



# Virtual Exchange Fact Sheet 2021

## About UNSW Sydney

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## Virtual Exchange

Virtual exchange allows the opportunity to gain an international experience from the comforts of home. You can choose to take a minimum of one course up to a maximum of a full-time load at UNSW pending approval from your home university and sufficient online course offerings. When researching your course choices, it is important you check the course is offered completely online and does not have any face-to-face components. Please be aware that depending on the course, you may be required to attend classes on the Sydney time zone and you must be available for all online exams at the set Sydney time.

You can search for online courses on the [UNSW Handbook](#) and you can view [instructions](#) on how to identify and search for these courses.

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Useful websites	
Institution website	<a href="http://unsw.edu.au">unsw.edu.au</a>
Academic calendar	<a href="http://student.unsw.edu.au/calendar">student.unsw.edu.au/calendar</a>
Courses	<a href="http://handbook.unsw.edu.au">handbook.unsw.edu.au</a>
Key Dates	<a href="http://student.unsw.edu.au/calendar/exchange/inbound">student.unsw.edu.au/calendar/exchange/inbound</a>
Faculties	<a href="http://unsw.edu.au/faculties">unsw.edu.au/faculties</a>
Equitable Learning Services	<a href="https://student.unsw.edu.au/els">https://student.unsw.edu.au/els</a>
Course information and selection	
Language of instruction	English
Course load	<p>Minimum of one online course up to a maximum of a full-time load at UNSW. Each virtual exchange course will count as 0.25 of an exchange semester place.</p> <p>The normal full-time load is 18 units of credit per term and 24 units of credit for tailored terms (3 subjects per term or 4 subjects per tailored term). It is not possible to overload.</p>
Can undergraduate students enrol in graduate courses?	Generally, no, but there may be some limited options for Law and some Science and Engineering subjects
Virtual Exchange information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You need to select courses that are run completely online, including exams. Courses with a face-to-face component cannot be considered. We are not able to guarantee a full-time load of online courses</li> <li>There are <b>very</b> limited online course offerings for the intensive Winter Term (WT) and you may need to consider a Term 3 start instead</li> <li>You must meet prerequisites for courses. This is assessed at the time of application, and new courses can be submitted for approval on an ongoing basis</li> <li>You must have back up course options should your preferred courses not be available. Faculties are unlikely to approve timetable clashes. We recommend you submit course approval for all back up courses as early as possible</li> <li>You are expected to study with UNSW for the entire duration of your study plan, including all exams and assessments.</li> <li>You should consider time zone differences. Being in a different time zone is not grounds to be awarded special consideration at UNSW and you must be available at the Australia Eastern Standard Time (AEST) that is advised for all assessments</li> </ul>

Course restrictions	Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enrolment is restricted to Law Majors</li> <li>Juris Doctor courses are open to students enrolled in a Juris Doctor Program at their home institution</li> <li>Students are not able to take both LAWS and JURD courses simultaneously</li> <li>LLM elective courses are open to Law Exchange students</li> <li>Undergraduate and JD law enrolment for Exchange students is capped, and students are encouraged to also look at LLM elective courses</li> <li>Core courses are not available to Exchange students</li> </ul>
	Arts & Social Sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students wishing to take stage 3 ARTS online courses must be majoring in the desired field</li> <li>Undergraduate students can only enrol in online undergraduate</li> </ul>

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	Art & Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Priority will be given to students majoring in Art/Design</li> </ul>
	Business	<p>The following courses are not available to exchange students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Industrial Training courses including MARK2999, MARK3999, MARK4999, FINS3100, FINS3200</li> <li>MARK6xxx courses</li> <li>GBAT course</li> </ul>
	Medicine	Exchange students can enrol in online courses from the School of Medical Science however courses in the Doctor of Medicine program are not open to exchange students.
	Built Environment	Students should be flexible with their online subject choices
	Engineering	Enrolment in Biomedical Engineering and Computer Science courses is extremely limited; students need to be prepared to select courses from another major
	Science	Postgraduate psychology courses are not available to exchange students

<b>Courses not open for virtual exchange</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Courses with a face-to-face component</li> <li>MBA Coursework</li> <li>Courses that are part of the Honours degree (4xxx)</li> <li>The Australian Defence Force Academy, UNSW Canberra or courses starting with 'z'</li> <li>Doctor of Medicine program</li> </ul>
<b>Equitable Learning Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Equitable Learning Services</a> provide a range of services to students with disabilities, including note takers, classwork support, assistive technology and exam adjustments.</li> <li>You should contact Equitable Learning Services prior to study commencement to ensure the appropriate services are in place by the time you start at UNSW.</li> </ul>

Term information																					
<b>Virtual Exchange Term options</b>	<p>Virtual exchange at UNSW is currently available for the following terms, with the option for students to extend for a second Term/semester once we know what is being offered in Term 1 2022. Details for 2022 will be provided as they become available.</p> <p>You can choose to enrol in one of the following Term options. The course sequence is based on the normal full-time load and you can choose to do less.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>UNSW Term (study plan)</th> <th>Term sequence</th> <th>Course sequence</th> <th>Maximum number of courses</th> <th>Maximum Units of Credit</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Tailored Term 3 (Winter + Term 3)</td> <td>WT + T3</td> <td>1 + 3</td> <td>4</td> <td>24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Term 3</td> <td>T3</td> <td>3</td> <td>3</td> <td>18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Term 3 &amp; Summer Term</td> <td>T3 + ST</td> <td>3 + 1</td> <td>4</td> <td>24</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	UNSW Term (study plan)	Term sequence	Course sequence	Maximum number of courses	Maximum Units of Credit	Tailored Term 3 (Winter + Term 3)	WT + T3	1 + 3	4	24	Term 3	T3	3	3	18	Term 3 & Summer Term	T3 + ST	3 + 1	4	24
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	<p><b>Important:</b> At the point of nomination, your home university will be required to enter a study plan (term selection) for you. This determines your length of online study and terms you will be at UNSW. It is also important they notify us if you wish to take less than the standard full-time load, so we can update your Endeavour application.</p>																
<p><b>Term dates (including exams)</b></p>	<p>Refer to <a href="#">Academic Calendar for Study Abroad and Exchange</a> and <a href="#">Key dates</a> for most up to date information.</p> <p>You are required to study at UNSW for the entire session and exam period. Your personal exam timetables will be released mid term and you need to be available for any online exam at the set Sydney time.</p> <p>Term dates for 2021:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>UNSW Term</th> <th>Study Plan</th> <th>Start date</th> <th>End date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Tailored Term (Winter + Term 3)</td> <td>WT + T3</td> <td>12 Aug 21</td> <td>11 Dec 21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Term 3</td> <td>T3</td> <td>9 Sept 21</td> <td>11 Dec 21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Term 3 &amp; Summer Term</td> <td>T3 + ST</td> <td>9 Sept 21</td> <td>5 Feb 22</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	UNSW Term	Study Plan	Start date	End date	Tailored Term (Winter + Term 3)	WT + T3	12 Aug 21	11 Dec 21	Term 3	T3	9 Sept 21	11 Dec 21	Term 3 & Summer Term	T3 + ST	9 Sept 21	5 Feb 22
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Applications	
<p><b>Applications deadline</b></p>	<p><u>Tailored Term 3 &amp; Term 3 2021</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application deadline: 1 April 2021</li> <li>• Term selection/length of stay deadline: 10 April 2021</li> </ul> <p>We send offers and enrolment information after the application deadline.</p>
<p><b>How to apply</b></p>	<p>Our application is completed online</p> <p>You should first be nominated by your home university (please do not make a direct application through our website). Your home university needs to select the length of stay selection on nomination and notify us of the number of courses you wish to take.</p> <p>Once nominated, an email will be sent to you with information on how to submit your application. You will need to upload the following supporting documents as part of your application:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Academic transcript (with English translation, if applicable)</li> <li>2. ID page of passport</li> <li>3. Proof of English language proficiency, if applicable</li> </ol> <p>We do not require hard copies of applications. Nomination information will be emailed to your home university separately.</p>
<p><b>Language requirements</b></p>	<p>If English is not your first language, you will need to provide proof of your English proficiency at time of application. You can do this by providing evidence that you meet one of UNSW's approved criteria. This is currently 6.5 IELTS or 90 TOEFL (iBT) for Exchange students. You are only required to meet the overall score for IELTS and TOEFL, you do not need to meet each of the subtests. For prior study conditions and other acceptable criteria please see <a href="https://www.unsw.edu.au/english-requirements-policy">https://www.unsw.edu.au/english-requirements-policy</a></p> <p><b>NB</b> It is important to check you meet our English requirements <u>before</u> being nominated by your home university. It is too late to sit a test after our application</p>

	deadline if you don't meet our entry requirements. You should arrange your language tests at least 6 months in advance.						
<b>Grade requirements</b>	Equivalent to either a credit average or 3.0 GPA						
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<b>Social activities</b>	There will be online social activities run by our Exchange Ambassadors. Students are also encouraged to participate in other online UNSW activities.						
<b>Funding</b>	Unless you are contacted with confirmation of a scholarship from UNSW, there are no other available funding opportunities. Students are responsible for funding their own exchange.						
<b>Transcripts</b>							
<b>Transcripts</b>	<p>An official transcript will be sent to you digitally through myEquals at the end of your exchange, after results are released, that you can share with your home institution.</p> <p>See <a href="#">Grade Definitions</a> and <a href="#">Comparing grading systems</a> for details on our grading system.</p>						
<b>UNSW Students</b>	For Exchange Partners who send transcripts for UNSW students electronically, please send them to <a href="mailto:toc@unsw.edu.au">toc@unsw.edu.au</a>						

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