Uncover the possibilities with UNSW Diplomas
Uncover your potential with a world class education

UNSW College, owned by UNSW Sydney, offers pathway programs for international students like you. Our programs make your transition to any degree at UNSW easy, whether you choose to study at the Sydney campus, in your home country or online. You can master important academic and English language skills and get practical experience and personal support to make the most of your university studies. When you progress to UNSW, you will be part of a world-leading university recognised by employers, organisations and governments around the globe. You will discover and grow your strengths through life-changing experiences and inspirational mentoring from world-renowned academics. We are here to support you on your journey to a world-class education and help build the foundations for a successful global career.

Discover the possibilities with UNSW College

Our market-leading diplomas are here to help you follow your interests, and progress into the degree of your choice.

Why choose a UNSW College Pathway program?

✓ Progress straight to University*
✓ Advance straight to Second Year of your chosen Bachelor’s degree at UNSW Sydney with our Diplomas
✓ Ideal learning environment
✓ Support where you need it most
✓ Leading academics and student mentors
✓ When you study our Diploma programs you will learn university level curriculum from day one

UNSW Sydney

Top 50
Ranked 45th university globally.
QS World University Rankings, 2023

Renowned by employers
Ranked 26th globally for employer reputation.
QS World University Rankings, 2023

Global connections
Ranked 21st most international university in the world for number of international students, staff and scholar collaboration.
Times Higher Education Rankings, 2021

A Group of Eight university
UNSW is a member of the prestigious coalition of Australia’s leading research-intensive universities.

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Enter Second Year at university

If you’re a high-achieving student with good English skills and big goals to study at university, a UNSW Diploma can get you there. This 12-month program in Architecture, Business, Computer Science, Engineering, Media and Communication or Science will launch you straight into Second Year of your chosen undergraduate degree.

Equivalent to First Year
As a Diploma student, you will study course content equivalent to your First Year of university, with all content recognised by UNSW – so you’re learning the same as students in a First Year degree program. You get more attention and support, so you feel confident when it’s time to progress.

Direct path to Second Year
If you just missed out on direct entry into UNSW and need some extra support, this program could be the best way to keep your university plans on track – without adding extra months or years on to your journey.

Supported and ready to succeed
You will have access to world-class UNSW facilities (like libraries, design studios, computer, engineering and science labs), clubs and societies from day one, with the added support of UNSW College behind you. This means small class sizes with up to 18 students per class, and personalised consultations with your teachers. You’ve got this!

For more information, visit unswcollege.unsw.edu.au/diplomas-overview

Study a UNSW Diploma Program
- Diploma in Architecture
- Diploma in Business
- Diploma in Computer Science
- Diploma in Engineering
- Diploma in Science

Enter Second Year of a UNSW bachelor’s degree
- Bachelor of Architectural Studies
- Bachelor of Interior Architecture (Honours)
- Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (Honours)
- Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Science (Computer Science)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)
- Bachelor of Science
UNSW Diploma in Architecture

Intakes
- August, May, and August
Duration
- 12 months
Courses
- 8
Progression
- Second Year, Bachelor of Architectural Studies or Bachelor of Interior Architecture (Honours) or Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (Honours) at UNSW Sydney

Creating meaningful and sustainable places is now more important than ever. Contribute to our future by studying architecture at UNSW. A Diploma in Architecture will take you straight into Second Year of a Bachelor of Architectural Studies, Bachelor of Interior Architecture (Honours) or Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (Honours) at UNSW Sydney.

This program provides a solid foundation for a career in the built environment, preparing you to help create the buildings and public spaces that improve communities and impact the world we live in. You will learn about architectural design, history and communications, plus the science behind building environments.

Your future at UNSW
When you progress to UNSW, you have the option to choose a degree to prepare you for your future career.

Bachelor’s degrees
- Bachelor of Architectural Studies
- Bachelor of Interior Architecture (Honours)
- Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (Honours)

Career opportunities
- Architect
- Architectural Technician
- Building Surveyor
- Interior and Spatial Designer
- Production Designer
- Structural Engineer
- Town Planner

#5 in Australia for Arts and Humanities
QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2021

Most employable graduates
AFR Top 100 Future Leaders Awards, 2021

#1 in Australia for Accounting and Finance
QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2020

To find out more, head to https://www.handbook.unsw.edu.au and search: 7006

UNSW Diploma in Business

Intakes
- January, May, and August
Duration
- 12 months
Courses
- 9
Progression
- Second Year, Bachelor of Commerce at UNSW

Manage people, lead change and build lifelong career connections by studying business at UNSW. A Diploma in Business will take you straight into Second Year of a Bachelor of Commerce at UNSW Business School.

With an innovative First Year curriculum, you will learn how to recognise and analyse current global business challenges and opportunities, as part of your program. Then you will be ready to confidently choose a major from the range of data-focused, people-focused, global markets-focused and core business disciplines available as you progress.

Your future at UNSW
When you progress to UNSW, you have the option to choose a degree major to prepare you for your future career.

Bachelor of Commerce majors
- Accounting
- Behavioural Economics
- Business Analytics
- Business Economics
- Finance
- Financial Technology
- Human Resource Management
- Information Systems
- Innovation, Strategy and Entrepreneurship
- International Business
- Marketing
- Taxation

Career opportunities
- Accountant
- Brand Manager
- Business Analyst
- Financial Adviser
- HR Executive
- Investment Banker
- Social Media Manager
- Start-up Founder
- Strategist

#1 in Australia for Accounting and Finance
QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2020

#2 in Australia for Business and Management
QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2020

#1 institution attended by Australian Start-up Founders
Startup Muster, 2018

To find out more, head to https://www.handbook.unsw.edu.au and search: 7004
UNSW Diploma in Computer Science

Intakes January, May, August
Duration 12 months
Courses 8
Progression Second Year, Bachelor of Science (Computer Science) at UNSW

Technology is changing the world – and you can too by studying computer science at UNSW.

A Diploma in Computer Science will take you into Second Year of a Bachelor of Science (Computer Science) at UNSW's world-renowned School of Computer Science and Engineering.

You will study the design, construction and uses of computer systems with an emphasis on the basic principles behind computing tools, operating systems, compilers and translators, and computer hardware. From there, in Australia’s #1 Engineering faculty, you can build your own future.

Your future at UNSW

When you progress to UNSW, you have the option to choose a degree major to prepare you for your future career.

Bachelor of Science (Computer Science) majors
- Artificial Intelligence
- Computer Networks
- Computer Science
- Database Systems
- eCommerce Systems
- Embedded Systems
- Programming Languages
- Security Engineering

Career opportunities
- Big Data Analyst
- Chief Technology Officer
- Cyber Security Consultant
- Game Programmer
- IT Consultant
- Software Developer
- Systems Engineer

#1 in Australia
for Engineering
QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2020

#30 in the world
for Computer Science
QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2020

Most employable graduates
AFR Top 100 Future Leaders Award 2021

“The Diploma Program was tailored to be just like a regular First Year in a bachelor's degree, which made it easier to progress into Second Year of my Computer Science degree. The program and the supportive environment prepared me for the rest of my journey at UNSW.”

Yousif Midhat Khalid, Iraq
Diploma in Computer Science
Current student at UNSW Sydney

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UNSW Diploma in Engineering

Intakes January, May, August
Duration 12 months
Courses 8
Progression Second Year, Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) at UNSW

Calling all future engineers! This is the pathway into Australia’s #1 Engineering faculty.

By completing a UNSW Diploma in Engineering, you will launch straight into Second Year of a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) at UNSW.

Your First Year equivalent Diploma will give you a solid background in mathematics, natural sciences and computing to prepare you for learning knowledge and skills in the engineering discipline specialisation you choose as you progress to your degree. With such a great variety, you will build the career you want on solid foundations.

Your future at UNSW

When you progress to UNSW, you have the option to choose a degree major to prepare you for your future career.

Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) majors
- Aerospace Engineering
- Bioinformatics
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemical Product Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- Materials Science & Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering
- Mechatronic Engineering
- Mining Engineering
- Petroleum Engineering
- Photovoltaics & Solar Energy
- Quantum Engineering
- Renewable Energy Engineering
- Telecommunications

Career opportunities
- Aerospace Engineer
- Bioinformatics Engineer
- Civil Engineer
- Chemical Engineer
- Computer Engineer
- Electrical Engineer
- Mechanical Engineer
- Mining Engineer
- Petroleum Engineer
- Telecommunications Engineer

#1 in Australia
for Engineering
Times Higher Education (THE), QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2020

#1 in Australia
for Technology
Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings by Subject, 2020

Top 15 in the world
for Civil and Structural Engineering
QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2020

To find out more, head to https://www.handbook.unsw.edu.au and search: 7002
UNSW Diploma in Science

Our world needs more problem solvers. Spark your curiosity and make a difference by studying science at UNSW.

Completing a UNSW Diploma in Science will launch you straight into your Second Year of a Bachelor of Science at UNSW. Your STEM career starts here.

The Bachelor of Science is a broad degree that allows you to learn fundamentals of biology, chemistry and physics before specialising and focusing on your future. And in your Diploma year, your learning is equivalent to those in their First Year of their bachelor’s degree.

Your future at UNSW
When you progress to UNSW, you have the option to choose a degree major to prepare you for your future career.

Bachelor of Science majors
- Anatomy
- Biology*
- Chemistry
- Food Science*
- Genetics
- Marine and Coastal*
- Materials Science
- Mathematics
- Microbiology
- Molecular & Cell Biology
- Pathology
- Pharmacology
- Physical Oceanography
- Physics
- Physiology
- Statistics

Career opportunities
- Environmental Scientist
- Epidemiologist
- Geophysicist
- Hospital Technician
- Marine Biologist
- Medical Doctor
- Medical Lab Scientist
- Nutritionist
- Pharmacist
- Science Educator
- Scientist
- Veterinary Science

Intakes January, May, August
Duration 12 months*
Courses 8
Progression Second Year, Bachelor of Science at UNSW

Bachelor of Science majors
- Anatomy
- Biology*
- Chemistry
- Food Science*
- Genetics
- Marine and Coastal*
- Materials Science
- Mathematics
- Microbiology
- Molecular & Cell Biology
- Pathology
- Pharmacology
- Physical Oceanography
- Physics
- Physiology
- Statistics

Career opportunities
- Environmental Scientist
- Epidemiologist
- Geophysicist
- Hospital Technician
- Marine Biologist
- Medical Doctor
- Medical Lab Scientist
- Nutritionist
- Pharmacist
- Science Educator
- Scientist
- Veterinary Science

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"The Diploma Program with its small class sizes provided me with more time and attention during the First Year of my studies, which helped me progress to the Second Year of the Bachelor of Science degree I’m currently studying at UNSW."

Claudia Velda Widjaja, Indonesia
Diploma in Science
Current student at UNSW Sydney
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