Your Guide to UNSW Engineering

Location, location, location

The main UNSW Australia campus in Kensington unfolds over a 38-hectare site. It’s wonderfully situated for easy, quick travel to and from the city, while still being a stone’s throw away from Sydney’s famous beaches. It’s incredibly well serviced by the local bus network, with 1,700 express buses going to and from the campus each week. And a light rail is currently under construction to further enhance students’ transport options. Here are some more nearby attractions...

- 8min The beautiful, 189-hectare nature reserve, Centennial Park.
- 12min The world-famous Bondi Beach.
- 15min Sydney’s CBD, home to shops, entertainment, fashion, pubs and Australia’s tallest free-standing building, Sydney Tower.

A guide to accommodation

UNSW Australia students have many accommodation options when looking for a home away from home. Here is an overview of everything you need to know:

Where should you arrive?

Living in Sydney can be a big change for many students. If you don’t have a confirmed place on campus, we recommend you arrive three to four weeks before classes begin to look for accommodation and attend orientation sessions. If you need temporary accommodation when you arrive, try to organise it beforehand. Private hotels, motels, hostels, lodges or furnished apartments ranging from $45 to $300 per day are available.

Do you need assistance?

If you need help looking for temporary or private accommodation, Student Development International (SDI) may be able to assist. Visit unsw.to/SDI

What’s available through UNSW?

University accommodation close to campus offers greater security, social opportunities, easy access to facilities and the convenience of moving into fully furnished accommodation. There are six UNSW colleges providing a choice of full board, party catered and self-catered accommodation, as well as gender and dietary options. There are also seven independently run self-catered university apartments, which are furnished, and include a kitchen and bathroom. For more, visit unsw.to/accom

What about private accommodation?

Private housing gives students the chance to enjoy an independent lifestyle and control over expenses. There are rental properties available in the nearby suburbs and their cost depends on the number of bedrooms, their condition and its location, with six or twelve-month leases. Most properties are unfurnished and rent does not include utilities.

Homestays offer full board or single room only accommodation, usually in furnished houses occupied by a family or a single person. For more information, please visit unsw.to/homestays

Campus life

Embracing the sights, sounds, tastes and events unique to campus life is an important way to get the most out of your university experience. Whether you’re into sport, music or meditation, or simply enjoy hanging out, our friendly and well-appointed campus cafes to everyone. Here are just some of the exciting activities you can experience:

- UNSW is its own town, with cafes, food outlets, bars, banks, a bookshop, supermarket, newsagency, post office, medical and dental centres, pharmacy, optometry clinic, a free counselling service and an excellent library. For more info visit unsw.to/campus
- We have more than 100 clubs and societies supported by Arc, UNSW’s student organisation. Visit arc.unsw.edu.au for more info.
- The Peer Mentoring Program helps ease new students into their university life guided by a mentor during the starting month of their first semesters. For more info visit unsw.to/mentors
- There are many social events throughout the year, as well as locations like The Hub, which are purpose built to encourage students to meet, be happy and begin lifelong friendships. For more information visit unsw.to/unswlife
- We have an International Lounge, a comfortable drop-in social space for foreign students. It has computers, free internet access, study desks and a self-access space with resources.
- The UNSW Language Exchange Program helps students develop their language and conversation skills, and exchange skills and cultural insights with other attendees. For more information visit, unsw.to/english
- The UNSW Sport and Recreation Centre has an indoor heated pool, steam room, gym, various fitness and training studios, tennis courts and squash courts, plus there are a variety of sporting clubs to join. For more information, please visit sportandrec.unsw.edu.au

Women in Engineering (WIE)

Through a strong and supportive community, led by Dr Alex Bannigan, the WIE program provides diverse activities to enhance the personal and professional development of female students. For more information, visit unsw.to/wiedp

Student-led projects

Take your learning into an exciting extracurricular space by participating in one of the many student-led projects. These include robot soccer, solar cars and satellites. Visit unsw.to/engsp

Global education

Today’s graduate needs a global perspective. Engineering students are strongly encouraged to take an immersive experience overseas, from short courses, to semester exchange, to industrial training. Or why not bundle two or three together for a value-for-money, comprehensive experience? You can find out more information at unsw.to/global
My child does not have the assumed knowledge – if your child doesn’t have the assumed knowledge for a degree, they are not prevented from enrolling. However, they may want to take a UNSW bridging course so they can be confident of keeping up. For more information, please visit unsw.to/assumed

What happens when my child arrives?
- Student Development International (SDI) runs an airport pick-up service and a welcome centre for about four weeks before semester starts. Staff and peer mentors can assist your child to settle in to Sydney and the campus life. For more information visit unsw.to/studentsupport

How can we stay in contact?
- UNSW has a post office on campus, as well as a free campus-wide wireless network called Uniswide and a number of online services for students.

Will my child be safe?
- Sydney is a safe and friendly city, and UNSW sees student safety and security as high priorities. The campus has an all-hours security team that does foot and vehicle patrols, and has a security shuttle bus and safety escort services. There are also numerous help points with emergency phones, as well as medical and dental facilities.

Life as an international student

Meet Vinh Truong. He’s an international student who, over the course of five years, went from a shy 17-year-old in Vietnam to a UNSW Engineering Student Ambassador equipped with new skills, friendships and a deep sense of community. Here is his journey in his own words:

It was not easy to decide to study overseas as a 17-year-old high school student. Sydney, I was told, was “the land of hard work, challenges, endless opportunities and rewards.” I knew the move would present great opportunities, but I couldn’t imagine living in a country with a completely different culture, language and people. Or leaving my family and friends behind.

I’m worried about my child settling in – From the moment students arrive on campus we offer a wide range of support services, starting with our Getting Started and Orientation Week activities. Whether your child is worried about their studies, paying bills, or balancing university with their work or social life, we have staff on hand that can help them stay on track. Visit unsw.to/tolsta for more.

Can I come and visit?
- UNSW has developed The Bringing Family Guide specifically to assist students planning on bringing their families to Australia. It provides information, links and resources relating to accommodation, childcare, schooling and employment for partners for free. You can find it at unsw.to/family

How much will it cost?
- Fees for international students are set according to the course, not the program. Fees are also charged based on the year of commencement. For example, if you start in Semester 2 (July) 2017, the fees for the first semester are calculated at 2017 rates and your second semester fees are calculated at 2018 rates.

Tuition fees make up the majority of your child’s university expenses. Even so, there are a number of other costs to consider, such as:
- Accommodation fees at colleges or private housing
- Health insurance cover
- Transport costs
- General living expenses, including food and socialising
- Textbooks, study material and other student supplies
- Photocopying and printing costs
- Optional student activities (such as field trips)

For more information, please visit international.unsw.edu.au/fees

Don’t forget
Here are a few more helpful tips that can help out new students during the application process...
- If English isn’t your first language... You must provide evidence that your ability to communicate meets UNSW requirements. You must submit results from an acceptable English test taken in the two years prior to studying at UNSW Australia. Visit unsw.to/elp for more info.
- If you need a student visa... We understand that applying for a student visa can be a complex and sometimes overwhelming process. See these websites for more information:
  - UNSW International = unsw.to/visas
  - Department of Immigration and Border Protection = immi.gov.au
  - Australia = studyinaustralia.gov.au

Important parent information
We understand that it’s important to you that your child makes the best decision for their future and finds a career that makes them feel happy, secure and successful. UNSW Australia is here to help them achieve their potential in a safe, welcoming environment. Here are some answers to some of parents most pressing concerns...

My child is under 18 – They are very welcome at UNSW Australia, as long as they have appropriate accommodation and welfare arrangements. Conditions for these requirements are regulated by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection to ensure a student’s safety and wellbeing, and to allow them to get a student visa. Visit unsw.to/under18

MORE INFORMATION
UNSW International / international.unsw.edu.au / engineering.unsw.edu.au

Further reading
More blogs @ international.unsw.edu.au/fees
## Our Degree Programs

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* The international fees stated here are indicative fees and are subject to change.

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### How to apply – follow this simple application process:

1. **Choose your program**
   - Find one that suits your interests, skills and career goals.

2. **Check the entry requirements**
   - The necessary information is in this guide. For the latest, updated information, please check the online handbook at [handbook.unsw.edu.au](http://handbook.unsw.edu.au).

3. **Submit your UNSW application online**
   - Visit [apply.unsw.edu.au](http://apply.unsw.edu.au) and be prepared to forward the following documents:
     - Certified copies of academic transcripts and testamurs (note: if it’s not in English, a NAATI-approved translation must be provided).
     - Supply certified copies of IELTS or TOEFL (or equivalent) test scores.
     - Details of work experience, where applicable. Some programs may require additional documentation.

4. **Track your application**
   - Once you submit your application online, you will receive an application receipt. This will contain your student ID number. From now on, you can use this to track your application at [my.unsw.edu.au](http://my.unsw.edu.au).

5. **We will then send you a letter of offer**
   - You will be advised of the outcome of your application via email. If you’re receiving assistance with your application, your nominated representative will also receive a copy of the offer.

6. **Accept your offer**
   - Go to [my.unsw.edu.au](http://my.unsw.edu.au) and follow the instructions on your offer letter. Once we receive your acceptance and your deposit, you will be sent your electronic confirmation of enrolment (eCoE).

7. **Follow program and course info carefully**
   - Once you have accepted your offer, you must enrol online at [my.unsw.edu.au](http://my.unsw.edu.au) to secure your place at UNSW in your program of choice.
Why choose UNSW?

It’s the largest engineering faculty in Australia

5 of our engineering subjects are in the world’s top 50

The No. 1 faculty in Australia

Source: the 2015 ARWU/SJTU rankings

We have a 5-star rating in Employability and Teaching

Source: 2015 QS Star Ratings

Top 100 Future Leaders Awards 2016

UNSW has been awarded “Most Employable University” in the Top 100 Future Leaders Awards, with 16 UNSW students making the list, the largest percentage of any university in Australia. This includes seven of our own engineers! The awards aim to find the “cream of the crop” in the graduate employment stakes and are hosted by graduate job website GradConnection and the Australian Financial Review.

$1 Billion invested in new facilities for students and research

Globally recognised degrees

Degrees accredited with Engineers Australia and recognised by the Washington Accord

60-80 days of industrial training improves your work readiness