

WESTERN SYDNEY
UNIVERSITY



International College



Pathways To Success

Student Quick Guide 2026

WHY STUDY AT THE INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE?



TOP 2%
OF UNIVERSITIES WORLDWIDE

*Times Higher Education (THE) World
University Rankings 2019–2024.



SMALL CLASSES
WITH INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION



**ACADEMIC AND
SOCIAL SUPPORT**
AVAILABLE



**ACCESS TO
WESTERN SYDNEY
UNIVERSITY**
FACILITIES AND SERVICES



COURSES ARE DELIVERED
BY HIGHLY QUALIFIED,
**GLOBALLY
RECOGNISED
ACADEMICS**



**DIVERSE STUDENT
POPULATION**
MAKE FRIENDS FROM ALL
OVER THE WORLD



LOCATED WITHIN ONE OF
**WESTERN SYDNEY
UNIVERSITY'S
NEWEST
CAMPUSES**



**PARRAMATTA
LOCATION**
CLOSE TO TRANSPORT,
SHOPS AND RESTAURANTS

COST OF LIVING GUIDE

All prices are quoted in Australian Dollars.

Sydney is a popular city to live in. As a student visa holder, you will be required to have approximately **AU\$29,710** per person per year for living expenses, as advised by the **Australian Government**. However, the actual cost depends on your individual lifestyle and you should budget for up to **AU\$38,000** per year per adult. Remember, your living expenses are separate from your tuition fees.

You will need to bring enough money with you to cover your expenses for the first few weeks. International transfers can take some time! Foreign currency can be exchanged for Australian currency at Sydney Airport. If you arrive on Saturday or Sunday, it is best to exchange your currency at the airport as currency exchange offices outside the airport may be closed until Monday.

HOUSING:

Accommodation		
Accommodation*	\$150-\$500	Cost depends on your "style" of accommodation on- or off-campus. *Price may vary depends on location and room types. See on-campus accommodation costs: Western Sydney University Village www.mystudentvillage.com/au/westernsydneyuv/ Off-campus accommodation: a two bedroom apartment in Parramatta costs about \$375-\$475 per week to rent. Internet is included for on campus accommodations and is often included within most of the private rental housing. The University has free Wi-Fi on campus.
Rent advance or rental bond	\$350-\$900+	Rent for your accommodation in advance. Rental bond if you are renting off-campus accommodation
Home appliances (fan, heater, rice cooker)	\$50-\$300	Some accommodation may not be fully equipped or you may want your own appliances. Consult with your landlord ahead before purchasing.
Utility bills (electricity, gas, water)	\$50-\$50	For on-campus accommodation, costs are included. Costs varies for off-campus accommodation depending on share arrangements.

EXPENSES:

Transport		
Airport Transfer	\$80-\$150	Based on transport costs from the airport if you have not organised to be met as part of the Airport Reception Service.
Petrol (1 litre)	\$1.50-\$2.30	Various type of petrol is available in different petrol stations.
Bus and train fares	\$30-\$60+	Depends on how far you live from a Western Sydney University campus and how often you use public transport. Check the Transport NSW Opal Card website for more details.

Textbook and Course-related		
Computer	\$1000-\$2000	Varies depending on your brand of choice and model.
Textbooks	\$400+	You can save money by buying second hand books.
Stationery/Photocopying	\$15	The Western Sydney University library has many books and journals available online so this may reduce photocopying costs. You can also purchase stationery at discount department stores.
Notebooks	\$1-\$5	Available in the University Store.

Clothes		
Bedding	\$145-\$800	Based on costs if you have not brought it with you, or it is not provided in your accommodation
Warm clothing	\$50-\$150	Especially in winter (June to August) if you are coming from a tropical climate.
Laundry Service	\$10	Laundry service is offered within on-campus accommodation.

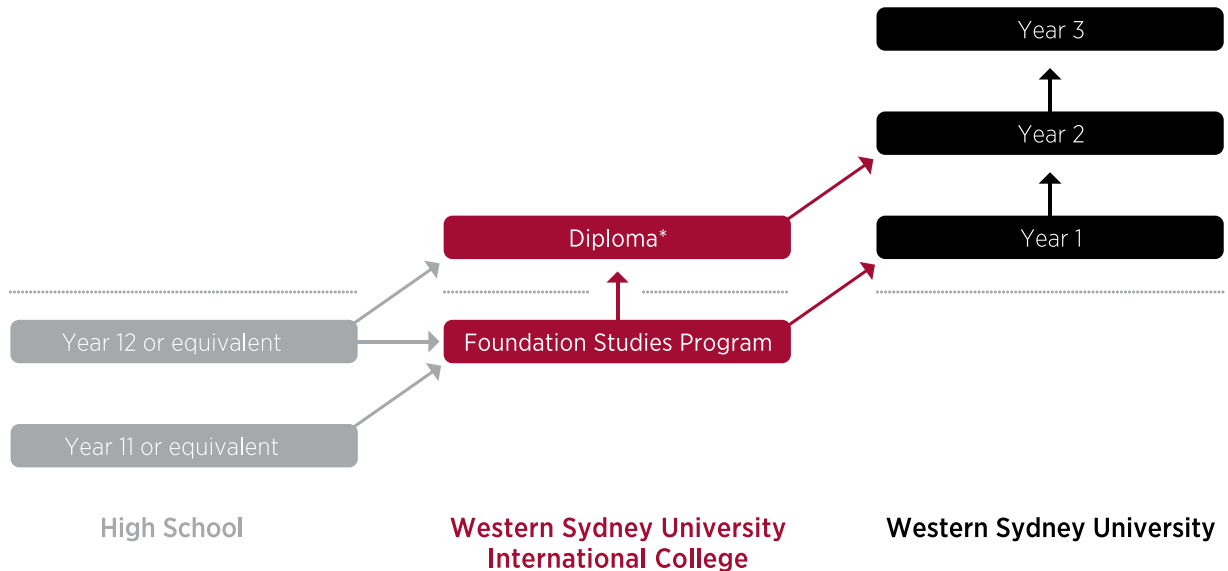
Mobile		
Mobile (cell) phone	\$100-\$200	Varies depending on mobile contract or pre-paid prices.
International calls	\$5-\$25	International calling cards (phone cards) to call home are available and are generally a cheaper way to call home.
Phone calls	\$15-\$20	Mobile (cellular) phone calls will be more expensive.

Entertainment		
Fast food (McDonald's etc)	\$5-\$15	
Yum Cha (Dim Sum)	\$15-\$30	
Take away food (Indian, Chinese, Thai, pizza etc)	\$10-\$25	
Gym membership (weekly)	\$7-\$11	
Movies (some cinemas also offer budget nights)	\$14-\$30	
A night out (dinner, club, disco etc)	\$60+	
Amusement park tickets (Prices varies during weekends and public holidays, some location offer ticket deals)	\$20-\$35/adult	

Your Pathway To Western Sydney University

A STUDENT'S PATHWAY DEPENDS ON THE OVERALL RESULTS THEY ACHIEVE AND COURSE AVAILABILITY.

YOUR BACHELOR DEGREE



*Higher Education Diploma

Western Sydney University Campuses



Foundation Studies Program Overview

Successful completion of a Foundation Studies Program at Western Sydney University International College is your guaranteed pathway to an undergraduate degree at Western Sydney University.

WHY CHOOSE FOUNDATION STUDIES AT WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE?

- Develop your skills. A Foundation Studies Program gives you the opportunity to cultivate your knowledge-base and hone your skills to ensure you get the best possible start to your life as an undergraduate student at Western Sydney University.
- Learn with supportive teachers. Our highly qualified team of experienced educators have your best interests in mind, and work hard to make sure you are comfortable and confident.
- Experience life as a university student. Coming from another country, you'll get a taste of university life at Western Sydney University.
- Smaller class sizes. At the International College, we offer smaller classes, giving you extra opportunity to get personal, face-to-face help and support from your teachers.

Foundation Studies Programs are available at Western Sydney University International College in the following fields:

- Business
- Health Science & Nursing
- Science

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS*

PROGRAM / DISCIPLINE	IELTS (ACADEMIC)	TOEFL (PAPER- BASED)	TOEFL (INTERNET- BASED)	PEARSON TEST OF ENGLISH (ACADEMIC)
Extended/Standard Foundation Studies Programs	Overall = 5.5 No bands below 5.0	550 with sufficient sub-scores	59 And Writing 17, Listening and Reading 7, Speaking 15	Overall score of 42 with no communicative skill score less than 36
Foundation Studies Program in Health Science/ Nursing leading to Bachelor of Nursing	Overall = 6.5 No band below 6.0	525 with sufficient sub-scores	82 And Writing 21, Listening and Reading 13, Speaking 18	Overall score of 58 with no communicative skill score less than 50

*Current as at October 2025. Subject to review and change.



Higher Education Diploma Overview

As an official pathways provider to Western Sydney University, we offer Higher Education Diploma programs to prepare you for your chosen degree. If you don't meet the University entry requirements, or want to benefit from a supportive environment while you adjust to life in Australia, our Diploma courses will help you achieve your tertiary study and career dreams.

You can complete a Diploma in just 8 or 12 months and upon successful completion, gain entry into the second year of the corresponding bachelor degree at Western Sydney University.

DIPLOMAS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE IN THE FOLLOWING FIELDS:

- ≥ Arts
- ≥ Business
- ≥ Engineering
- ≥ Information and Communications Technology

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PROGRAM / DISCIPLINE	IELTS (ACADEMIC)	TOEFL (PAPER-BASED)	TOEFL (INTERNET-BASED)	PEARSON TEST OF ENGLISH (ACADEMIC)
Diploma	Overall = 6.0 No bands below 5.5	550 with sufficient sub-scores	70 And Writing 20, Listening and Reading 11, Speaking 16	Overall score of 50 with no communicative skill score less than 42
Diploma in Business	Overall = 5.5 No bands below 5.0	525 with sufficient sub-scores	59 And Writing 17, Listening and Reading 7 Speaking 15	Overall score of 42 with no communicative skill score less than 36

*Current as at October 2025.

Diploma programs include two and three term options (except Diploma in Arts which has only 3-term option), depending on academic results and English proficiency.

View our entry requirements



Living in Parramatta

Parramatta is Sydney's second largest Central Business District and is only 30 minutes from Central Railway Station. Parramatta is a vibrant, multi-cultural district. It has already become an attractive location for global organisations, providing students like yourself with more internships and job opportunities.

PARRAMATTA CLIMATE

Average temperatures in:

≥ **Summer (December – February)**
17-29°C

≥ **Autumn (March – May)**
22 -35°C

≥ **Winter (June – August)**
6-19°C

≥ **Spring (September – November)**
11-23°C

LIVING IN GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY

The Greater Western Sydney region is the home of Western Sydney University and Western Sydney University International College. It stretches from Parramatta, the geographical centre of Sydney, to the Blue Mountains on the western edge of the metropolitan Sydney area.

Greater Western Sydney is also a global centre for trade, innovation and learning, with the third largest economy in Australia. Of the top 500 companies in Australia, 150 are based in the area, making it the ideal location for future leaders. Home to more than one in 11 Australians, Greater Western Sydney has the most diverse multicultural community in the world.

As an international student studying at the International College, and with half the world's nations represented in Western Sydney, you have every chance of feeling at home in the region.

Greater Western Sydney is also home to the largest urban Indigenous population in Australia, which includes the traditional Aboriginal groups – Darug, Gandangara and Tharawal.



Friends enjoying drinks and food at Nick and Nora's rooftop bar Parramatta.
Image source: Destination NSW.



Friends enjoying a walk by Parramatta River in Western Sydney.
Image source: Destination NSW.



The International College building at 6 Hassall St, Parramatta.

Pathway Course Overview

DIPLOMA PROGRAMS				UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES	
Arts	Duration 52 weeks	Intakes March July October	Fees (AUD)* \$32,650	Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Primary) Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Secondary) Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Early Childhood/Primary) Bachelor of Arts (Interpreting and Translation)	
Business	Duration 34 or 48 weeks	Intakes March July October	Fees (AUD)* \$26,400 or \$36,250	Bachelor of Accounting Bachelor of Business Bachelor of Tourism and Event Management Western Sydney University International College provides a Language Development Module to better prepare graduates to meet the high expectations of language usage in tertiary education. Further details are available on the International College website here.	
Engineering	Duration 35 or 52 weeks	Intakes March July October	Fees (AUD)* \$33,100 or \$40,450	Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Bachelor of Engineering Science	
Information & Communications Technology	Duration 34 or 48 weeks	Intakes March July October	Fees (AUD)* \$30,350.00 or \$36,050.00	Bachelor of Computer Science Bachelor of Information and Communications Technology Bachelor of Information Systems	
FOUNDATION STUDIES				UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES	
Business	Duration 37 or 55 weeks	Intakes March July October	Fees (AUD)* \$26,700 or \$39,900	Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Building Design Management Bachelor of Business Bachelor of Construction Management (Honours) Bachelor of Construction Technology Bachelor of Tourism and Event Management	
Health Science & Nursing	Duration 37 or 55 weeks	Intakes March July October	Fees (AUD)* \$26,700 or \$39,900	Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Health Science (Health Promotion) Bachelor of Health and Physical Education Bachelor of Nursing Bachelor of Tourism and Event Management	
Science	Duration 37 or 55 weeks	Intakes March July October	Fees (AUD)* \$26,700 or \$39,900	Bachelor of Design & Technology Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Bachelor of Engineering Science Bachelor of Health Science (Sport and Exercise Science) Bachelor of Industrial Design Bachelor of Industrial Design (Honours)	Bachelor of Medical Science Bachelor of Podiatric Medicine Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security Bachelor of Tourism and Event Management Bachelor of Clinical Science (Medicine)/Doctor of Medicine*
*Programs available only to students sponsored by the Kuwait Cultural Office.					
General Foundation Studies**	Duration 37 or 55 weeks	Intakes March July October	Fees (AUD)* \$26,700 or \$39,900	Bachelor of Architectural Design Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Arts (Interpreting & Translation) Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Early Childhood/Primary) Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Primary) Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Secondary) Bachelor of Communication Bachelor of Construction Management (Honours) Bachelor of Data Science Bachelor of Design (Visual Communication) Bachelor of Design and Technology Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Bachelor of Engineering Science Bachelor of Graphic Design (Pathway to Teaching Secondary) Bachelor of Health Science (Sport and Exercise Science) Bachelor of Health and Physical Education Bachelor of Health Science	Bachelor of Industrial Design Bachelor of Industrial Design (Honours) Bachelor of Information and Communications Technology Bachelor of International Studies Bachelor of Languages and Linguistics Bachelor of Medical Science Bachelor of Nursing Bachelor of Occupational Therapy Bachelor of Paramedicine Bachelor of Physiotherapy Bachelor of Podiatric Medicine Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Science (Pathway to Teaching Primary/Secondary) Bachelor of Speech Pathology Bachelor of Traditional Chinese Medicine

** This program is subject to final approval.