Discover the possibilities with our Diplomas
UNSW College, owned by UNSW Sydney, offers pathway programs for students like you. Our programs make your transition to a degree at UNSW Sydney easy. You can master important academic skills and get practical experience and personal support to make the most of your university studies. We are here to support you on your journey to a world-class education and help build the foundations for a successful global career.

This flyer outlines information about UNSW Diplomas that are available to domestic Australian students. Students who qualify for the UNSW Gateway Admission Pathway but do not meet the required ATAR for entry into this program may be eligible to study a Diploma with UNSW College as an alternative entry pathway to UNSW.

UNSW Sydney

Top 20
Ranked equal 2nd university in Australia and equal 19th university globally.
QS World University Rankings, 2024

Most employable graduates
Ranked 1st in Australia and 25th globally for employment outcomes.
QS World University Rankings, 2024

Highest graduate salaries
Highest median graduate salaries of Go8 universities.
QILT Graduate Outcomes Survey (medium-term), 2022

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

Our 12-month Diploma program delivered on behalf of UNSW Sydney is designed for ambitious students like you who want another way to get into your preferred UNSW degree. It’s not a step back – it’s a stepping stone. You can choose to study a Diploma in Architecture, Business, Computer Science, Engineering or Science.

Meet Harrison

“Completing my diploma at UNSW College prepared me immensely for university life. I thrived in the diverse environment, honed my time management skills, and embraced the higher standard of education and dedication.”

Harrison Swift
Diploma in Engineering graduate
Current student at UNSW Sydney

Harrison’s journey

*To progress to UNSW Sydney students must meet the progression requirements for their chosen pathway program
Why choose a diploma with UNSW College?

No time compromised
Keep your university goals on track without adding extra time. Progress directly to second year of your chosen UNSW Sydney degree once you successfully complete your 12-month diploma.

Equivalent to first year
Dive deep into the same course material as first year UNSW Sydney students. With all content recognised by UNSW Sydney, you’ll be on equal footing with your university peers when you progress.

Connection to UNSW
Feel like you’re a part of UNSW from day one. Study on campus in Kensington and enjoy full access to top facilities such as:
- world-class libraries
- design studios, engineering, and science labs
- sports facilities
- Arc @ UNSW’s 300 social clubs and societies.

Support for success
Our student services team is committed to supporting you every step of the way, with access to:
- after-hours Study Club
- assistance with student admin tasks
- internship and volunteering opportunities
- weekly individualised consultations with tutors.

Personalised guidance
With smaller class sizes and at least 20% extra teaching time compared with the first year of a UNSW degree, you’ll receive individual attention, instilling confidence for when it is time to progress.

Global network
Study alongside international peers to gain a global perspective and build a network of friends from around the world.
Study a UNSW Diploma

- 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
Help shape future communities by creating beautiful, practical and sustainable places and spaces – study architecture at UNSW.

Architects design buildings, spaces and outdoor areas where people live, work and play. A Diploma in Architecture gives you the right foundation for a rewarding career, where you will create spaces that improve lives, communities and the world we live in. You will learn about architectural design, history and communications, plus the science behind building sustainable environments.

And at the end of your diploma you will go straight into second year of a Bachelor of Architectural Studies, Bachelor of Interior Architecture (Honours) or Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (Honours) at UNSW Sydney.*

*Note: Diploma in Architecture students must achieve a Satisfactory Grade (equivalent to IELTS 6.5) for the Communication and Academic Literacy subject and a pass for all other subjects with a minimum WAM of 50% to progress to second year of the relevant degree program at UNSW.

**Students wishing to progress to Bachelor of Landscape Architecture can only commence the diploma in the January intake.

Your future at UNSW

When you progress to UNSW, you can choose a degree to prepare you for your future career.

**Bachelor 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
- Landscape Architect
- Production Designer
- Town Planner

“I’m currently studying Diploma in Architecture and I’m loving it! I like how we get to learn and practise all the majors available for my bachelor’s degree next year, which gives me an idea of which major my interests and strengths align with. I do not have to worry about anything, since UNSW College has a dedicated team to advise and provide necessary help to students.”

Saif Rahman, India
Diploma in Architecture

Top 40 in the world for Architecture and Built Environment.
QS World University Rankings, 2023

Joint 1st in Australia for Architecture, Building and Urban and Regional Planning.
Australia Research Councils 2018 ERA - Excellence in Research in Australia

Top 5 in Australia for Arts and Humanities.
QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2023

For more information, visit handbook.unsw.edu.au and search 7006.
Diploma in Business

Get ready to change the world with a career in business. Study commerce at UNSW – one of the best universities for Business and Management in the world.

Learn skills you can use in any role, including how to manage people and lead change while building lifelong career connections at UNSW. A Diploma in Business will teach you how to analyse current global business challenges and recognise and jump on opportunities. Its innovative first year curriculum will prepare you to choose the right major for you – whether that is a focus on data, people, or global markets. Your diploma will also take you straight into second year of a Bachelor of Commerce at UNSW Business School.*

*Note: Diploma in Business students must achieve a Satisfactory Grade (equivalent to IELTS 7.0) for the Communication and Academic Literacy subject and a pass for all other subjects (with an overall average of 60% across all passed subjects) and a minimum WAM of 50% across all subjects, to progress to second year of the Bachelor of Commerce at UNSW. If you wish to study a major not on this list, you may be eligible to receive credit for subjects that are common.

Your future at UNSW

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

**Bachelor of Commerce majors**

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

**Career opportunities**

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

“The Diploma program has prepared me for UNSW by improving my presentation, communication, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. These skills are essential for university life, particularly for assignments and essays. The instructors have aided and contributed to the development of these skills. I appreciate how kind and helpful the teachers in the UNSW College Diploma program are, particularly in providing feedback, which has helped me improve and prepare for UNSW.”

Fakhira Qatrunnada, Indonesia
Diploma in Business
Current Student at UNSW Sydney

#1 in Australia for Accounting and Finance.
QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2022

#2 in Australia for Business and Management.
QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2022

#1 Business school in Australia
UNSW Business School has been named the Best Business School for 2023 for the second consecutive year.

AFR BOSS, 2023

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Diploma in Computer Science

Shape the future of technology by studying computer science at UNSW. Learn the basics of how to design, build and use computer systems and understand the principles behind hardware and software with a Diploma in Computer Science. The 12-month program will set the foundations for a career in IT – and take you directly into second year of a Bachelor of Science (Computer Science) at UNSW's world-renowned School of Computer Science and Engineering.*

*Note: Diploma in Computer Science students must achieve a Satisfactory Grade (equivalent to IELTS 6.5) for the Communication and Academic Literacy subjects and a pass with a minimum WAM of 50% for all other subjects to progress to second year of the relevant degree program at UNSW.

Your future at UNSW
When you progress to UNSW, you can 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

"UNSW College provides students with many opportunities and support. That helps us to fit into new circumstances as well as improve our academic skills. The Diploma program offered by UNSW College is an excellent and meaningful pathway that makes it possible to transition smoothly to the further program at UNSW."

Yudai Hinata, Japan
Diploma in Computer Science
Current student at UNSW Sydney

#1 in Australia

Renowned by employers
Ranked 25th globally for employer reputation.

#1 in Australia
Engineering & Technology Faculty.

For more information, visit handbook.unsw.edu.au and search 7003.
Diploma in Engineering

Help solve the world’s biggest problems at Australia’s #1 Engineering faculty.

Work with robots, boost energy production or design bionic limbs. Wherever your interests lie, a Diploma in Engineering will give you the right launching pad to start a rewarding engineering career. Learn about natural sciences, programming and engineering and build your first prototype during this immersive 12-month program. When you complete your diploma, you’ll have the option to choose a degree major, and enter directly into second year of a Bachelor of Engineering degree at UNSW. 

*Note: Diploma in Engineering students must achieve a Satisfactory Grade (equivalent to IELTS 6.5) for the Communication and Academic Literacy subject and a pass with a minimum WAM of 50% for all other subjects to progress to second year of the relevant degree program at UNSW. If you wish to study a major not on this list, you may be eligible to receive credit for subjects that are common.

Intakes: January, May, September
Duration: 12 months
Subjects: 8
Progression: Second year, Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) at UNSW
Scholarships Available

Your future at UNSW
When you progress to UNSW, you can 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
- 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
- Telecommunications Engineer

"Choosing UNSW College for my Diploma in Engineering was one of the best decisions I’ve made. It served as the perfect stepping stone, preparing me with invaluable skills for my engineering degree. The supportive and engaging teachers made the learning experience great. I highly recommend UNSW College as the first step to achieving a quality education in engineering."

Charchit Bhatnagar, India
Diploma in Engineering

#1 in Australia for Engineering.
Times Higher Education (THE), QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2022

#1 in Australia for Technology.
Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings by Subject, 2022

Top 15 in the world for Civil and Structural Engineering.
QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2022

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Diploma in Science

Spark your curiosity and make new discoveries with a career in STEM. Unpack the secrets of the world and discover innovative solutions by studying science at UNSW. A Diploma in Science will teach you the fundamentals of biology, chemistry and physics, and prepare for your future specialty. You’ll study the same material as those in first year of their bachelor’s degree and once you complete your diploma, you’ll progress directly to second year of your UNSW degree.*

*Note: Diploma in Science students must achieve a Satisfactory Grade (equivalent to IELTS 6.5) for the Communication and Academic Literacy subject and a pass and a minimum WAM of 50% for all other subjects to progress to second year of the relevant degree program at UNSW. If you wish to study a major not on this list, you may be eligible to receive credit for subjects that are common. **Specific subjects are required in second year, which may increase program duration.

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

Bachelor of Science majors
• Anatomy
• Biology and biodiversity
• Chemistry
• Food Science*
• Genetics
• Marine & 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 Science
• Medical Lab Scientist
• Nutritionist
• Pharmacist
• Science Educator
• Scientist
• Veterinary Scientist

Intakes
January, May, September
Duration
12 months**
Subjects
8
Progression
Second year, Bachelor of Science at UNSW
Scholarships Available

Most Employable Students
Our graduates work at CSIRO, ANSTO and Cochlear.
Australian Financial Review, 2023

#1 in Australia
for Materials Science.
QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2022

Top 50 in the world
for Anatomy, Earth & Marine Sciences, Materials Sciences.
QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2022

“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

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