The University of Western Australia
The University of Western Australia is recognised internationally for its excellence in teaching and research and as a leading intellectual and creative resource for the communities it serves.

Mission
To advance, transmit and sustain knowledge and understanding through the conduct of teaching, research and scholarship at the highest international standards, for the benefit of the Western Australian, Australian and international communities.

Defining Characteristics
The University of Western Australia will be recognised by the following defining characteristics:

- high quality, as the pervading criterion for all our activities;
- comprehensive, with a broad teaching and research profile in the arts, sciences, and professions;
- research-intensive, with a strong teaching and research nexus across all our disciplines; internationally-focused, for both the content and standards of our activities;
- selective, within a comprehensive base, to develop particular areas of research strength and emphasis;
- technologically innovative, to maximise our flexibility;
- responsive, to meet the needs of the community, our students and our graduates.

World-leading research and award-winning teaching

Since 1913, The University of Western Australia has helped shape the career of nearly 100,000 graduates.

Think of what makes a good university and you’ll find The University of Western Australia (UWA) has it all — from groundbreaking research to the quality of its academic staff and their teaching to state-of-the-art facilities. Add to that a vibrant student experience and you’ll discover why UWA attracts the best students and produces so many leaders in all aspects of Australian life.

Achieving international excellence as a comprehensive teaching and research university calls for fully funded growth to achieve economies of scale. The University has set a growth target to reach 25,000 students by 2020 and to move towards a course-type mix of 60 per cent undergraduate, 28 per cent postgraduate coursework and 12 per cent higher degree by research.

A major step forward in positioning the University as a world leader has been the reshaping of our curriculum. By introducing a new more flexible course structure in line with recent changes developed by some of the world’s leading universities, the University will ensure that the quality of education provided will meet the needs of 21st century graduates at the highest international standard.

In the recent Excellence in Research for Australia rankings 2011, UWA was ranked 6th in Australia and 1st in Western Australia. The University’s strong research record is reflected in the Shanghai Jiao Tong Academic Ranking of World Universities which lists UWA, for 2011, overall at 110th, 33rd in life sciences (highest in Australia) and in the top 75 for medical research.
Research Priority Areas
The University will engage in a number of strategic research areas and a number of emerging and seed priority areas while continually improving the quality of research discoveries, publications and research productivity. The strategic research areas are:
- plant sciences and sustainable food production
- ecology, evolution and the environment
- energy and minerals
- indigenous knowledge
- medicine and health
- mind and the nervous system.

The areas of emerging and seed priorities are:
- Australian literature and postcolonial cultures
- bio-engineering and bio-sensing
- economic and regional development
- future cities
- measurement science
- medieval and early modern studies
- nano and bio-technologies
- organisational behaviour
- public and business policy
- radio astronomy
- science, engineering and mathematics education
- theory and practice of education
- world economic growth and the role of the Asian region.
What makes UWA unique?

UWA is the only Western Australian University to belong to the Group of Eight, a collaboration of the top research universities in Australia.

UWA is one of only two Australian universities to belong to the Worldwide Universities Network (WUN), a partnership of 16 research-led universities from Europe, North America, North Asia and Australia.

Early in 2010, the University became a foundation member of a new international network of high quality universities across seven nations, the Matariki Network of Universities. These leading research-intensive universities, which pride themselves on the quality of the university experience, are among some of the oldest institutions in their respective countries.

What can I study at UWA?

UWA offers a full range of degree courses (including Bachelors, Masters, PhDs) as well as short-term study courses for one or two semesters.

Areas of study include:
- Architecture, environmental design, landscape architecture, urban design.
  www.alva.uwa.edu.au
- Humanities, social sciences, cultural studies, communication studies, music, psychology.
  www.arts.uwa.edu.au
- Medicine, dentistry, health science, podiatric medicine, social work.
  www.meddent.uwa.edu.au
- Law, energy law, commercial and resources law, criminal justice, legal practice.
  www.law.uwa.edu.au
- Management, entrepreneurship and innovation, employee relations, finance, Asian business, marketing, accounting, economics, international business.
  www.business.uwa.edu.au

The dual strengths of UWA’s research and research training sets the University apart as one of Australia’s leading educational institutions. UWA is Western Australia’s only research-intensive university and is responsible for the majority of university-based research and development in Western Australia, attracting researchers of international standing.

UWA consistently attracts high calibre students. In 2010, 77.1 per cent of the top 5 per cent of WA school leavers enrolled at UWA.

UWA was chosen as the first Australian university to have a Confucius Institute — a joint venture with the National Office of Chinese as a Foreign Language (NOCFL), Beijing. The Institute promotes teaching Chinese language and culture in Australia, particularly Western Australia.

UWA is proud to have Nobel Laureate Professor Barry Marshall as a member of staff.
UWA is home to the Western Australian (WA) Scientist of the Year for 2009, Winthrop Professor Cheryl Praeger. Professor Praeger is WA's most highly-cited pure mathematician, renowned for her research in group theory, algebraic graph theory and combinatorics.

In July 2009, UWA was described as "an excellent, high quality, well-managed university with a bold vision" by Australia's foremost education review body, the Australian Universities Quality Agency (AUQA).

In the 2012 Good Universities Guide The University of Western Australia rates equal first in Australia on the following key performance measures:

- Positive Graduate Outcomes
- Graduate Starting Salaries
- Staff Qualifications
- Student/Staff Ratio
- Research Intensity
- Research Grants
- Student Demand.

What students say...

"UWA is a multicultural university. I really like this as it creates an open minded learning environment. Teachers encourage student participation creating an active learning style which I enjoy. The University also provides all the tools you need to succeed, so it’s easy to adapt to life at UWA, especially if you are an international student.

When I first arrived on campus I was amazed by the beautiful surroundings of the campus which are adjacent to the magnificent Swan River.

I love Perth – the people are laid back, and even though it’s a big city, it never seems busy. The fact that it’s the sunniest city in Australia convinced me it was the right place to study for my Masters."

Ann Udbye Rasnov
Ann completed her Bachelor’s degree at Aarhus Business School, Denmark prior to commencing a Masters degree in Human Resources and Employee Relations at UWA in 2009.
An inspiring campus, often described as one of Australia’s most beautiful, our campus is located on the banks of the Swan River just minutes from the city of Perth.

Perth is the capital city of Western Australia (WA) and is a modern, well-planned city with a population of 1.7 million people drawn from around the world.

It is Australia’s fourth largest city and the main business district is only five kilometres from the UWA campus. Perth offers all the benefits of a cosmopolitan city such as good shopping, financial services and a vibrant restaurant and café lifestyle. It also has a magnificent natural environment which includes the Swan River and many world-famous beaches. Perth has an excellent bus and train service, making it easy to get around the city and to the main UWA campus if you don’t have a car.

Perth’s sunny Mediterranean climate provides warm dry summers which allow a wide variety of sports and outdoor activities such as golf, tennis, sailing, swimming and windsurfing. Western Australia is arguably the largest state in the world covering one-third of the Australian continent.

The State’s sheer size creates a huge diversity of landscapes: unique flora and fauna, outback wilderness, majestic waterfalls and gorges, spectacular reefs, historical towns and vineyards. Western Australia is adored for its brilliant blue skies, warm sunny climate and white sandy beaches. It is a land blessed with some of the world’s most precious natural phenomena including the dolphins of Monkey Mia, the 350-million-year-old Bungle Bungle range and the towering Karri forests of the south west. In the far north is the Kimberley region, an ancient landform of rugged ranges with deep, spectacular gorges and pristine sandy beaches. The Pilbara region is the heartland of Western Australia and offers thrilling adventure and eco-tourism opportunities. The north is contrasted by the natural forests and vineyards of the south west.

At UWA you’ll study at an internationally regarded university, while having the opportunity to work and have serious fun in a great city and a great State.
If you want more information, simply go online. Everything you need to know is at your fingertips! Further information is available at www.ask.uwa.edu.au

The University of Western Australia’s Exchange Partners

Austria
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  > Vienna University of Economics and Business

Canada
  > The University of Alberta
  > The University of British Columbia
  > University of Calgary
  > Université Laval
  > McGill University
  > McMaster University
  > University of Montreal
  > HEC Montreal
  > University of Ottawa
  > Queen’s University, Kingston
  > International Study Centre at Hermondeaux Castle, UK
  > Simon Fraser University
  > University of Toronto
  > University of Waterloo

Chile
  > Pontifica Universidad Católica De Chile

China
  > Nanjing University
  > Shanghai Jiao Tong University
  > Tsinghua University
  > University of Science and Technology of China
  > Zhejiang University
  > Fudan University

Denmark
  > Aarhus University
  > Copenhagen Business School
  > University of Copenhagen

France
  > University Charles de Gaulle (Lille III)
  > EPSCI-ESSEC BBA Business School
  > ESC Bourgogne, Burgundy Business School
  > Grenoble Institute of Political Studies (IEP)
  > University of Limoges
  > University Paul Cézanne (Aix-Marseille III)
  > Sciences Po – Paris
  > University Sorbonne Nouvelle (Paris 3)

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  > Albert-Ludwigs University, Freiburg
  > Eberhard-Karls University, Tübingen
  > Free University of Berlin
  > RWTH Aachen University
  > Koblenz-Landau University
  > Stuttgart University
  > WHU Otto Beisheim School
  > Humboldt University – Berlin
  > Passau University
  > Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

Hong Kong
  > Hong Kong Polytechnic University
  > University of Hong Kong
  > City University Hong Kong
  > Chinese University Hong Kong

Republic of Ireland
  > University College Dublin

Italy
  > Bocconi University
  > Catholic University of Sacred Heart
  > Politecnico of Milan

Japan
  > Himeji Dokkyo University
  > Kansai Gakuin University
  > Kobe University
  > Oita University
  > Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
  > Ritsumeikan-Kyoto University
  > Sophia University

South Korea
  > Seoul National University

Malaysia
  > Universiti Sains Malaysia

Netherlands
  > Maastricht University and Maastricht University College
  > Utrecht University
  > Vrije University
  > Radboud University

New Zealand
  > University of Otago

Norway
  > University of Bergen
  > Bergen University College
  > Norwegian School of Economics & Business Administration (NHH)
  > Norwegian University of Life Sciences (UMB)
  > Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)
  > University of Oslo
  > University of Stavanger

Singapore
  > Nanyang Technological University
  > National University of Singapore
  > Singapore Management University
  > Spain
  > Universidad Pontificia Comillas

Sweden
  > Lund University
  > Mälardalen University
  > Stockholm University
  > Uppsala University

Switzerland
  > The University of St. Gallen
  > Università della Svizzera Italiana

United Kingdom
  > University of Bristol
  > University of Exeter
  > Cardiff University
  > University of Glasgow
  > University of Leeds
  > University of Leicester
  > Loughborough University
  > University of Nottingham
  > Queen Mary, University of London
  > Royal Holloway University of London
  > University of Sheffield
  > University College London
  > Durham University
  > The University of Manchester

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  > University of California, Davis
  > University of California, Irvine
  > University of California, Los Angeles
  > University of California, Merced
  > University of California, Riverside
  > University of California, San Diego
  > University of California, Santa Barbara
  > University of California, Santa Cruz
  > University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
  > Indiana University
  > Iowa State University
  > University of Michigan
  > Montana State University
  > University of New Mexico
  > North Carolina State University
  > Penn State University

Additional information

Other useful websites
  > Principal Dates (semester, exams) www.publishing.uwa.edu.au/principaldates
  > Student Services www.studentservices.uwa.edu.au
  > Student Guild www.guild.uwa.edu.au
  > Religious Services & Facilities www.studentservices.uwa.edu.au/information_for/students/life/chaplaincy
  > UWA Sports & Recreation www.sport.uwa.edu.au
  > Centre for English Language Teaching www.cell.uwa.edu.au

Residential Colleges
  > Curie Hall www.curie.uwa.edu.au
  > St Catherine’s College www.stcatherines.uwa.edu.au
  > St George’s College www.stgeorgescollege.com.au
  > St Thomas More College www.stmc.uwa.edu.au
  > Trinity www.trinity.uwa.edu.au

Western Australia
  > Western Australian Tourism www.westernaustralia.com

General Information
  > Group of Eight www.g8.edu.au
  > Perth Education City www.pertheducationcity.com.au
  > Information on Student Visas www.immi.gov.au/study
  > Worldcare Assist (OSHC) www.worldcare.com.au
  > TOEFL www.toefl.org
  > IELTS www.ielts.org
  > AusAID www.ausaid.gov.au