Facts

- Language of instruction: English
- Number of students enrolled: 52,326
- Number of campuses: 8
- Academic year: February - November
- Autumn Semester Equivalent: July - November
- Spring Semester Equivalent: February - June

The main UNSW campus is located in the Kensington suburb of Sydney, 7km from the city centre, and close to the beach resorts of Coogee and Bondi.

Things to do

Sydney is the largest city in Australia, with a population of over 4 million. It is home to popular attractions such as the Opera House, Harbour Bridge and Sydney Tower and the Royal Botanical Gardens. Buses out of suburban Sydney can get you to Palm beach, where you can walk up to Barrenjoey Lighthouse and look up and down the North Sydney coastline. Boats are available to beaches at Manly or Taronga Zoo.

Top attractions: Coogee to Bondi Walk, Opera House, Glebe Markets, Taronga Zoo and The Rocks cultural precinct.

Travel opportunities

- Sydney is a 1½ hour flight from Melbourne, and 3 hours from Christchurch, New Zealand.
- Hawkesbury River, Central Coast, Blue Mountains and Southern Highlands are all within 2½ hours drive from Sydney.
- Bondi Beach is only 8 km from the city centre and Coogee Beach is only 10 minutes from UNSW. These are perfect for swimming and body surfing. Learn to surf or take a walk along the promenades and experience true Australian lifestyle!

Getting around

The university is well serviced by buses, with just a 20 minute bus ride into Sydney’s city centre.

Climate

Sydney has mild wet winters 8-10°C (Jun-Aug) and warm summers 25-40°C (Dec-Feb). Rainfall is spread throughout the year and usually goes quickly. Sudden storms can be common.

Finance 2017/18

Bursaries available:
- International Office Travel Bursary (means-tested): £750 dependent on household income for students beginning their studies in 2016. Students who started their studies before 2016 should see the finance webpage, as the award criteria differs (available to students classed as Home Students for fees purposes and accepted to study abroad as part of the University-wide exchange programme).

Approximate living costs per semester.

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Approximate living costs compiled from student surveys and partner university website.

The Mercer cost of living survey (2011) stated Sydney is Australia’s most expensive city, ranked the 11th most expensive city in the world, significantly higher than London (25th).

Accommodation

- On campus accommodation: UNSW has eight residential catered colleges on campus. The colleges endeavour to create safe and secure student communities that foster a positive and rewarding learning environment.
- Student Apartments: The popular and fully furnished UNSW Student Apartments are geared towards independent living. The apartments are within easy reach of the city centre, the Eastern Suburbs beaches, major shopping areas and main bus routes
- Off campus accommodation: Many exchange students choose not to apply for on campus accommodation as they prefer to find shared housing close to the UNSW campus in the beachside suburbs. Coogee is one of the most popular choices as it’s within walking distance to the University and has a beautiful beach similar to Bondi.

Further accommodation information is available from: https://student.unsw.edu.au/accommodation

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http://www.international.unsw.edu.au/exchange_to_unsw

Application success rate:

2015/2016 = 28%
2016/2017 = 19%

(permission of students placed out of total applications to this partner)