

# SCIENCE DEGREES

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Your guide on how to  
survive your science degree



## SCIENCE UNION

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## SCIENCE UNION MEMBERSHIPS

Thank you for becoming a member of Science Union! Your \$5 membership will be the best investment of the year. Not only are you part of one of the largest student organisations at UWA, you will receive discounts on our event tickets and merchandise (t-shirts and funky hats) all year round! Make sure you get your money's worth by coming down to our events with your friends – we can't wait to see you there.



# PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Hello reader and congratulations on making the first step to having a memorable university experience, opening this neat little book. If you haven't skipped my section, I am already impressed by your eagerness to learn more about the university experience that Science Union can provide for you. Sit back, relax and soak in these words of wisdom I bestow upon you.

I am Emma Mezger, the 2019 Science Union President. I too was once a first year, swept up in the chaos of university life, part-time work and extra-curriculars. During my first year I was attracted to the magnetic personality of Science Union. Science Union taught me how to rush assignments, cram for exams and make new friends. Although my life has been semi-derailed with the madness of it all; I can safely look back at my University experience and say I've seen it all.

So, you're probably still wondering what Science Union is. We are a building block of UWA. We represent Science students from all aspects of study. We organise pub crawls, balls, and quiz nights in addition to a wide variety of other events. We aim to make a real difference to your lives' and education as well as providing friendship, support and comradery. Take a leap of faith and come join us in this crazy walk of life.



**EMMA MEZGER**

**SCIENCE UNION  
PRESIDENT 2019**

## ABOUT SCIENCE UNION

Science Union is the 2nd oldest faculty society at UWA and represents all students studying any form of science. We offer students quality opportunities in social, welfare and educational contexts. Science Union strives to give students the best educational experience and are committed to student representation, improving student engagement at UWA and increasing the vibrancy of life on campus. All in all, we are here to enhance your university experience in every way we can! Join us as we take on 2019 and help make your first year at uni the absolute best it can be.

### **Q: What is a Faculty Society?**

Faculty Societies represent all students who study under a particular faculty. At Science Union, we are a group of volunteer students who represent everyone who takes a unit run by the Faculty of Science, regardless of what your bachelor's degree is. As opposed to social clubs who are well known for running parties, faculty societies also run educational and welfare-related events and represent student concerns whilst liaising with our respective faculties and other university bodies. Oh, and we also know how to throw a good party - and you definitely don't have to be a science student to come!

# ABOUT SCIENCE UNION

## Education

Between the pubcrawls, quiz nights and parties, sometimes we forget we're paying an exorbitant amount of money to get a degree. Over the years, Science Union has developed its Education portfolio to provide some of the most beneficial events you can find at University. From study nights to our volunteering opportunities to visit primary school children and inspire them with all things STEM related, our education portfolio is there to help everyone succeed at uni. We can help if you're struggling in your units or can't quite figure out how to get LMS to work (we've all been there).

## External Affairs

Imagine actually being employed after graduating, how good. Sarcasm aside, External Affairs is here to help you figure out all the things you could do with your degree so that you don't just leave uni with a piece of paper and complementary sense of hopelessness. We'll provide you with heaps of opportunities, from workshops to networking events, so that you're equipped with the skills, knowledge and connections needed for your future job.

## Social

Science Union has an awesome range of social events over the course of the year - everything from your classic quiz night and pubcrawl through to our annual ball. Come down to our stall on O-Day or visit us on Oak Lawn during the first weeks of semester to find out about how we are kicking the year off with Camp (cool activities with you and seventy new mates in the middle of nowhere - what could go wrong)!

## Welfare

The Welfare Portfolio of Science Union is responsible for all things related to student well-being and volunteering. We also have access to an array of useful information regarding the services that UWA has on offer for its students to support their well-being. Our events tend to be more laid back and focussed on cultivating some of the important life-skills and ways of thinking about the world that are so often neglected in an increasingly hyper-competitive university environment. Such events include workshops aimed at improving your well-being, Women in Science Brunch, PROSH, Relay for Life and Book Club. So take some time to check us out, we're a great place to start looking for meaningful university friendships in a wholesome and fulfilling environment, that will help you to become more in control of your state of well-being, more employable and above all more mindful of both yourself and some of the important issues that we as members of humanity must grapple with.



# IMPORTANT UNI DATES

February 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>First semester classes begin</b>
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Last day to add a Semester 1 unit
March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Labour Day (University Holiday)
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Last day to withdraw from Semester 1 units so that the unit does not show on your formal academic record
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Census date (semester 1) – last day to drop a unit without financial penalty (if you bail out after the 31st, you'll still have to pay for the unit even if you don't finish it!)
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last day to withdraw from Semester 1 units without academic penalty – unit shows on formal academic record as withdrawn
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday (University Holiday)
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter Monday (University Holiday)
April 22 <sup>nd</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>	Non-teaching study break
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	ANZAC Day (University Holiday)
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of semester 1 classes – get keen for the End of Semester Show!
May 27 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup>	Pre-examination study break
June 1 <sup>st</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>EXAMS</b>
June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Western Australia Day (University Holiday)
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mid Year Break
July 22 <sup>nd</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>	First semester deferred / supplementary exams
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Second semester classes begin</b>
August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Last day to add a Semester 2 unit
August 10 <sup>th</sup>	Last day to withdraw from Semester 2 units so that the unit does not show on your formal academic record
August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Census date (semester 1) – financial penalty!!
September 13 <sup>th</sup>	Last day to withdraw from Semester 2 units without academic penalty – unit shows on formal academic record as withdrawn
September 30 <sup>th</sup>	Queen's Birthday (University Holiday)
September 30 <sup>th</sup> to October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Non-teaching study break
October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of semester 2 classes – Semester 2 EOSS!!
October 28 <sup>th</sup> to November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Pre-examination study break
November 2 <sup>nd</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>EXAMS</b>
November 18 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Break!

Please check the UWA website for any updates.

# ENROLMENT & ADMIN

Well, if you're reading this you probably made it through the arduous process of enrolment that many people say is more difficult than WACE (just you wait until your third year uni exams). Here's some tips if you're having trouble with your timetable or choosing what units to do.

## StudentConnect → [studentconnect.uwa.edu.au](http://studentconnect.uwa.edu.au)

This is the home of all administrative information – enrolment and units; exam timetables; unit results & course marks; course fees & account statements (eSOA); student guild fees (SSAF); parking permits & student smartriders; etc. This site is renowned for crashing when you most need it.

Here is where you will enrol in your units. As a full-time student, you will most likely be doing four units a semester. When enrolling for your units, make sure you enrol for the entire year (8 units, four for each semester) - you can always change your units for semester 2 during the winter break. If you are unsure of what units you need to be completing, make sure you check the 2019 Handbook or use the example study plans online where you can input your degree-specific major (and second major if you are doing one), and it will show you which units you need to do and when, and how many broadening and elective units you need to complete.

Example study plans: <http://handbooks.uwa.edu.au/undergraduate/studyplans>

Search for example study plans

» Select type of study plan (mandatory)  
» Refine the search by selecting a degree, degree-specific major and second major as necessary.  
» Click 'Submit'.

Type of study plan  
Refine search by selecting options below.

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Degree-specific major (MJD)

Second major (MJS)

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Year 1

Semester 1	1 CHEM1002*	2 MATH1720*	3 BROADENING	4 SCOM1101
Semester 2	1 CHEM1001	2 MATH1721*	3 BROADENING	4 PSYC1102

Year 2

Semester 1	1 CHEM2001	2 BROADENING	3 BROADENING	4 SCOM2208
Semester 2	1 CHEM2003	2 ELECTIVE	3 OPTION	4 SCOM2205

Year 3

Semester 1	1 CHEM3001	2 CHEM3003	3 SCOM3319	4 COMM3004
Semester 2	1 CHEM3002	2 CHEM3004	3 ELECTIVE	4 SCOM3321

Key: 1 Degree-specific major unit    2 Second major unit    3 Broadening unit: Category A or B    4 Complementary unit    5 Elective    6 Additional unit

\* This unit is available in semester 1, semester 2.

## Q: What are broadening units?

Broadening units are units that fall outside your "area of knowledge". You need to do at least four broadening units to meet the broadening requirements of your degree. Broadening units fall into two categories - A and B, and you can take up to two Category A broadening units within your area of knowledge. Keep in mind that you need to do at least one Category A broadening unit during your degree. To find out what units are outside your "area of knowledge", visit the broadening requirements webpage:

<http://handbooks.uwa.edu.au/undergraduate/broadening>

Science Union Tip: Make sure you pick broadening units that you enjoy, rather than ones that you hear are supposed to be easy! There's nothing worse than sitting through a boring class on a topic you have no interest in just for easy marks - it may turn out to be more difficult since you aren't enjoying your time studying it.

### **CAS (Class Allocation System) → [cas.uwa.edu.au/student](http://cas.uwa.edu.au/student)**

This is the timetabling system where you put in your preferences for your classes. Hopefully you've already done this and looked at your timetable for semester one. No one knows how the algorithm works so make sure to always put your preferences in early so that you can get good times for your classes. You can still change your class times until the end of Week 2, if the classes aren't already full.

If your timetable has clashes and classes are full, feel free to email your unit coordinator to see if they can help you out by reallocating you.

### **Science Student Office → open Mon–Fri, 9am–5pm**

If you are really struggling with your enrolment and timetable, feel free to drop into the Science Student Office, located in the Agriculture building (near the Barry J Marshall Library). They are extremely friendly and helpful and will be able to help you with any enrolment or timetabling problems you have. 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 this is the place to go. These guys will tell you exactly what units you need to do to get your degree.

#### **Q: What is my GPA?**

A: Your GPA is your Grade Point Average, which is calculated from your unit results. Some students may be required to maintain their GPA in order to enter their postgrad courses, so it is important to understand how it is calculated! Most units are worth 6 unit points. A High Distinction (HD, 80+) has a GPA value of 7, a Distinction (D, 70-79%) has a GPA value of 6, a Credit (C, 60-69%) has a GPA value of 5, and a Pass (P, 50-59%) has a GPA value of 4. If you fail a unit, it has a GPA value of 0. You can then use this formula to figure out your GPA:

$$\text{GPA} = \frac{\text{sum}(\text{unit points} * \text{grade GPA value})}{\text{sum}(\text{unit points})}$$

If you're lazy and this all sounds way too complicated, you can find your GPA on StudentConnect, already calculated for you.

# TRANSPORT

Parking at UWA is more annoying than the people standing outside Reid library asking if they can talk to you for a minute about signing a petition. Unless you arrive at 7am and are willing to pay \$2 an hour, we recommend you take public transport. Second years and above can apply for permits through StudentConnect to park in yellow bays (although these are very limited) around campus. The red bays are the staff bays. Blue bays are disabled parking. Parking in these without a permit will undoubtedly result in a fine (trust us, we've all tried it so you don't have to).

However! Red, yellow and paid parking are all free for anyone after 5pm and before 8am so if you are unfortunately at uni between these times, feel free to park in these bays. Yellow bays are plentiful near the Bayliss building (enter from Fairway), outside the UWA Recreation centre and in front of the Tav (how convenient). If these are all full and you're desperate, you could try parking in the yellow bays at the Business school, but no one really wants to walk that far.

You can try your luck on the side streets around uni, but the parking inspectors have absolutely no mercy and WILL fine you if you are there for longer than what is indicated on the parking sign.

If you live close enough, riding or walking is probably the most convenient, and there are plenty of bike racks around uni to leave your bike at. Otherwise, catching public transport is the way to go. There are a number of buses that leave from the north end of campus – the Circle Route (buses 998 and 999), 97 (which goes through Subiaco) and the 950 'Super' Bus, which provides a continuous service from the Morley Bus port to QEII and UWA via Perth.

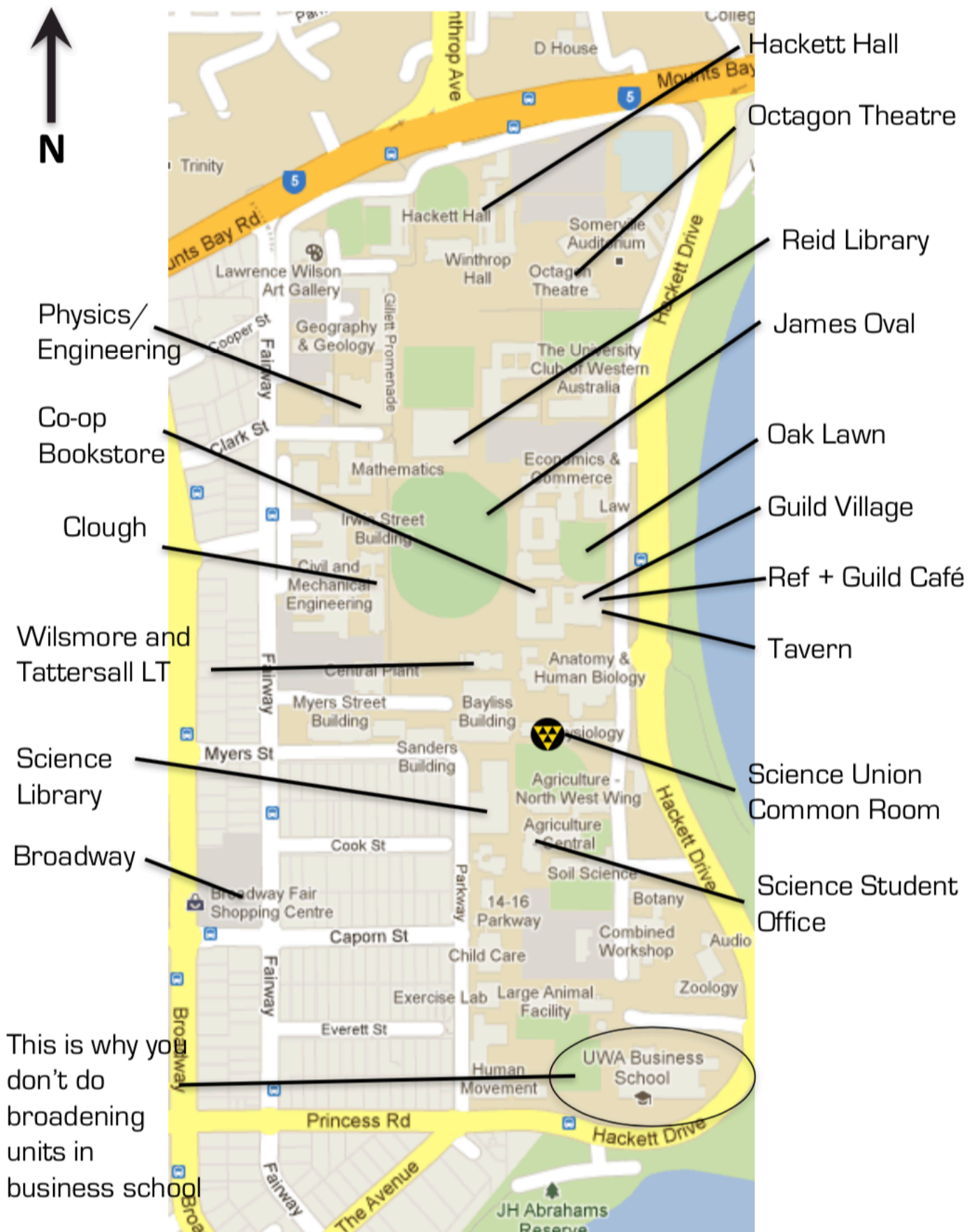
Check out Google Maps ([google.com/maps](https://www.google.com/maps)) or the uni website ([transport.uwa.edu.au/public](https://transport.uwa.edu.au/public)) for more info on transport, as they can give you the fastest routes to or from uni.

**Q: I'm a poor uni student! Is there a discount for Transperth?**

**A:** If you are a full-time student at UWA (studying at least three units a semester), you can apply for a tertiary smartrider through StudentConnect. Smartriders can be purchased at any newsagency or at the second hand bookshop on campus (first floor of Guild Village), and make sure you register your smartrider as soon as you buy. It will take three or four trips before you see the cost of your bus ride decrease to tertiary fares, so don't worry if it doesn't work immediately.



# MAP OF UNI



# LECTURES & 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!

## Lectures

However, if you are unable to attend lectures due to work or appointments, all lectures should be available to watch and download online if lectures are held in a room with recording facilities. If a lecturer hasn't made lectures available online to stream or download, make sure to let someone know - whether it be your class rep or the Science Union Ed VP, and they will work to make sure that they become available for you. Be careful though - sometimes technology does fail and lecture recordings are corrupted or lost, and since the university recommendation is to attend all of your lectures, there is no guarantee that they will do anything to help those who were not at the lecture.

In your lectures, pay attention to your learning outcomes. Some lecturers like to explain topics for fun (or for further explanation or clarification), so not every slide might be important for your upcoming tests or exams. If you are feeling overwhelmed, be critical of what you do and don't need to focus on - if a lecturer mentions something three or four times, it is probably really important!

## Tutorials

Your tutorials (or workshops, depending on what your lecturer calls them) will be in small groups, typically discussing and further developing ideas that were discussed in a previous lecture. Nobody likes going and contributing to their tutes, which is why most of them will have participation marks attached to them to ensure you attend. Make sure you go to them - you may even find that your tutor gives you a few extra hints about what might be in your exam.

**Q: What's the best way to take notes in lectures?**

**A:** Everyone has a different method that works for them, but here are some hot tips! Many of you will start off handwriting your lecture notes, however, after the first couple of weeks you may find that it is impractical and almost impossible to keep up with the lecturer whilst handwriting your notes. If you have a laptop, many students use OneNote, as you are able to annotate and write anywhere on the slide. If you don't have Microsoft installed on your laptop, you can download it for free with your UWA student email. Try using simplified diagrams/visuals to explain complex concepts, which will help with recollection and understanding those brain-straining learning outcomes. Use your first semester to figure out a system that works for you!

## **Labs**

Make sure you pay attention to the dress code for your labs - if you rock up to your lab in birks when you need to have closed-in shoes you might not be able to go in or they might give you humiliatingly ugly gumboots to wear. If your lecturer doesn't already ask you to, we would recommend wearing pants (as opposed to shorts or a short skirt) in case you spill any miscellaneous chemicals on yourself. If you have long hair, always carry a hair-tie with you for when you inevitably forget to tie your hair up on a day you have a lab.

You may feel like the best option would be to complete the lab as quickly as possible so you can leave early, but unlike lectures you can't re-watch labs if you forgot or misunderstood a concept. Your lab demonstrators will be a beacon of knowledge - make sure to utilise them! If you don't understand something that is going on in a lab, make sure you ask them and understand the concept before leaving. Many science courses have a large lab component, and for some you have to pass your labs in order to pass the unit, so don't underestimate the importance of your labs!

If you need a lab coat for one of your units, you can purchase a UWA lab coat from UniPrint (located on the first floor of Guild Village, opposite the second hand bookshop). Most lecturers don't mind what lab coat you have, so if you already have one at home or can find one for cheaper elsewhere, feel free to use that one to save a few bucks. You may also be able to find someone who is willing to sell theirs to you, if you don't mind inheriting a lab coat that may be covered in things you probably don't want to think about.

If you forget your lab coat, most labs will have lab coats you may be able to borrow. And if you're desperate, just make sure you have lots of friends who always have their lab coat with them so you can borrow it off them.

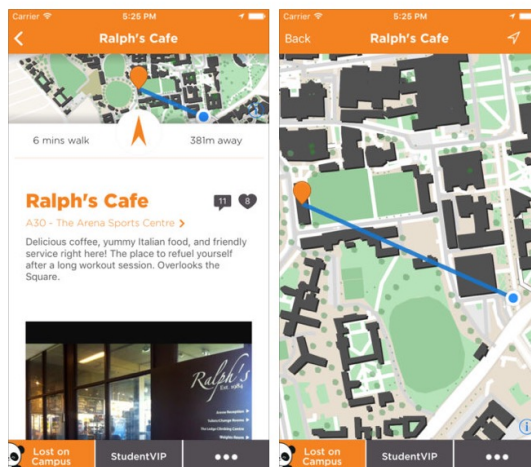
# **LOST ON CAMPUS**

This will be your favourite app for the next few weeks (or years). Do yourself a favour and download it - it saves lives. It tells you exactly where all your classrooms are and will guide you from your current location to your class if you have your location services enabled on your phone. Don't be surprised if you see a third year student still using the app to find that tute room tucked away in the corner of the university.



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# TEXTBOOKS & LIBRARIES

## **Textbooks**

DON'T BUY YOUR TEXTBOOKS! Unless you want to be hundreds of dollars in debt after purchasing three textbooks, we would recommend borrowing your textbooks from the library. Take our advice - some of us have been that fresher who buys all the books on the recommended textbook list, only to use one page of one textbook all semester. Just about every textbook you'll ever "need" is available on closed reserve at the Science Library (Barry J Marshall 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 a textbook just go and borrow it from the library. Textbooks are ridiculously expensive, so save your money for better things if you can (and make friends with that person who bought all the textbooks on their recommended texts list).

## **Library Study Spaces → [library-uwa.libcal.com](http://library-uwa.libcal.com)**

Library rooms are good places for group study, projects or meetings. Always book them so that you have the rights to kick someone out of the room. Make sure you turn up within 15 minutes of your booking, because after 15 minutes your room is free game. Just remember to leave the room as you found it. Bookings can be made at the libcal webpage.

## **Onesearch and CMO → [onesearch.library.uwa.edu.au](http://onesearch.library.uwa.edu.au)**

This is where you will find the books and journals available in the library as well as online articles to use for your assignments. To make sure the search results show everything that is available to uni students (and not just the general public), make sure you sign in every time you use it! We would recommend bookmarking this page, as you will be using it a lot to find scholarly articles for your assignments! In your assignments, make sure you reference properly.

## **IT Support**

The IT support in the library is there for all your technological needs. If you have a problem with your Pheme account, Unifi, LMS, CAS or student email account, they will be able to help you!

## **Printing → [print.uwa.edu.au](http://print.uwa.edu.au)**

Upload whatever stuff you need to print to this site, then you can go and tap your student card at any printer to get the actual documents. Make sure you have money on your account, which you can top up at every library. Copying and free scanning is also available. Barry J Marshall Library also has a 3D printer.

# FOOD AND DRINK GUIDE

## Coffee

Coffee is insanely important to Uni students to fuel us after a crazy night out or pulling an all-nighter before a test. Don't forget to bring your UWA Keep Cup for a 30c discount on your coffee.

## On-campus food

Hackett Café – Has the best chips you can cover in chicken salt (the cheapest lunch you will find on campus). Loads of other hot food and bagels/sandwiches/rolls as well as milkshakes. Has really comfy couches.

The Quobba Gnarning Café – aka the Reid Library Café. Heaps of hot and cold food, including cakes, doughnuts, paella, jelly, chicken wings, sushi, arancini balls... really good for when you're "studying" on the ground floor of Reid.

Oak Lawn Food Trucks – Lots of different options but the favourite by far is the Georges Kebabs Greek Streats food truck. Serving traditional Greek souvlaki and SPARTAN FRIES, you will be the most popular person if you have Spartan Fries.

The Tavern – Offers student-priced drinks and delicious pub food. Would highly recommend sharing Tav chips and a jug with your friends. Don't forget your ID.

Guild Village Café – Conveniently in the middle of uni, so a great place to drop in on your way to your next class. Has hot food, sushi, large assortment of cold drinks and coffee.

Catalyst Café (8.00am – 3.30pm) – Has basically the same food as Hackett and Guild Village Café. Perfect for a snack before or after your labs.

## Off-campus food

Broadway is the place to go if you are sick of eating campus food. **Varsity** has a \$10 student burger and chips deal and has a ping pong table. **Ararat Kebabs** has the best kebabs in Perth and giant Turkish bread for only \$4 (great for sharing). Upstairs has an **IGA** where you can buy hummus to go with your Turkish bread. There is also **Hi Tea** bubble tea, **Nagano Sushi** for Japanese food and **Tommy Sugo** for Italian food. **China Tang** has MASSIVE bowls of noodles and delicious dumplings!! Make sure you bring cash with you when you go to Broadway, as many of the shops are cash only.

Science Union Tip:  
Presotea has the best bubble tea (I don't make the rules) so if you're on your way from uni to QEII (or back to uni from QEII), make sure you stop by the Nedlands Presotea on Hampden Road - you may want to keep your trip on the dl though as you may end up carrying back 10 bubble teas for all your friends.

## I'm a chef and brought my own food

Heat up your food using the microwaves in the cafes!

## I want REALLY cheap (or free!) lunch

There's always something happening on campus. Keep an eye out for Facebook events of clubs running free/cheap BBQs or cake stalls on Oak Lawn during common lunch hour (1-2pm on Tuesdays and Fridays).

# SELF CARE

University can be both a stressful and amazing time in your life and personal development. On the one hand, an additional degree of freedom in your studies can allow you to pursue genuine interests both inside and outside of your studies. You will enter an environment with an immensely more diverse group of people than you likely grew up around, bringing with it new ideas, worldviews and ways of thinking that you may love or hate. It is possible to thrive on all these changes, but equally they can be absolutely overwhelming – and that’s perfectly normal, particularly when issues in your private life compound the difficulty of the huge changes going on around you. In these circumstances, it is important to be aware of the difficulty of this time in your life, and to respond appropriately. Allowing minor issues to build up over time into larger ones is a massively unhealthy way of dealing with adversity. So, here are some recommendations from Science Union regarding how to deal with some of the challenges of University.

## Self-Care

1. Keep your friends close (or find a good group of people to share your problems with): Humans have evolved as social animals; we are great at dealing with adversity with the support of others, but not so good at tackling that same adversity on our own. Healthy social relations are essential to ensuring the proper balance of neurotransmitters and other essential chemicals in our brains and by extension in ensuring your mental and emotional well-being.
2. Find a way to vent: This could also be through your friends but keeping a diary and even talking to a trusted animal companion can also work. The simple act of sharing your emotions can often be beneficial to your emotional wellbeing.
3. Find a hobby that you enjoy: Performing a task you enjoy that you get a sense of accomplishment from can help prop up your well-being during some of the rough times when success can be more difficult to come by (we all have those weeks or even semesters).
4. Take some quiet time periodically to practice mindfulness and being calm.
5. Get minimum 7 hours sleep a night (ideally 8): Sleep is essential for the production of many neurotransmitters associated with well-beings.
6. Dedicate time to exercising: Physical activity helps to improve the balance of neurotransmitters in your brain.
7. Be mindful of your use of substances: Alcohol and other drugs can have a marked impact on your mental state. If you are experiencing issues with your well-being, be mindful of the role substance usage could be playing in this and try and alter your habits accordingly.
8. Use goal-setting to give yourself a sense of achievement, things to aim for and a sense of fulfillment in your studies and other endeavours.

## **Support Services Offered by UWA**

1. UWA Fit For Study Program;
2. UWA Counselling and Psychological Services;
3. UniAccess – Disability and Medical Conditions;
4. UWA Medical Centre;
5. UWA Alcohol and Other Drugs Counselling Service;
6. Student Guild Student Assist; and
7. UWA Parking and Security.

## **For more information see**

1. [www.fitforstudy.uwa.edu.au](http://www.fitforstudy.uwa.edu.au)
2. [Bit.ly/UWAMedCentreAppointments](http://bit.ly/UWAMedCentreAppointments)
3. [Bit.ly/UWACAPS](http://bit.ly/UWACAPS)
4. [Uwastudentguild.com/assist](http://Uwastudentguild.com/assist)
5. [Bit.ly/UWAUniAccess](http://bit.ly/UWAUniAccess)
6. <http://www.student.uwa.edu.au/experience/health/counselling>
7. <http://www.student.uwa.edu.au/experience/health/uniaccess>

# **UWA MEDICAL CENTRE**

The University Medical Centre is able to bulk bill patients with Medicare cover, so it is a super convenient option for looking after your health. With both female and male doctors available as well as a comprehensive mental health team, we would highly recommend booking an appointment if you are feeling under the weather. They are able to give you vaccinations if you require them, as well as medical certificates for when you apply for special consideration. They are located on the second floor of Guild Village, and you can book appointments online at [uwa.edu.au/medical-appt](http://uwa.edu.au/medical-appt)

# **SPECIAL CONSIDERATION**

If you feel that your studies have been affected by something unexpected, you are able to apply for special consideration for your assignments, tests or exams. Circumstances in which special consideration will be granted include but are not limited to: illness, death or serious illness of a family member, serious injury and being a victim of crime. When applying for special consideration in the case of illness, ensure that the medical certificate states that you are or were affected on the date of your assessment and not just the date you visited your doctor - this is really important! Make sure you follow the instructions found on the special consideration webpage, and if you have any problems or questions do not hesitate to contact your faculty office as they will be able to help you.

Read more about special consideration here:

<http://www.student.uwa.edu.au/course/exams/consideration>



# MORE SERIOUS THINGS

The university atmosphere can be a daunting coming straight from high school. You will encounter many things for the first time, and you may make mistakes or do things you regret. You should feel safe and comfortable at university, and if there is anything that you feel is making you uncomfortable, there are many services available at both university and around Perth that will be able to assist you.

## **University Culture**

You've probably watched movies and have a pre-conceived idea that university will be a wild time. Whilst we definitely encourage having a great time, it is important to do so both safely and responsibly. You should never feel pressured to do anything, and it is absolutely okay to say "no" if you don't want to participate in particular activities. Just because your friends do something and can do it well, doesn't mean that you must also be able to do that activity well, especially if you are not comfortable with it. This is particularly important when there is alcohol involved – pushing yourself past your own tolerance just because your friends can may leave you in a vulnerable position to make decisions you may regret the next morning. Always make sure you surround yourself with supportive friends and look out for each other.

## **Sexual Misconduct**

The rate of sexual assault is highest amongst university-aged people. It is important to note that sexual assault includes all unwanted sexual behaviours. The Sexual Assault Resource Centre (SARC) provides a free 24-hour confidential emergency service in Subiaco. This involves medical care, a forensic examination and counselling support to people who have been sexually assaulted within the previous 14 days.

## **UWA Disclosures Officer**

Trained to deal with disclosure of events of sexual assault and sexual harassment, they are the best first contact on campus for information and support related to sexual violence. They offer a confidential service and is able to provide information on accessing a range of support services such as fast-track counselling appointments, and support with academic matters such as extensions, class changes and deferrals. Feel free to call on 6488 2427 for an appointment or email [disclosure@uwa.edu.au](mailto:disclosure@uwa.edu.au).

## **UWA Alcohol and other Drug Counselling Service**

Part of the UWA Health Promotion Unit's Alcohol and other Drug Strategy, this is a confidential service on campus that is free for UWA staff and students. Visit [tap.uwa.edu.au](http://tap.uwa.edu.au) to find out more.

## **UWA Security**

Campus Security is on call 24/7 to accompany you to carparks, colleges and accommodation adjacent to the University, especially at night. If assistance is required, call 6488 3020, or for immediate assistance call 6488 2222. In an emergency always call '000'. UWA Security has an SMS service to assist you if you're in a circumstance where verbal communication is not achievable. You can send a brief SMS to 0438 739 744 (maximum of 160 characters) or add "URGENT" in front of the message if immediate assistance is required. A Campus Security Officer will then follow up.

Science Union Tip:  
Save all these phone numbers in your phone now so that you can access it if you're ever in need.

# VOLUNTEERING

## Science Union Volunteering

Are you tired of doing lectures? Do you wish to procrastinate just a little more while retaining the illusion of productivity? Then look no further – Science Union Volunteering is the place for you!

Working closely with the Guild Volunteering Department, Science Union Volunteering is a great way to take a break from study and help our community. Not only is it a fantastic way to meet new people and see new places, it also allows you to take some much-needed time for yourself while simultaneously helping those in need. AND – it gets better – all volunteering hours will be recognised formally on your transcript. Did somebody say, a resume that stands out against all others?

There are a wide range of volunteering events run by Science Union every semester, so chuck us a like and keep your eyes peeled on the Science Union Volunteering Facebook page for updates on when you can next help make a difference. Alternatively, chuck us a message on Facebook or email – I'd love to have a chat!

Sienna – 2019 Volunteering Coordinator  
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## Guild Volunteering

Guild Volunteering is a volunteering hub that provides various opportunities for students to volunteer at UWA or in the wider community. It is an awesome way to make a real difference, forge lasting friendships and learn beyond the lecture theatre. There are 2 main aspects of Guild Volunteering: Event volunteering and Micro-volunteering.

Tight on time? Event volunteering are one-off volunteering events that you can participate in with other UWA students, happening throughout the year. You can meet many friendly people and volunteer in different settings, such as gala dinners, quiz nights, conventions, baking, environmental clean-ups, animal refuge visits and etc. Each event volunteering session is usually 3-6 hours.

Want something chill? Micro-volunteering occurs once per week. Activities during micro-volunteering are usually resource packing or preparing props for an upcoming external event. It is a great way to chat with people whilst volunteering in a casual atmosphere, on a free and easy commitment basis.

Want to make a difference? Start your journey by logging on to the Guild Volunteering website <http://www.volunteering.guild.uwa.edu.au/>



# SPORT

If you like all kinds of SPORTZ or just need something to lose that beer belly / make you not look like a beached whale when running for the bus, get involved with interfaculty and social SPORTZ.



Interfaculty SPORTZ is chilled out competition between faculties to see who is da best (Science ofc). It's a good excuse to get out of those stuffy lecture theatres and run around for a couple hours, while making friends - how good is that?! Every Wednesday, (12-2PM), forget about that assignment due 3 days ago and come play for Science Union! The sports on offer change each week, so if you're interested in finding out more, flick your SPORTZ representatives (Peter & Kate) a cheeky email.

Social SPORTZ is a friendly competition hosted by UWA Sport. In sem one, we're offering teams for volleyball, netball, soccer, AFL and water polo 🤔. Social SPORTZ take place Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights (depending on what sports you choose) and we're always looking for new, preferably talented (jk), players.

Get involved! We hope to hear from you soon!

Peter: 22230767@student.uwa.edu.au  
Kate: 22495158@student.uwa.edu.au

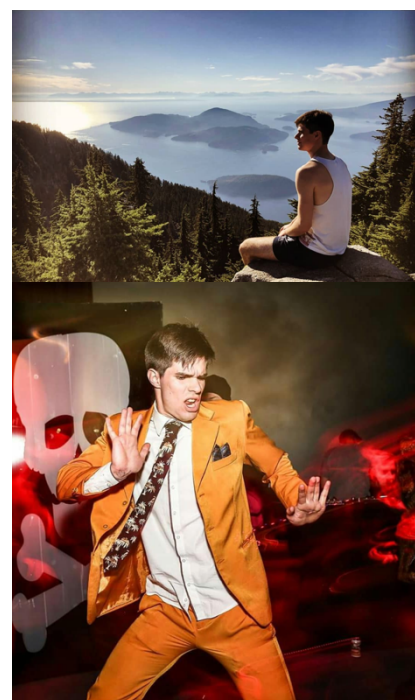


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# EXCHANGE

So, if you're reading this section you might be considering your options to get the hell out of Perth for a semester or a full year to study in a new and exotic location, and if you're not interested in that you damn well should be. From the snow-covered mountainous slopes of Canada to the Iberian Peninsula, UWA has a wide array of exchange partners, with a whole host of different opportunities and experiences beyond what you can expect from spending your whole degree at home. Exchange will allow you to consider an array of new and diverse worldviews, engage with different teaching styles, make useful contacts all around the world or even learn a new language. The possibilities are endless in what may well amount to be the best part of your degree. Just look at how much fun our Welfare VP Aidan Lewins had on his recent exchange to Canada. Head into student services to ask about your exchange opportunities or feel free to have a chat to any of the numerous exchange veterans dotted around campus.



# FINAL TIPS

## **Calculators**

If your unit requires you to use a calculator, it must have an "Approved Calculator" sticker for your assessments. You will be able to get this sticker at both the Science Student Office and the ECM Student Office. We would definitely recommend doing it early and always carry your calculator around with you - there is nothing worse than trying to find a calculator with an approved sticker on it half an hour before your test.

## **Unit Outlines and Assessment Policies**

Your lecturer will tell you to read these, and you probably will be too lazy to actually read these properly. However, these documents are extremely important! Your unit outline will have your assessment outline and how much each assignment, tute, lab or test will be worth in your final unit grade, as well as when all your due dates are. Make sure you adhere to the assessment policies, as there will be consequences if you don't. You may think that your lecturer would never find out that you and your friends all sat in a booth at Reid and did the quiz together to make sure everyone got 100%, but trust us, they will find out one way or another and you may end up with an academic misconduct 'strike'.

## **Scholarships**

If you do really well in your first year of university, you will most likely be invited to apply for scholarships and other programs. Apply for them instead of deleting the emails as soon as you get them!! Some of these scholarships are extremely prestigious and will open up a magnitude of opportunities for you down the track. Also, who doesn't love a bit of extra money?

## **Experience**

Let's face it - a degree alone isn't going to make you the most employable graduate for your dream job. In order to build up your life experiences and resume, it is important to take on every opportunity that is thrown your way! Whether it is taking up a volunteering role or doing a work internship over your summer break, it will all give you invaluable skills that will help you get a job after uni.

## **Emergency loan**

Student assist offers an interest free Guild Student Assist loan. This Guild Emergency Loan allows you to borrow up to \$200 on the spot, no questions asked. This is helpful if you have an unexpected bill, you lose your wallet or even if you just leave your wallet at home and need some money for food. The application process is quick and easy you can have up to six loans a year. Just visit the Guild Student Centre to apply. Read more here: <http://www.uwastudentguild.com/assist/financial/emergency-loans/>

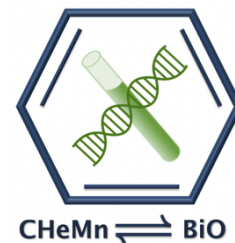
## **Join a Club!**

Joining a committee is the most rewarding thing you will do during your time at university. You may think it's lame and only the really enthusiastic people decide to join committees - but this is not the case! Committees are the best way to make friends on campus, and for many of us our committees were our second family when we were freshers. If you somehow aren't already bored of us and have read up to this page, consider joining Science Union as a first year representative! Check out page 22 for details.

# OTHER SCIENCE CLUBS

## **CHeMnBiO**

CHeMnBiO represents the peeps studying molecular science here at UWA. Not only do we supply high quality chemistry memes, we host educational and social events. If you want to experiment with chemicals, come check out our club!



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

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## **P.H.A.C.**

The Physiology, Human Biology and Anatomy Club of UWA (PHAC) represents and supports a growing community among all Physiology and Human Biology majors. Our PHAC-tastic events provide you with the key to loving your degree! From study nights that will help you kill it in your labs, to PHAC-alicious BBQs, pub crawls and sundowners, PHAC puts ulna fun in your humerus.



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

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## **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/University-Physics-Society-UWA-1696656783913401/](https://facebook.com/University-Physics-Society-UWA-1696656783913401/)

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## **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 trips and other events throughout the year.



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

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## **SNAGS**

The student club for the School 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/snagsuwa](https://facebook.com/snagsuwa)

## PsySoc

The Psychology Society (PsySoc) runs social as well as educational events for both undergrad and postgrad students. If you ever need support clarifying anything to do with your psych units, we are here to help and can communicate with the school on your behalf. We know that psychology tutes are usually quite large and often don't run consistently, therefore students tend to find it difficult to get to know one another. Rest assured, if you attend our social events, you will have countless opportunities to meet others studying the same degree as you. We also liaise with the School of Psychology here at UWA and The Australian Psychological Society to organise and run a number of information sessions throughout the year.



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

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## 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://facebook.com/uwazoologyclub)

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## PESA

We are the student-run body that represents the students of Sport Science, Exercise and Health at UWA - yet we gladly open our doors to all UWA students. We aim to provide a year's worth of great social events to entertain students!



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

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## Health Student Society

HSS is a student-run faculty society dedicated to representing health science majors, including Population Health, Pathology, Pharmacology, Medical Sciences and Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing.



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

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## Mathematics Union

The UWA Maths Union supports students studying maths and brings together people interested in maths.



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

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## UEC

The University Engineers' Club is the Faculty of Engineering, Computing and Mathematical Sciences' Student Club at UWA

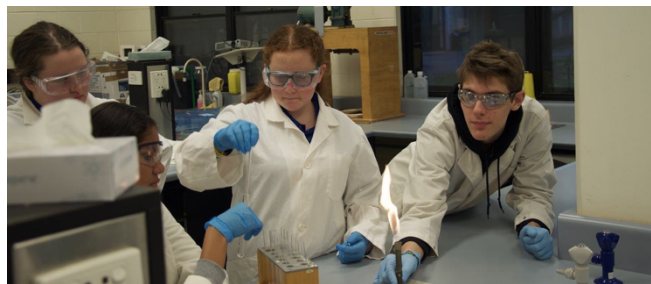


[facebook.com/universityengineersclub](https://facebook.com/universityengineersclub)

# SCIENCE UNION EVENTS

## Education

Keep your eyes out for the Science Degrees for Dummies Panel Discussion on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February – your chance to ask all the questions you have about your uni experience and free pizza afterwards! We also run study nights, workshops and school visits.



## External Affairs

Our Get a Job Workshops will make sure you leave uni with the skills required for you to get a job. We also have our cocktail night in semester 2 which provides an opportunity to network with your potential future employers. Also look out for our "Next Step" events which will allow you to talk to graduates within a particular field about where their degree took them beyond university.



## Social

Our Welcome Back Sundowner is the best way to kick off your time at uni, so bring your mates down to the Matilda Bay foreshore to meet other Science students and get to know Science Union. We also have **CAMP** which will be the best weekend of your life.



## Social

We also run a Quiz Night each semester, and a pubcrawl right after our fresher elections (read below to find out more!). Our most anticipated event is the annual ball, in which we all dress up for a good night of food, drinks and dancing.



## Welfare

If you're from around Perth, you've probably seen students selling PROSH papers – now this year is your opportunity to join in! We also have several workshops on improving your well-being. Relay for Life, Women in Science Brunch, Tie Dye Workshop and Book Club are other popular Welfare events that students enjoy! We also have volunteering opportunities for all students.



# FRESHER REPS

We take 4 girls and 4 guys onto the committee as first year representatives. We like to think we are good fun to hang out with, so we recommend coming along to join our big family. Our elections are on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March, so make sure you get around it. Even if you don't get elected, we would love you to hang around because we really enjoy having fun with all of you. Here is a picture of our fresher reps of 2018 all suited up at our first semester quiz night!





# 2019 EXECUTIVE

## President – Emma Mezger



## Education Vice-President – Olivia Tan

As a fresher I 100% prioritised having fun over anything education-related, so I don't blame you if you have absolutely no interest in anything I do on this committee. In saying that, if your units suck or something is getting in the way of your burning desire to learn, I can help you out.

## External Affairs Vice-President – April Htun

I'm the external affairs VP but you can call me AP 😊 After careful [re]evaluation of myself, I've come to the conclusion that I'm a bum. I don't want you lil freshies to turn out like me, so I'm gonna help ya get up and get a job.

## Social Vice-President – Sarah Woolhouse

Whether you are a social butterfly or more of a homebody moth, everyone is welcome to our events – so I'll see you there!

## Welfare Vice-President – Aidan Lewins

I'm here to be everyone's wholesome amigo, with a little bit of extra know-how regarding your well-being. Feel free to give me a shout during the year if you're struggling with anything related to your degree, your university life or literally anything else, I'm always more than happy to have a chat over coffee and dish out some advice and information regarding the support networks the University has on offer.

## Treasurer – Kaleigh Spithoven

Money can buy happiness.

## Secretary – Eli Wadrop

As my job is to keep track of everyone and what they're doing, I'm basically just the token mum of our committee with 26 kids. If you want to know what's happening and where it is going to happen, I'm the person to bribe with coffee. I also enjoy a spot of frisbee so if you'd like to join the science union team, let me know.

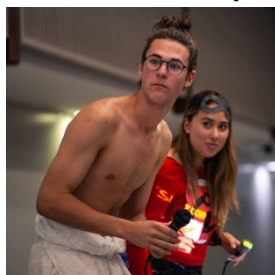
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### President



- big dog BNOC
- probably owns a party house
- will ask for your opinion and then just do whatever they want anyway
- Don't Mess With Them

### Secretary



- does all the work, gets no credit
- types so fast their keyboard is hotter than their mixtape
- how do they stay so chill ???
- "why did i sign up for this"

### Treasurer



- likes spreadsheets
- follows lots of dog pages
- can keep the club bank account in check but not their own
- bitch better have my money
- the mum friend

### Ed VP



- highlights their notes with 12 different coloured highlighters
- cries whilst watching talent show compilations all day
- pretends to hate drama but loves a good serving of tea
- procrastinated when they were supposed to be writing this guide by making this meme instead

### Externals VP



- if they promise you one thing it's that they WILL find you a job
- darude sandstorm playing in their head 24/7
- communicates exclusively in niche memes
- has a wild side you didn't know about
- CEO in the streets, piss head in the sheets

### Social VP



- unpredictable popular guy
- radiates big dick energy but doesn't know what bde is
- one minute can't afford food, next minute travelling around europe
- do they ever sleep ???
- will get this party started

### Welfare VP




- sends you wholesome messages to check up on you
- glass half full kind of friend
- always passed out after hours
- bloodstream consists entirely of either stimulants or depressants at all times
- superficially a prick but actually wholesome or superficially wholesome but actually a prick - you decide

# 2019 COMMITTEE

<b>Education Officers</b>	Emily de Castro Pristina Goh
<b>External Affairs Officer</b>	Cody Robinson
<b>Media Officer</b>	Gilbert Porter
<b>Graphical Promotions Officer</b>	Lee Dennis
<b>Sponsorship Officer</b>	Tahlia McDonald
<b>International Student Representative</b>	Caleb Haberstock
<b>Social Officers</b>	Rachael McMahon Thi Huynh
<b>Orientation Director</b>	Ivan Roncevich
<b>Welfare Officer</b>	Eliesha Hartley
<b>Volunteering Coordinator</b>	Sienna Karklin
<b>Female Sports Representative</b>	Kate Stewart
<b>Male Sports Representative</b>	Peter Roberts
<b>Ordinary Committee Members</b>	Megan Wilkinson, Nick Willis, Samantha Smith, Alex Armanios
<b>Immediate Past President</b>	Nick Gibb



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# CAMP

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