



University Preparation Program
2025

Your pathway to studying at university.



Academic Skills

Being taught how to learn was critical. Had those skills been taught to me when I was younger I might not have failed the first time around.

Let UPP change your life

The University Preparation Program (UPP) offers a pathway to university study for people who are 20 years or older.

Perhaps you love learning but your study skills are a little rusty and your confidence needs a boost. Or you are looking to improve your job prospects or career progression with degree qualifications. Or maybe you have reached that time in your life when you can finally follow your dreams.

The UPP is a pre-entry program to help you improve your academic skills before you start a degree. It aims to introduce you to university-style learning in a supportive environment. Essay writing, notetaking, giving presentations, critical thinking, researching and sitting exams are among the many skills you will learn.

When you successfully complete the program, you can use your results to apply for further studies at UNSW or at another university which accepts the UPP results for entry. UPP students have gone on to study in many diverse areas from law and education to biological science, engineering and construction management. As one student said, it changes your way of thinking and opens a pathway to a better life.

Program Outline

Stream	Program Length	Class Time	Timetable options in Term 1	Examples of post UPP studies
Humanities	3 x 10 week terms (Feb - Apr, Jun - Aug & Sep - Nov)	2-5 hours per week	Monday evening, Tuesday evening, or Friday day	History, languages, literature, education, fine arts, architecture, social policy
Science		5-8 hours per week	Monday & Wednesday evenings plus Tuesday evening or Friday day	Psychological science, biology, earth and environment, chemistry, physics
Business		5-8 hours per week	Monday & Wednesday evenings plus Tuesday evening or Friday day	Commerce, marketing, and other aspects of economics
Engineering		6-9 hours per week	Monday and Wednesday evenings plus Tuesday evening or Friday day	Branches of engineering, eg. civil, electrical, mechanical

What does the UPP cost?

There are no tuition fees for the UPP as it is fully funded by the Australian Government. However, this situation may change so please check fee details prior to application - futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/upp. There are other costs associated with study that you will need to cover:

- > Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) unsw.edu.au/student/managing-your-studies/fees/ssaf
- > Cost of any course materials such as textbooks or calculators.

How to apply

Applications are made through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) www.uac.edu.au using the UNSW UPP course code 430200.

Applications open in August and on-time applications close towards the end of September for the following year's admission. An on-time application costs \$70.

You can apply as late as January in the admission year (if places are still available) but the application costs \$200*.

For more information on the application process, visit:

www.uac.edu.au/current-applicants/undergraduate-applications-and-offers

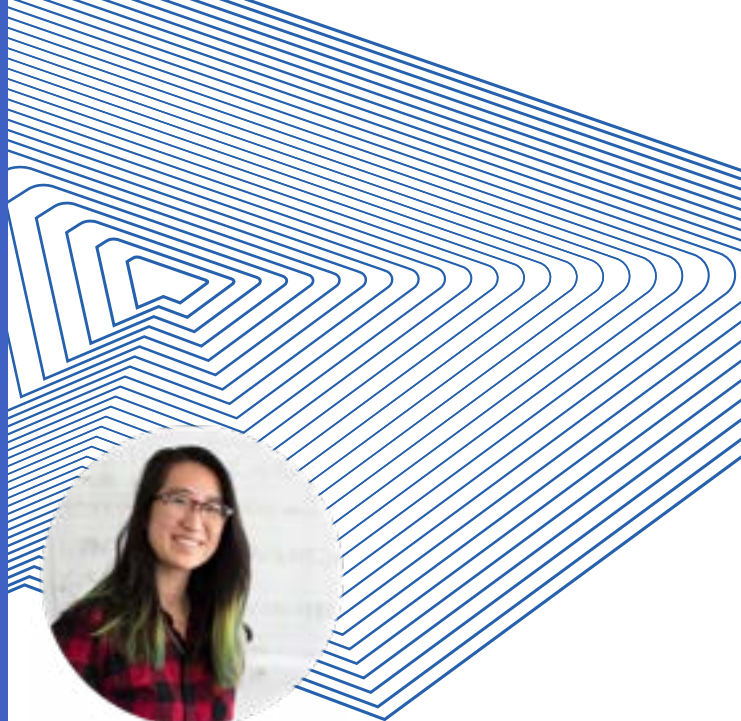
Be part of the UNSW community

As a UPP student, you can use all the support services and facilities at UNSW. The university has a vibrant student community with many clubs, societies and social activities that you are welcome to join.

From UPP to degree

The UPP is accepted for entry into an extensive range of courses at UNSW. You can also use your UPP results to apply to other universities. If you have any questions about your eligibility for a particular degree at UNSW, please contact our Admissions Office on **(02) 9385 3656**. Thousands of students just like you have completed the UPP and have gone on to study a wide variety of degrees.

*The information in this publication is correct at December 2024. The university reserves the right to alter any program or admissions requirements herein without prior notice.



I truly feel that the UPP course prepared me massively for uni. What I learned about studying, researching, thinking and writing put me in an advantageous position for my first term.



I decided to do the program because it was affordable and accessible to me, and because classes were only a few hours each week, so I could fit it in around my work hours.

Still curious?

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