

UNI LINGO GLOSSARY

Academic withdrawal date: The date by which you must withdraw from a unit of study to avoid a fail grade. If you are still enrolled in the unit but do not attend classes or submit assignments, the unit will be recorded as a fail on your academic transcript.

ACE (Academic Conduct Essentials): An online unit that introduces the basics of ethical scholarship and must be completed by all new UWA students. You are automatically enrolled in the unit through your LMS account. You can do the quiz as many times as you need to get a minimum of 80% on the final quiz. student.uwa.edu.au/1887215

Admission: The point where a person is accepted to study a course at the University.

askUWA: A UWA-wide online contact point where you can get answers to your UWA-related queries 24/7. Check out the FAQs to see if your question has been answered already. If it has not, you can submit a query and it will be answered within two university business days. uwa.edu.au/askuwa

Assessment: A method of measuring a student's learning (e.g. essay, report, experiment etc.)

Bachelor's Degree / Undergraduate Degree: A completed tertiary course results in a degree. Degrees are often three to five years of study. Study beyond Honours are considered postgraduate degrees.

Campus card: Your student ID card displays your photo and student number. It is used for library borrowing, printing, accessing buildings, sitting examinations, showing proof of concession fares and displaying membership stickers.

CARS (Communication and Research Skills): A series of online tutorials to prepare you for assessments. You can attempt the quiz as often as you wish to achieve the 80 per cent pass mark. All first year undergraduate students in all disciplines must complete the unit by the due date. student.uwa.edu.au/1908791

CAS (Class Allocation System): Allows you to register your preferences online for the tutorials and labs you attend as part of your units. www.cas.uwa.edu.au

Census date: The date by which you must finalise your enrolment; if you withdraw from a unit after this date, you will still have to pay for it.

Unit Readings: Students access Unit Readings directly through LMS. It is an integrated system that allows students to track their readings, make notes and watch videos related to their studies. <http://www.student.uwa.edu.au/learning/resources/unit-readings>

College (residential accommodation): UWA's residential colleges (College Row) provide student accommodation, which includes meals, Wi-Fi, all your utilities and a nice social community.

Contact hours: The period of time you are expected to be on campus attending tutorials, labs, lectures, workshops etc.

Course: A combination of units within a discipline of study that leads to a degree.

Eduroam: Enables UWA staff and students to use their UWA PHEME login and password to access the Internet and connect to UWA resources while visiting participating institutions worldwide.

Enrolled: Means you have completed the process to be in a unit and/or course. The next step is to register into classes.

Faculty: Is the division between fields of study, such as Engineering and Science.

Fresher: A term to describe first year students, that are new to university.

Grade Point Average (GPA): A numerical index that summarises academic performance in a course.

HECS-HELP: A loan or upfront discount from the Commonwealth government to assist in covering university students fees.

ISE (Indigenous Study Essentials): An online unit which provides foundational understandings and knowledge about Indigenous Australians. The unit is non-credit and self-paced. You can attempt the quiz as often as you wish to achieve the required 80 per cent pass mark. It is a mandatory unit for all first year students. student.uwa.edu.au/2492959

LMS (Learning Management System): Provides electronic unit materials to UWA students. You can access announcements, learning materials, class discussions and quizzes. You can also submit your assignments and see your grades. lms.uwa.edu.au

Lectures: Large formal classes that provide overviews of unit material. The staff member running these is your lecturer.

Major, Double Major, Double Degree and Minor: Every course will differ, but a major is the area you choose to specify within a course. Sometimes you can do a double major (e.g. finance and accounting) or a double degree across two fields (e.g. Law and Commerce). Some areas allow a minor, which means fewer units are required in that field.

O-Week: Orientation Week is a chance for you to learn about the campus and university life.

Pheme: A unique online identity for all UWA staff and students. Your secure Pheme account lets you access a multitude of services across the University with a single username and password.
pheme.uwa.edu.au/

Postgraduate Degree: A higher level of education (Masters or PhD), usually following an undergraduate degree.

Prerequisite: A unit that must be completed before a student enrolls in the consecutive unit.

Prosh: One-day charity event run by the Student Guild where a team of dedicated writers get together to produce the PROSH paper, a satirical slant on current affairs. Students dress up in costumes and sell the paper off campus. prosh.com.au/

Reading week / non-teaching week: During semester selected units may have a reading week / non-teaching week when usual lectures, tutorials, labs etc. will not be held. They differ between units, so consult your Unit Outlines.

Register: You must ensure you register into a tutorial, lab, workshop, seminar or lecture. Your name must be listed for you to attend.

Semester: This is the academic teaching period. The standard structure is 2 semesters per year. See the UWA calendar for the latest schedule.

StudentConnect: UWA's administration portal, which stores your student record. You can check and update your personal, enrolment and fee-related information here - student.uwa.edu.au/2141427.

Student Guild: Student-run organisation that offers a range of services and activities, including student advocacy, events, clubs and societies. Guild membership gets you discounted prices at on-campus eateries, the UWA Recreation Centre and other services. Representatives are elected by students each year at the Guild Elections.

Student services and amenities fee (SSAF): A compulsory fee payable by all students enrolled at the university. It is used to provide a range of recreational, sporting and educational facilities and resources for the benefit of all students. Details of how to pay the fee are on your electronic Statement of Account (eSOA), available on StudentConnect.

Study break: Week-long break in the middle of each semester and before each exam period. Use it for reading, catching up on assignments, revising past work and studying for exams.

Turnitin: An electronic text matching system that compares words in a student assignment against a database of sources to detect plagiarism.

Tutorials (tutes or class): Smaller classes that explore the unit material through discussion and interaction. These are run by tutors.

UniFi: Provides staff and students secure wireless access to the University network and the Internet. You log in with your student number.

Unit: Students generally complete four units a semester (full-time load) to lead to their degree.

Unit Coordinator: The person in charge of a unit. They design the curriculum and ensure work is moderated.

Unit Outline: The guide to each unit, breaking down assessments, deadlines and other important details. These can be accessed through LMS for each unit you are enrolled in.

Weighted Average Mark (WAM): The average result of all grades achieved throughout your units.

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