Full-time Study Load

If you are an International student studying on a student visa you must satisfy certain conditions such as completing studies within the timeframes set out in your Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE). Under the current two semester calendar, you must enrol in 24 units of credit (four courses) per semester.

In 2019, under UNSW3+:

- You must enrol in 48 units of credit (eight courses) over the three terms.
- This means that in one term, you can complete a lighter study load of two courses.
- It may be possible for you to complete nine courses per year (three courses per term) and complete your degree one term early. However, if you choose to fast track your degree, you must return home when you have completed your studies.

Please note international students who fail to meet their visa conditions, may have their visa cancelled.

Work

A student visa allows you to work up to 40 hours per fortnight while your program is in session and unrestricted hours during the university break periods. It is important to note that you are not permitted to work until you have commenced your studies. No work limits apply if you are studying a Masters by research or Doctorate course in Australia.

In 2019, the academic calendar dates will change, and it is important that International students adhere to these new dates and working restrictions. You can see the 2019 academic calendar dates here.

Admission Intakes

There will be two Undergraduate admission intakes per year – Term 1 and Term 3.

Some faculties will offer Postgraduate admission in Term 2, but it will be based on demand.

Tuition Fees

The required units of credit to complete a degree at UNSW will not change under the UNSW3+ calendar, which means students can expect their estimated fees for their degree to remain accurate. Fees will continue to be charged based on enrolment in a given term, which will allow students to spread their course load across three terms instead of two.

Student Services and Amenities Fee

International students are charged a Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) in addition to their tuition fees, as stipulated on their letter of offer. It is expected the capped amount set by the Australian Government annually will be spread evenly across the 3+ term model.
Graduations

From 2019, graduation ceremonies will happen three times per year, with less time to wait between completing your studies and attending your graduation ceremony.

You are encouraged to email any feedback to StrategyOffice2025@unsw.edu.au

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