Preparing for Graduation
& Returning Home

Student Development International
Graduations Office
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Graduations Office
Following the official release of results on 10 July 2018, a process will be run to determine your graduation status.

View your graduation status in myUNSW under Graduation Details.

Graduation status of ‘Potential’ after the release of results means one of the steps in the process may still be outstanding.

Your degree will be conferred and you will be eligible to graduate in the Summer Graduation Celebrations in November 2018 provided your degree is conferred by 14 September.
Personal Details

Check your details are correct in my UNSW:

✓ Spelling and order of your name
✓ Home address & mailing address
✓ Telephone & alternative email addresses
✓ Emergency contact in home country

To amend your name details please complete the ‘Correction of Personal Details’ form available from Student Central or www.studentforms.unsw.edu.au

‘Correction of personal details’ form must be completely processed by the middle of September to ensure that your graduation documents reflect your correct name. This process should be started as soon as possible.
Graduation Ceremony

• If your Award is conferred between the middle of May and the middle of September You will be allocated to a ceremony in the Summer Graduation Period.
• Summer Ceremonies will be held 5 – 10 November 2018 at the Kensington Campus.
• The dates for the ceremonies will be available on the Graduations website www.student.unsw.edu.au/graduation
• You will be able to check your graduation status on myUNSW following the official release of results.
• RSVP Instructions will be emailed to your alternate email address that you specify in myUNSW.

Your university email will expire so it’s important to make sure your alternate email is up to date.
Graduation

My Student Services
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My Student Information

My Current Liability
You currently do not have an outstanding liability.
The amount shown does not include any library fines that may be outstanding.

Complete Course Fee Breakdown for Current Term

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My Enrolment

Academic Year: 2018
Program: 8926 - Teaching (Secondary) - Sydney
Teaching Period One

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Graduation

• Check your RSVP on myUNSW then log out. Log back in and make sure your RSVP status says ‘Attending’.

• If you can’t attend your graduation, you can select ‘Not Attending – Mail’. This means we will mail you your documents as soon as your ceremony is over.

• Documents (testamur and academic transcript) are mailed international by TNT courier.

• There is no cost for sending these overseas, but you must make sure your address is not a post office box and you have provided an accurate telephone number – someone will need to sign for your documents.

Only book flights after your ceremony date has been allocated and you have RSVPed on myUNSW.
Fees & Debts

• Please ensure all your fees and debts (including library fines) have been cleared before you graduate.

• These include Semester 2 2018 fees (if you have enrolled into another program).

• If you have any outstanding debt to the University, including library fines, you will be prevented from accessing your Academic Transcript /Award Statement and may be prevented from graduating.
Award Statements

- A document that confirms that you have completed your studies at UNSW.
- It will also include details of your graduation ceremonies.
- Can only be issued once your graduation status has been updated to ‘Awarded’.
- Award statements with graduation details will be available from Thursday 12 July provided you have been conferred.
- If you are applying for Residency/Skilled Migration you will also need to apply for an Enrolment Statement. The same request form is used to apply for BOTH Statements.

To apply simply log onto myUNSW

- My Student Profile > My Student Profile tab > My Student Services channel > Online Services > Statements.
- You will then have the option to request an Award and Enrolment Statement
- Award Statements for S1, 2018 take up to 3 working days to process.
Academic Transcripts

- Certified record of your full enrolment history at UNSW.
- Includes all courses attempted.
- Results received and awards conferred.

You MUST check that all your course results are visible on myUNSW and your graduation status is ‘Awarded’ BEFORE submitting your request.

To order an academic transcript online log into myUNSW

- My Student Profile tab > My Student Services channel > Online Services > Academic Transcripts.
- Collect, regular post/airmail (can’t be emailed)
- Both Fast and Standard Service are available.
- A copy of your ID has to be provided with your application!
- Standard service transcripts can take 5-7 days to process in peak periods after the release of results.
- Costs $35 for two copies; $12 for each additional copy ordered at the same time (for standard service requests only).
UNSW Alumni Community

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Who are we?

UNSW’s alumni community is an influential network of 295,000+ alumni across 152 countries.

Our alumni are world leaders – made up of global CEOs, world changer in research, sports heroes, internationally renowned designers and art and fashion icons.
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Benefits and services for international alumni:

- Invitations to exciting networking and career development events.
- UNSW’s online alumni-to-alumni mentoring platform *Alumni Connect*.
- Connect with established alumni networks in Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia.
- Free E-Journal access to UNSW Library databases.

To find out more, visit: alumni.unsw.edu.au
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How to stay in touch:

- Update your details to receive our latest alumni news: alumni.unsw.edu.au/updateyourdetails
- Like our Facebook page: facebook.com/unswalumni
- Join our exclusive alumni LinkedIn group: UNSW Alumni
Graduation and Beyond!
The graduation experience from an International Student perspective

Mr Sankshep Vashisht
UNSW International Alumnus
Making the Transition

Presented by Semra Tastan
Student Development International
Reverse Culture Shock

Figure 15.5 Culture Shock Cycle
(Gray & Larson, 2006, p507)
What challenges do you think you will face?
Common Problems

- Physically & emotionally tired
- Cultural norms in your home country may seem foreign
- Leaving your student identity & life behind
- Depression / Anxiety
- Pressure to conform
- Stress from wanting to give back
- Self esteem may fluctuate
- Family and friends have changed too!
- The way you interact, think, speak may have changed
- Feeling critical towards your home country
- Loneliness and grief
Common Experiences

Not knowing what’s next is scary!

No one wants to hear about what I have done.

I always thought that returning back to my home country after my studies would have been a breeze for me….but it isn’t.

I didn’t quite know how to apply my knowledge and skills to my job.

I really got used to having a lot of privacy and independence… Suddenly upon my return it was gone… I would never have thought that this would affect me… I had to get used to having everything organised for me and I didn’t like it… but I’m slowly adjusting to the life back home.

Back home, nobody is ever on time, people don't queue up and everything takes SO LONG TO ORGANISE!

When I got back I really had problems at work. Nobody wanted to accept the ideas I had learned. I also experienced a lot of jealousy from people around me. It was hard to deal with!

I have sometimes been misunderstood, guess I have adopted some Aussie elements that people can’t quite relate to.
How to prepare yourself

1. Be aware of the changes in yourself
2. Understand the new situation (how has your family/city/country/work changed)
3. Knowing others who can help (alumni in the country, UNSW friends, family/friends, other support networks)
4. Looking after yourself
5. Leaving the past behind for the time being
6. Looking for the gains and the benefits
7. You have done it before (transfer skills & knowledge)
Reflecting on your transition experience

Do you remember your first week in Sydney?

• How did you feel?
• What were the challenges?
• How did you cope?

When I return home…

• I’m looking forward to…
• My goals are…
The experience changed me for the better

Discovered new aspects of myself & even new personality traits

I pulled through!!!! I'm stronger then I thought I was!

Have made wonderful new friends (= you are a great friend and will have no problems making more new connections! :)

Can think more creatively and originally

Flexible

Independent, self-reliant & self confident

Ever since my return from Australia, I feel more confident and able to move within various communities with ease

I adapt well to change!

Able to work/think independently

Use different modes of communication

Research and Inquiry Skill

Transferring Skills & Knowledge
UNSW aspires to develop graduates who are rigorous scholars, capable of leadership and professional practice in a global community (B2B, p.7). The university has, thus, articulated the following Graduate Attributes as desired learning outcomes for ALL UNSW students.

Global Citizens who are:
• capable of applying their discipline in local, national and international contexts
• culturally aware and capable of respecting diversity and acting in socially just/responsible ways
• capable of environmental responsibility

Scholars who are:
• understanding of their discipline in its interdisciplinary context
• capable of independent and collaborative enquiry
• rigorous in their analysis, critique, and reflection
• able to apply their knowledge and skills to solving problems
• ethical practitioners
• capable of effective communication
• information literate
• digitally literate

Leaders who are:
• enterprising, innovative and creative
• capable of initiating as well as embracing change
• collaborative team workers

Professionals who are:
• capable of independent, self-directed practice
• capable of lifelong learning
• capable of operating within an agreed Code of Practice
Returning Home Checklist
Preparing for Graduation & Returning Home
Completing Student Seminar Series

Student Development International

RSVP using the SDI Online Booking System

Friday 26 April
2-3pm
Finding Work Internationally
3-4pm
Finding Work in Australia

Thursday 30 April
11.30am - 1pm
Post Study Visa Options

Tuesday 1 May
11.30 - 1pm
Marketing your Cultural Strengths