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SCIENCE UNION

Fresher Handbook

THE guide to surviving
your first year at UWA!

LETS START WITH... WHO WE ARE!

The UWA Science Union is more than just a club, it's a hub of scientific enthusiasm and exploration. As a student-led organization, the Science Union brings together curious minds and fosters a community of innovation and discovery at the University of Western Australia. It is the second oldest faculty at UWA, celebrating our 99th year in 2023! The schools of Biological Science, Earth Science, Human Science, Molecular Science, Psychological Science and Environmental Studies are all represented by the team on Science Union.



PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Keegan Mitchell

Hello Hello!! First and foremost – huge props to you all for making it to university, freeing yourself from the true dark ages of high school and ATAR. This next 3 (or 4 or 5) years of uni will be some of the best times of your life.

I'm Keegan, your friendly neighbourhood crazy person and, more importantly, the Science Union President for 2023! This booklet was lifesaver for me in my fresher year and I can guarantee that it will be just the thing you need to avoid having a boring time at uni. Uni is about more than just getting a fresh piece of A4 paper that declares you smart – it's the perfect chance to broaden your horizons, make valuable connections in your future industry and, of course, experience the amazing range of events on offer here at UWA.

This handbook is the first step in that journey, but truly you've already lucked out by choosing to study at UWA where we are broadly acknowledge as having one of the most vibrant and socially active club culture scenes in Australia. Props for good taste, I guess. UWA is an absolute cornucopia of clubs and societies, and finding your niche will improve your uni experience by an order of magnitude (even though I reckon SU may just be the best).

That being said, Uni is stressful and starting Uni even more so. Science Union has been around since 1924, making us the 2nd oldest faculty society on campus. This means we have a wealth of experience on our hands – giving us some of the safest, most enjoyable, and innovative events on campus. Sticking around us gives you so many opportunities to ask for help in your fresher year and become a wizened old club person by the time you graduate. It's for exactly this reason that Science Union has events for everyone – whether you want to go full throttle and jump in to the club party scene or just want to make the most of your time with networking and study nights.

We run literally dozens of events every semester for our members and we'll always have your back. My advice? Go to as many fresher events as you can (cough*cough CAMP) and truly try and engage with the weird club people who seem to have lost their minds. Despite how much of a social mess I am, it worked for me and will likely work better for you! Read on to hear about our 5 amazing portfolios and the host of clubs that we recommend for the keen science kids and the hot girl summer party squad. Love yas, Keegan xx



YOUR BENEFITS AS A MEMBER

Becoming a member of Science Union opens up a whole world of opportunities throughout the year! Your \$5 dollar membership is the best investment you can make, giving you a \$5 discount on all of our event tickets and our gorgeous merchandise. We have dozens of cool events planned out for this year, and some equally amazing merchandise, from our themed shirts and socks to our limited edition bucket hats. You also got a cool sticker to pop onto your student card and show off to all your friends!

Throughout the year, all members of Science Union also get direct access to our newsletter. Written by science students, for science students, our newsletter is a great way to stay informed about what goes on around campus and any changes in the university that affect students.



THE FIVE PORTFOLIOS OF SCIENCE UNION

Science Union functions through five different portfolios to sufficiently provide for all of the required student experiences.

Each of these portfolios are headed by a Vice President in that area who, along with the President, Secretary, and Treasurer, make up the committees executive team. Each of the Vice Presidents work tirelessly with their portfolios to help out the club and the students we represent. Our Portfolios are:

“ Marketing ”

The marketing portfolio for the student organisation, Science Union, includes a range of strategies and tactics to promote the organisation and its activities to its target audience – the students of course! We will take the action of creating a strong identity to our students, use various social medial platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Linkedin, and our new Tik Tok (haha) to make our presence known to all. Overall, we will make sure Science Union’s marketing portfolio is comprehensive and effective in promoting our events.

- David Paik, Marketing VP (He/Him)

The Science Union (SU) marketing portfolio is here to showcase SU’s best work for potential students coming into the science field of education, as well as employers. We set out to give SU the best introduction to students, as well as showcase the many events in the realms of social, educational, academic, career-orientated directions for UWA students.



THE FIVE PORTFOLIOS OF SCIENCE UNION

Education

The Educational Portfolio strives to equip all students with the resources and skills they need to achieve the best possible results while at university, primarily through the organization of dedicated academic events. We are also the leading body for student representation and work with the Faculty of Science and the Guild Education Board to provide the best possible education for all Science students. Basically, if you ever need any help regarding your science degree, you can come to us and we'll help!

-Aditya Patil, Education VP (He/Him)



Education is one of the most diverse portfolios as it is our job to account for every student's academic journey, no matter their degree or background. Our portfolio is built of students from every facet of science at UWA, as well as representatives for postgraduate and international students. As a result we run all sorts of events, from study nights to give you an edge before exams, workshops to show you all the tools to make your study more efficient, and even demonstrations to make science more accessible or interesting for everyone from high schoolers to retirees.

Welfare



The equity and diversity portfolio (aka welfare portfolio) is the portfolio in charge of organising most of the wholesome SU events. We, as a team, mainly focus on volunteering, self-care and relaxation events to try and make your uni life more enjoyable and stress free. The welfare portfolio doesn't just focus on your mental and emotional health but also your physical health. Weekly, Science Union participates in Inter-faculty society sports tournaments and many other sports events. We have lots of super exciting events planned this year and we can't wait to see you around!!

-
Eve Stewart , Welfare Vice-President (She/Her)



As important as it is to study and socialise at uni, majority of university students often forget to allocate time and effort towards themselves. It's for this reason that the welfare portfolio runs all kinds of events, from our regular destress events, to social sports competitions and amazing volunteering opportunities.



Externals



The externals portfolio is all about the big goals for after our degree - whether that be finding pathways into super niche fields or securing whichever job pays the best. Externals events will bring you all the tools you need to buff out your resume, make valuable connections in your chosen field and ask industry professionals dozens of questions.

- Keegan Mitchell, President 2023 (They/Them)



Externals runs a whole host of events to keep you working towards a real career in your field. Most frequently you will see as running industry nights - industry specific events in which we bring 4-5 keynote speakers to share their journey from uni to employment and answer all your burning questions. We are also in charge of securing Science Union some sweet sweet money by reaching out and negotiating with science based companies for sponsorships and discounts for our members

Networking Evening

Science Union also runs an annual networking night as the crowning jewel of our externals portfolio. Here we bring in dozens of professionals from a range of careers - as well as 3-4 guest speakers such as Nobel Prize Winner Barry J Marshall or Former Chief Scientist Lynn Beazley. An amazing night of free-flowing drinks, amazing food and all the time in the world to network, ask questions and meet other people aiming for a similar career to yourself!

Social

“The social portfolio gives students the opportunity to get even more out of university life, it focuses on bringing people together, so we’ve all got fun events to look forward to through all the stress that assessments and exams throw your way. It can seem scary and intimidating when your first getting involved but I couldn’t recommend it more, especially in your first year. Hope you are all ready for a hype year ahead.”
- Chloe Pavlov, Social Vice-President (She/Her)

The social portfolio’s main objective is to be a platform to allow for students to establish friendships and have a break from the stress of the academic year. We aim to achieve this through running events that are open to all students such as quiz nights, pub crawls, picnics, end of exams parties and other large events such as our annual ball. 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!



INTERFACULTY SPORTS

SU participates in a weekly social sports competition, known as 'InterFac,' against other faculty clubs like UEC, ECOMS, WAMSS, etc. These sports events run every week on Wednesdays, from 12-2 PM, and are free for anyone to join! Did we mention there's usually free snags, zooper doopers, and lollies? A new sport is played every week for InterFac, and it's free, so this is a great way to meet other people who study similar things to you! And the more wins you gain, the higher you rank against the other faculty clubs, and the winner is determined at the end of the year. All skill levels are welcome to InterFac. SU has a sports group on Facebook dedicated to making social sports teams for each social sport at the UWA Social Sport competition, as well as organising numbers to attend InterFac each week!



THE 2023 COMMITTEE!

ADMIN

President – Keegan Mitchell

Secretary – TBD

Treasurer – Annie Koko

VICE PRESIDENTS

Education VP: Aditya Patil

Welfare VP: Eve Stewart

Social VP: Chloe Pavlov

Marketing VP: David Paik

Externals VP: TBD

OFFICERS

Education Officer: Daniel Odijk

International Student Representative: Ritika Menon

Welfare Officer: Justine Harris

Externals Officer: Kirti Giridhar

Interfac Sports Officers: Joel Brooker and Millie Mcfarlane

Media Officer: Bridget Long

Volunteering Coordinator: Melissa Klifunis

Sponsorship Officer: Liza Kneebone

Social Officers: Cameron Braysher & Jerome Williams

HONOURABLE MENTIONS

Immediate Past President (IPP) – Eilish Jones

MEET THE EXECS



Keegan Mitchell

- Literally 0 clue what is going on at any given moment
- Allergic to temperature warmer than 23C
- Can't make decisions; is in charge of the club
- "what, likes its hard?"



Chloe Pavlov

- I have a magnet house tattoo (yes it gets me free entry)
- I have the most horrific guinea pig death story you will ever hear
- I have an obsession with lava lamps
- chronically bad at math



Aditya Patil

- Hates his degree but still does it
- Pretends he knows what he is doing (confidence ig?)
- Will take hours to decide which shirt he wants to buy out of just two options



David Paik

- Failing Comedian
- \$10 Venture Capitalist
- Wannabe artist/indie boy
- Pyromaniac Reid Gremlin

MEET THE EXECS



Annie Koko

- Dwayne Johnson is my uncle
- Such a green coded character
- Literally never escaping SU
- Mortal enemies with Big Bird



Eve Stewart

- Certified silly goose
- Will make you dance to ABBA
- Will always cry over animal death
- Good with mums ;)



GETTING INVOLVED WITH SU!

If you feel the need to get on science union ASAP, the best way to do it is become one of this year's fresher representatives. Early in Semester One, after all of our fresher welcome events and camp are all done, we will run an election to choose eight first year representatives. Getting this role is a great way to learn everything you'll need to be on any committee, or even just take any sort of group leadership role in the workplace.

Not sure you want to be stuck with us so soon? Well you're in luck! We also have over 30 positions up for grabs at the end of every year, including our subcommittee positions which are a great way to join the hype, especially if public speaking isn't your thing.



If committee sounds like way to much responsibility, you can also get around the Science Union volunteering and sports pages on Facebook.

Regularly rocking up to our interfaculty sports and out volunteering opportunities will not only look great on your transcript but it will also keep you involved on campus, which is all that matters most days.

It might not make you part of SU on paper, but you're part of the fam all the same :)

STAY CONNECTED WITH SCIENCE UNION ONLINE!

KEEP IN TOUCH
FOLLOW OUR
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WANT MORE SOCIAL FUN? CHECK OUT THESE CLUBS!

Leisure UWA

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/



University Engineers Club (UEC)

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/



THE UWA STUDENT GUILD



The UWA Guild is an organisation separate from the university faculty, and is largely comprised of representatives elected by the student body. The guild has two primary purposes, the most obvious of which is to help all students to have an amazing time at uni and to graduate with more than just an expensive piece of paper. The guild is also there to represent and protect all students and their interests on the many university boards and committees through the guild council.

The guild, due to its size and the scope of its duties, is split into many departments. Each of these departments have their own organising committee, but they fall under the jurisdiction of the Guild President. These departments are:

- **Access Department:**
 - Access provides representation and provides a community for students with disabilities, and students who fulfill a carer role
- **Environment Department:**
 - Guild Enviro 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 Department:**
 - 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

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- **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 Department:**
 - 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 Department:**
 - 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 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. They also provide a link between the School of Indigenous Studies (SIS) and students.



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Education Council

The education council is one of the most important groups on campus, although hopefully you'll never need to reach out to them. Ed council is a student-run body that includes the President and Education Vice-President of all 12 Faculty Societies as well as the guild education department committee members. This monthly council typically operates under the Education Council President to allow the faculty societies and guild to work together on matters affecting student education at UWA. If you ever run into an issue with your lectures, units or assessments contacting representatives from the guild education department or from your relevant faculty society will get it brought before the council. Our job is to ensure that all students enjoy their uni experience and uphold the quality of education that UWA is known for, so don't hesitate to reach out!

UWA Medical Centre



Need access to a GP on a student budget or just don't have time to trek to a doctors office? The University Medical Centre is a bulk billed practice located in the guild village, right at the heart of campus. With a whole host of qualified practitioners, this is the most convenient spot for holistic healthcare options, from general checkups, medical certificates, sexual health consultations, or even a vaccinations without the wait time. For more information visit the team on second floor guild village or click on the [uwa logo](#) to be redirected to their page

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Student Assist

Guild student assist is one of the most under-appreciated services provided by the guild, and most people don't even know about them until halfway through their undergrad. Student assist is primarily known for their welfare work, including access to counselling, free non-perishable food from the student pantry, and even consultation on Visa issues.

Student assist can also provide temporary financial aid, whether that be a \$10 meal voucher one day, or small interest free loans to help with unexpected study related costs. Just to show that they're truly a one stop shop, they also can help with academic concessions such as special consideration on an assessment or even represent you the curriculums board if you feel you've been unfairly accused of academic misconduct.

Other UWA services

UWA's Academic Skills Centre, STUDYSmarter, 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.

They also offer counselling and Psychological Services which provide professional and confidential service free of charge to enrolled students, although these are limited in number

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Access Services

Do you have a long-term condition or a carer for someone who lives with a disability?

Then you should apply for a UniAccess Academic Adjustment Plan (UAAP). UAAPs are issued by UniAccess, a program by the university comprised of advisers who will work with you to provide a range of adjustments to be applied to your assessments, exams and attendance based on your condition. You do not have to explain your condition to anyone else other than your Accessibility Advisor.

If you do receive an UAAP, you must present it to your unit coordinators at the start of each semester and every time you require an adjustment for an assessment, exam or attendance; but won't include details on your condition or situations.

UniAccess can help with a range of issues, including mental health conditions like depression and anxiety. They can also help accommodate neurodivergent conditions like dyslexia and ADHD, short term issues due to accidents or exacerbated medical conditions and injuries, and even people who are primary carer to someone at home.

If you have a condition that impacts your studies, please make an appointment as soon as possible to speak with one of the Accessibility Advisors to finalise your UAAP. The sooner you have an UAAP, the sooner it can be applied to upcoming assessments. There is a chance that if you don't apply for UAAPs on time, it might not apply to your assessments or exams.

Whenever you need to use your UAAP, send it through at least two weeks prior to the assessment date, or up to three working days after the due date. The earlier the better! This ensures that your needs will be met for your assessment.

THE SERIOUS TALK

The atmosphere in any new environment can be daunting, and university is certainly no exception, especially during O-Week. Entering Uni is an amazing time to broaden your horizons, but with all the excitement and constant events, it is easy to end up in uncomfortable situations or to make mistakes. While we try our hardest to make sure everyone at University feels safe and comfortable, it is just as important you know what to do if you DONT feel safe, and there are plenty of resources both inside and outside of the Uni you can turn to.

University Culture

You've probably seen all types of University experiences in movies and TV Series, but the reality of the matter can't always have that Hollywood glamour.

We've said it dozens of times in this handbook already, but Uni can and should be some of the best years of your life. Anyone on Science Union could probably regale you with dozens of crazy adventures, but all of this needs to be done safely and responsibly. Knowing your own limits is important, and you should never force yourself to get involved with anything you don't want to.

This doubly important when we come to alcohol, and you should never push past your own tolerance because others can drink more as you may leave yourself in a vulnerable position. Make sure you surround yourself with supportive people who won't pressure you into anything and whom you trust to get you home safe and you'll be able to enjoy every event to its fullest.

THE SERIOUS TALK

Sexual Misconduct

The rate of sexual assault is highest among university-aged people, and this can't be ignored. Sexual assault includes all unwanted sexual behaviours no matter how seemingly minor.

SARC (The Sexual Assault Resource Centre) provides free 24-hour confidential support for all incidences of sexual assault in Subiaco, including medical care, testing, and counselling within 14 days of an incident. The SARC counselling services are always accessible, even if the assault occurred outside of the 14 day cutoff for medical aid. Contact the crisis line at 6458 1828 or free-call the team at 1800 199 888.

For support on campus, you can also contact the UWA disclosures office. The disclosures team are a confidential and professional team that can help with the after-effects of an incident, from on-campus counselling, to class swaps and special consideration. The disclosures team does all this and more without revealing to any other faculty member why this has been done. To contact them email disclosure@uwa.edu.au or call 6488 2427

Alcohol and Drug Support

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. Dependency begins long before substance abuse or addiction, so if you feel like you're losing control reach out to university services or your friends. For more information, visit student.uwa.edu.au/experience/health-wellbeing-safety/fit/tap/tap2

THE SERIOUS TALK

Campus Security

The UWA Campus security team is on call 24 hours a day, and can be called upon anytime. If you find yourself uncomfortable on campus, security is able to accompany you to bus stops, your car, residential colleges and anywhere within the uni. Security personnel are now also in charge of upholding vaccine directives in campus buildings.

If you require an escort on campus, call security at 6488 3020, otherwise call for assistance at 6488 2222.

In an emergency always call 000 and then inform security at 6488 2222 so they can help direct emergency services through the campus.

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 the issue.

When reporting to security make sure not to speculate, but instead stick to the simple when, where, what and whether any cameras were in view of the incident.

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



HOW UNIVERSITY WORKS

University is quite different to how high school works; sure, you still have classes and assessments to complete. However, it is not so easy to transition, and you are often left to be much more independent than you were in high school. Professors expect students to be self-motivated and take responsibility for their learning. You'll have more control over your schedule, with options to choose the classes you want to take and when.

University is a time for exploration and personal growth, and there are many opportunities to get involved in clubs, sports, and social activities. At university, after a class is over in one semester you often don't see most of your friendly faces you once saw, which is why it is CRUCIAL for you to join a good club (such as Science Union of course!) so you can make long lasting friendships and see your new friends until the end of your degree and even afterwards! Now lets take a look at some other things that are important at university.

GPA and WAM

Your GPA, or grade point average, is a single numerical value that represents your academic achievement across your entire degree. Any failed units automatically contribute a 0 to your GPA, while all passing grades of a Pass, Credit, Distinction, or High Distinction will contribute a 4, 5, 6, or 7 respectively. Your WAM (Weighted Average Mark) is your actual average grade across your unit rather than a representation of your standing.

Your GPA can be found by navigating to Student Connect, logging in using your student number and password, click the three lines on the side of the page and open 'Course Details'. Click 'Course progression status' from the drop down menu, scroll down and your current GPA and WAM will be shown. These results update only once exam results for the semester have been released.

HOW UNIVERSITY WORKS

What is LMS?

LMS is the Learning Management System, or Blackboard. This is where your unit coordinators and tutors will upload all lecture notes and slides, tutorial questions and solutions, online quizzes (don't miss these!). Lecturers will also provide a link to Echo or the LCS, the system that lets you watch recorded lectures as well as Sdiscussion boards to post any and all questions for your coordinators or peers to answer (a valuable, yet under-appreciated asset to your learning and last minute assignment help).

Transportation

The 950 may be your most used vehicle by the end of the year! It, along with the 995, are high frequency routes that stop at the University and go to either QEII (950) or down Stirling Highway (995). Both go to Elizabeth Quay bus station, with the 950 continuing into the city and on to Morley. Last year, the purple cat bus was introduced, which runs from the CBD, to QEII, and down the entire length of the UWA Campus, and you can use it all for free!

Make sure to register your smart rider on LMS to get concession fares, and set up autoload to save a ton of money and stress. The Transperth app will also be your best friend!



DIFFERENT TYPES OF CLASSES

Lectures

This will be the bulk of your classes and consists nearly entirely of lecturers covering new content. UWA is committed to providing blended learning and so all of your in person lectures will also be recorded and put on the LMS, so don't stress about missing a lecture or two but make sure you keep up with the content or else your exams will NOT treat you well (trust us, speaking from experience here).

You can also speed up your lectures if it makes it more convenient for you to watch them when trying to catch up. Sometimes, a transcript is available of the lecture so you can read it alongside your lecturer speaking. All PowerPoints and other documents will be made available by your lecturer as well if it is related to the lecture.

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. For most level one units this will largely consist of practice questions and discussions of formulae.

Again, often times any questions or worksheets will be available on LMS so even if you don't make it, you can often look at recorded versions of them.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF CLASSES

Labs

Labs are generally a more practical class, and often run over the course of 2 or more hours. For science units these also typically contribute heavily towards your grade, so make sure you're prepared. Most lab classes will be graded not only on participation, but also a pre-lab quiz and a post-lab assessment which you don't want to miss. Some labs also require you to buy a lab-coat, so if you don't have one already you can go and grab one from UniPrint (located near the bookstore where you can find all sorts of UWA merch) before all the best sizes sell out (although make sure you need a lab-coat so as you don't end up spending money on it and never end up using it during your semester!).

Online Learning

If you're enrolled in your classes online, always make sure you're early to join Teams call, especially if you're on UniFi as these calls often lag. Also 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. Be prepared for the dreaded "I'm seeing a lot black screens guys, cameras on!"

ASSESSMENTS

There are many different assessments you will be presented with during your studies. These include take home assignments, quizzes, presentations and of course, exams. Here's some handy tips to ensure everything goes smoothly on the day.

- Know the test format – whether it is multi choice, short answer, extended response or something totally different. This information will be provided in advance and help you guide your study.
- Take note of opening/closing times for online assessments. Some assessments may be open for a week, while some might only be available for an hour. Make sure you're free to complete the test during this period!
- Familiarise yourself with where the assessments will run. If it's a live monitored assessment (e.g. using ProctorU or Microsoft Teams) make sure you arrange a suitable computer and webcam setup well in advance. If it's in person, visit the venue beforehand so you don't get lost
- Have all your equipment ready. It's better to be safe than sorry! Just make sure everything fits the assessment guidelines and your calculators have been approved (you can get a sticker at the Science Student Office or a library service desk).

ASSESSMENTS

Academic Misconduct

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.

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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. For most circumstances applications for SpecCon will require a sign-off from a counsellor, doctor, police officer, or university staff member. Special considerations can also be self declared for up to 2 weeks when COVID-19 has had an unforeseen impact on your studies.

TEXTBOOKS AND LIBRARIES

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 Places

Library study spaces are some of the most prime real estate on campus, especially during exam season. They book out fast, so make sure you book in advance and arrive within 15 minutes of your booking time otherwise your spot is forfeit to the vultures of caffeinated uni students. Bookings can be made at the libcal webpage. library-uwa.libcal.com

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

When connected to UniFi you can upload anything you need to print to this website (print.uwa.edu.au), making sure you select the right print queue and don't accidentally send your assignment to the Albany campus. Once it's uploaded 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 at all the printers.

MORE SCIENCE CLUBS

There's a lot more people at UWA with a love for science, in fact we have a club for each individual school of study under the sciences! These clubs are for those who have found their niche in science and want to hang out with like-minded people. Do any of these clubs sound like the one for you? Well just click on any of their logos to be redirected to their socials!

CHeMnBiO



CHeMnBiO is the new and improved Chem Club at UWA! Now as a subsidiary of the UWA Science Union, we are a representative club for all students in the School of Molecular Sciences. Whether you study chemistry, genetics, nanotechnology, or biochemistry CHeMnBiO loves it all! We run dozens of events throughout the year from study events to quiz nights to ensure the best student experiences (and the best grades).

University Physics Society

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. The University Physics Society organises social, educational, and careers events throughout the year for Physics students at UWA, including Social and Board Game nights.



MORE SCIENCE CLUBS

SNAGS UWA

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. SNAGS is also another one of UWA's faculty societies that represent the interest of students. They also offer students a link to the Agriculture Institute of Australia.



The 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 through the year to ensure the greatest student experience for those studying earth sciences.



PsySoc UWA

The Psychology Society (PsySoc) runs social as well as educational events for both undergraduate and postgraduate students. They represent all psychological science students at UWA, the largest student demographic. 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.



MORE SCIENCE CLUBS

UWA Zoology



The UWA Zoology Club is a student run club focused on building a community that is engaged with animal welfare and the conservation of the environment. They run volunteering events throughout the year, giving those involved the opportunity to have hands-on experiences with animals. They also help students both inside and external to the zoology major to socialise through events like pubcrawls and quiz nights.

PESA UWA

The Physical Education Student's Association (PESA) 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.



Health Students Society



The Health Students Society (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.

FINAL SU TIPS

Get Experience!

Let's face it, University is all about the experience. This is our trial of adulthood that we get to cling onto for a few years before we have to go out and be big kids. Use this time wisely, go on as many adventures as you can, experience all the culture UWA has to offer, let uni change your life. This will also help you get employed in your dream job too because, believe it or not, the stuff you do at uni actually helps you out in life. Go to volunteering events, sign up for random courses and keep an eye for internships.

Join a club

Hey, maybe you scoff at us over-hyped club people, but after you've had the best year ever with some uni events you'll want to stay involved too. Sure we may think we're the best club, but joining any club at UWA will really enrich your time on campus and give you all the opportunities you may need to get involved. Hey maybe you'll look back on this next year and realise you've become one of those over-hyped club people after joining a committee and making a whole boatload of friends! Who knows?

You've got this!

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