



Domestic Undergraduate

Indigenous Student Guide 2025

No Shame to Educate. Let's Yarn!

Acknowledgement of Country

UNSW Sydney and Nura Gili would like to acknowledge the Bidjigal/Bedegal (Kensington campus), the Gadigal (City and Paddington Campuses) and the Ngunnawal people (UNSW Canberra) who are the traditional custodians of the lands where each campus of the University is located. We would further like to pay our respect to our Elders both past and present.

The words Nura Gili are from the language of the Eora Nation, Nura meaning 'place' and Gili meaning 'fire/light'. Nura Gili at UNSW brings together these concepts to create the meaning 'place of fire and light'. The theme of place remains important to the many cultures of Indigenous Australia. It is therefore important for UNSW to acknowledge and recognise the very place that we have all come together to work, share, study and learn.

The site of UNSW is near an 8,000-year-old campsite around which the people of the area taught culture, history and subsistence. From an old age past through to the present, the site holds significance as a place for gathering, meeting, teaching and sharing. The concept of a fireplace and fire in general reflects the warmth, relaxed and nurturing environment created by age-old fires many years ago and recreated today by the staff and students of Nura Gili. The idea that there is a place at UNSW where a fire has been burning, a place where people can come to gather and share is indeed the inspiration, drive and purpose for all involved in the Indigenous programs and services at UNSW.

Nura Gili values the potential that education can offer and, with the theme of fireplace in mind, we invite Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to gather, learn and share together. To light a torch of their own to guide them and light their way as they create their own journey.

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Welcome to Nura Gili!

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Welcome to Nura Gili: Centre for Indigenous Programs, the heart of UNSW's campus – a place of cultural inclusion and safety, a deep sense of belonging and connection to Indigenous communities that is built upon respect for all Indigenous students at UNSW.

At Nura Gili we embrace a family culture, blending humour with a commitment to providing tailored opportunities and services for your success, empowering you to become the next Indigenous leader.

Join our tight-knit community that stands together in solidarity as you embark on your educational journey!

Take full advantage of exploring various degrees, aspirational programs and unique pathways designed to go beyond conventional norms, encouraging innovative thinking, addressing real-world challenges, and shaping future leaders.

Our interactive programs create meaningful connections and hands-on learning experiences, extending beyond the classroom.

Thank you for taking the crucial step in furthering your educational journey with us, whether you're transiting from high school or entering as a non-school leaver – you're always welcomed.

Remember, there is no better time than now. No shame to educate, let's yarn!

Scott Parlett

Director, Nura Gili Centre for Indigenous Programs Malyangap(b)a and Barkindji



Scott Parlett,
Director of Nura Gili

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Realise your potential with UNSW

Established in 1949, UNSW has a long history of learning, teaching and research excellence. With seven prestigious award-winning faculties, 47 schools providing world-class education, and with more than 63,000 students from 132 countries, UNSW has a reputation for graduating the top earners and most employable students in the country.

UNSW has three campuses located in Kensington (main campus), Paddington (Art & Design), and Canberra (Australian Defence Force Academy). Our main campus is in Bidjigal/Bedegal Country and situated near an 8,000-year-old campsite. The campsite was a place where the Aboriginal people of that country would gather and meet to teach their culture, knowledge and stories to their next generation of leaders. The significance of UNSW being located near this historical educational site means the campsite traditions of gathering, meeting, teaching and sharing are being carried from the past into the present.

Discover the progress you can make, with UNSW Sydney.



Global top 20 university

Ranked equal 2nd university in Australia and 19th globally.

QS World University Rankings, 2024



Highest graduate salaries

Highest median graduate salaries of Go8 universities.

QILT Graduate Outcomes Survey (medium-term), 2022



Most employable graduates

Australia's no.1 university for employment and career outcomes.

AFR Best University Ranking, 2023. QS World University Rankings, 2024



Fast facts



1,000+ Indigenous students graduated since 1990



471 Indigenous students enrolled in 2023



194 scholarships given to Indigenous students in 2023



25+ community driven events hosted by Nura Gili in 2023



Most sustainable university
Ranked number 1 in Australia.

Nura Gili: Centre for Indigenous Programs

Prior to 2004 the Aboriginal Education Program (AEP) and the Aboriginal Research and Resource Centre were separate entities at UNSW. The AEP was established to provide Indigenous Australians studying at UNSW with the support needed to succeed in their studies.

With the increasing number of Indigenous Australians enrolling at UNSW and the need for improved academic and student support services, the AEP and Aboriginal Research and Resource Centre merged to form Nura Gili: Centre for Indigenous Programs.

As a leader in Indigenous education, our purpose is to enrich Australia culturally and professionally. We strive to enhance the capacity of Indigenous communities and individuals to engage all aspects of Australian society – ensuring Indigenous knowledge, culture and histories are embedded in all aspects of the UNSW community.

We provide a range of support services, aspirational and pathway programs, Indigenous Studies courses and research allowing us to be recognised nationally and internationally as a leader in academic and research excellence.

Our Centre – Balnaves Place

It's important for us to provide you a space that's inspiring and creative, one that will give you the best possible start to your higher education.

In 2012, with the support of the Balnaves Foundation, we built a state-of-the-art teaching and learning facility located at the heart of UNSW.

At Balnaves Place, you will have access to modern facilities and technology, free printing, and private rooms for group and individual study in a calm environment. Our centre has been designed for you!

UNSW Indigenous Strategy

UNSW Indigenous Strategy represents our commitment to creating an environment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, researchers and staff to thrive.

Recognising the importance of Country, community, and culture, the strategy is the first of its kind at UNSW. UNSW's Indigenous Strategy is driven forward by three pillars—Culture and Country, Give Back, and Grow Our Own.

This whole-of-university approach means these pillars are implemented across all the university's operations.

Our recent graduates



Vanessa Turnbull-Roberts
Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)

Vanessa is a proud Bundajlung Widubul-Wiabul human rights advocate, writer, lawyer and researcher. She is a recipient of the Australian Human Rights medal awarded by the Australian Human rights commission, awarded for her dedication to fighting against injustices that disproportionately affect Indigenous peoples.



Kirsten Banks 'AstroKirsten'
Bachelor of Science (Honours)/
PhD Candidate

Kirsten is a proud Wiradjuri astrophysicist and science communicator. She loves to share her passion for space and astronomy via her popular social media channel 'astrokirsten'. She has appeared on ABC's 'The Drum', 'Q&A', and Play School.



'DOBBY' Rhyan Clapham
Bachelor of Music & Indigenous Studies Honours

DOBBY is a proud Filipino and Aboriginal musician, whose family is from Brewarrina on Ngemba land, and is a member of the Murra Republic in Weilmoringle NSW. His song 'I Can't Breathe' was named Best Video by FBi SMAC Awards, and has become the unofficial anthem of Australia's Bla(c)k Lives Matter protests.



Professor James Ward
Doctor of Philosophy (Medicine)

James is a proud Pitjantjatjara and Nukunu man, an epidemiologist and national leader in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander research specialising in infectious diseases. He is currently the Director of the Poche Centre for Indigenous Health at the University of Queensland (UQ.)



Meet Emily Thomson

6th Year Bachelor of Medical Studies (Honours)/Doctor of Medicine

My name is Emily and I am a proud Wiradjuri woman from Central West NSW. I attended Nura Gili's Indigenous Preparatory Programs in 2018 and instantly fell in love with the campus, people and culture of Nura Gili and UNSW. I am a current student, studying in my 6th year of Medicine, Nura Gili Student Ambassador and Indigenous Elite Athlete.

From day one, I have felt an overwhelming amount of support, encouragement, and kindness from Nura Gili's staff and students, always being welcomed with open arms and friendly smiles. Nura Gili is a safe place where we embrace each other's unique differences, foster a friendly environment, and celebrate students in achieving Blak Excellence throughout life and University studies.

The beautiful thing about Nura Gili is the diversity in both staff and student backgrounds, where older students offer a wealth of life experience and valuable support, and younger students bring fresh energy and new ideas as leaders of the future. The staff are highly-skilled, adaptable and flexible, where their support is available for all Indigenous students and tailored to our individual needs. The community at Nura Gili create a culturally safe environment that is much like a home away from home, where all of your words are heard, opinions are valued and no question goes unanswered. It is a place where you feel comfortable going on your good, bad and pretty average days. Whether that be to study in preparation for exams, seek advice from staff or to just chill out and spin yarns with each other.

Being a student at Nura Gili not only provides you with a safe cultural environment and momentous amount of support, but comes with limitless opportunities to get more involved and excel in your University life. I have been privileged to be a Nura Gili Student Ambassador which involves working with future

students on their journey into University at Youth Leadership Programs and Preparatory Programs, as well as advocating for greater Indigenous representation in tertiary education, particularly through outreach programs and pathways presentations. I have been honoured to represent UNSW and Nura Gili at the annual Indigenous Nationals event since my first year at uni, travelling to Perth, Newcastle, Brisbane, Melbourne and this year, Wollongong to compete against other Indigenous student-athletes around Australia.

This event holds a high level of cultural significance that creates an environment to not only celebrate the rich sporting culture of Indigenous Australia but also, acknowledge and celebrate the heritage of student athletes. One of my proudest achievements was to co-captain the 2023 UNSW Indigenous Nationals team and compete alongside my sister, Molly. Lastly, I am fortunate to be a member of the Little Sister, Big Sister Executive team, a student-led initiative dedicated to support and mentor younger Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander sisters through University, to which Nura Gili staff have been extremely supportive of.

6 years later as I wrap up the final year of my degree, I can safely say that my University experience was made up largely of my time as a student at Nura Gili. The lifelong friendships developed, fantastic employment opportunities provided, unwavering support of the staff, aunties and uncles, as well as travels around Australia for sporting representation.

Nura Gili will always hold a special place in my heart. I will hold and value this experience as I venture into a new chapter of my life, endeavouring to give back to community as a health care professional, and assist in improving health outcomes for First Nations people.



Emily Thomson, proud Wiradjuri woman.

Aspirational programs

Indigenous Youth Leaders Program

UNSW Indigenous Youth Leaders Program gives Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander high school students a unique opportunity to experience life as a UNSW student.

Students will attend a week-long residential program connecting with a variety of UNSW faculties/schools and local community members and Aboriginal controlled community organisations in a culturally enriching and safe space.

The program is designed to instil a sense of leadership that students can take back to their communities causing a ripple effect.

Key information

- The 2025 Indigenous Youth Leaders program begins in mid-January.
- Located on UNSW Kensington campus.
- Nura Gili covers the costs for accommodation, travel and meals.
- Open to years 10 & 11 students across Australia.

Search for Youth Leaders Program at nuragili.unsw.edu.au

Indigenous Blak Hack Program

UNSW Indigenous Black Hack program is a 'hackathon' that challenges Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander year 12 high school students to 'think differently'.

You will be met with a real-world challenge and using the skills learned through a series of workshops and faculty input, present a solution to that challenge.

Key information

- 2025 Indigenous Blak Hack runs mid January 2025.
- Located on UNSW Kensington campus.
- Nura Gili covers the costs for accommodation, travel and meals.
- Open to year 12 students across Australia.

Search for Blak Hack Program at nuragili.unsw.edu.au

Got a question about these options? We're here to help!

Get in touch via nuragili@unsw.edu.au



Entry pathways

UNSW Indigenous Pre-Programs

UNSW's Indigenous Pre-Programs offers a holistic pre-entry university experience for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students without the need for an ATAR. Our programs are both an alternative entry pathway to UNSW and a degree-specific preparatory program, that provides an insider's guide to life at UNSW.

The Pre-Programs are delivered by Nura Gili Centre for Indigenous Programs and UNSW faculties and schools. We run Indigenous Pre-Programs in the areas of: Business, Education, Law, Medicine, Social Work, or Science & Engineering.*

The 3-week intensive residential program is held on UNSW's Kensington Campus in Sydney. Students will meet inspirational support staff and academics and make new and lasting connections with other students throughout the program.

Key information

- 2024 Pre-Programs will run from 18th November – 6th December 2024
- Located on UNSW Kensington campus
- Nura Gili covers the costs for accommodation, travel and meals**
- Applications opening from June 2024

Apply today at unsw.edu.au/nura-gili/future-students/indigenous-pre-programs

* These streams could be subject to change with ample notice.

** This option is for those who need to travel for the program. Sydney residents have the option of commuting to and from campus daily for the program.

Indigenous Admissions Scheme

The Indigenous Admissions Scheme (IAS) provides an alternative pathway for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders to gain entry into a UNSW undergraduate degree program.

Entry through IAS is based on consideration of an applicant's relevant life, work, educational, volunteer and training experience (for non-school leaver applicants) and school reports/recommendations (for school leaver applicants).

Assessment for entry is coordinated by Nura Gili in conjunction with the Admissions office and selective faculties and schools across UNSW.

IAS is only open for degree programs under the Faculty of Arts, Design & Architecture (excluding Social Work & Education), Medicine & Health (excluding Medicine), Law & Justice (excluding Law) and Australian Defence Force Academy.

Key information

- Apply directly through Nura Gili and UAC
- Not ATAR dependant
- Suitable for non-school leavers
- Applications open three times a year, with entry into each term depending on the degree program
- Applications open all year round

Apply today at unsw.edu.au/nura-gili/future-students/indigenous-admission-scheme

UNSW Gateway Admissions Program

Early Offer and Early Conditional Offer Scheme

The UNSW Gateway Admission Pathway and Program combines a unique set of learning experiences with an early admission pathway to maximise your post-school success and ensure equitable access to UNSW. You are eligible for Gateway if you are an Australian resident and live in a low-socioeconomic area or attend one of our Gateway partner schools.

You can apply through the Gateway Admission Pathway to receive either an early offer or an early conditional offer to a UNSW degree. Early offers are conditional on receiving an ATAR and early conditional offers require you to meet an adjusted ATAR requirement.

If your application is successful, you'll also be prioritised for UNSW Equity and Accommodation Scholarships and will receive exclusive access to ongoing academic and transition support.

Start your application

For all the information about applying to UNSW through the Gateway Admission Pathway, visit gateway.unsw.edu.au

What if things don't go to plan?

We understand that sometimes things don't always go to plan. If you don't meet the adjusted ATAR set in your early conditional offer, you may still be considered for alternate entry schemes to study your dream UNSW degree including:

- A Diploma program through UNSW College.
- The UNSW Prep Program.

What is the Gateway Program?

Maximise your ATAR, succeed in your assessments and HSC, access academic support and receive guidance in applying for an early offer to UNSW.

Year 12 Winter Program

This is a two-week online program to help you prepare for the HSC with subject-specific guidance, personalised mentoring, and academic skill-enhancing workshops.

You can access academic support and tutoring in the lead-up to exams, as well as support in submitting a Gateway Admission Pathway application.

You can also visit our Kensington campus for interactive faculty experiences and have your questions answered by University ambassadors.

Year 11 Spring Program

During this one-week online program you'll explore a range of UNSW degrees and access academic support in key HSC subject areas.

You'll receive support in planning your Gateway Admission Pathway application and can visit our Kensington campus for interactive faculty experiences, immersing yourself in the vibrant UNSW community.

Year 10 Summer Program

This is a one-day on-campus experience where you can explore your strengths, passions and goals, and develop your presentation skills in workshops run by NIDA.

You will identify your career goals, write persuasive personal pitches, and practice dramatic techniques for communicating with influence.

You'll also have an opportunity to practice these skills as part of a networking experience.



Apply to UNSW

Studying at UNSW is about more than your ATAR

Your application to study at UNSW is processed by the University Admissions Centre (UAC). The good news is that it's easy to apply!

On-time applications for admission usually open in early August and close at the end of September. You can apply after on-time applications have closed, but you'll need to pay an additional late fee.

We want to attract the best and brightest students who are passionate about their chosen area of study with plenty to offer the UNSW community.

We know your ATAR isn't the only measure of your potential so we have a number of programs and schemes to help domestic students gain access to study at UNSW.

Read on to see how you can gain up to 12 points across our range of adjustment factor schemes.

Search for Adjustment Factors at unsw.edu.au

HSC Plus

HSC Plus rewards strong performance in Australian Senior Secondary Certificate (Year 12) subjects relevant to UNSW undergraduate degrees.

Applicants will be awarded a maximum of five points for each UNSW preference. The points are added automatically to your ATAR. Calculate your points by using UNSW's online HSC Plus Calculator.

Search for HSC Plus at unsw.edu.au

Elite Athletes, Performers and Leaders (EAPL) Program

Through the EAPL Program you may be eligible for up to five adjustment factor points towards your UNSW admission for excellence in sport, academic, leadership, and/or music at an elite level. Activities must have been undertaken in Years 11 and/or 12. Applicants may be eligible for a maximum of five points. To be eligible for EAPL bonus points you must apply and provide supporting documentation. Applications for the EAPL Program open in August each year and close on the 30 November.

Search for EAPL Program at unsw.edu.au

ACCESS Scheme (EAS)

The ACCESS Scheme is provided for students embarking on university study who have experienced long-term educational disadvantage.

The scheme allows UNSW to take the circumstances of individual applicants into account when allocating places in undergraduate programs. Applicants may be eligible for a maximum of ten points.

Search for ACCESS Scheme at unsw.edu.au

How to apply



Head to UAC

Visit the 'Apply' section of the UAC website.

uac.edu.au



Make your preferences

Nominate up to six degrees you'd like to study in order of your preference.



Lodge other applications

Send your applications for accommodation, scholarships and adjustment factors.



Accept your offer

Once you receive an offer to study at UNSW, return your acceptance of it (and celebrate!)

Got a question about these options? We're here to help! Get in touch via nuragili@unsw.edu.au

Enabling pathways

Find the path that's right for you

At UNSW we want you to bring your difference.

Our students come to us from all walks of life—from passionate artists to non-school leavers taking the plunge, there are alternative entry options to secure your enrolment at UNSW outside of just your ATAR.

UNSW Prep Program

Prep 17 – 19

At UNSW we know that school is not the peak of everyone's academic career. Sometimes circumstances beyond your control can get in the way of results that reflect your true potential.

If you are keen to study at uni but have faced challenges in year 11 and 12 that make you eligible for the UNSW ACCESS Scheme, and you don't meet the cut-off for degree entry, we want you to consider UNSW Prep.

UNSW Prep is a one year (18 months for Engineering) pathway to a UNSW degree place. You study subjects that allow you to develop your academic skills, including maths skills if needed, so that you can achieve your best results.

You also study degree level courses from week one, to give you a realistic introduction to university level study.

If you do well in these courses you can earn course credit towards your degree.

Search for UNSW Prep Program at unsw.edu.au

University Preparation Program

20+

Each year thousands of adults across Australia make the rewarding and challenging decision to study at university as a non-school leaver.

Many do not have their HSC or formal qualifications. So how do you get in to university with no qualifications?

At UNSW it's not a case of how much you are willing to pay or how 'mature' you are, it's about hard work and potential.

By completing the University Preparation Program (UPP) you can build your academic skills, experience part-time study in a subject area of your interest and decide if you will make the decision to study at university as a mature student.

Search for University Preparation Program at unsw.edu.au



Got a question about these options? We're here to help! Get in touch via nuragili@unsw.edu.au

Student success

We're here to help you reach your potential

The Nura Gili Student Success Team provides holistic, wrap-around support to all Aboriginal and/or Torres Straits Islander students from transition to graduation.

Our dedicated team provides a variety of services to help you achieve your academic ambitions.

Emma Comminos, proud Gumbaynggirr woman and Vice President of the UNSW First Nations Business Society



Orientation and academic skills program (Ngurra)

Our 3-day program supports a smooth transition to university life. It introduces students to key staff, essential services, and their new home away from home at Nura Gili.



Social and cultural activities

Throughout the year, students are invited to lunches, BBQs, cultural workshops, tours, NAIDOC week celebrations and much more!



Referrals to support services

We refer students to services such as counseling and psychological support, health and wellbeing assistance, and equitable learning resources (including external services).



Administrative assistance

Our team assists with enrolment, timetabling, and other administrative challenges that students may encounter.



Indigenous tutorial program (ITP)

We provide free supplementary, tailored one-on-one or small group academic assistance to enhance Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander student success in their chosen field of study.



Celebrating excellence

We host events like Indigenous awards evenings, HDR symposiums, and graduations, to celebrate student achievements and blak excellence.



Accommodation and financial advice

Our team provides students with advice on accommodation, scholarships and financial matters, including connections to Abstudy.



Culturally safe study space

Nura Gili is a study space equipped with computers, printing facilities, consultation rooms, and a kitchen stocked with tea, coffee, breakfast items and food staples.



Sporting activities

We provide the opportunity for students to participate in the Indigenous Student Nationals and other sporting events.



Employment and internship opportunities

Our team connects students with employment and internship opportunities as well as industry partners.



Indigenous Studies at UNSW

Indigenous Studies at Nura Gili develops and challenges our understanding of the contemporary position of Indigenous peoples in Australia through centring Indigenous knowledge and methodologies. It brings Indigenous issues into the realm of academic inquiry in the Humanities, Social Sciences, Education and Law.

What is Indigenous Studies?

Indigenous Studies develops your understanding of Indigenous philosophies, knowledges, and sovereignties and appreciation of Indigenous diversity in perspectives and aspirations of self-determination at the local, national, and international context. It engages, contests and builds on earlier understandings of Indigenous societies developed through the disciplines of anthropology, archaeology and linguistics and as viewed through the Western imagination. Indigenous Studies emerged to disrupt the certainty of existing disciplinary knowledges and organises enquiry around the perspectives and interests of Indigenous peoples themselves.

While Indigenous people and topics come under study in a variety of disciplines, it is only in Indigenous Studies that academic inquiry is organised around the interests of Indigenous peoples. Specialising in Indigenous Studies will help students develop their ability to recognise the limits of disciplinary perspectives and work productively across them.

Why choose Indigenous Studies at UNSW?

Indigenous Studies at UNSW is an exciting and interdisciplinary space in which students are encouraged to explore, develop, and challenge prevailing perspectives. Students are supported to follow their own interests within given topic areas as they engage in a range of topics including popular culture, Indigenous politics, the history of Indigenous resistance to colonisation, racialisation, gender and sexuality, and environmental justice and cultural heritage. Students will learn from guest lecturers with specialised knowledge and will have the opportunity to participate in excursions to learn on Country from traditional knowledge holders.

During Indigenous Studies courses students learn skills that help them to address complex problems in professional practice, society and/ or scholarship. Students will work collaboratively with others and engage productively with diverse Indigenous and non-Indigenous cultural perspectives. The classes are designed to suit diverse Indigenous and non-Indigenous students.

Possible careers

Indigenous Studies will support you to pursue Indigenous interests more effectively in academic contexts and in your future professional careers. There are opportunities in rapidly increasing intersections between Indigenous and non-Indigenous interests in academia, government, non-government, and business/economic sectors. The Indigenous Studies major and minor specialisations focus on developing your professional abilities in working collaboratively across cultural traditions to achieve positive outcomes.

Your ability to engage productively and ethically with Indigenous issues can stand out while job-hunting and benefit cultural development in whichever future career you choose. With broad knowledge and skills that enhance and adapt to lifelong career changes, you could join our graduates working in:

- Advocacy
- Arts and media
- Community development
- Cultural heritage
- Environmental management
- Healthcare
- Law
- Public policy
- Research
- Social work
- Urban planning
- Youth work

Got a question about Indigenous Studies at UNSW? Get in touch via nuragili@unsw.edu.au

Indigenous Studies Honours

Are you passionate about Indigenous Studies? The Honours program is your opportunity to generate new knowledge and understanding for current and future generations. We will support you to design, develop, and complete a significant research project in an area of interest to you.

Study at Honours level represents the highest level of training in an undergraduate degree within the Australian tertiary education system. It is also a pathway to a postgraduate research degree such as a Masters by Research or PhD.

The Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Indigenous Studies involves advanced coursework and research training. It is a one-year full-time (or part-time equivalent) advanced undergraduate degree for high achieving students. Honours in Indigenous Studies is offered as separate, stand-alone program of 48 units of credit.

Students undertake Honours for a variety of reasons including preparation for a research degree, improving their employment opportunities or simply a passion for advanced learning in Indigenous Studies.

Eligibility

Students must have completed their UNSW undergraduate degree program in Indigenous Studies or a relevant major, or equivalent recognised Level 7 qualification at another institution with a major in a stream offered in the program.

Entry to Honours requires a WAM of 70 or higher (or equivalent) in Indigenous Studies or relevant stream.

Admission to Honours in Indigenous Studies is subject to resources and the approval of the Academic Lead, Nura Gili: Centre for Indigenous Programs.

How to apply

Contact the Honours Convenor in Indigenous Studies to discuss your eligibility, research topic and honours program options.

Complete an online application via applyonline.unsw.edu.au. (All applicants, current UNSW students and external, are required to submit an online application.)

If you have any questions relating to this Honours program, please contact the Indigenous Studies Honours Convenor.

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UNSW Faculties

UNSW is host to seven unique faculties offering you a world class education. We're a founding member of the prestigious Group of Eight – a coalition of Australia's leading research-intensive universities. We're recognised as the Australian university with the strongest industry links and home to one of the oldest Indigenous support centres in Australia.



Arts, Design & Architecture >

Through creativity, collaboration and inclusion we seek and solve problems to improve life on earth. We listen, challenge, create and share diverse knowledge about people, place and cultures to enable lives with purpose.

Our schools

- Art & Design
- Arts & Media
- Built Environment
- Education
- Humanities & Languages
- Social Sciences



< Business School

The UNSW Business School is one of Australia's top business schools distinguished by the high calibre of our academics, students and alumni. We lead the way in research performance and in the rankings of our education programs.

Our schools

- Accounting, Auditing & Taxation
- AGSM (Australian Graduate School of Management)
- Banking and Finance
- Economics
- Information Systems and Technology Management
- Management & Governance
- Marketing
- Risk and Actuarial



Engineering

The Faculty of Engineering is a reputed centre for engineering studies and research in Australia. It offers over 60 years of sustained excellence in cutting-edge education, incorporating the latest developments in each field.

Our schools

- AGSE (Australian Graduate School of Engineering)
- Biomedical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Computer Science and Engineering
- Electrical Engineering and Telecommunications
- Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
- Minerals and Energy Resources Engineering
- Photovoltaic and Renewable Energy Engineering



Medicine & Health

UNSW Medicine is one of Australia's great medical schools. During its 50-year history UNSW Medicine has grown to be a leading centre of education in medical and health-related disciplines, and a major force in Australian and international biomedical and health related research.

UNSW Medicine has close affiliations with a number of Australia's finest hospitals, research institutes and healthcare organisations.

Our schools

- Biomedical Sciences
- Clinical Medicine
- Health Sciences
- Optometry & Vision Sciences
- Population Health



Law & Justice

UNSW Law is a leader in legal education in Australia. Our teaching is student-centred, research-based and outward looking - never losing sight of law's impact on the way we live.

Our schools

- Global & Public Law
- Law, Society & Criminology
- Private & Commercial Law



Science

UNSW Science ranks in the world's top 50 universities for natural and life sciences and biomedicine, and top university in the State by the Government's "Excellence in Research Australia" process.

Our schools

- Aviation
- Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences
- Biotechnology and Biomolecular Sciences
- Chemistry
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Physics
- Psychology



UNSW Canberra at ADFA

UNSW Canberra is a campus of The University of New South Wales (UNSW) and is located at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA).

UNSW Canberra provides undergraduate tertiary education for the midshipmen and officer cadets of the Australian Defence Force as well as postgraduate programs in Arts, Business, IT, Engineering, Management and Science open to the general community.

Students studying at UNSW Canberra gain all the advantages of studying with one of Australia's largest, most well-established and research-intensive tertiary institutions.

Our schools

- Business
- Engineering and Information Technology
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Science
- Systems & Computing
- Professional Studies



Meet Jacob Hyland

Civil Engineer Graduated in 2013

My name is Jacob and I am a proud Aniwan man from the New England area in NSW. I chose to study Civil Engineering at UNSW after attending the Nura Gili Winter School in high school, and completed my studies from 2010-2013.

I was also lucky to be able to mentor students during the Winter School as a leader whilst studying at UNSW. I am currently working at WSP as an associate Civil Engineer and have worked on a range of road design projects, from the Pacific Highway through to the M12 and M6 motorways, connecting communities and driving change whilst creating opportunities of involving connection to country principles within design.

Throughout university my family was supported by Nura Gili with two of my siblings also attending UNSW at the same time, with all of us living on campus as well. The relationships and community that I established with Nura Gili were built on trust, and there was always someone to have a yarn with. The Nura Gili community created a sense of family throughout the course of university life, encouraging and celebrating students achieving their goals and making an impact in their field and community.

If ever I was missing home or wanting to talk someone, Nura Gili was a culturally safe space that allowed me to grow individually and with students from all over. Everyone at Nura Gili was supportive, happy to be a sounding board when I was needing guidance or assistance. It was also a space that I was able to study and gain tutoring, and overall feel a sense of community.

I have been away from university for a while, but to this day a lot of the learnings that have come through Nura Gili still run through my head and give me a sense of pride when I hear about what other students and alumni are achieving. I am now working in a career that helps connect communities, and I am able to influence respectful and inclusive engineering practice. For anyone thinking of getting into university apply for everything you will always have the support of other students staff and alumni of Nura Gili. I am excited to see more students going through STEM careers and showcasing what we can achieve, especially in engineering.

Student life

Support and services to help you thrive

At UNSW you will have the freedom to be yourself, be independent, take control of your future and have the time of your life! Students are at the heart of the university, so a range of services will be made available to you to help your transition into university life.



Ngurra orientation program

As a commencing student you will be invited to Ngurra, a three-day orientation program designed to equip you with the skills and support necessary to succeed in your tertiary studies.

➤ Search for **Ngurra Orientation Program** at nuragili.unsw.edu.au

Indigenous awards

The calendar event of the year! UNSW acknowledges the academic achievements of its current Indigenous students with a formal dinner and awards ceremony attended by students, staff, alumni, donors and community.

Scholarships

Every year UNSW provides over \$83 million in scholarships to help students of all circumstances reach their goals, offering them financial support while they study.

➤ Learn more at scholarships.unsw.edu.au

SRC Indigenous Collective

This student-led body welcomes and supports all Indigenous students at UNSW. They work to ensure that Indigenous students excel at UNSW without having to compromise their connections to culture.

➤ Search for **SRC Indigenous Collective** at arc.unsw.edu.au

Indigenous Nationals

Each year universities from across Australia are invited to participate in the National Indigenous Tertiary Education Student Games, bringing together Indigenous Australian students to compete at a national level in mixed sports.

➤ Search for **Indigenous Nationals** at arc.unsw.edu.au

Psychology and wellness

UNSW Psychology and Wellness provides a confidential counselling service to all currently enrolled students. They offer brief and focused therapeutic interventions.

➤ Learn more at counselling.unsw.edu.au

Accommodation

Community, convenience and comfort are what make the accommodation at UNSW feel like a genuine home away from home! Depending on the lifestyle you want, UNSW has a wide range of accommodation available to meet your needs.

➤ Learn more at accommodation.unsw.edu.au

Arc UNSW student life

Arc UNSW Student Life is run by students, for students. Their mission is to create the best student experience through Clubs, Sport, Volunteering, Events, Wellness, Help and heaps more.

➤ Learn more at arc.unsw.edu.au

Health services

UNSW offers a complete general medical practice for all students and visitors, providing access to GPs, specialists, a chemist and more. An added bonus is that most services are bulk billed!

➤ Learn more at healthservices.unsw.edu.au

Arc Sport

Arc Sport's mission is to help UNSW students get active, get social and have plenty of fun along the way! They've built a supportive community that encourages and celebrates participation in sport no matter a person's skill or fitness level.

➤ Learn more at arc.unsw.edu.au/sport

UNSW elite athlete program

The program helps elite athletes and performers integrate academic life with external pursuits by offering enrolment flexibility, scholarships, student support, and leave of absence where required.

➤ Search for **Elite Athlete Program** at sport.unsw.edu.au

Employability

The UNSW Employability team is here to help you become a professional global citizen, equipped to build and navigate a successful career now and into the future.

➤ Learn more at employability.unsw.edu.au

Useful links

Campuses

Sydney > unsw.edu.au

Canberra > unsw.edu.au/canberra

Accommodation

New College > newcollege.unsw.edu.au

Shalom College > shalomcollege.unsw.edu.au

Creston College > crestoncollege.edu.au

Warrane College > warrane.unsw.edu.au

UNSW Village > mystudentvillage.com/au/unsw

Aboriginal Hostels > ahl.gov.au

Finances and scholarhips

Student Fees > student.unsw.edu.au/fees

Shalom Gamarada Scholarship > shalom.edu.au/shalom-gamarada

Abstudy

Abstudy at Centrelink > servicesaustralia.gov.au/abstudy

Residential Costs Option > servicesaustralia.gov.au/abstudy-living-allowance-residential-costs-option

Other

UNSW Handbook > handbook.unsw.edu.au

Equitable Learning Services > student.unsw.edu.au/equitable-learning

Student Exchange > student.unsw.edu.au/exchange

UNSW Events > events.unsw.edu.au



**UNSW
Open Day**
Saturday 7 Sep 2024



Still curious?

Contact us or drop into the centre for a yarn!

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