**Fast facts**

- Language of instruction: English
- Number of students enrolled: 21,000+
- Number of campuses: 3
- Academic year: February - December
- Autumn Semester Equivalent: July - November
- Spring Semester Equivalent: February - June
- World Ranking: 91st (Academic Ranking of World Universities from Shanghai Jiao Tong University 2013)

UWA’s main Crawley campus spreads over 46 hectares and is around ten minutes by bus from the centre of Perth. It is one of the most beautiful university campuses in Australia.

**Things to do**

Perth is the vibrant and booming capital of the West, the 4th largest city in Australia. Visiting exchange students to Perth can enjoy cultural festivals and events throughout the year, an outdoor and sporting lifestyle, and cuisine from all over the world.

Perth has been awarded 8th place in The Economist’s 2011 list of the World’s Most Livable Cities. It is located alongside the peaceful waters of the Swan River, 20km inland of the Indian Ocean. Perth is large enough (1.4 million people) and cosmopolitan enough (over 200 different nationalities) to provide the colour and variety for a great lifestyle, but small enough to remain intimate and friendly.

Top attractions: The Aquarium of Western Australia, Kings Park and Botanic Garden and Fremantle Prison

**Travel opportunities**

Outside Perth, there is much to explore as Western Australia is bigger than the whole of Western Europe! Attractions include Rottnest Island which is well known for superb snorkelling, diving and surfing, and Fremantle, one of Australia’s most beautiful ports. You can also travel around the country to visit tourist destinations in the east, including Sydney and Melbourne.

**Getting around**

Perth’s public transport system makes getting to the main UWA campus very easy. International students receive a Western Australian Government-funded 40% discount on all public transport.

**Climate**

Perth boasts more sunny days per year than any other Australian capital city with an average of eight hours sunshine a day. The summer months are hot with an average temperature of 29°C.

The winter months in Perth are from June to August and are mild, with an average temperature of 18°C.

**Finance 2016/17**

Bursaries available:

- International Office Travel Bursary (means-tested): £750 or £500 depending on household income (available to students classed as Home Students for fees purposes and accepted to study abroad as part of the University-wide exchange programme)
- Gerald Brown Scholarship offered by UWA each semester (see UWA website for more details)

**Approximate living costs per semester**

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

The cost of living in Perth has been ranked (19th), considerably cheaper than other Australian cities such as Melbourne (15th) and Sydney (11th) in the Mercer 2012 Cost of Living Survey.


**Accommodation**

- On campus accommodation: There are five residential colleges on the UWA campus. The residential colleges offer numerous social activities including trips around Perth and inter-college sports events. Places are limited for exchange students.
- Off campus accommodation: Many exchange students prefer to live off-campus, either in the city centre or close to the UWA campus. There is a choice of shared accommodation, renting or full-board options. The University’s Housing Office provides information on off-campus accommodation options.


**Further information:**

**Application success rate:**
2014/2015 = 53%
2015/2016 = 63%

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