ABOUT THIS GUIDE

We’ve split this guide into different sections to help you find the information you need.

The first section (starting on page 2) tells you what it’s like to study at Sydney and about our campus life.

The middle section (starting on page 29) contains a guide to our undergraduate courses, where you can explore all your study options.

The remaining sections give you information about how to apply (starting on page 65), including entry requirements, and costs and financial support (starting on page 68).

If there’s anything you don’t understand, check our glossary on pages 70–1, or get in touch (see the back cover).

Read on to learn about the challenges and excitement we can offer you.
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2011
SATURDAY 27 AUGUST
UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY
FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER
CLOSE OF ON-TIME APPLICATIONS THROUGH UAC
APPLICATIONS CLOSE FOR MOST UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY SCHOLARSHIPS
(sydney.edu.au/scholarships)

2012
WEDNESDAY 4 JANUARY
INFO DAY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY
THURSDAY 5 JANUARY
LAST DATE FOR CHANGE OF PREFERENCES THROUGH UAC MAIN ROUND
WEDNESDAY 18 JANUARY
MAIN ROUND OFFERS RELEASED ONLINE
WEDNESDAY 29 FEBRUARY
TO FRIDAY 2 MARCH*
ORIENTATION WEEK
MONDAY 5 MARCH
SEMESTER ONE BEGINS

* Dates to be confirmed. Please check our website closer to the time.
There are some things an education at the University of Sydney is not. It’s not a walk in the park. It’s not sitting in one of our coffee shops in the sun all afternoon gossiping – well, not all the time, anyway.
Instead, we’ll teach you to think, hard. Then we’ll make you rethink everything. We’ll challenge you. And we’ll inspire you – inside and outside the classroom.

We want to open your horizons beyond our lecture theatres and laboratories. So we’ll urge you to develop your own ideas and to throw yourself into our campus life. We’ll give you opportunities you could never have imagined, from learning with world-class researchers to making a real difference in a community.

As far as we’re concerned, ideas can transform everything. Come to the University of Sydney, and you’ll never be quite the same again.
OUR PEOPLE

Australia has always been a nation built on the diversity of its people – a nation of many nations.

In the same way, the University of Sydney’s academic and teaching excellence has been built on a foundation of diversity that welcomes and values different ideas, cultures and perspectives.

Thousands of people from around the world have passed through this crucible of ideas during our 150-year history. Many of them have gone on to shape the history of Australia.

Diversity makes good ideas better and enriches us all.

“Choosing the University of Sydney has definitely been one of the better decisions I’ve made in life. It’s got high academic standards, a great sense of community and culture and an excellent, vibrant campus life. It’s stretched me as a person and challenged me, which is the part that I enjoy the most.”

DENIZ OZDIL
COMBINED MEDICAL SCIENCE/ENGINEERING STUDENT
OUR STUDENTS

The one thing we can say with certainty about your fellow students is: expect to be surprised. There is no such thing as a ‘typical’ University of Sydney student.

We have more than 30,000 undergraduate students (as well as more than 15,000 postgraduate students). Most are from Australia, but around one-fifth come to the University of Sydney from overseas: we welcome students from more than 130 countries.

What they all have in common is a thirst for knowledge and a passion for challenging that knowledge.

If you join us, we will ask you to reach beyond our campuses to think through issues that affect the wider world.

You might do this by spending part of your degree overseas, or you may work with local communities, either during your course or in your own time as a volunteer with one of our outreach programs. Depending on which course you choose, you can make a real difference while still at uni, by improving people’s health, their education, or their access to social justice.

REALISE YOUR POTENTIAL

Some people think the University of Sydney is only for those from a privileged background. Nothing could be further from the truth. We welcome promising students regardless of their background, and we invest time and money into making sure they are properly supported while they study.

We have special entry schemes, such as our Broadway Scheme, for people whose studies have been affected by financial hardship or who have had other commitments that have affected their studies. We also have an access and support program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. See page 26 for more information.

And we have more scholarships and financial assistance to help you out when you come here than any other university in New South Wales. See pages 22–3 for more information.

“Being the first in my family to go to university, I was expecting the environment maybe wouldn’t be as welcoming as it has been. But the thing about Sydney is that all the students come from such a variety of backgrounds it doesn’t matter where you’ve been. Once you’re here, everyone’s a student at Sydney Uni and is here to have a great time.”

KIERAN WALTON
ARTS STUDENT
OUR TEACHERS

We attract some of the best academics in the world to Sydney: people whose brilliance, passion and academic rigour drives them to make a difference in their area of expertise. That’s why they make great teachers.

Sydney minds are making a difference wherever you look.

Our scientists are developing cleaner fuels and more sustainable agriculture practices to help tackle climate change. Our doctors are tackling chronic ‘lifestyle diseases’ such as obesity. Our engineers are pioneering innovative ways to use robotics that will improve human safety, while our lawyers are helping to shape public policy to support those in need.

And that’s just a tiny fraction of the work going on here.

The high quality of our staff means we consistently rank among the top three research universities in Australia, and among the top 1 percent of research universities in the world. Major funding bodies and donors recognise the strength of our researchers, entrusting us with millions of dollars to pursue the next cutting-edge breakthroughs that will improve and transform our lives.

As an undergraduate, you will be taught by some of these academics, and in some cases have the chance to contribute to their research. They will show you that we should always be ready to challenge the status quo. They will help you to expand the frontiers of our knowledge and push you beyond your comfort zone.
“What’s really surprised me about my time at the University is how much learning I’ve done outside of the classroom. You’re challenged every day by your professors, but it’s also your peers who are challenging you at every turn, both inside and outside of the classroom.”

ELLA ALEXANDER
COMBINED ARTS/LAW STUDENT
“When I finished the HSC I had absolutely no idea what I wanted to do, but my combined degree allowed me to pursue two different interests – science and nursing – so I had the best of both worlds. It’s been an exciting and rewarding journey and it’s definitely set me the best foundation I could possibly have for my career.”

MARCEM MARANO
COMBINED SCIENCE/ NURSING STUDENT
A DEGREE OF INSPIRATION
YOUR FUTURE

“My degree had such fantastic career options. I now work in marketing for the fruit and vegetable industry, which is so important because we are feeding the nation. We have to deal with issues such as droughts, efficient irrigation and food-safe chemicals. I have spent the last few months establishing a new organic produce business, which is already looking to expand.”

CASSIA FERGUSON
(STUDIED AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE BETWEEN 2002 AND 2005)

For some of you, coming to university may be the first step towards the career you’ve always wanted. For others, you might choose to study in an area that really fires your mind.

Whatever your motivation – and whatever degree you choose – we believe your time at the University of Sydney will put you in a great position.

During your degree, we want to help you build on your aspirations and inspire you to develop creative new ways of thinking: as a global citizen with a lifelong passion for learning.

To do this, we will stretch you in your formal studies and encourage you to take part in the rich intellectual and social life we offer outside the classroom.

Employers want well-rounded individuals who embrace all the opportunities and challenges that come their way. The extracurricular activities you can enjoy as a student, together with opportunities for internships and international exchanges, offer you different experiences that employers really value.

PLAN YOUR FUTURE FROM YOUR FIRST DAY AT SYDNEY

We can help you explore your personal career interests, options and goals, and put you in the sights of potential employers.

We get you thinking about life after university from your first year, with careers fairs and workshops, guest lectures and one-to-one careers counselling. There are also paid internship opportunities, giving you a taste of the professional workplace while you’re still studying.

And if you need some extra cash, we can help you find casual or holiday work, including jobs that are only available to University of Sydney students. More than 1000 employers target University of Sydney students every year, placing more than 3000 job advertisements.

sydney.edu.au/careers
sydney.edu.au/sydneytalent
"Some things education doesn’t teach you alone. Extracurricular work allows you to further your life skills, which are so important when you come out of university.”

ARDI MIRZAEI
PHARMACY STUDENT
WHY STUDY AT SYDNEY?

We know that starting university can be a big change, so we provide a wide range of services to help you settle in.

We offer one of the best scholarship and financial support schemes in the country. We run a special orientation program, and give you the opportunity to develop the skills you’ll need to study effectively at university.

Our on-campus medical and counselling services and student-run organisations are here to help, and there’s plenty of advice on hand about how to find work to support yourself while you study or plan your future career.

When you come to Sydney we want you to get involved.

Your course will draw you in, requiring you to contribute your ideas, and dissect the ideas of others. Your lecturers and fellow students will become your sounding boards as you explore and change your assumptions about the world around you.

You’ll also learn plenty outside the classroom. Our student life is vibrant, active and dynamic. You can contribute to University decision-making, join community volunteering programs or meet people from across the University through the 200 clubs and societies run by the student union.

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“Every university can give you an education, but the energy and passion that emanates across Sydney distinguishes it from everywhere else.”

DOMINICK NG, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STUDENT

“You will share your time at Sydney with other students who will push you to go beyond your comfort zone – and become great friends.”

GEORGINA SNELLING, RESOURCE ECONOMICS STUDENT

From stained glass to glass facades, our campus incorporates the old with the new.
Our commitment to sustainability goes beyond our research and teaching. For example, we have recently introduced stormwater recycling and encourage bicycle use on and around campus.

The Quadrangle is adorned with gargoyles and grotesques. See if you can spot the kookaburra and the kangaroo on the east face.

“I like the closeness of my student group, the enthusiasm of the lecturers and the genuine curiosity that animates my learning environment.”

KATE FARRELL
COMBINED ARTS/LAW STUDENT
GET INVOLVED

Our campus life buzzes with activity, and the National Union of Students repeatedly ranks the University of Sydney as offering the best student experience in Australia.

However, just as there’s no such thing as a typical Sydney student, there’s no such thing as a typical student experience. It’s up to you to make the most of it. With more than 200 student union-backed clubs and societies, you can’t help but find people who share your interests or introduce you to new ones – from opera to Oxfam, from comedy to commerce.

You also have the chance to make a difference to other people’s lives by getting involved in the community. The University supports a number of programs where you can practise your communication skills through mentoring school kids from disadvantaged backgrounds. Several student-run clubs tackle the ‘big problems’ our world faces on a local level, for example by providing a breakfast service for Sydney’s homeless.

When it’s time to let your hair down, our campus features one of the best entertainment programs in town (including the famous Manning Bar, well known in the Sydney music scene) as well as a range of bars and cafes where you can meet friends, catch up on your reading or simply enjoy the coffee.

By now, you should already know that your studies at Sydney will stretch you, but you can take on the best outside the classroom as well. Our student debaters are currently ranked number one in the world, while Theatresports is a hotbed of budding performers and comedians.

The University of Sydney Union (USU) is a central part of our cultural, social and intellectual life, and gives you the chance to make the most of your time on campus. Can you afford not to get involved?

“It’s hard to describe the amount of activities that you can get involved in. It’s a very vibrant campus life that I really enjoy.”

WILLIAM CHAN
ARCHITECTURE STUDENT

Feeling rushed? Take some time out with friends on the lawns, at a cafe, or take a stroll to Glebe or Newtown for some light entertainment.
The student union elections bring Eastern Avenue to life every year. If you want to make a big difference to our uni life, why not put your hand up for a position?

STAND UP FOR YOURSELF

Campus life isn’t just about social life: our students have a social conscience and a strong voice in University decision-making.

There’s a good reason why we want you to be involved: we think we make better decisions as a result.

As a Sydney student, you can stand for election to the two main student-run bodies: the Students’ Representative Council (SRC) and the University of Sydney Union (USU). Both groups are represented on the University’s top decision-making committees.

The SRC advocates for undergraduates across the University. It campaigns on issues including fair education, racism and the environment, and promotes the rights of Indigenous students, women and queer-identifying students.

Alternatively you can contribute to the USU as a festival director or club or society executive, adding your own unique perspective to our campus life.

“I’ve become a student representative for the Academic Board, not only for the Faculty of Health Sciences but also for the University in general, which allowed me to provide that link between students and academics – to allow students to get the most out of their degree.”

MICHNELE JANSEN
DIAGNOSTIC RADIOGRAPHY STUDENT
“Campus life has provided the opportunity to take on a number of leadership roles, which have given me a great deal of skills I wouldn’t have learned through my social work course otherwise.”

TOM SCHLOSSER
SOCIAL WORK STUDENT
GET SPORTY

There are plenty of ways to be active at the University of Sydney, whether you’re interested in staying fit, social competition or elite sport.

Our campuses offer everything you need to get and stay fighting fit, from state-of-the-art facilities and tailored fitness programs to athletic scholarships through the Elite Athlete Program, which has a history of supporting medal-winning Olympians and international rugby players and cricketers.

Three fully equipped on-campus fitness centres mean you can sweat it out at your own pace in gyms, weight rooms or our Olympic-sized swimming pool, scale the climbing wall, or team up with friends on the squash and basketball courts.

If you prefer to be outdoors, we have several ovals and tennis courts. Or find your own space – plenty of people make the most of the green spaces on and around campus to throw a frisbee or kick a football.

If your competitive spirit is insatiable, there are plenty of inter-college and inter-faculty competitions and sporting clubs to join. Either way you’ll be surrounded by the best: Sydney University Football Club notched up its sixth straight Sydney rugby union championship in 2010, while the Sydney Uni Flames are one of the most successful women’s basketball teams in Australia.

However you like your sport, there is something for you at the University of Sydney. Even if you prefer just to watch!
If you’ve got itchy feet, the University of Sydney can be your passport to the world. But the world will also come to you.

Each year more than 1000 students come to or go from the University of Sydney through one of our established international networks.

Studying overseas gives you a different perspective on your studies and on life. It also helps you to develop self-confidence and social skills.

With the country’s broadest range of university studies and an extensive list of international partners, we provide excellent opportunities for both incoming and outgoing students to internationalise their studies.

We have more than 230 exchange agreements with top universities that allow you to explore the world and learn about different cultures, languages and people while you continue to study towards your degree.

However, our campus is also home to students and staff from more than 130 countries worldwide. All of them bring different ideas and make your learning environment incredibly inspiring.

sydney.edu.au/studentexchange

“I got a scholarship to study overseas for six months. I loved studying abroad. It was a great experience and to meet people from a wide range of backgrounds meant that, when I got back to Sydney, I thought of my degree in a whole new, different way.”

MELANIE GOUDIE
ARTS (LANGUAGES) STUDENT
“Sydney has changed the way that I think about the world. Now I think that it is much more connected. I have felt that through my studies, but particularly through my relations with people from different countries who study at the University.”

ALI YUNESPOUR
ARTS (INTERNATIONAL STUDIES) STUDENT
The University of Sydney has a number of campuses spread across greater Sydney, but most of our faculties and student support services are based on the Camperdown/Darlington Campus.

In many ways the Camperdown/Darlington Campus is like a small town within the city. Although we’re located just a 15-minute bus ride from central Sydney (or a 10-minute walk from Redfern train station), the campus is filled with its own services – including health facilities, shops, banks, a post office, a bookshop, a wide range of cafes and bars, and a security bus to get you around safely at night.

Camperdown/Darlington also houses our library, which provides you with literally millions of print and online resources.

Some faculties are based on Camperdown/Darlington but have specialist facilities elsewhere.

For example, the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources and the Faculty of Veterinary Science make use of the extensive farms and research units at Camden Campus.

Other faculties have their own dedicated campuses. The Cumberland Campus, close to Lidcombe train station, is home to health sciences, combining specialist facilities with cafes and other social spaces, a sports centre and beautiful landscaped grounds.

Sydney College of the Arts offers visual arts students state-of-the-art studio facilities in historic Victorian neoclassical buildings in Rozelle, while music students at the Conservatorium are based in a heritage building in the Royal Botanic Gardens, very close to the Sydney Opera House. Dental students are based in Surry Hills, right opposite Central train station.
Sydney icons such as the Opera House and Harbour Bridge are a short trip away. A steady stream of public transport provides easy access.

Cumberland Campus in Lidcombe is dedicated to our health sciences students, combining specialist facilities with open grounds.

You can see across the city from the University’s Quadrangle. There are breathtaking views as the sun rises and sets. Just wait until you see your first Sydney storm roll in!

“I love being able to go to class for lectures from some of the world’s greatest scientists and professors, and then go outside to sunshine on a grassy lawn with trees everywhere.”

ALEX WILTON
MEDICINE STUDENT
When you come to Sydney you won’t be left to fend for yourself. We run a wide range of services to help you get the most out of your time here, to prepare you for life beyond university and to lend a hand if times get tough.

Here are just a few of the ways we’ll support your health and wellbeing during your time with us.

For more detailed information, visit sydney.edu.au/current_students

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
We have more scholarships and financial assistance to relieve money pressures when you come here than any other university in New South Wales.

If you receive Centrelink support and need help getting set up, our support includes grants specifically designed to help first-year students with the costs of coming to uni. We also offer special scholarships for students from regional or remote areas.

If you face financial difficulty once you’re here and are worried that your uni work might suffer as a result, the Financial Assistance Service can help by providing non-repayable bursaries and interest-free loans. See pages 68–9 for more information.

sydney.edu.au/financial_assistance
“My scholarship has made a dramatic difference to my student life. It’s enabled me to live on campus and cover the substantial costs of living away from my family in a new city. Having moved from a rural town to the city for university, I was prepared for a change of pace. But the enormous variety of events that happen every day was far and beyond what I expected.”

DOMINICK NG
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STUDENT

SCHOLARSHIPS
Scholarships are just one way the University of Sydney can support your achievement. But they can be a key part of your personal success story.

We offer more than 500 different scholarship schemes for undergraduate students – the most generous scholarship scheme in New South Wales.

We know that students who overcome disadvantage can achieve excellent results, and we are here to help.

If you’ve done well at school, excel at sport or music, come from a rural or regional area or have serious financial or other disadvantages, there’s probably a scholarship you can apply for.

And you can apply no matter what degree you plan to study. Scholarships help relieve financial concerns and allow you to focus on your study and other commitments. They also free up your time to gain valuable work experience or get involved in our University’s outstanding student life.

So a scholarship can make a real difference to your time at uni. For example our merit scholarships (awarded on the basis of your academic performance and achievements in areas such as leadership, creativity, self-motivation and communication skills) are currently worth $6000 a year for the duration of your degree.

If you have a good ATAR but have been disadvantaged financially or medically, or are from a rural or remote background, you may be eligible for one of our access scholarships, currently worth $6000 each year.

You can apply for most of our school leavers’ scholarships by filling in just one application form.

Applications for school leavers’ scholarships close on 30 September each year. Keep an eye on our website and speak to your careers adviser to find out more, including application opening dates.

sydney.edu.au/scholarships
“Scholarships have been really important to me because they’ve enabled me to travel a lot, which has been really important for my degree where I’ve got a focus on global resource management. I was able to travel to the Mekong to look at water management.”
Choosing where to live may be one of the biggest decisions you’ll make when starting at university, but it doesn’t need to be daunting – and you’re not alone. The University’s Accommodation Service should be your first stop if you are moving to Sydney or getting ready to move out on your own. The service’s website provides advice about how to decide where to live, budgeting, public transport options and what life is like in different parts of Sydney. The service runs a detailed database that can help you find off-campus accommodation.

**On-campus accommodation**
If you want to be right at the heart of the University community, living on Camperdown/Darlington Campus is an excellent choice.

For those who want to experience the college lifestyle there are a number of residential colleges – a popular choice for students coming to live in Sydney for the first time. We also offer a range of other convenient on-campus accommodation options, including Sydney University Village.

Many on-campus facilities have early application deadlines. Start looking in September if you want on-campus accommodation for the following year.

**Off-campus accommodation**
The Camperdown/Darlington Campus is located in the heart of Sydney’s inner-west, a hub of cafes, parks, restaurants and bars, so there are plenty of convenient accommodation options to choose from.

Sydney can be an expensive city for accommodation, but there are plenty of options, from full-board lodging to renting your own place.

Shared housing ranges from about $150 to $280 per week per person. Renting a flat or house – whether on your own or to share with friends – costs about $200 to $400 a week for a one-bedroom property, and then about $70 to $250 per week for each additional bedroom, depending on quality and location.

For more information about accommodation options and costs, visit sydney.edu.au/accommodation
HEALTH AND WELLBEING SUPPORT
The University Health Service offers a comprehensive and confidential general practitioner service and emergency medical care to all members of the University community.
We also have on-campus counsellors, optometrists, physios and chemists.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT
There is plenty of support available to help you get used to academic study. Services such as the University Library, the Learning Centre and the Mathematics Learning Centre offer workshops, print-based and online study materials and other support to help you develop the skills you need for successful university study.
You can take intensive versions of full-fee award subjects during the summer and winter breaks through the Summer and Winter Schools. This can help speed up the time it takes you to complete your degree, repeat units of study or reduce your normal semester workload.

We offer a number of bridging courses if you need to get up to speed for university study in areas such as mathematics and science (see page 66 for more information).
We can also help students with a disability to get the most out of uni life. Get in touch with our Disability Services team before you start to check out the services they can offer you.
For Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander students, the Koori Centre provides programs, services and facilities to encourage and support your involvement in all aspects of education and life at the University of Sydney. The centre also runs special admission and support programs for Indigenous Australian students. For more information see sydney.edu.au/koori

MORE INFORMATION:
sydney.edu.au/current_students/studentservices
“The Koori Centre really does look after you. It’s pretty much the whole reason I came here. They help you out with scholarships, getting free tutors, and whenever you’re around they just want to have a chat to see how you’re going, making sure you’re on top of things.”

WILL LEAK
COMBINED ECONOMICS/LAW STUDENT
“Studying a combined degree has allowed me to develop very different ways of thinking and writing, but in a manner which helps develop skills in both areas.”

MADELEINE D'ARCY
COMBINED SCIENCE/ARTS STUDENT