



# University Preparation Program (UPP)

## The Humanities Stream

The University Preparation Program (UPP) is an opportunity for you to build your academic skills, experience part-time study in an area of interest and consider university level study. At UNSW it is not a case of how much you are willing to pay or how 'mature' you are, it's about hard work and potential. Once you complete the UPP you can use your results to apply for further studies at UNSW or at another institution which accepts UPP results for entry.

### Entry Requirements

- > **Age**  
You should be 20 years or over on 1 March in the year you start the program (please note: younger applicants who are eligible for the UNSW ACCESS Scheme may be eligible for entry to UNSW Prep).
- > **Citizenship/Residency**  
You should be an Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen or hold a current Australian Permanent Resident visa.
- > **Language**  
English language proficiency is required if your previous schooling was not completed in English. Read the [English Requirements Policy](#) for further information.
- > **Previous Study**  
You should have not already attempted university study. If you have attempted university study (either in Australia or overseas) since leaving high school you need to contact UNSW Admissions, who will advise on your best pathway.
- > **Additional Criteria**  
You should not be enrolled in another program of study at the same time.

### How to apply

Applications must be made online via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) from August [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au).

You may apply until the end of January 2025, and you must accept your offer and enrol no later than the deadline on your offer letter.



### Timing with UPP

- > Study involves 3 x 10 week terms (February - April, June - August and September - November)
- > Time commitments are based on the subjects undertaken within each term (see Course Components to follow). At least 6-8 hours of independent study per week is recommended for each course, as well as some time each week for online learning. 80% attendance is a requirement for each UPP course.

### Fees

- > UPP is fully funded by the Australian Government so there are **no course fees**. This may change. Please check fee details prior to application: [www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/upp](http://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/upp)
- > Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) [unsw.edu.au/student/managing-your-studies/fees/ssaf](http://unsw.edu.au/student/managing-your-studies/fees/ssaf)
- > You pay the cost of any materials you need for your course.

## Still curious?

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# UPP Course Components

## Terms 1 & 2

### University Orientation and Study Skills 1 (UNSW course code - REGZ9000)

**Units of credit** 6 (3 UoC per term)

**Hours per week** 3

**Available** Terms 1 and 2 (exclusively to UPP students)

**Timetable** The UOSS 1 course continues over two consecutive terms (Terms 1 and 2). In 2025, each week students attend one of the following 2 hr class sessions: Monday 6pm - 8pm OR Tuesday 6pm - 8pm OR Friday 12pm - 2pm

**Prior Knowledge** Must be proficient in written and spoken English

The UOSS 1 course provides a practical engagement with the academic skills needed for success at university: for example, time management, critical thinking and academic writing. UOSS 1 has a particular focus on the understanding of, and the preparation required to produce an academic essay.

#### Topics

- orientation to the academic system
- critical/analytical thinking
- note making
- tutorial presentations
- essay writing
- referencing and citation skills
- assignment planning
- research and critical reading
- examination techniques

## Term 3

### University Orientation and Study Skills 2 (UNSW course code - REGZ9255)

**Units of credit** 6

**Hours per week** 3

**Available** Term 3 (exclusively to UPP students)

**Timetable** In 2025, each week students attend ONE of the following 2 hr class sessions: Monday 6pm - 8pm OR Tuesday 6pm - 8pm OR Friday 12pm - 2pm

**Prior Knowledge** Successful completion of UOSS 1 (REGZ9000)

University Orientation & Study Skills 2 (UOSS 2) builds on the fundamental academic skills studied in UOSS 1 and introduces students to the foundations of conducting research in the social sciences. UOSS 2 focuses on developing skills in research, writing and presenting critical reviews and reports. The assignments enable students to complete a small research project.

#### Topics

- developing research questions
- managing a research project
- locating, evaluating and critically reviewing literature
- fundamentals of qualitative and quantitative research methods
- annotated bibliographies
- ethics and integrity in research
- analysing research findings
- writing research reports.

## Gateway Elective

**Units of credit** 6

**Hours per week** 3

**Available** Term 3 (exclusively to UPP students)

**Prior Knowledge** Successful completion of (REGZ9000)

The Gateway elective courses are selected from parts of the first year undergraduate ADA degree program at UNSW. The purpose of undertaking Gateway electives is to allow UPP students to experience studying a first year course with current undergraduate students. Each course includes a lecture and tutorial format, as well as a variety of written and oral assignments.

UPP students enrolled in the Humanities stream are required to pass the Gateway elective in order to successfully complete the program. There are a number of courses which UPP students can select from and information about each course and enrolment will be made available late in Term 1.