroll in any subjects that were not pre-approved by your US University, you should contact your university from Australia in order to obtain the necessary approval. Be sure to bring your advisor's fax number with you. We will be sending you more information about approvals once we receive your subject choices.

## **Academic Differences between Australia and the U.S./Canada**

In general, Australians complete their Bachelor's degrees in 3 years. They do not have to fulfill core requirements in a variety of disciplines, so they start taking classes towards their major during their first semester. Therefore, 1st year classes in Australia are generally equivalent to 2nd year classes in the US; 2nd year Australian classes are equivalent to 3rd year US classes; and 3rd year Australian classes are equivalent to 4th year US classes. There are always exceptions to this, however, and it is up to your university to decide the credit and level they will award.

Often times it is expected that students spend a lot of time outside of the classroom doing their own research/study/reading. Every university varies somewhat, but in general, you should be prepared for some differences between the overseas and the U.S./Canadian academic systems and be aware that you may experience a period of adjustment.

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## Grading Conversion Guide: UTS-Sydney

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The following information is provided from *Australia: Education and Training – An Update of the 1990 World Education Series Volume* (2004) by Edward Devlin. This is a special report that describes new certification and grading practices at the post-secondary level in each state or territory. The report is published by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO).

Australian Grade	Australian Qualification	U.S. Grade
85-100%	High Distinction (HD)	A+
75-84%	Distinction (D)	A
65-74%	Credit (Cr)	B
50-64%	Pass (P)	C
	Pass Ungraded (P)	D
49% or less	Fail (Z)	F
	Result Withheld (W)	

### Recommended Credit

18 – 24 credit points per semester = 12 – 16 U.S. semester credit hours  
6 or 8 credit points at UTS = 4 semester credits in the U.S.

At UTS a full-time study load for one semester ranges from a minimum of 18 credit points to a maximum of 24 credit points.

As most UTS subjects have a value of either 6 or 8 credit points you would usually enroll for 3 or 4 subjects each semester.

Study abroad students must not take more than 24 credit points.

Credit points represent the workload associated with a subject - not the contact hours. Some subjects may have relatively few contact hours and a relatively large amount of individual or project work.

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