

SCIENCE UNION 2021

fresher handbook



your guide to surviving
your first year of
science at uwa

About Our Club



Science Union is the second oldest Faculty Society at UWA; a group of students that represent all students studying one of six areas that fall under the Faculty of Science. These are Biological Science, Earth Science, Human Science, Molecular Science, Psychological Science and Environmental Studies. Through our four portfolios – Education, External Affairs, Social and Welfare – Science Union aims to run a diverse range of events that provide students with the best educational experience, committed representation, improved engagement and a vibrant campus life.

President's Welcome

Hi, hello and welcome to uni, I hope you are enjoying your first few weeks at UWA! Congratulations on making it through not only ATAR and WACE but doing it during a global pandemic! This year of first-years really will be some of the strongest we have ever seen.



I'm Kate, the Science Union president for 2021 and Science Union are about to drop some knowledge on you. This handbook will be your lifeline on how to survive uni, from where the best food is, how to get help with an assignment extension, when happy hours are at the tav or just how to get the most out of your degree.

UWA is a really exceptional place with an insanely vibrant campus like no other, with hundreds of clubs to fit everyone's interests, that will be sure to give you an amazing group of lifelong friends and memories throughout your time at uni. These clubs have collected years of wisdom (Science Union has been around since 1924!) and are here to help you through the same struggles we have encountered: rushed assignments, crammed exams, drunken decisions and feeling lost as you find your place in this crazy new world. Science Union are here to help you along the way. We provide a diverse range of events during the year to keep everyone involved and having fun, while also helping you understand your degree and even prepare you for life afterwards. My one HUGE recommendation is coming to our orientation CAMP at the end of week 2 to meet a bunch of other first-years through various activities and games that show you UWA's traditions and the social aspect of uni life. I hope you find this guide to your fresher year super helpful and that I'll see you at our events this year – don't hesitate to chuck us a message on insta/facebook if you have any questions or just want someone to have lunch with!

Good luck homies, you got this :))

The Benefits Of Becoming A Member



As a member of Science Union, you get direct access to our newsletter; a great way of staying updated on all the events being run on campus, as well as any changes that have happened within the university.

Your \$5 membership is a really good investment to make as it gives you \$5 off all event tickets and merchandise for the entire year. We have some pretty neat events coming up this year and some equally neat merchandise including shirts, socks and hats. You also get a cool sticker you can add to the back of your student campus card.

Science Union's Four Portfolios

Education

The Education Portfolio is responsible for making sure science students feel comfortable with what they're studying at university and acts as a bridge to connect students to their Unit Coordinators and the Faculty of Science (the big dogs working behind the scenes). This portfolio offers opportunities for high school students to come and participate in activities on campus and for university students to thrive in their area of study. These events include workshops on how to write lab reports or study nights for specific units. We also run postgraduate events for students to network and create future career connections. Studying can be stressful and intimidating, but this portfolio is here to make your job so much easier!



External Affairs

The External Affairs Portfolio is concerned with running events that introduce students to companies relevant to their field of study and potential future employers.

A perfect example of how this is done is through Science Union's series of Industries Nights, where representatives from science companies are invited to provide information on future employment opportunities, internships and how to get there.



The Networking Cocktail evening is the prized jewel of the External Affairs Portfolio. The event creates a fun space for students to talk to professors, employers and big names on the UWA Campus, such as Nobel Prize Winner Barry J Marshall, with food, drinks and music provided.

Sponsorship

Science Union works closely with companies that act as sponsors and sends off applications for grants from external companies and organisations in order to provide its members with the best events and opportunities it can.

This year, Science Union has worked super hard to get our members some amazing deals both on and off campus with our sponsors. This includes \$5 pints of both beer and cider at Varsity Bar Nedlands as well as Science Union exclusive deals through their app (Varsity league).

Social

The social portfolio's main objective is to be a platform to allow for science students/the greater UWA student population to establish friendships and have a break from the rigmarole of the academic year. We aim to achieve this through running events that are open to all students such as sundowners, pub crawls, picnics and other on campus events such as quiz nights or big parties. If you ever feel like you need to alleviate some of the stress from studying or you just want to make new friends, this portfolio is here to help!!



Other Social Clubs to look out for!



UWA's Leisure is one of the biggest, oldest and boldest social clubs on campus. Through their parties, special events and general shenanigans, they promote the establishment of new and worthwhile relationships for existing students of all degrees and ages. Keep an eye out for all their social events, some super fun pubcrawls and their Fresher Elections down by the foreshore! It's never a dull moment with the Leisure Family. [Find them at facebook.com/LeisureLlama/](https://www.facebook.com/LeisureLlama/)



The University Engineers Club (UEC) is UWA's oldest Faculty Society that represents students studying Engineering, Computing and Mathematical Sciences. You don't think Engineers can party? Just you wait until their keggers, pubcrawls and annual ball swing around. Find them at facebook.com/universityengineersclub/

Welfare

While at university, it's important to study and socialise as much as possible, but one thing a lot of university students tend to forget to allocate time to is looking after yourself.

The Welfare Portfolio runs events focused on volunteering, relaxation and self-care to ensure students are coping with the workloads and responsibilities they are given.

Scattered throughout the year are plenty of wholesome activities to take your mind away from horrible exams for a while. There are also more formal workshops run that concern stress management, alcohol and drug abuse, sexual health and suicide prevention. There are even various social sports teams (heavy emphasis on social rather than sport) which are great if you want to step away from your studies and meet new people.

Volunteering

Science Union is all about spreading some wholesome vibes and getting students accredited for every single hour of volunteer

work they do. Science Union's volunteering opportunities are a great way to meet new people, help the community and make yourself look like the ideal candidate for companies! Science Union hosts a wide range of volunteering events including (but not limited to) baking for sick children and families staying at the Ronald McDonald House, beach clean-ups and Relay for Life. Keep your eye on Science Union's socials so you can get amongst it, you will not regret this!



Sports

Interfaculty sport is a friendly competition where EVERYONE is welcome to join in, occurring between each of the Faculty Societies on campus on Wednesdays 12-2pm. A new sport is played every week and you do not have to be good at sports at all to fit in with us. This is a great way to meet new people, try out new sports and take a break from your stressful classes. AND If you find a sport that you really enjoy playing, there will definitely be a social sports team for it. We highly recommend you consider joining in, all you have to do is show up !!!

Meet The Committee

President: Kate Stewart
Secretary: Jack Maurice
Treasurer: Ryan O'Keeffe

The Education Portfolio

Education Vice President: Natasha Main
Education Officers: Charlie Cope and Shahab Rasheed
International Student Representative: Trang Ngan Nguyen
(Jennifer)
Postgraduate Student Representative: Thi Huynh

The External Affairs Portfolio

External Affairs Vice President: Jac Harding
External Affairs Officer: Max Beard
Sponsorship Officer: Liza Kneebone
Media Officer: Melissa Klifunis
Graphic Promotions Officer: Klaudia Oey

The Social Portfolio

Social Vice President: Tom Toovey
Social Officers: Leroy Pearce-Lund and Anne Millar

The Welfare Portfolio

Welfare Vice President: Caitlyn Calderbank

Welfare Officer: Iknur Virik

Volunteering Officer: Chloe Taylor

Sports Representatives: Kate Mountain and Ross Morshead

Orientation Director: Eilish Jones

Ordinary Committee Members: Matilda Malet, Rachael
McMahon, Satya Barak

Immediate Past President (IPP): April Htun

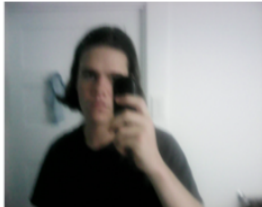
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- SU EXEC -



k8 – President

- Stuart little > Remy
- Weak ankles :(but strong spine
- Choose ur fighter: band shirt k8, SU shirt k8 or party shirt k8



Jack - Secretary

- On a first name basis with the tav bouncers
- Can't park for shit
- Bones very breakable
- Yacks at least twice a week
- Lives in 240p
- Sportsbet as a side job
- Elite taste in music



Jac – Externals VP

- Starts week 1 content in week 12
- Hoodies
- Goon PTSD
- 5 beers never enough, 6 beers is always too many
- Tav?



Toovey – Socials VP

- Goes to uni solely to go to the tav
- Himbo
- Spirit animal is a monkey
- Might actually just be a monkey
- Spends 4 hours on his hair



Ryan – Treasurer

- Overworked & sleep deprived
- Sport all the time
- Forklift certified
- Constantly behind on content



Tash – Education VP

- Will get burnt from standing in the sun for 10 mins
- Can't say no to one more game of slap cup
- Frisbee??
- Could eat cheese with any meal



Caito – Welfare VP

- serial lightweight
- aggressively wholesome
- yells back at catcallers
- just wants to help

Getting Involved With Committee

First year Representatives

Every year, Science Union hosts their Fresher Elections where first year students enrolled under the Faculty of Science can nominate themselves to become one of eight Fresher Representatives. Four female and four male first years are then taken on board to join the Science Union Committee. Even if you don't get elected, you will always be more than welcome to come have a good time with us!

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Other Science Clubs



CHEMn \rightleftharpoons BiO

CHEMnBiO represents all students studying molecular science here at UWA. Not only do they supply high quality chemistry memes, they host a variety of educational and social events. If you want to experiment with chemicals, we highly recommend you come check CHEMnBiO out!

[Find them at facebook.com/chemnbiouwa](https://www.facebook.com/chemnbiouwa)



The Physiology, Human Biology and Anatomy Club (PHAC) of UWA represents and supports a growing community among all Physiology and Human Biology majors. Their 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-ing delicious BBQs, pubcrawls and sundowners, PHAC puts ulna fun in your humerus.

[Find them at facebook.com/PhacUwa](https://www.facebook.com/PhacUwa)



Physics. It surrounds us, we interact with it every day and yet we still have so much to learn. They may not be making ground-breaking discoveries at UPS, but they do offer comradery and good times, with the occasional debate on the side, so that when the time comes you can.

Find them at facebook.com/University-Physics-Society-UWA-1696656783913401/



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 through the year.

Find them at facebook.com/WoolnoughSociety



No, this isn't a science club for appreciating sausage sizzles (although they do occasionally host some). The student club for the School of Natural and Agricultural Sciences offers both educational industry events and some wild social times. They also offer students a link to the Agriculture Institute of Australia.

Find them at facebook.com/snagsuwa



The Psychology Society (PsySoc) runs social as well as educational events for both undergraduate and postgraduate students. They also liaise with the School of Psychology here at UWA and the Australian Psychology Society to organise and run several information sessions throughout the year.

[Find them at facebook.com/UWAPsySoc](https://www.facebook.com/UWAPsySoc)



The club for zoology students and biology enthusiasts alike. Check out their events, or you can find them at [facebook.com/uwazoologyclub](https://www.facebook.com/uwazoologyclub)



They are the student-run body that represents the students of Sport Science, Exercise and Health at UWA – but they'll happily open their doors to all UWA Students. They aim to provide a year's worth of great social events to entertain students

[Find them at facebook.com/uwapesa](https://www.facebook.com/uwapesa)



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

[Find them at facebook.com/HealthStudentSocietyUWA](https://www.facebook.com/HealthStudentSocietyUWA)

The UWA Guild

The UWA Student Guild, elected by the UWA student body, provides the best University experience possible for all UWA students, enabling them to graduate with more than just a degree!

The UWA Student Guild provides student representation on many numerous University boards and committees, through the Guild Council.

The UWA Guild is split into various departments:

- Access – Access provides representation and provides a community for students with disabilities, and students who fulfill a carer role.
- Environment – Environment is responsible for maintaining a campus culture that practices and applies sustainable practices in every setting.
- International Students Department (ISD) – Represents all international students at UWA and acts as an ‘umbrella’ organisation for all international student clubs underneath it.
- Pride – Pride represents and promotes the visibility of *LGBTQI+* students on campus. The Pride department aims to raise awareness and create a safe community for the *LGBTQI+* students on campus.
- Postgraduate Students Association (PSA) – The representative body for postgraduate students at UWA.

They aim to make postgrad students more visible to UWA, to each other, to administrators, and to those outside the University.

- Residential Students' Department (RSD) – Acts as a connective body between the University, the Guild, and the residential colleges, as well as between the colleges themselves.
- Welfare – This department is responsible for campaigns, initiatives, and events relating towards student welfare. This includes all aspects that affects student welfare, such as mental health, financial stress, and security on campus.
- Women's – The representative body for female and non-binary identifying students on UWA campus. The Women's Department works to advocate for female and non-binary identifying students at a university level, and provide a safe community for female and non-binary students.
- Western Australian Student Aboriginal Corporation (WASAC) - WASAC represents the indigenous student body at UWA. WASAC has organised social and cultural awareness events for any student to get involved in.



The Education Council



The Guild Education Council consists of the Presidents and Education Vice-Presidents of all the Faculty Societies, and the Guild Education Council Committee.

The role of the Education Council President, April Htun, is to work together with the 12 Faculty Societies to represent all students on matters affecting the quality of their education at UWA.

As a student, if you ever run into issues with your units, lectures, or assessments, please contact your education representative within your Faculty Society or reach out to the education representatives at the UWA Student Guild. Our job is to ensure students feel safe, are treated fairly, and are given a high-quality learning experience.

The UWA Medical Centre

The University Medical Centre is a convenient option for looking after your health due to its bulk billing option with Medicare cover. Located on the second floor of Guild Village, both male and female doctors provide holistic healthcare from general checkups, to medical certificates to vaccinations and sexual health. All information can be found at

<https://www.uwa.edu.au/students/need-help/medical-centre>

Student Assist



What the heck is it? To put it simply they provide support, counselling and information on anything that might be affecting your study, so if you need help, they're the place to go.

Other Services

Additional Educational Services Available

UWA's Academic Skills Centre, *STUDY Smarter*, has services available for students who want to improve their writing, maths and research skills, as well as develop efficient study habits. For more information visit uwa.edu.au/students/study-success

UWA offers other support programs for new students as well. Such as the UniMentor program which pairs new students with a mentor to help guide them and present facilities available on campus.

UWA also offers counselling and Psychological Services which provide professional and confidential service free of charge to enrolled students.



Science Union's Self-Care Guide

PRESENCE IS IMPORTANT

Being the “new kid” is tough, but by getting involved in physical and online campus culture, such as sundowners or Facebook/Instagram challenges run by clubs, it takes away the hard and stressful work in finding like-minded people. If 2020 has taught us anything, it's that feeling isolated and separated are normal, and stepping into physical or online social situations can really help you build a support system for your first year at uni.

JOIN STUDY NIGHTS/WORKSHOPS

Science Union holds study groups/workshops regularly during the semester in both face to face and online formats. These are a chance to talk to and get tips off your lecturers, experienced past students or other people taking the same unit, helping you get those cheeky HD's.

CREATE A ROUTINE

Having a set routine is a simple way to eliminate stress and clutter from your life. The first few weeks of uni can be extremely full on with new classes, events and assignments to keep on track of, as well as just adjusting to the university lifestyle. By setting out your days, with meaningful breaks planned, it will avoid burn out and make sure you get the most out of your time at UWA socially and academically.

USE THE UNI'S RESOURCES

If you, or someone around you is experiencing a time of hardship, mentally or physically, don't be afraid to reach out. UWA has a wide range of resources such as psychologists, the Fit for Study program or Student Assist. Or, if it's just a cuppa and a chat that you need, Science Unions club room is always full of smiling faces and an abundance of tea and coffee!

MAKE A PLAN

Nothing's worse than the stress of completing a research assignment the hour before its due, or worse - copping that late submission deduction. Plan ahead by writing the dates and deadlines for ALL assessments, readings, tutes/labs and exams (big or small) which you'll find under the unit's outline/guide on LMS.

Serious Things to Note

The atmosphere at University can be daunting no matter what background you are coming from. You will experience different things for the first time, and you may make mistakes or do things you'd regret.

You should always feel safe and comfortable at uni, but if you don't feel safe or comfortable, there are plenty of services available at UWA and around Perth to assist you, such as UWA Security, free triage psychological counselling at UWA, free medical services, etc.

University Culture

You've probably watched a handful of movies and television shows that have given you an expectation that university will be a wild ride.

You are encouraged to have one of the best times of your life, so long as you do so safely and responsibly. You should never feel pressured to do anything, and it's completely okay to say 'No' if you don't want to participate in certain activities.

Just because your friends do something and can be good at it, doesn't mean that you must do the same, especially if it's something you're not comfortable with. This is particularly important when alcohol is involved – pushing yourself past your own tolerance just because your friends can, will leave you in a vulnerable position to make decisions you may regret in the future.

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 in the past 14 days, and counselling services can be provided beyond 14 days.

UWA Disclosures Officer

The UWA Disclosures Officer is trained to deal with disclosures of sexual assault and harassment. They are the best first contact on campus for information and support related to sexual violence. They offer confidential service and can provide information on accessing a range of support services such as counselling, special consideration for assignments or classes, or class swaps and deferrals. Feel free to contact them at disclosure@uwa.edu.au or call them at 6488 2427.

UWA Alcohol and Other Drug Counselling Services

Sometimes your drinking or drug use can get out of balance, especially when you're under a lot of pressure or stress. Counselling can provide you with an insight into your present situation, feelings, and behaviour and assist you with rebranding your lifestyle.

For more information, visit student.uwa.edu.au/experience/health-wellbeing-safety/fit/tap/tap2

UWA Security

UWA Campus Security is always on call 24/7 to accompany you to car parks, bus stops, 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. After calling emergency services, inform UWA Security at 6488 3020.

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 739 444 or add "*URGENT*" in front of the message if immediate assistance is required. A Campus Security Officer will follow up.

Science Union strongly recommends you save all these numbers in your phone contacts for easy access.

Enrolment and Admin

StudentConnect

studentconnect.uwa.edu.au

- Enrolment
- Exam timetables
- Unit results
- Course fees and account statements
- parking permits and student smart riders

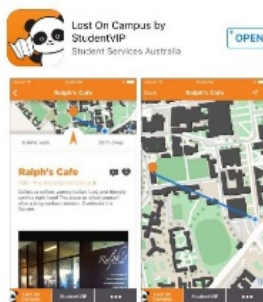
If you are unsure of what units you need to be enrolled in, make sure you check the 2021 Handbook or example study plans which can be found at: <http://handbook.uwa.edu.au/undergraduate/study-plans>

Your Grade Point Average (GPA)

You can find your GPA on StudentConnect, where it has already been calculated for you.

Lost on Campus

This will become your new favourite app for the next few weeks (or years). We highly recommend you do yourself a favour and download it on your phone – it practically saves lives! It tells you exactly where all your classrooms or lecture halls are and will guide you from your current location to your class.



Transportation

Parking at UWA is often full, 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 around campus (though these are very limited in numbers).

There are plenty of bike racks around uni to leave your bike at if you opt to ride in.

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 continue service from the Morley Bus port to QEII Hospital and UWA via Perth.



If you are a fulltime student at UWA (studying at least three units a semester), you can apply for a tertiary smart rider through StudentConnect. Smart riders can be purchased at any newsagency, and make sure you register your smart rider as soon as you buy.

Lectures and Classes

Lectures

Uwa incorporates multimodal learning by providing you face to face and online recorded lectures available on lms so don't worry if you miss these.

Tutorials and Workshops

These will be held either online or face to face depending on the unit. These classes will sometimes have attendance and participation marks attached to them, so it's important to not only go, but also prepare so you can contribute to the discussion.

Labs

Labs are generally more hands-on classes and in science units, they tend to have a more heavily weighted marked component, so attendance and preparation is key! Labs will sometimes have a dress code so wear long pants and enclosed shoes.

Doing Labs, Tutes or Workshops Online

If enrolled in online classes, be sure to check you've got a working microphone, good internet, a camera and decent attire so you're prepared to contribute to the class. If zooming from home isn't an option, no need to stress! Reid and Barry J Marshall libraries both have designated online class areas or "zoom rooms", where you can log in and contribute in your online class.

Assignments

Academic Conduct

UWA takes academic misconduct by students very seriously and has policies in place that define misconduct (including plagiarism) and the penalties that come with them. The consequences for misconduct can be severe, including expulsion from the University. More information about this can be found in the Academic Conduct Essentials module on LMS.

EndNote and Referencing

At university, you're expected to reference any ideas that aren't your own or information you found while reading peer-reviewed articles. <https://guides.library.uwa.edu.au/EndNote>.

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 or being a victim of a crime.

International Students

Welcome to our Science Union Family! As an international student, moving to a new country far away from home can feel extremely overwhelming. But don't worry! We are here to support you throughout your degree at university. Here's everything you need to know to survive your new life at UWA and in Australia.

Banking and Daily Expenses

As required by international student VISA, we highly recommend you set up a bank account with one of the four big Australian banks (ANZ, Commonwealth, NAB and Westpac). It is also important to make sure you have switched to a reliable and local phone plan from either Optus, Telstra or Vodafone.

There have been unprecedented changes in the economy due to coronavirus pandemic. If you need help financially, supports in terms of groceries, housing, tuition fees,... are available on UWA website (<https://www.uwa.edu.au/students/supporting-you-during-covid-19>).

Driving in Australia

You are eligible to drive in Australia as long as you have a copy of your overseas driver license in English. If you wish to apply for a local license. Visit

<https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/licensing/step-1-get-a-learner-s-permit.asp> and follow their 6-step instructions.

Seeking Health Care

As an International Student, it is important you have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for the entire duration of your stay in Australia. Not only is this another VISA condition but it grants you access to out-patient and in-hospital medical services, which apply to UWA Medical Centre and all other clinics in Perth metropolitan areas.

In light of COVID-19 complications, OSHC does provide cover for COVID-19 patients, both in hospital and out of hospital, including PBD prescription medicines and emergency treatment. However, there are some limitations. To check whether you're eligible for OSHC cover for COVID-19, contact Allianz insurance team at 13 67 42

Consular Assistance

If you are seeking assistance from a Consulate representing your home country, there are numerous offices located in Perth's Central Business District (CBD). However, your relevant Student Office and the Administrative Offices can solve most of the problems you encounter.

Unit Selection

Onshore International Students must be enrolled in at least three units per semester as part of your VISA conditions

You'll also need to be enrolled in a minimum of 8 units a year; either four each semester or less but including summer and winter units.

Tax File Number (TFN)

Your Tax File Number (TFN) is your own personal reference number that is required for tax payments and superannuation. It is

important to keep your TFN secure once you have one as it will become an important part of your identity.

Whether you change your name, change your job or move overseas, your TFN will always stay the same.

Make sure you are not working more than 40 hours a fortnight as this is not allowed. Applying for Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) is also considered to be a breach of your VISA conditions. Any job that does not require you to have an RSA is allowed.

International Student Travel Concession

Western Australia is the only Australian state that allows international students to travel under a concession fare.

Smartriders can be purchased from the second-hand bookstore located on the first level of Guild Village or from any newsagent located in Perth. Make sure to link your Smartrider to your StudentConnect (Menu -> Personal Details -> Transport) in order to get 50% off for your travel fees. After linking successfully, you will have to tap your Smartrider at least once on a public vehicle to activate the discount.

Autoload is a very handy tool that allows you to automatically top up your Smartrider when more money is needed. You can sign up for this on the Transperth website

(<https://www.transperth.wa.gov.au/SmartRider/Using-SmartRider/Autoload>). After signing up, you get to enjoy an extra 20% discount from cash fares.

Information regarding bus routes is available in “Public Transport” section of the handbook

Visa and COE reminder

It is your responsibility to make sure your student VISA is valid, and you have Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) for the entire duration of your study in Australia. If your VISA is expiring soon visit the Department of Home Affairs website www.homeaffairs.gov.au for further information on student VISA extension. Please also familiarise yourself with all the conditions surrounding your VISA. If you have any questions regarding your enrolment or CoE, submit an enquiry via askUWA using your student email address: <https://ipoint.uwa.edu.au/app/ask>. If you have any questions about your visa, please contact the Department of Home Affairs www.homeaffairs.gov.au

Textbooks and Libraries

Textbooks

Please, for the love of god...DON'T BUY YOUR TEXTBOOKS NEW! Unless you want to be hundreds of dollars in debt after purchasing three textbooks, Science Union recommends you either borrow your textbooks from the library or buy pre-owned books from the Second-hand bookshop located in the Guild Village.

Library study spaces

Library rooms are good places for group study, projects or meetings. Always book them ahead of time because they tend to get super busy, especially close to exam time. Make sure you turn

up within 15 minutes of your booking, because after 15 minutes your room is free game for other people to take. Bookings can be made at the libcal webpage. library-uwa.libcal.com

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 Connection, LMS, CAS or student email account, they will be able to help you!

Printing

Upload anything you need to print to this website (print.uwa.edu.au), then you can go and tap your student card at any printer to get your work printed on the spot. Make sure you have money on your account, which you can top up at every library. Other than paid printing, copying and free scanning is also available.

Food and Drinks

Coffee/5

Café	Price (Cheap)	Taste	Convenience
Quobba Gnaring Café (Reid Library)	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★★
Catalyst Café (Barry J Marshall Library)	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Hackett Café	★★★★★	★★★☆☆	★★★★☆
Rocket fuel (Oak Lawn)	★★☆☆☆	★★★★★	★★★★☆
Business School Café	★★★★☆	★★★★☆	★★☆☆☆

Some Final Tips

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.

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 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!



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