Exchange Scheme with the University of Western Australia

Where is the UWA?

Established in 1911 – the University of Western Australia was the state’s first University and now enrols 25,000 students. UWA is located 5km from the city centre of Perth, set next to the Swan River.

Who can go?

- **Two places** will be made available to York Undergraduate students in 2020/21.
- This will replace your 2nd year of study at York (or the 2nd/3rd year of study if you’re on a 4-year programme).
- For credit-replacing programmes, please speak to your department about the availability of extended degrees that allow you to take an additional year to study abroad.
- Please consult the Opportunities by Subject webpage to see if your Department is eligible for exchange.

Courses

- Students will be expected to take **48 credit points** during their year at UWA (i.e. **24 credit points per semester**). All 48 credits should be taken in the student’s degree subject in order to achieve the equivalent of 120 York credits.
- The course catalogue serves as a **general guide** to the courses available. Most courses are available for exchange students; however there may be some prerequisites which need confirming. You should check the UWA scheduling for a directory of courses available in the following academic year and their prerequisites.
- The course catalogue for 2018/19 can be accessed here: [uwa.edu.au/international-students](uwa.edu.au/international-students)

How will my marks be assessed/converted?

- Grade Conversion Tables for each institution will be made available to successful applicants. Grades will only be converted for credit replacement students.
- **Please ensure that you are fully aware of how your grades will be converted on your return to York.** Students on additional years will have different arrangements to those on credit-replacing exchange.

Costs

*Please note that the costs below are based on previous years and are provided for guidance only. Exact costs may vary due to exchange rates, inflation, personal circumstance and/or other reasons.*

- **Tuition Fees**: Students will pay no tuition fees to UWA and in 2019/20 their University of York fees were reduced to 15% of the full academic fee.
- **Visas**: There is an associated fee with the Australian Student Visa application of **AUS$575**
- **Medical insurance and waiver**: Overseas Student Health Cover is required in order for students to obtain their Australian Student Visa. Cost of the cover will vary with the type of plan. For more information on the health cover, visit: [oshcallianzassistance.com.au/about_oshc.aspx](oshcallianzassistance.com.au/about_oshc.aspx)
• **Additional costs to consider:** Flights, accommodation, travel insurance and visas (see below), living costs (food, books, money for additional travel/activities).

• **Funding:** Students who select Trinity College as their accommodation at UWA may be eligible to apply for financial support of A$1,250 per semester and a waiving of the A$75 signing fee. Additional support may also be available for students who provide evidence of financial need.

**Financial Assistance**

• **York Futures Scholarship** new for 2019/20. Support for personal and professional development. Funding of up to £6000 available to students applying to study abroad in 2020/21. There are two rounds of applications for this funding, Autumn Term and Easter Vacation/start of Summer Term. We recommend that you apply for the first round of funding to secure this before you have received confirmation of your study abroad place. For more information please see the following web pages: york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/skills/work-experience/yfs/

**Visa**

*Please be aware that Centre for Global Programmes staff are not qualified to offer consultations or in-depth advice regarding visa applications. Immigration laws are complex and subject to frequent changes. Therefore if you do have any further questions about the process of applying for your visa you will need to contact the appropriate Embassy directly. The information below is intended as guidance only and unless otherwise stated applies only to UK citizens without exceptional circumstances.*

• UWA will ask you to sign the acceptance contract and arrange **Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)** before issuing you a confirmation of enrolment document which can then be used to apply for your Australian Student Visa.

• International students going on exchange are advised to apply for an Australian visa in their home country and not in the UK.

• In order to receive a visa you must show that you have sufficient funds available in your bank account. More information on financial requirements can be found on the Australian Government’s website here.

**What’s it like to study there?**

“I’m feeling great, I love it over here and have really settled in well. I’ve made some fantastic friends and even better memories. I think I’ve become more confident in myself and my abilities, I’m more independent and am more culturally aware of peoples differences. My biggest challenge has been getting my head around the time difference so I can keep in contact with people back home but I think I’ve finally got it figured out. I’ve tried Australian food, played Australian games, watched Australian sports and hung out with Australian people to help me grasp the Australian way of life and I can say that it’s massively helped.”

Katylily, Biology, Year Abroad 2017/18

“Everyone in my host country that I have met has been so welcoming and accommodating. The college, which I have joined, has continually encouraged us to fully explore and try everything that Perth has to offer. For example, we have already been on trips to: Heirsson Island, Lesmurdie falls, Lancelin sand dunes and Swan Valley. So far I haven’t experienced any culture shock, however many things are done differently here and their slang has taken some getting used to! University lectures and tutorials haven’t started yet however several talks have been arranged to help new students manage their academic expectations and hopes for the next year. All international students have also been signed to a mentor scheme in which we are assigned a current UWA student who belongs to the same major. This has been extremely helpful as I am able to ask any questions associated more with how a bachelor of Arts degree is done here.”

Maddie, Sociology Year Abroad 2019/20
Where will I live?

- UWA does not guarantee on-campus accommodation but students can apply once they have received their UWA student number or can choose to live off-campus.

On-Campus Housing:

- There are five residential colleges students can apply to on campus.
- Students are advised to apply as soon as possible as places for on-campus housing are very competitive. You can apply for housing through the portal: housing.uwa.edu.au/on-campus
- The application asks for you to rank your preferences from 1 to 5. However, if you do not get into any of the residential colleges, your name will be put into a central waitlist pool, so if the opportunity arises you can be allocated into a college.

Off-Campus Housing:

- If you choose to go into off-campus housing, you will be directed to the university's Housing Services, who offer a free and confidential accommodation advisory support service to students.
- The housing service will not arrange accommodation for you but can provide advice and information.
- There is a housing database which will allow students to view property listings, including properties and rooms to rent in surrounding areas.
- For more information on off-campus accommodation: housing.uwa.edu.au/off-campus
- Homestays are also possible, with more information found here.

Is it the right choice for me?

- When thinking about choosing your destination for studying abroad please look through the Considerations Checklist on our web pages.
- This will help you find the best opportunity for your degree and personal circumstances.

Contact details at UWA

- Your principal source of general advice at UWA will be: Carrie Haloun
- Email: carrie.haloun@uwa.edu.au
- Address: International Student Support (including Study Abroad), The University of Western Australia (M352), 35 Stirling Highway, CRAWLEY WA 6009, Australia

Useful web links

- Main UWA Site
- UWA Study Abroad and Exchange
- UWA International Students
- Global Graduates
- Foreign Commonwealth Office Advice
- On Campus Accommodation
- Off Campus Accommodation
- Cost of Living Comparison Site

Please note: The websites listed here are not intended to represent a comprehensive list. The Centre for Global Programmes cannot be held responsible for the content of external websites.
All information included in these guidelines correct at time of printing, October 2019.

Students are responsible for researching their own exchanges and making sure that they have considered all costs and the compatibility of the overseas programme to their own degree, in discussion with their departments and supervisors. The Centre for Global Programmes are here to offer support.