

SCIENCE UNION 2022

Fresher Handbook



*YOUR GUIDE TO SURVIVING YOUR FIRST
YEAR IN SCIENCE AT UWA*

WHO ARE WE?

Science Union is the second oldest faculty society at UWA, celebrating our 98th year in 2022! We are a group of students who represent everyone who is enrolled in one of the six specific areas of study that fall under the Faculty of Science. 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. Through our five portfolios – Education, External Affairs, Marketing, 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



Howdy First Years!

First off big congrats on making it into uni - the dark days of high school are over so strap yourself in for some of the best years of your life !

I'm Eilish your 2022 science union president and this booklet is your one step intervention, preventing you from having a boring time at uni.

Your time at UWA can be SO much more than just getting a piece of paper that makes you more employable. This book is your UWA survival guide and the first step to surviving UWA is to take life by the reigns and make the absolute most of your time here

You have the luck of having chosen one of the best universities in Australia for student experience (give yourself a big pat on the back) and you are even luckier for comming across this fresher guide written by our wonderful education VP Keegan.

UWA is well and truly the hogwarts of Perth and a campus unlike any other; we are a veritable smorgasbord of clubs and societies

Coming to uni is super exciting but also super overwhelming and it's hard to know sometimes where to start. UWA Science Union is one of the biggest and one of the best university clubs in the entire country (if you don't believe me you have to stick around and watch me prove it). We've been around since 1924 so safe to say we're pretty experinced in making sure science students have a kick ass time at uni.

There's something in our club for EVERYONE, Science Union is truly the choose your own adventure of your dreams; whether you wanna go in full force, meet everyone you can, go to every event and run for fresher rep (if so I highly recommend you come to camp ☺) or whether you just want to come to a couple of our study nights, better your degree and learn from people who've been in your position - we've got your back !

please read on to hear about what our 5 amazing portfolios can do for you ! Hope to catch you around campus

xoxo - Eilish



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

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.



SCIENCE UNION'S FIVE PORTFOLIOS

Traditionally Science Union operates with 4 'portfolios' to cater for all facets of the student experience. However, this year, for the first time ever, Science Union is back and better than ever with 5 separate 'portfolios' that all work to provide

the best experience possible to all science students across all areas of uni life, not just their study.

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 is concerned with all things marketing! Think posters, social media posts, websites... We're in charge of promoting all of Science Union's great events and initiatives so that they reach the eyes of each and every student. The work of this portfolio keeps you in the loop of all our educational, welfare, social, and external happenings. Stay in the know by following us on Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn! – Klaudia Oey, Marketing VP (They/Them)



For the first time ever, marketing is the portfolio dedicated to exactly what is says on the tin. Marketing is here to take all of the work we've been doing for years, and developing it into a stronger more cohesive theme, and making sure that all of our advertising and announcements are gorgeous and, more importantly, accessible for all students. The pinnacle of this all is, perhaps the our merch, such as this years SU Shirt designed by our very own marketing VP!

Welfare



The Welfare Portfolio, also known as the Equity & Diversity portfolio, focuses on running events catered towards volunteering, relaxation, and self-care to help students cope with responsibilities and workloads in their everyday lives. We will run plenty of wholesome activities throughout the year to help anyone at UWA cope with their studies and exams. Formal workshops are also run throughout the year, focused on stress management, mental health awareness, sexual health, suicide prevention, and substance abuse.

Annie Koko, Welfare VP (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 competitiona and amazing volunteering opportunities.



Volunteering

Science Union strives to make the lives of science students at UWA easy, as well as improving their academic transcript. The Equity & Diversity portfolio hosts numerous volunteering events throughout the year, from baking at the Ronald McDonald House nearby the Crawley campus, to a 'Volunteering Crawl' later in the year!

SU's volunteering oppoortunities are a great way to meet new people, help the community, and make yourself a better candidate for companies!

Keep an eye out for volunteering events on our socials, it's definitely something you won't regret!

Interfaculty Sport

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! 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!



Externals



The External Affairs Portfolio is concerned with running events that introduce students to companies relevant to their field of study and are 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 all the different pathways that may lead there.

Liza Kneebone, Externals VP (She/They)



The External Affairs Networking Night is the crowning jewel in this portfolios achievements. This annual event creates a fun space for students to talk to professors, employers and big names on the UWA campus, and in science as a whole, such as Nobel Prize Winner Barry J Marshall or former chief scientist Lyn Beazley, all with food, drink, and music provided.



Sponsorship

Science Union works closely with companies that act as sponsors and liaises with external companies and organisations to apply for grants that allow them to provide its members with the best and events and opportunities it can.

Our externals team works hard to maintain amazing deals for our members both on and off campus through a number of our sponsors. All of our partners and sponsors will be included in our events posts, or you can learn more about them in our website linked in our socials page below.

Education



The education portfolio strives to give all students access to the resources and tips they need to achieve the greatest results their can in their time at uni, largely through the organisation of specialised academic events. We are also the primary point of student representation, working alongside the Science Faculty and Guild Education Council to provide the best education to all science students. To make a long story short, everything related to getting a degree, Education is there to help!

- Keegan Mitchell, Education VP (They/Them)



Education is one of the most diverse portfolios as it is our job to account for every students 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



Student Representation

Student representation is at the core of what Science Union is about, and while every member aids in this, the education portfolio is at the heart of it. A large portion of our job on committee is to provide accessible pathways for all science students to voice concerns, questions, and positive experiences across any of there classes.

We are given a unique position as students that allows us to push all of these matters to higher levels at the uni and be heard out, whether that be within the guild, the relevant unit coordinators, or even the big dogs in the uni like the Faculty of Science or heads of schools.

Social

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The social portfolio gives students the opportunity to get that little bit extra out of university, bringing people together so you've got something to look forward to through all of the assessments and exams that your courses throw at you. It can always seem scary to get involved but i couldn't recommend it more, especially in your first year at university. Get ready for a hype year.

- Anne Millar, Social Vice-President (She/Her)

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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



Need More Social? Try Out These Clubs!

While we're sure our social portfolio will have more than enough events to make this year amazing, you can never have too much of a good thing. Although no one else can quite compare, we may as well recommend our favourite clubs who do social events nearly as good as ours. With all these options, it's practically impossible to ever feel bored again

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:



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/



MEET THE COMMITTEE

ADMIN

President - Eilish Jones (They/Them)

Secretary - Melissa Klifunis (She/Her)

Treasurer - Kate Mountain (She/Her)

MARKETING PORTFOLIO

Marketing Vice-President - Klaudia Jiqai Oey

Marketing Officer - Matilda Malet

Media Officer - Lucinda Clara

Graphical Promotions Officer - Meghan Page

WELFARE PORTFOLIO

Welfare Vice-President - Annie Koko

Welfare Officer - TBA

Volunteering Co-Ordinator - Eve Stewart

Sport Officers - Liam Callaway & Chloe Pavlov

SOCIAL PORTFOLIO

Social Vice-President - Anne Millar

Social Officers - Finn Hagley & Rose Troon

Orientations Director - Tom Toovey

MEET THE COMMITTEE (X2)

EXTERNALS PORTFOLIO

External Affairs Vice-President - Liza Kneebone

External Affairs Officer - TBA

Sponsorship Officer - Ryan O'Keeffe

EDUCATION PORTFOLIO

Education Vice-President - Keegan Mitchell

Education Officer - Maddi Thompson

International Students Representative - Ananya Rao

Postgraduate Students Representative - Eliesha Hartley

HONOURABLE MENTIONS

Immediate Past President (IPP) - Kate Stewart



TAG YOURSELF ~EXEC VERSION~



Eilish - Prez

- Certified Pixar mum (🍷)
- Local monster energy promoter
- Wholesome Reid cryptid
- Has the masculine urge to tell people "Lets start a podcast"



Mel - Secretary

- Believes crystals will let her HD her exams
- Literally allergic to alcohol *still drinks*
- Doesn't believe in the weather
- High school gossip



Kate - Treasurer

- Fastest milk sculler in the west
- Will yell if a conversation is making her stressed
- 90% of our impulse control
- Will bake you cookies



Keegan - Ed VP

- Probably has no idea what's going on at a given moment
- Hydrated but life is falling apart
- Will laugh at a child that falls over
- No filter and doesn't even realise it

TAG YOURSELF ~EXEC VERSION~



Klaudia - Marketing VP

- Secretly Van Gogh ????
- Doesn't have time to deal with stupidity
- Will survive a zombie apocalypse
- Reformed BTS lover (don't cancel us)



Liza - Externals VP

- Single parent to a vape
- Even autocorrect doesn't know what they're saying
- Shameless 1D Stan
- Certified Remy level chef



Anne - Social VP

- Literal devil on your shoulder
- Can go out clubbing and still make it to her 9am class
- IKEA meatball connoisseur
- Professional hype man



Annie - Welfare VP

- Tells people her uncle is The Rock (cuz it's true)
- Dedicated to naps but never sleeps
- Will always be the one to say "Cows!"
- Diagnosed with RBF so always keeps her eyebrows raised

GETTING INVOLVED ON 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.

None of that up your alley? Well good thing you're already a member and get invited to all of our events anyway! You'll always be able to hang with us, there's no excuse not to really.



If committee sounds like way to much responsibility, you can also get around the Science Union volunteering and sports pages in 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. Getting on campus and seeing what's up is the best way to make connections that will serve you for the rest of your life and can lead you anywhere. It might not make you part of SU on paper, but you're part of the fam all the same

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FIND THE SCIENCE CLUB FOR YOU

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 UWA:



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.



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.

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.

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.

- **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.



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!

THE 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

STUDENT ASSISST

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

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 this will never include details on your condition or situations.

Here's a link to all things UniAccess related:

<https://www.uwa.edu.au/students/Support-services/disability-and-accessibility>

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.

SU APPROVED SELF CARE™

Starting at university may seem daunting at first, but there are so many ways to make your experience as stress-free and enjoyable as possible. While grades are important, if you push yourself to study 24/7 you'll burnout well before exams are even on the way. Here are some tips to ensure you have a productive and well-balanced time at UWA!

#1 - Be Present:

Did you hear about any club-run events happening at UWA? There are so many in-person AND online events to get involved in outside of class which give great opportunity to find like-minded people and make new friends, from social media challenges to sausage sizzles. These events are super useful for building a network at uni and taking the stress out of for day-to-day studies.

#2 - Join Study Events:

Science Union runs many study events over the course of the semester, both in-person and online. These give you a chance to meet other students in your courses so that you can all support each other, and to have a chat with lecturers and volunteers who can help you with their experience. Time to get those HD grades!

#3 - Routine, routine, routine!!:

No need to feel swamped, plan your days in advance to avoid stress! Make sure you plan out meal breaks and set aside time to socialise – this is the best way to ensure balance and productivity so you don't burn out before the end of the semester. O-day is the best time to start, with free diaries and calendars available from the guild, and all sorts of study tools being given away by the stalls.

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#4 - Use Uni 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 you just want to sit down, have a chat and a cup of tea, the SU clubroom is always full of friendly faces who are happy to give you a hand!

#5 - Make a plan:

Have you ever left an entire assignment until the night before it's due? Don't worry, we've all been there. No one wants a late submission penalty, so make sure you keep a record of all assessments and due dates somewhere accessible, as well as the unit outline provided on LMS. Don't let deadlines sneak up on you, make sure you stay up to date with all of your (online and in-person!) lectures and classes!



THE SERIOUS STUFF

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.

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 freecall 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

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.



ENROLMENT AND ADMIN

Student Connect is your one stop shop for: enrolment and units; exam timetables; unit results & course marks (GPA/WAM); course fees & account statements; student guild fees (SSAF); parking permits & student smartriders; etc.

This is also where you will re-enrol each semester (hot tip, enrol in your core units for the whole year at once), find your grades from your entire degree, and where the exam timetables are released. Anything to do with your course progression and enrolment will ultimately end up here.

Don't forget to register your Smartrider, put your SSAF on your HECS (or pay upfront if you wish), and sign up for the Guild!

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

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 discussion 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).

Lost on Campus:



Beloved by both new students and 3rd years forced to go to business school, this is a great app that is basically Google Maps but for all of the teaching venues, libraries, labs, offices, food venues (including microwaves) and water, bus stops and toilets around campus. It includes directions, descriptions and pictures of these amenities. The best part is, it can recognise the confusing room numbers you'll get given by lecturers. Never get lost again!

Transportation:

The 950 may be your best friend by the end of the year! It, and 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. This year also brings the brand new purple CAT, a free bus running from the CBD, to QEII, and down the entire length of the UWA Campus.

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!

LECTURES AND CLASSES

A) 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, 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).

B) 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.

C) Labs:

Labs are generally a more practical class, and often run over the course of 3 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. Labs also require you to buy a labcoat, so if you don't have one already go and grab one from UniPrint (near the bookstore) before all the best sizes sell out.

D) 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).

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.

Referencing:

Referencing! The downfall of every well written report. Make sure you carefully read the referencing guidelines for every assignment, as these can vary significantly. UWA most often uses Chicago and APA referencing, but occasionally an assignment will include a referencing system you've never even heard of so be careful. Ensure you are also up to date with the plagiarism policies.

Endnote is a super useful tool to help you create your reference lists and simplify your research, though it is also important to be familiar with the reference style you're using to avoid errors. More info can be found here: <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. 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.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS GUIDE

Welcome to our Science Union Family! As an international student, moving to a new country far away from home can feel extremely isolating. 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 chapter in life at UWA and in Australia.

Banking and 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.

Due to the rapidly changing economy as a result of COVID-19 we also recommend reading to on the financial aid options through guild student assist as mentioned before.

Driving in Aus:

You are eligible to drive in Australia as long as you have a copy of your overseas driver license in English. Also make sure you remain aware of the laws surrounding car registration, speeding, and other major road rules that may differ country-to-country. 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.

Healthcare:

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

Also note that WA currently requires a proof of double vaccination to enter most indoor venues, including UWA buildings.

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. The guild student assist team can also help with minor issues regarding your stay in Australia

Unit Enrolment:

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 some combination of regular units plus summer and winter units during semester breaks. 3 Units a semester is also the requirement for receiving all forms of student concession as it is a full course load.

VISA and CoE:

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

Travel Concession:

The local public transport system is called transperth and is, luckily, the only Australian service that offers a concession to International students. To access this discount you will need to apply for a SmartRider card at the second hand bookstore on campus and then register the card on student connect (Menu > Personal Details > Transport). The Transperth website also allows you to link your bank account directly to your SmartRider for a further discount through the program Autoload.

Tax and Work:

As a condition of your VISA you cannot work more than 40 hours a fortnight or in any job that requires you to serve alcohol (i.e. requires an Responsible Service of Alcohol certification). You must also keep a secure record of your Tax File Number as it is required for income taxation and superannuation. This number is part of your legal identity in Australia so don't lose or share it with anyone other than an employer.

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 Spaces:

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.

FOOD AND DRINK

Whether you need a hot chocolate to destress, a warm coffee to power through a procrastinated assignment, or an iced coffee to walk into class late with; we can all agree that cafes are a uni student's lifeline. So how do those on campus stack up?

Cafe	Taste	Cost(Cheap)	Convenience
Quobba Gnarning (Reid Library)	2/5	4/5	5/5
Catalyst Cafe (BJM Library)	3/5	4/5	4/5
Rocket Fuel (Oak Lawn)	5/5	1/5	4/5
Ezone Cafe	4/5	2/5	2/5
Business School Cafe	3/5	3/5	1/5
Hackett Cafe	3/5	5/5	4/5

Meals:

The Refectory

If you're after variety, this is the place to be. Located in Guild Village, the Ref is a food hall housing cuisines from all over the world – with delicious pho, pasta, sushi and kebabs on offer. Here you'll also find familiar names such as Subway, Boost and Utopia. There's also plenty of microwaves here to heat up your own food.

IGA

Yep, there's a supermarket on campus! While you can find a ready-to-go lunch here, it's also convenient if you need any groceries or last-minute stationery.

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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Have a **SU**per year!



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