

Choosing the Right Subjects

Course Selection Details:

- Select the current year Undergraduate Calendar
- Select a specific course level or use “all subject levels” to search
- Select a department of your interest (ex: School of Management and Marketing) from the drop down menu.
- Select either autumn or spring from the “session” drop down menu
 - Choose all Semester 1 (autumn) subjects if you are studying during the February term.
 - Choose all Semester 2 (spring) subjects if you are studying during the July term.
- Select the Wollongong Campus from the “Campus” drop down menu. AustralLearn students are only able to study at this campus.
- Choose “On Campus” from the “Delivery Method” drop down menu.
- Click on “Submit”
- Scroll through the subjects and click on the subject name for a full description of the subject

Please make sure that you have fulfilled the equivalent pre-requisites. For example, the University of Wollongong will not approve Marketing 201 if you have never taken a Marketing class.

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Make sure you select the correct semester: **Semester 1 or Autumn refers to the February semester, Semester 2 or Winter refers to the July semester.**

If the University of Wollongong indicates that a class is "internal" this means that the class is offered on campus. If the class is "external" this means that the class is offered via correspondence; you may still be able to take the class as though you were a correspondent student.

Generally speaking, students will take four courses while studying abroad. The minimum requirement for your student visa is three courses. Students are responsible for knowing the home university academic or financial aid requirements as they apply to study abroad course enrollment.

Prerequisites and Course Approval

Some subjects may indicate prerequisites; The University of Wollongong 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 AustraLearn so that your prerequisites can be properly evaluated.

Based on availability and prerequisites, The University of Wollongong 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. It is suggested that you take an updated transcript with you to Australia, in case you are interested in taking a class that was not pre-approved.

Course Scheduling and Enrollment

Timetables at most universities are not published until just before the semester begins. You will enroll online before your departure. The majority of classes do not have quotas, so you shouldn't have to worry about space filling up. You will choose your classes from your list of subjects that were pre-approved by both The University of Wollongong and your U.S. University, according to how they fit into your schedule. If you choose to enroll in any subjects that were not pre-approved by your U.S. 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 pre-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: University of Wollongong

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
HD	High Distinction	A
D	Distinction	A
C	Credit	B
P	Pass	C
PC	Conceded Pass	D
PR	Restricted Pass	D
F	Fail	F
W	Withdraw	No credit

Recommended credit

6 U. of Wollongong Credit Points = 3 – 4 US Semester Credits

8 U. of Wollongong Credit Points = 4 – 5 US Semester Credits

Average semester credit point load at University of Wollongong : 24 credit points
Minimum semester credit point load at University of Wollongong : 18 credit points
Total credit point load to earn a degree at University of Wollongong : 144 credit points

The University of Wollongong gives 8 credit points to 200 and 300 level classes due to the extra effort student put forth on upper level courses. These classes require additional study time outside of class and possibly have more hours of lecture or tutorial requirements.

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