



# **SCIENCE UNION**

## **2016 Fresher Handbook**

Your guide to surviving your first year  
of Science at UWA.

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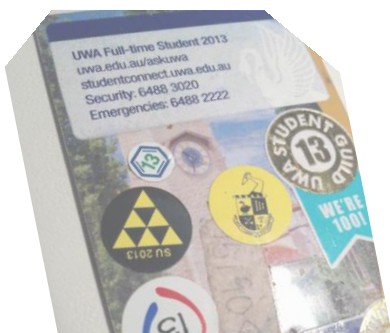
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## Your \$5 Membership



Congratulations! Your membership to Science Union makes you a part of one of the largest student organisations on campus. It also entitles you to receive discount tickets to Science Union events held throughout the year and \$5 off a 2016 Science Union T-Shirt and all other products.

# President's Welcome

Congratulations on escaping the tame confines of school and making it to the complete opposite side - Science at UWA. I am your Science Union alternative faculty handbook. More specifically, I am Thomas Wimpler, the Science Union President for 2016, directly addressing you, new friend, through the media of this alternative faculty handbook! Isn't that fun?

The start of university is a time when you are unsure of a lot of things; what degree you should be doing (or are doing), what the university social life is like (hectic if you do it right) and how you can do as little work as possible while getting through. In order to answer these questions and many more we at the Science Union made a booklet. This is the collection of too many years of regrets, scraping passes and hangovers from many students. We made drunken mistakes so you don't have to, though you still will. Have a read and you'll learn a few things that will hold you in good stead for the next 3 to way too many years of your life.

So... 'What is this Science Union?' We were lured into the club by the quiz nights, parties and that one really attractive person who was on committee and decided to give some time back to the club that has given us a fun time at uni. We also actually do some things to help your education, hence the "Science" part of the name. If you have an issue with anything, seriously anything, to do with our degree you can come to us and we can get in touch with the right people, if that's not us. But a lot of your questions should be answered.



**Thomas Wimpler  
President 2016**

## About Science Union

Science Union is one of the oldest and is the largest Faculty Societies on campus at UWA. From humble beginnings in 1924, Science Union has provided students studying the best degrees with a wide range of educational and social events, as well as acting as student representation to the Faculty of Science and the University.

UWA's new course structure has seen Science Union grow to the largest on campus, representing over 10,000 students. Join us as we take on 2016!

# A Picture Tells 1000 Words





# Important Uni Dates

Feb 22-25	Orientation Week
Feb 26	<b>O-Day Festival</b>
Feb 29	First semester classes start!
Mar 12	Last day to add a unit
Mar 25	Good Friday Holiday - NO UNI YAY
Mar 31	<i>Census Date</i> : last day to drop a unit without financial penalty (if you bail out after the 30 <sup>th</sup> , you'll still have to pay for the unit even if you don't finish it!)
Apr 18-22	Non-teaching study week / mid-semester break
Apr 23	Classes recommence
Jun 3	Last day of classes = End of Semester Show!
Jun 6-10	Exam study week
Jun 11 - 25	<b>EXAMS</b>
Jun 27 - Jul 31	<b>Mid Year Break</b>
Aug 1	Second semester classes start!
Aug 31	<i>Census Date</i> - financial penalty!
Sept 26 - 30	Mid-semester break!
Nov 4	Last day of classes = End of Second Semester Show!
Nov 7 - 11	Exam study week
Nov 12 - 26	<b>EXAMS</b>
Nov 27	<b>SUMMER VACATION</b>



# Science Union 2016 Calendar

Feb 26	O-Day Festival
Mar 3	The Hunger Games
Mar 8	Club Carnival
Mar 15	Speed Dating
Mar 16	Science Union Pub Crawl
Mar 17	Fresher Rep Elections
Mar 24	First Study Night begins
Mar 31	HyperScience
April 7	Dance Workshop
April 13	Prosh
May 4	Quiz Night
TBA	How to eat Healthy on a Student Budget
TBA	Grudge Match
May TBA	Welfare Week, for your sanity heading into exams
Jun 3	End of Semester Show (EOSS)
Aug 13 - 21	National Science Week Events
TBA	Quiz Night 2
TBA	Women in Science Breakfast
Sep 23	Science Union Ball
Oct TBA	AGM and Committee Elections
Oct TBA	Relay @ UWA
Nov 4	End of Second Semester Show (EOSS)

# Useful Contacts and Links

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## **StudentConnect**

*[studentconnect.uwa.edu.au](http://studentconnect.uwa.edu.au)*

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Ground zero for all administrative information - enrolment and units; exam timetables; unit results & course marks (GPA/CWA); course fees & account statements (eSOA); student guild fees; parking permits & student smartriders; etc.

*(the website usually crashes when exam results are released)*

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## **Blackboard**

*[lms.uwa.edu.au](http://lms.uwa.edu.au)*

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Your learning hub - on Blackboard you'll find lecture notes + slides, tutorial questions + solutions, discussion forums, online quizzes, links to Echo/LCS for recorded lectures etc. There's even an app on the App Store!

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## **Echo / Lecture Capture System (LCS)**

*Access from Blackboard*

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For when you just can't make a lecture... or to review a previous lecture or five (usually in study week, just before the exam). Don't trust it entirely, it doesn't always work.

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## **CAS / Class Allocation System**

*[cas.uwa.edu.au](http://cas.uwa.edu.au)*

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The newest and greatest timetabling system to hit UWA in 2016!

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## **Science Union Website**

*[www.scienceunion.org.au](http://www.scienceunion.org.au)*

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Everything you ever wanted (or didn't want to) know about Science Union and our events!

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## **Undergraduate Degree Structure**

*[studyat.uwa.edu.au/courses-and-careers/undergraduate/degree-structure](http://studyat.uwa.edu.au/courses-and-careers/undergraduate/degree-structure)*

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For information on majors, core units, broadening units and everything else that goes into your degree.

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**Science Enrolment Information**

[science.uwa.edu.au/students/enrolment](http://science.uwa.edu.au/students/enrolment)

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The Faculty of Science page on everything to do with your degree - classes, timetables, exchange, honours, etc.

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**Enrolment Advice**

*Science Student Office*

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Located in the Agriculture building (west- opposite Science Library), open Mon-Fri 9am-4pm. For when you want to talk to an actual person about your degree, get approval for a unit or simply ask for advice on your course plan.

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**askUWA**

[ask.uwa.edu.au](http://ask.uwa.edu.au)

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askUWA's online FAQ database. Search here for answers to common questions on just about everything to do with studying at UWA.

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**Engineering Student Office**

*Ground floor, Engineering building*

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If your unit requires use of a calculator, it **must** have an "Approved Calculator" sticker, available here.

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**Science Assessment Policies**

[science.uwa.edu.au/students/assignments-exams/assessment](http://science.uwa.edu.au/students/assignments-exams/assessment)

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Important information about plagiarism, appealing assessment/exam results, special consideration, etc.

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**Peer Assisted Learning (PAL)**

[science.uwa.edu.au/students/pal](http://science.uwa.edu.au/students/pal)

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Work in smaller groups on a unit with a student who's previously done that unit.

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**UWAdb**

[uwadb.com](http://uwadb.com)

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The unofficial student-run forum for everything UWA. Good for big assignments when you're looking for a bit of help. Take everything with a grain of salt!

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**Wolfram|alpha**

[wolframalpha.com](http://wolframalpha.com)

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Fountain of knowledge. Especially useful when you get stuck on a ridiculous calculus problem, it'll often give you guided solutions to help you out.



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**Student Email**

[web.uwa.edu.au/webmail](mailto:web.uwa.edu.au/webmail)

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UWA uses gmail which can take some getting used to. Remember when sending emails to staff, always use their correct title. Emails can also be synced with your phone!

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**Printing**

[print.uwa.edu.au](http://print.uwa.edu.au)

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It is not possible to print to UWA printers from laptops - this site enables you to upload the document and print it on a printer on campus.

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**OneSearch/Course Materials Online (CMO)**

[onesearch.library.uwa.edu.au/](http://onesearch.library.uwa.edu.au/)

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Your go-to for all academic papers, journals, books etc for assignments. Remember to reference correctly!  
The licenses to some documents only exist on the UWA network, so not all links will work when you get home.

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**Special Consideration**

[student.uwa.edu.au/course/exams/consideration](http://student.uwa.edu.au/course/exams/consideration)

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If you think your study has been severely affected by serious illness or other factors outside your control, you can apply for special consideration.

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**Library Room Booking**

[is.uwa.libcal.com/](http://is.uwa.libcal.com/)

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Just remember to leave them as you found them.

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**Exam Venues**

[student.uwa.edu.au/course/exams/venues](http://student.uwa.edu.au/course/exams/venues)

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Helpful if you need to find a venue and also whether you need a jumper, a scarf and a beanie to survive your exam.

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**Lost on Campus**

[lostoncampus.com.au/uwa/main](http://lostoncampus.com.au/uwa/main)

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How to survive your first week of semester.

# Transport and Parking

Parking at UWA is more annoying than a Nicki Minaj song. Unless you arrive at 7am and willing to pay \$2 an hour or more, we recommend you take public transport.

Second years and above can apply for permits through StudentConnect to park in yellow bays around campus. The red bays are the staff bays. Parking in these without a permit will undoubtedly result in a fine.

You may of heard rumours or advice about parking in 'The Pit' - parking at Mathilda Bay Yacht Club will now result in a pretty hefty fine. Don't do it.

If you live close enough, riding or walking can actually be most convenient. Otherwise, catching public transport is the way to go. There are a number of buses that leave from the north end of campus - the CircleRoute (buses 98 and 99), 97 through Subiaco and the 950 'Super' Bus, which provides a continuous service from the Morley Bus port to QEII and UWA via Perth.

Check out Google Maps [google.com/maps](https://www.google.com/maps) or the uni website [transport.uwa.edu.au/public](https://transport.uwa.edu.au/public) for more info on getting to and from uni. As they can give you the fastest routes to or from uni.

# Uni Tips and Tricks

## Lectures, Tutorials & Classes

Go to them. Seriously. Don't skip classes thinking you'll just catch up on them later. Before you know it, exams will be just around the corner. Cramming an entire semester into two days is the worst experience ever. Treat tutorial classes as compulsory, even if they're not - it'll help heaps with the content from lectures. Some lecturers take test and exam questions directly from tutes, so go to them!

## Unit Outlines

A whole heap of information about each unit. You'll mainly be interested in the assessment outline and how much each assignment, tute, lab, etc. will be worth to your final unit grade (as well as due dates).

## Calculators

If you want to use a calculator for a test or exam, you it has to have an *Approved Calculator* sticker. This is really important for exams - the exam supervisors are very strict about it. Pick yours up from the Engineering Student Office on the ground floor of the Engineering building. Do it early - it'll take you a few seconds and save you a hell of a lot of grief later on.

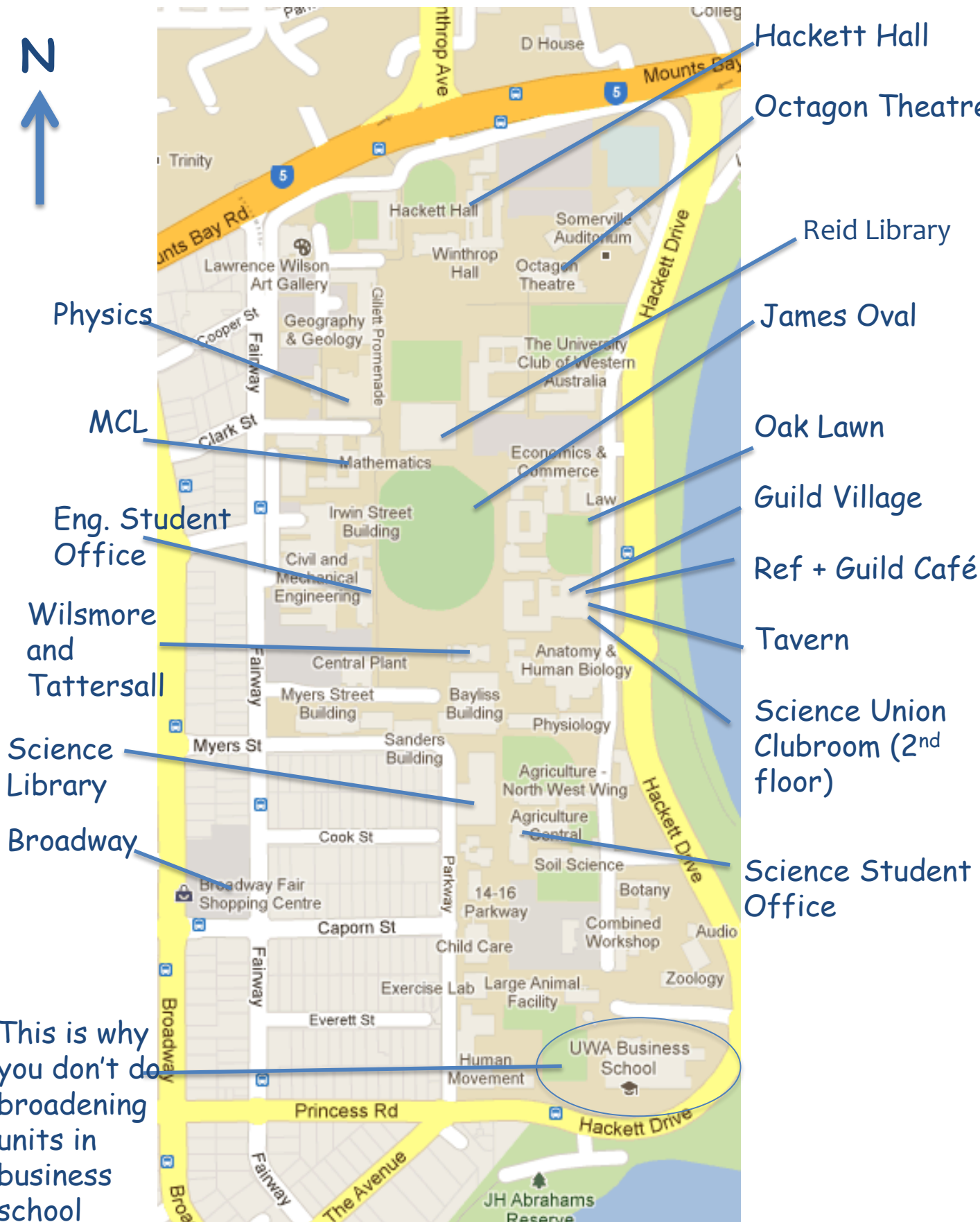
## Textbooks

**DON'T BUY THEM.** Just about every textbook you'll ever "need" is available on closed reserve at the Science Library for you to borrow for a few hours. Usually the lecture notes and tute problems will be enough to prepare you for the exam, but if you need to use the textbook just go and borrow it from the library. Textbooks are ridiculously expensive, so save your money for better things if you can.

## Assessment Policies

Check out the link in the *Useful Links* section of this handbook for info on how to appeal a terrible mark, how to apply for "Special Consideration" (if you're sick, have to be away for something, etc. and miss an assessment).

# Map of important stuff



<b>Hackett Hall</b>	Home of Student Administration, the Study Abroad Office, International Student Office and Hackett Café.
<b>Octagon Theatre</b>	One of the largest venues on campus, so lots of first year lectures are held here. Enjoy taking illegible notes due to the lack of desks and pulling faces at friends across the theatre.
<b>Physics</b>	Where a lot of physics, maths and other lectures are held. The two lecture theatres are Ross and Clews. Upstairs are labs and tute rooms. Male toilets are on the first floor.
<b>Reid Library</b>	Currently closed. Full of smelly arts and business books. Can be a good place to study or work either by yourself (upstairs) or in a group (large collaborative area downstairs). Also has a café for your friendly 2pm caffeine fix.
<b>Maths Computing Lab (MCL)</b>	Might end up being your second home. 24 hour access to anyone enrolled in a maths, physics or engineering unit (bring your student card). You'll find people there every hour of the day and night.
<b>James Oval</b>	Large oval south of Reid Library, where O'Day is held. Interfac sport is often held there, too.
<b>Engineering Student Office</b>	Go get your Approved Calculator sticker here. Do it. Early.
<b>Guild Village Oak Lawn Ref + Guild Café Tav</b>	The social centre of campus. One place to get lunch, coffee or just to hang out on Oak Lawn. 18+ can get into the Tav from 11am. You'll find better food off campus, or just bring your own and use the microwaves provided.
<b>Bayliss Building</b>	The chemistry building. Chem lectures will be held in Tattersall and Wilsmore lecture theatres. CHeMnBiO club room is Room 2.30 (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor).
<b>Science Library</b>	Best place to study for science students. Textbooks available for loan from the reserve. The best coffee on campus at the Science Café. Shiny new and not smelly like Reid Library.
<b>Science Student Office</b>	For when you need course advice (see <i>Useful Links and Contacts</i> section in this handbook) or to discuss your degree with the Faculty.
<b>Broadway</b>	Broadway Fair Shopping Centre is home to IGA, The Broadway Tavern, post office and a selection of delicious food. The best place to get lunch (see <i>Best Places to Eat &amp; Drink</i> in this handbook).

# Best Places to Eat & Drink

## Coffee

Best coffee on campus is found at either the Science Library Café (scafé; cheap) or at Rocketfuel (south Oak Lawn, Guild Village; expensive). Or go off campus to Neds (Broadway, towards the top of campus), Broadway Fair (a few cafés there) or La Galette de France (slightly further south along Broadway; also has delicious pastries and baked goods).

## On-campus food

Try your luck at the Refectory, Guild Village Café or any of the library cafés around campus for a selection of different food options. Or hit up the tav for some cheap and delicious pub food.

## Off-campus food



When you get sick of the average/expensive food on campus, head over to Broadway for selection of delicious/cheap lunch options. Ararat's Kebabs are considered the best kebabs in Perth by many (and their chips are pretty good, too). There's a number of Asian restaurants, a few cafés and the IGA supermarket. Varsity serves fancier food if you're feeling it. Dominos Pizza and Broadway Pizza are just down the road.

\$5 can get you rice and Honey Chicken at Chilliz, East of Engineering but if you go at 12 this will have a massive line.

## Microwaves

If you're more frugal or organised and bring your own lunch from home, there are microwaves in most of the cafés around campus and the Clough, which you can use for free to heat up food.

## Free food

There's always something happening on campus. Keep your eyes peeled for one of the many free/cheap BBQs at lunch hours, free cupcakes every now and then, etc. If you ever make the mistake of having Friday classes the UEC BBQ at Clough is a gold coin donation.

# Other Science Clubs



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## CHeMnBiO

The Chemistry Club. We are the Club for all Chemistry and Biochemistry students to hang with periodically. Bond with us at our Sausage Sizzles, Quiz Nights and joint events with Science Union, or come visit us in our club room - Room 2.30, Bayliss Building.

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[facebook.com/chemnbio.uwa](https://facebook.com/chemnbio.uwa)

## P.H.A.C.

The Club for students studying physiology, human biology and anatomy at UWA. Come see us down at O'Day, hit us up at our social events and make this year the Club's best one yet!

[facebook.com/phac.clubuwa](https://facebook.com/phac.clubuwa)



## University Physics Society

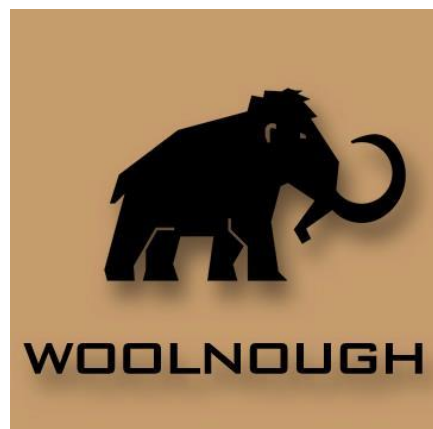
Physics. It surrounds us, we interact with it everyday and yet we have so much to learn. We may not be making groundbreaking discoveries at the UPS but we do offer comradery and good times, with the occasional debate on the side, so that when the time comes you can!

[facebook.com/groups/UniversityPhysicsSocietyUWA](https://facebook.com/groups/UniversityPhysicsSocietyUWA)

## Woolnough Society

Established in 1961, the Woolnough Society is among UWA's oldest faculty clubs. Representing students studying geology and earth sciences, the Woolnough Society organises field trip and other events throughout the year.

[facebook.com/WoolnoughSociety](https://facebook.com/WoolnoughSociety)



The logo for the Psychos club, featuring the letters 'PSY' in a bold, cyan, sans-serif font against a black square background.

## Psychos

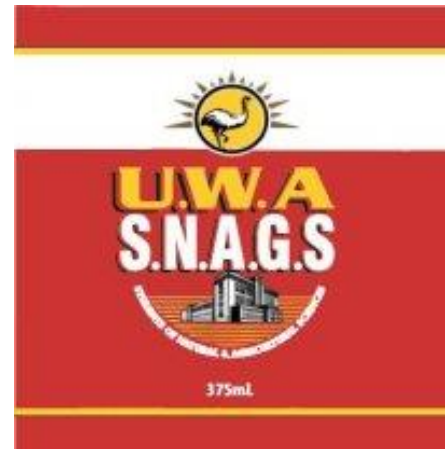
The social club designed specifically for Psychology students and enthusiasts! Psychos hosts a number of social events throughout the year to fill up your social calendar!

[facebook.com/UWA.Psychos](https://www.facebook.com/UWA.Psychos)

## SNAGS

The student club for the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences. Offering both educational industry events and some wild social times, SNAGS also offers a link to the Agriculture Institute of Australia.

[facebook.com/groups/snagsuwa](https://www.facebook.com/groups/snagsuwa)



## Zoology

The club for zoology students and biology enthusiasts alike. Find them down at O'Day and make sure to check out their events!

[facebook.com/uwazoologyclub](https://www.facebook.com/uwazoologyclub)

## Sport Science, Exercise & Health (SSEH)

Formally known as PESA, the student club representing students studying Sport Science, Exercise and Health at UWA is back in 2016. We aim to provide a year's worth of great social events to entertain students! [pesauwa@gmail.com](mailto:pesauwa@gmail.com)

## UWA BioMedical Sciences Association (BMS)

BMS represents students studying Microbiology & Immunology, Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, Pharmacology and Biomedical Science. Anyone interested in the medical or health sciences is welcome to join! BMS will be holding a range of academic, social and career events where you can meet peers and develop some crucial networks within the industry.

[facebook.com/pages/BioMedical-Science-UWAssociation/517457855064916](https://www.facebook.com/pages/BioMedical-Science-UWAssociation/517457855064916)





# Sports!

Are you stressed out about assignments and need something to procrastinate with?

Need an excuse to run around aimlessly for a few hours?

Can't lose that beer belly?

Get involved with the wide variety of sporting options available at uni!



There is an opportunity for people interested in a wide array of sport to get involved with science unions interfaculty sport. It's a good excuse to run around for a few hours on a Wednesday Afternoon and forget about that assignment that you forgot to hand in yesterday. It's a social environment and you get to meet some invaluable friends who do something similar to you.

There's also Grudge Match which is a ton of fun. If even Frisbee isn't abstract enough for you why not Quidditch? In the annual tri-wizard tournament you can compete in a variety of abstract sports for the Science Union as reigning champions. Sport with science union is a great way to break up the monotony of lectures, assignments and raves, and there's something for everyone.

- Dev and Jill (your Sports Reps)

## Fresher Reps

We take 3 girls and 3 guys onto the committee as first years. Our 'elections' if you can call them that are on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March on the Foreshore. We like to think we are good fun to hang out with so I recommend coming along but even if you don't get elected we would love to have you hang around. Here is a picture of one of last year's freshers looking happy with his decision to get involved.



# 2016 Committee

<b>President</b>	Thomas Wimpler <a href="mailto:su-president@guild.uwa.edu.au">su-president@guild.uwa.edu.au</a>
<b>Education VP</b>	Julian Bocking <a href="mailto:su-ed-vp@guild.uwa.edu.au">su-ed-vp@guild.uwa.edu.au</a>
<b>External Affairs VP</b>	Stephanie Munro <a href="mailto:su-external-vp@guild.uwa.edu.au">su-external-vp@guild.uwa.edu.au</a>
<b>Social VP</b>	Sally Tan <a href="mailto:su-social-vp@guild.uwa.edu.au">su-social-vp@guild.uwa.edu.au</a>
<b>Welfare VP</b>	Ivan Roncevich <a href="mailto:su-welfare-vp@guild.uwa.edu.au">su-welfare-vp@guild.uwa.edu.au</a>
<b>Treasurer</b>	Taigh Macdonald <a href="mailto:su-treasurer@guild.uwa.edu.au">su-treasurer@guild.uwa.edu.au</a>
<b>Secretary</b>	Albert Einstein <a href="mailto:su-secretary@guild.uwa.edu">su-secretary@guild.uwa.edu</a>



# 2016 Committee



Thomas Wimmler - President

I am the seasoned veteran and leader of this club. I generally like science and the thing it entails. Look forward to meeting you all, Freshlings!



Julian Bocking - Education Vice President

I'm the Ed VP. This means that if you have any Ed related issues, such as being called Edward, I can help. I can also be of assistance if your units suck.



Steph Munro - External Affairs Vice President

I make sure that you can have turbo times as a fresher, but also end up with job prospects at the end of university.



Sally Tan - Social Vice President

Hi, I'm Sally and I like to Party. Sometimes you have to study some 'alternative' units such as PUBCRAWL1603 and HYPER3103. This is where I can help you ace those units!

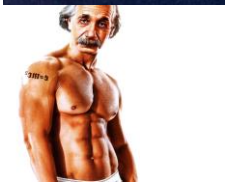


Ivan Roncevich - Welfare Vice President

Because I am your average, privileged, white-cis male, I worry I'm hard to approach as welfare VP. Luckily Dad helped me out here, "Ivan Hieronymus Othello Roncevich"; thanks dad super diverse name.

Taigh Macdonald- Treasurer

I was told Nicolas Cage was a national treasurer... No treasures on campus to report yet.



Albert Einstein - Secretary

Hi, Mein name ist Albert.



# 2016 Committee

<b>Education Officers</b>	Renee Kelly & Thomas Windsor
<b>Social Officers</b>	Clare Moran & Roko Sango
<b>Volunteering Co-Ordinator</b>	Asha Davidson
<b>Careers Officer</b>	Charlotte Dale
<b>Welfare Officer</b>	Quinn Koelen
<b>Female Sport Rep</b>	Jill Brouwer
<b>Male Sport Rep</b>	Dewruwan Gammanpilla
<b>Media Officer</b>	Max Davidson
<b>Online Promotions Officer</b>	Jasmine Rose Begovich
<b>Ordinary Committee Members</b>	Dewamma Gammanpilla, Gen Woods, Michael Weir & Shindanai Moor
<b>Sponsorship Officer</b>	Jonathan Israel
<b>Competitions Officer</b>	Hayden White
<b>Immediate Past President</b>	Alex Tsaknis
<b>Orientation Directors</b>	Sean Halligan & Monique Robertson

# Contact Your Science Union

**Email** *scienceunion@gmail.com*

**Website** *www.scienceunion.org.au*

*Like the Science Union page -*

*[www.facebook.com/ScienceUnionUWA](http://www.facebook.com/ScienceUnionUWA)*

*Add our dear friend "SU Uwa" on facebook.*

**Facebook**

*<https://www.facebook.com/UWASciUnion>*

*Join our O-day page:*

*'Science Union does O-Day'*

*where you will join a Group to keep you informed of the more hectic happenings*



**SCIENCEUNION**

'EXPERIMENTING WITH CHEMICALS SINCE 1924'



*Hyperscience  
Goes To  
Mars*

**31 MARCH 7.30 - 12.30**

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**18+ PHOTO ID REQUIRED**

**BARBEQUE PROVIDED !**

**DRINK RESPONSIBLY**

