

# What to expect at university

A GUIDE FOR STUDENTS  
AND THEIR SUPPORTERS



*Free your think*

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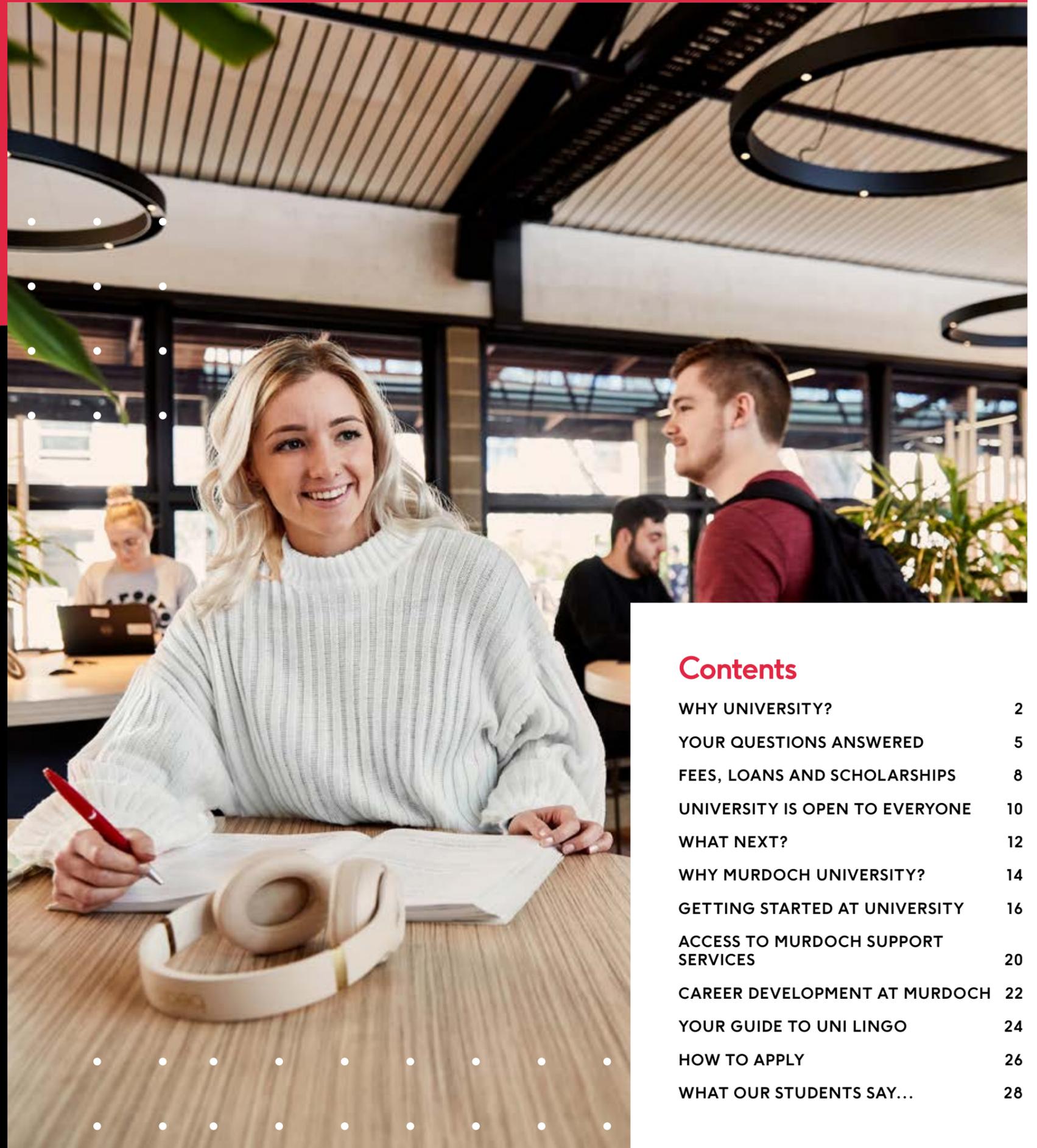
# Welcome to Murdoch



## An introduction from our Deputy Vice Chancellor (Education), Professor Kylie Readman

At Murdoch University we celebrate our diverse mix of students, and we are nationally recognised for our support of their learning success. If you're considering study at Murdoch, we're here to support you in gaining a tertiary qualification that will help you achieve your goals, whether that be professional, personal, local, or global. In this guide we'll discuss what you need to know about going to university and hopefully reassure you that it's not only possible, but it's an exciting and incredibly rewarding experience. If you're supporting someone considering university study, this guide is also for you.

Welcome to Murdoch University.



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# Why University?

You might be wondering if it's worth getting a university degree in this day and age. The answer is 'yes!' – and it's more important than ever. Gone are the days of spending your entire career in the same industry. With advances in technology and automation across all facets of life, there are an increasing number of jobs that require a university-level qualification.\*

University provides graduates with a distinct advantage, including higher paid employment and career fluidity. Jobs of the future will require a workforce that thinks critically and creatively, can problem solve, has technological and research skills, and strong communication and teamwork capabilities.

University is so much more than just learning in your chosen field. It's about thinking without limits, finding your place and your passion, and having fun while making lifelong friends. It's a defining period in your life and one you'll never forget.

It's natural to wonder what comes after graduation, especially future employment opportunities. For general information about the landscape for your intended profession, a great resource is [joboutlook.gov.au](http://joboutlook.gov.au). This site outlines the projected growth for each profession, average weekly incomes, and also has handy quizzes.

\*University Australia Report 2018



## Parents and supporters

We know it's not only parents who are the cheerleaders for our students. You might be an older sibling, a grandparent, an appointed caregiver, a friend, or a partner. Throughout this guide there will be helpful tips for supporting your loved one during their transition to university.



# Your questions answered

## I'm the first in my family to go to uni. What can I expect?

If you're the first in your family to attend university (also known as first generation), you're in very good company. In Australia, around half of all students commencing university are the first in their family to do so.

At Murdoch, academic support is available to students across the entire duration of their degree, and there are a wide range of other support services to help you through this journey, including financial, career, wellbeing and medical.

## How do I know if uni is right for me?

University study is something everyone should have the opportunity to access. It doesn't matter where you've come from, if you've never seen yourself as overly academic, or even if you left school early. When you're committed to something you're passionate about, you are exactly where you need to be.

## Can I study with work and/or family commitments?

This is a common concern but, rest assured, there are many ways to combine study with other commitments. Most full-time students manage to work part-time, planning work shifts around class times. Similarly, students can use the flexibility of university to schedule class times around family or childcaring as well as other daily life responsibilities.

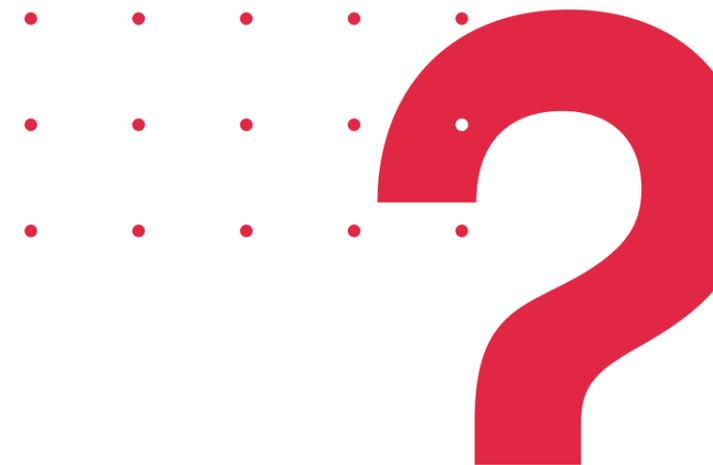
If studying full-time, you'll be enrolled in four units each semester (three units is also considered full-time for Centrelink purposes) and typically have 12 to 16 hours of class time per week. For every hour of class, we recommend an additional hour for personal reading, research, and assignments.

To sum it all up, class attendance time plus your own study time means you'll have a 24 to 32 hour per week commitment during a semester. If you have an especially busy week or two, remember that lectures are recorded so if you can't get to them right away, you can watch the recording online at a time that suits you best.



## Can I study part-time instead?

University is really flexible, and it's up to you how much study you want to take on. Part-time means one or two units per semester, and plenty of students choose this option. While this does extend the duration of a degree, it has the advantage of reducing the workload and allowing extra time to balance family and work priorities with studies.



# Your questions answered continued

## How is uni different to school?

Starting university is a new chapter of your life. It's full of opportunities, novel experiences, and may even be your first step into adulthood. As welcome as all that is, you're probably curious and maybe a little nervous about what's in store.

If high school was your most recent experience of formal education, then studying at university is going to feel quite different. Uni is all about freedom and choice. You get to take charge and follow your passion, choosing to study what interests you, and in what capacity. For example, whether you do full-time or part-time. And, unlike high school, all learning is related to your chosen course and applying that learning in the workplace.



## Here are a few other things you'll notice:



### YOU'RE AN EQUAL

University is a non-hierarchical environment where you are treated as an equal by academic staff, and encouraged to think critically and question everything.



### LENGTH OF STUDY PERIODS

Study periods are typically much shorter than those in high school, with most full-time students attending for 32 weeks per year, broken into two semesters of 16 weeks each. The 16-week semester includes two weeks for study break as well as the exam period.



### FEWER CONTACT HOURS

The number of hours you'll spend in classes and lectures will be fewer than the hours at high school. However, you'll be expected to do further work in your own time. You could also be surprised that you might only be on campus for one or two units a day or a couple of days per week, with the rest of the time free for at-home revision, socialising, or work.



### THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Students at university engage with a range of on campus and online learning activities, such as tutorials, workshops, and labs. Many of these activities will be taken in groups and focus on interactivity and collaboration but, at the same time, there will always be a requirement to engage with the study material independently. There is also more of an emphasis on study groups, which we highly recommend.



### RESPONSIBILITIES AND INDEPENDENCE

It's now up to you to get to classes and complete the necessary work on time. One of the key differences students find is keeping up to date with readings and preparing for classes without anyone prompting them. Managing your time, improving the way you communicate, and learning new skills are all part and parcel of uni.



## How much will it cost?

There's no denying that university can be a significant expense. The ball-park figure for an undergraduate degree (also called a bachelor's degree) at Murdoch ranges from \$24,000 to \$48,000, depending on which course you're taking.

In Australia we are very fortunate to have the Higher Education Commonwealth Support Scheme (HECS) for domestic students, which grants access to a low interest government loan to pay for tuition costs. This means you can study worry-free, knowing your fees are taken care of for now.

On page 8 and 9 we talk about the costs you can expect, and how to minimise them. We'll also share information on scholarships that can help get you started and support you throughout your degree at Murdoch. We have a range of scholarships for students of all abilities and backgrounds—you might be surprised to find you're eligible too!

## Where can I learn more about uni terminology?

Feeling lost in all the jargon? Take a look at our uni lingo guide on page 24 and 25 which covers some of common terms, phrases or acronyms you're likely to come across while studying at Murdoch.



## Is the Murdoch campus safe?

In general, you'll find Murdoch to be very inclusive and friendly. Everyone has the right to be safe and secure on campus, and our MurdochSafe app gives you quick access to safety and emergency services on and off campus. There are also a 24-hour security patrols and security escort services available if you're studying late or feel uneasy.



To find out more, visit:  
[murdoch.edu.au/murdochsafe](http://murdoch.edu.au/murdochsafe)



# Fees, loans and scholarships



## Understanding fees and HECS-HELP loans

How much your study will cost depends on several factors, including citizenship and residency status, as well as your course and the units you've chosen. At Murdoch, students pay for the individual units they enrol in rather than an overall course amount, and these fees are paid at the beginning of each semester.

Australian citizens have access to government support and subsidised tuition costs. Non-citizens may also be eligible, including Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders and some New Zealand citizens. Briefly, the Higher Education Contribution Scheme (HECS) is a low interest government loan for your tuition costs. You're not required to start paying this back until you earn over a certain amount (in 2021 this was \$46,600 per annum) and the loan is repaid from your pre-tax income in small amounts. You only need to apply for HECS-HELP once for the duration of your course.

You can choose to pay for your units up-front each semester and receive a 10 per cent discount, or you can defer your fees to a HECS-HELP loan. It's even possible to pay some units up-front and take a loan for others, to reduce your total loan liability.

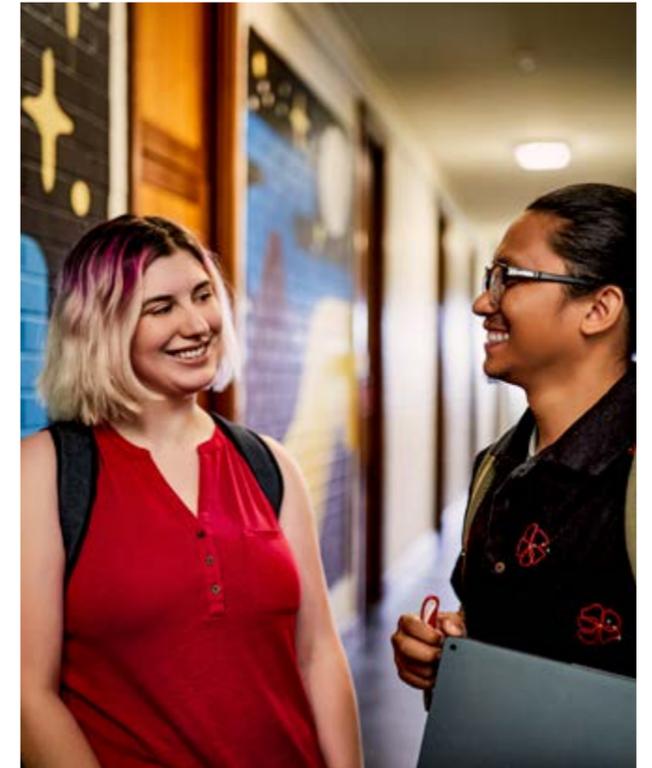
### Are HECS and HELP the same thing?

HELP is an umbrella term that includes a variety of different loans: HECS-HELP, FEE-HELP, SA-HELP, and OS-HELP.

**For more information, visit [studyassist.gov.au](http://studyassist.gov.au)**

Centrelink offers a range of services to eligible students. These include Austudy, ABSTUDY and Youth Allowance.

**Find out more at [humanservices.gov.au](http://humanservices.gov.au)**



### Are you eligible for a scholarship?



We proudly award more than \$2.5 million in scholarships to our students each year. Some reward academic achievement, while others support students from regional or remote areas, people who are facing financial hardship, and there are also scholarships for Indigenous students.

**See the full list at [murdoch.edu.au/study/scholarships](http://murdoch.edu.au/study/scholarships)**



# University is open



At Murdoch we firmly believe education is something that should be available to everyone, which is why we offer different pathways into university. All you need to do is decide what you want to study, and then see what your options are for entry.

You could find yourself on the 'traditional' ATAR route or in our popular programs which don't require ATAR including OnTrack and FlexiTrack. There are also specific pathways for particular courses, like Pre-Law, and even the opportunity to pursue your university goals with portfolio entry.

Scan below for a full list of pathways into Murdoch.

[murdoch.edu.au/study/pathways-to-uni](http://murdoch.edu.au/study/pathways-to-uni)



## Parents and supporters

Stay up to date with your student, and read more about the parent's guide to the uni admission process.

[murdoch.edu.au/news/series/series-articles/raising-teenagers/a-parent-s-guide-to-the-uni-admission-process](http://murdoch.edu.au/news/series/series-articles/raising-teenagers/a-parent-s-guide-to-the-uni-admission-process)

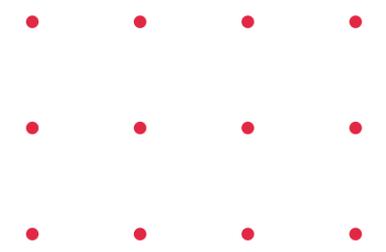


## Find out how students just like you made the decision to study at university.

[murdoch.edu.au/news/articles/how-i-knew-what-i-wanted-to-study-at-university](http://murdoch.edu.au/news/articles/how-i-knew-what-i-wanted-to-study-at-university)



# to everyone



## Choosing the right course for you

Deciding what to study at university is thrilling, but with so much choice how exactly do you pick the course that's perfect for you?

### Here are some handy tips designed to help you make that decision:

#### TALK TO PEOPLE.

Find out as much as you can about different subjects, courses and careers by talking to your career adviser and teachers at your high school, your family and friends, and even people in jobs that you think you might enjoy.

#### FIGURE OUT WHAT YOU LIKE, AND WHAT YOU DON'T.

We all learn best when we're studying something we enjoy. So when it comes to choosing your university course, you should base your decision on exactly that. Make a list of the things you love, have a passion for or are just really good at. You may have a subject at school that you really like or perhaps there's something you do in your free time that you could study at university and turn into a career.

#### CONSIDER THE TYPE OF JOB YOU CAN SEE YOURSELF WORKING IN.

Are you better at working with people or by yourself? Do you thrive in an indoor environment or prefer to be outside amongst nature? Do you like the idea of travelling for work? Ask yourself these questions and even get a taste for different work environments by completing work experience while you're still in high school.

#### EXPLORE MORE THAN ONE AREA.

Whether you're researching university courses or are just trying to figure out what you'd like to study, don't limit yourself to one area.

At Murdoch you can study a combined degree or double major, meaning you can study two completely different or complementary areas. You could study a course that will give you the qualification needed for your future career alongside something you find really interesting. For example, you may want to be a lawyer so you study a law degree, but you may also have a passion for science—at Murdoch you can study both!

#### DO YOUR RESEARCH.

Have a look at university websites and brochures to explore the courses and careers you may be interested in, or experience universities for yourself by attending open days and information evenings.

Find out more and register at [murdoch.edu.au/events](http://murdoch.edu.au/events)

#### REMEMBER, IT'S OKAY TO CHANGE YOUR MIND.

Try to remain flexible in the way you think about your future, because you might just change your mind! Research shows Australian professionals change their career path an average of five to seven times. If you find that the course you chose isn't really for you, or you discover something different you'd like to study instead, that's okay. Even once you've started at uni, there's still the flexibility to change.

**With NINE study areas to choose from and over 280 courses on offer, no matter what kind of free thinker you are, you'll find an undergraduate course that aligns with your interests and career aspirations.**



# What next?

If you don't know where to start, have a chat with one of our friendly Meet Murdoch staff members to find the answers to all of your university-related questions. Meet Murdoch is open from 8:00am to 6:00pm every day on 1300 687 3624, or you can speak to a staff member online.

## Key Annual Dates

YEAR PRIOR TO STUDYING	
Mid-Year	Attend Open Day
April to December	Submit application
November	Enrolments open
December/January	Class sign up
FIRST YEAR	
February	Orientation/O-Week
February/March	First semester begins
Week 2	Last chance to add new units
Week 4	Census (and last chance to withdraw from units)

**Find out how to submit your application at**

[murdoch.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/apply-to-murdoch](http://murdoch.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/apply-to-murdoch)

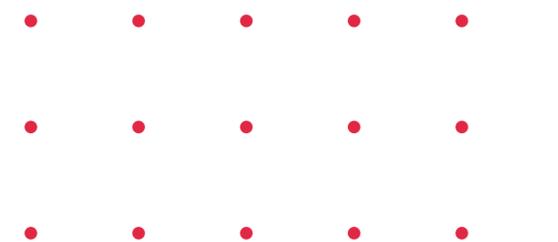


## Explore your options at Open Day

Join us at Open Day and immerse yourself in campus life. You will get a first-hand experience of all things Murdoch including facilities, courses, careers advice, and scholarships on offer.

## What if I change my mind?

We encourage our students to follow their passion so if you feel the need to change your studies, go for it! Nothing is set in stone. There are a couple of key decision times to be aware of, however. Week two of each semester is the last opportunity to add new units to your enrolment, and you have until week four (the census date) to withdraw from units without incurring any fees. You can also choose to defer your degree and start the next year. That way you can work or travel, knowing you have a place at uni secured.



# Why Murdoch University?

The Murdoch experience is one of a kind – just ask anyone who’s studied here! You’ll be bringing your education to life, going beyond four walls of the traditional classroom, and embracing hands-on learning. At Murdoch we don’t follow the crowd, and neither do our students.



**280**  
courses

Murdoch rated **5-stars** for:



- ★ Inclusiveness
- ★ Teaching Quality
- ★ Learning Facilities
- ★ Overall Experience
- ★ Employability

*QS Stars Assessment 2022*

## A top quality education



Five-star rating for teaching quality and student to teacher ratio.



Five-star rating for median graduate starting salary for Humanities and Social Sciences, and Languages.



Five-star rating for learning resources, overall experience, skills development, student support and teaching quality in nursing.

*The Good Universities Guide 2022*



**24,500**  
students

## Graduate outcomes



Graduates of engineering, veterinary science, and humanities, culture and social sciences, recorded the highest median salary in WA.



The highest rate of full-time employment in WA for graduates of engineering, veterinary science, and humanities, culture and social sciences.

*\*Good Universities Guide 2021*



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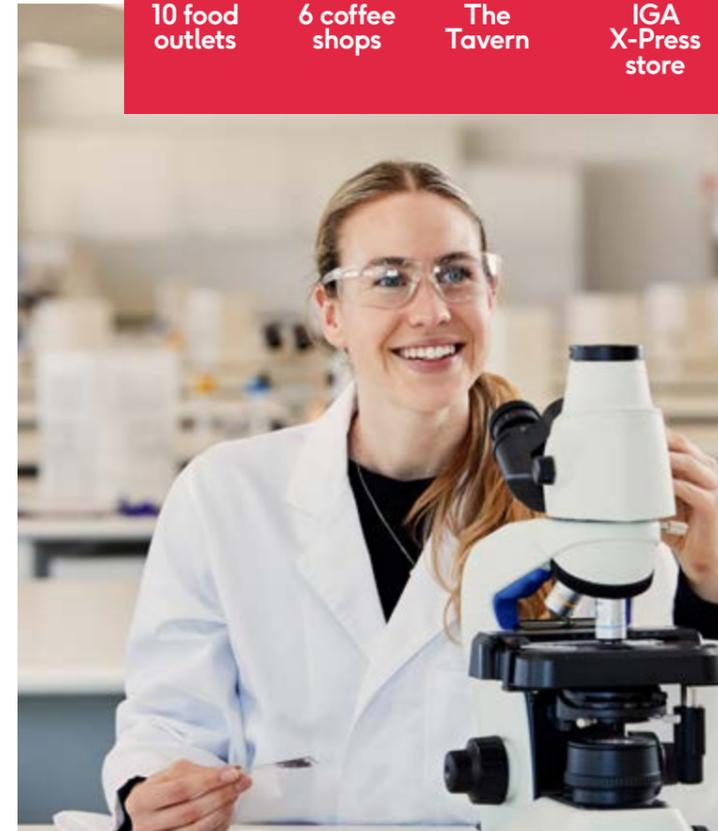
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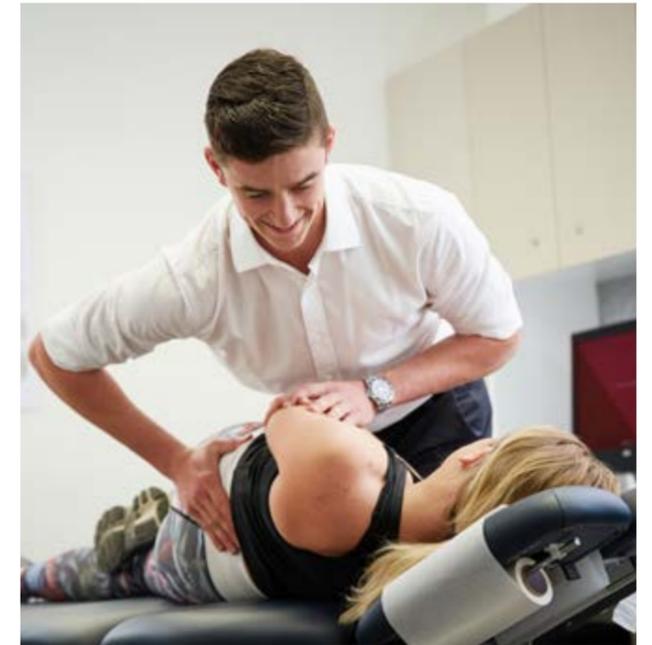


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## Explore your future career

Check out [joboutlook.gov.au](http://joboutlook.gov.au) for more info



## We are the only university in Western Australia to offer:



Majors in Crime Science, White Collar & Corporate Crime, and Forensic Biology & Toxicology



An integrated Exercise Physiology qualification



A fully accredited Clinical Chiropractic course



An internationally recognised Veterinary Science program.



## Murdoch University spans:

**5** campuses across **3** countries

- > Perth (Murdoch)
- > Mandurah
- > Rockingham
- > Dubai
- > Singapore

Offering students a diverse range of learning environments and opportunities.



# Getting started at university

After you've enrolled in your units and classes, here's what you need to know about what comes next.

## What will my week and workload look like?

For full-time studies, you'll be enrolled in three or four units each semester, so you'll likely have 12 to 16 hours of class time per week, plus time for personal reading, research, and assignments. Many of your tutorials and workshops will be available in multiple time slots, making it possible to select the sessions that fit best with your schedule. Lectures are also recorded, so you can catch up online later when it suits you. And – don't forget – you have from late November to the end of February off each year!

## Making friends

You'll be studying something you're passionate about and sharing this ride with like-minded people. Having this in common is the perfect foundation for making lifelong friends. If you're looking for an opportunity to meet new people and get to know the Murdoch campus, be sure to attend Orientation Week.

## Clubs and societies

Clubs are a fantastic way to find your tribe at uni, enjoy hobbies, and make sure your university years are well balanced between study and leisure. From esports to tennis matches, STEM groups to Film Club – there's something for everyone.

## Relocating for uni

The Murdoch University Village at our Perth campus is a peaceful neighbourhood. You'll feel right at home with 800 fellow students and friendly faces. You can also choose to live off-campus with lots of shared and independent accommodation options.

## Study tips from our students



- Get organised early: textbooks, tutorials, study groups, and blocking off assignment time
- Find a study environment and a class schedule that suits you
- Explore notetaking, study revision, and learning techniques Get yourself a diary or planner and set realistic weekly goals and tasks
- Learn about time management and minimising procrastination
- Check the marking key before starting an assignment
- Don't be afraid to reach out for help from a tutor, Peer Academic Coach, MyAdvice, or a librarian
- It may seem counterintuitive but allow time for relaxation and fun when things get busy.

## Parents and supporters

Tips for helping your student succeed

- Provide a quiet and uninterrupted place to study
- Be prepared for course work and study to be a priority, and they may need to decline social or family events
- Be aware of the Murdoch support available and remind them if things get tough
- Cheer them on!

Read more about how to be there for your loved one at

[murdoch.edu.au/news/series/series-articles/raising-teenagers/how-to-support-your-child-without-smothering-them](https://murdoch.edu.au/news/series/series-articles/raising-teenagers/how-to-support-your-child-without-smothering-them)





# Getting started at university continued

### Tips and tricks for uni life

From saving money to saving time, we have some handy hints for future students to thrive at university.

### ORIENTATION WEEK

O-Week is designed to make settling into uni easier, so join us online and on campus for all the info you need to start your studies. O-Week is a great opportunity to finalise your enrolment and sign up to classes, meet your lecturers, organise your student ID card, go on campus tours and visit the Murdoch Bookshop for your last-minute stationery needs.

### TEXTBOOKS

We know textbooks can be pricey but there are savvy ways around this. The library has a 'high demand collection' as well as electronic versions of prescribed texts for convenience and cost-effectiveness. Also remember that academic staff upload required reading material onto the My Units Reading System for students to access online at no cost. Additionally, our Student Guild offers a book subsidy scheme for those experiencing financial hardship, and also run a second-hand bookshop on campus.

### THE LIBRARY

There is a section of the library open 24 hours so you can study whenever suits you. Additionally, we have a laptop loan scheme, which allows students to borrow a laptop for a semester at a time. There's also a range of spaces to study: a silent zone with individual study desks, noisier areas to work with friends, and rooms to reserve for group projects.

### TRANSPORT

If you're a full-time student you're entitled to a Tertiary SmartRider which qualifies you for discounted train and bus fares. If you're driving to uni, you're going to need a parking permit. These vary in costs, with red zones closer to campus costing more than green zones. If you'll only drive in occasionally, it may be more cost effective to buy a \$5 daily parking voucher.

### EXERCISE

The main South Street campus has excellent gym and fitness facilities, and students receive discounted rates with no fixed term contracts. There's also a free membership option where you can use the gym from 9:00am to 11:00am on weekdays.

### DISCOUNTS

Your student ID card provides discounts across a range of products, providers, and services in WA. In addition, becoming a member of Student Edge will open the door to a wide range of concessions, and Murdoch students also get VIP benefits and discounts at Perth RAC Arena.

### EMPLOYMENT

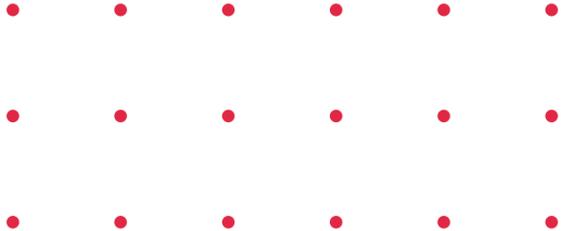
We proudly employ our own students in a range of service areas, including casual roles at our Meet Murdoch call centre, assistants at our Student Centre, and Student Ambassadors in our Outreach and Student Engagement teams. Our partnership with RAC Arena also provides job and internship opportunities.



### Parents and supporters

You are welcome to come along to information sessions and Open Days. Our advisory teams are friendly, helpful, and supportive. The more you know, the more you'll be able to support your student and share their university experience with them. Visit

[murdoch.edu.au/events](http://murdoch.edu.au/events) to browse our upcoming events.



# Access to Murdoch



# support services

## MyMurdoch Advice

This team of experts offer guidance and tips to ensure a successful start to university life. You can also access Student Success Advisors and Peer Academic Coaches who offer personalised support, English language help, course plan advice, development of academic skills, and much more.

## The Student Centre

This is your go-to team throughout uni. The Student Centre team is there for practical and logistical queries, including fees, parking permits, enrolment, class sign up, and student ID cards.

## Kulbardi Aboriginal Centre

This is a service for our students who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. The staff at Kulbardi will be available to help with academic, cultural, and emotional support throughout the whole journey at Murdoch.

## Ally Program

This program has valuable information related to queries about sexual orientation and gender identity. LGBTQIA students have the full support of Murdoch, and Ally advocates for and builds a welcoming community where everyone can be themselves. Ally staff are recognisable by coloured lanyards or rainbow stickers on their office doors. Murdoch proudly flies the Pride flag at our South Street campus, and participates in the annual WA Pride month and parade alongside our students.

## Student Learning

There is a wide range of additional student learning support services to help students develop the academic and study skills needed to succeed at university and beyond. Students can access online tutoring resources like Studiosity and Grammarly, and visit a Peer Academic Coach through MyMurdoch Advice who can then refer you to the specialised learning support team located in the library. We also have programs like Peer Academic Study Support to help students with specific units throughout their study. All of this support is included in your course fees, so be sure to use it!



## Specialised services

For students who are elite athletes or members of the Australian Defence Force, we have programs to help you balance your studies with these other important commitments.



**We're rated 5 stars  
for Student Support**

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For more information about support services, visit

[murdoch.edu.au/explore/  
support-services](https://murdoch.edu.au/explore/support-services)



## USEFUL RESOURCES

- [studyassist.gov.au](https://studyassist.gov.au)
- [firstinfamily.com.au](https://firstinfamily.com.au)
- [joboutlook.gov.au](https://joboutlook.gov.au)
- [murdoch.edu.au/events](https://murdoch.edu.au/events)
- [servicesaustralia.gov.au](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au)
- [murdoch.edu.au/study/  
scholarships](https://murdoch.edu.au/study/scholarships)

# Career development at Murdoch

Your career starts the day you enrol with us. Murdoch is well-known for how we prepare students for life after university, and we believe in providing a variety of opportunities throughout our degrees.

## Preparing students for the real world

To promote job readiness and employability, there are career development learning units in all undergraduate degrees, and an ever-increasing number of industry placements and project opportunities.

All Murdoch students have access to a suite of tailored modules to aid with career decision making, finding work experience, and job application writing and interview skills. There is also a careers portal to search student and graduate jobs, industry events, and resources. And budding entrepreneurs can make use of our start-up hub to develop business skills and establish industry connections.

## How to gain a competitive edge



There are a variety of career support services available for students. These range from career information resources, 'how to' guides, self-paced employability modules, career and networking events, and personalised career guidance.

### Consider these opportunities to further yourself:

- Undertake leadership training.
- Gain global experience by studying overseas with our study abroad program (scholarships and funding available).
- Join professional organisations, clubs, and societies related to your area of study.
- Become a mentor to other students.
- Receive recognition for volunteer work on your final results transcript.

# Your guide to uni lingo



**All the acronyms and jargon associated with university can be a little confusing at first. We've compiled a list of commonly used terms to help guide you.**

## A

**Adjustment Factor** – Additional points added to a student's ATAR by a university. For example, students eligible for Murdoch ATAR RISE will have additional points added to their ATAR score for admission to a Murdoch course.

**ATAR** – Also known as an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank, the ATAR is a rank, rather than a score. It is calculated by the relevant state's tertiary admissions centre and is based on a student's overall academic achievement in Year 12.

## B

**Bachelor's Degree** – The first qualification a student can complete at university and is also known as an undergraduate degree. The qualification is awarded once a student has successfully completed their chosen course.

## C

**Census date** – The day when a university finalises student enrolments. Withdrawing after the census date will incur fees or a debt (if you're on a HELP loan) and can mean that the unit results will be recorded on a student's academic transcript.

**Combined degree** – Also called double degrees. Double degrees allow students to complete the requirements for two different degrees, for example a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Arts, at the same time. A combined degree may add some time to the overall degree.

**Credit point** – Study at Murdoch is based on a system of credit points that are completed towards the requirements of the course. A standard 3 year degree will comprise 72 credit points.

## D

**Double major** – A maximum of two majors can be completed under one degree, for example a Bachelor of Criminology with a double major in crime science and criminal behaviour. Double majors usually don't add extra time to a student's degree.

## E

**Enabling course** – An admissions pathway which is designed to build skills and help students gain access to an undergraduate degree.

**External study** – Units are studied off-campus, independent of class contact time, through the use of online lectures and unit materials.

## G

**Gap year** – When a student defers their course for a year to travel or work.

## L

**Lecture** – Is often timetabled and can occur on-campus (under 100 students) or online, or it might be a self-paced structure where students work through the lecture content independently before attending campus for other learning activities.

**Laboratory session** – 'Labs' – classes where students gain practical skills and run experiments. These are particularly common in Science and Health related degrees.

## M

**Major** – A student's main specialisation or discipline as part of a bachelor's degree. For example: A Bachelor of Business, majoring in Human Resource Management.

**Minor** – A qualification that is formally recognised on a student's academic transcript. Requires half as many units to complete as a major. Can be a complementary subject to the chosen major or it can be purely out of interest with no vocation in mind.

## O

**Open Day** – A good chance for people thinking about studying at uni to explore our campus, find out more about our courses, meet students and academics and enjoy a range of activities and entertainment.

**Orientation** – Also known as O-Week, it is designed to welcome new students to university and provide information about courses, the campus and the range of services available. Orientation Week is held at the beginning of each semester and trimester. It's very important that you attend to get all of the info you need to succeed and to ensure you're ready to start.

## S

**Selection rank** – A 'number' that indicates the entry standard required for a course. A selection rank of 70 is required for most of Murdoch's undergraduate degrees. A selection rank of 70 can be demonstrated in several ways, for example: by an ATAR of 70; completion of an Accredited CertIV; successful completion of a university enabling program; or a Portfolio. Every course has a minimum selection rank to gain entry.

**Semester** – The academic year is divided into two semesters. Semester 1 is usually February to June, and Semester 2 is July to November. A typical semester is 17 weeks long and normally consists of 12 teaching weeks, three nonteaching weeks, or study weeks, and two exam weeks.

**Study abroad** – The opportunity to see the world, experience a different culture and learn a new language by travelling to study at one of our partner universities located across the globe.

## T

**TISC** – Tertiary Institutions Service Centre is the agency involved in processing applications for admission to undergraduate courses at university

**Transcript** – a report showing the units you have studied in a course, and the results.

**Trimester** – when the academic year is divided into three semesters to enable more intensive study and enable degree completion in a shorter period of time.

**Tutor** – An instructor who facilitates classes (such as workshops, tutorials and labs) and provides guidance on student's assignments. A tutor is the first point of contact for any questions students have about the unit and they also mark student assignments.

**Tutorial** – 'Tute' – A practical and usually smaller class that allows students to engage with a range of learning activities and discuss unit material and readings in more detail.

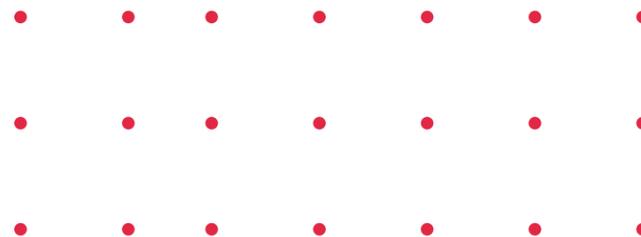
## U

**Undergraduate degree** – The first degree a student will study at university.

**Unit** – A component of a course that is focused on a specific topic. Typically, full-time students will study four units per semester. Each unit is worth three credit points.

## W

**Workshop** – A large-format learning activity that mixes content delivery with interactive and collaborative activities.



# How to apply

Are you ready to kick-start your exciting new journey at Murdoch? Applying to study is easy and we're here to help guide you every step of the way.



Questions? Speak to one of our friendly Meet Murdoch team members.



## 1 Find a course



As a Murdoch student, you'll have the structure, support and space to forge your own path, so you'll graduate not just job ready, but life ready.



## 2 Check the entry requirements

Entry requirements vary depending on the course you're applying for and may also take into consideration any previous education, your English proficiency and any work experience you may have. The entry requirements will be listed on the course page on our website.



## 3 Explore scholarship options

Explore all Murdoch scholarships and find out what you may be eligible for.



## 4 Get a taste of Murdoch

We offer a range of events and information sessions throughout the year that will give you a taste of uni life at Murdoch.



## 5 Apply for a course

The path you take when you apply to Murdoch will vary depending on who you are and what you want to study. Find out how to apply for an undergraduate course at Murdoch.



# What our students say...



“ Prior to my studies I thought that university was going to be super hard. None of my family had been before me and I am no smarter than they are, so I didn't think I would be able to keep up with everyone else at university. I also thought that university was going to be expensive and that I wouldn't be able to afford it but there was a lot of financial support available as well as facilities and equipment available to borrow. Looking back, I wish I had of been more confident in myself and that I had known that I was perfectly capable of succeeding at university - I think that would have made my transition a lot less nerve wracking. ”

## Brenna Ashe

STUDYING A DOUBLE DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY & CRIMINOLOGY



“ The advice I would give to parents is to know there are no wrong decisions. Encourage your child to be driven and have goals, but to also know that these don't need to be their forever drives and goals. Encourage them to make the choice for themselves. Making mistakes is valuable and makes us stronger, so step back but hold the net to catch us. I love being able to tell my children that they have so many opportunities, that to not stress, to not make it hard on themselves, there are options everywhere for every pathway. ”

## Tash Press

PARENT AND CURRENT STUDENT STUDYING BACHELOR OF CRIMINOLOGY (HONS) MAJORING IN CRIME SCIENCE AND CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR



“ Prior to commencing my studies, I thought university was way above me. I guess I had put uni on a pedestal and overthought it. I remembered my teenage experience of trying to work out how to write an essay, and couldn't get past that. I also was a little put off by the social aspect, as I was very shy and found conversation with strangers, and even friends, difficult. Over the years, I grew and changed, and the obstacles between university and I lessened. ”

## Sue Summers

STUDIED BACHELOR OF CREATIVE MEDIA (SOUND)



“ It's only my first year and I have already learnt a world of knowledge that I couldn't even fathom before this journey. The experiences I've gained and how much I've discovered about myself as a person make all the late-night study sessions and exam times so worth it. ”

## Bonnie Eivers

STUDYING A DOUBLE MAJOR IN FORENSIC BIOLOGY & TOXICOLOGY AND GENETICS & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY





We look forward  
to welcoming  
you into our

# free thinking community

## MEET MURDOCH

We hope this information has helped guide new students and supporters starting the Murdoch journey. If you have any questions, speak with one of our friendly Meet Murdoch team members on **1300 687 3624** or email [study@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:study@murdoch.edu.au)



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