



Offshore Personal Electronic Device Student Guidelines

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1. Purpose

UNSW College (the College) offers some of its Award and Non-Award Programs to offshore students, i.e., those located outside of Australia.

These offshore Programs may be delivered either directly by the College (College delivered Program) or through a Transnational Education (TNE) Provider (TNE Provider delivered Program), both of which operate under the College's academic and operational standards.

These Guidelines are designed to assist students in ensuring that their personal electronic device has the functionality required for them to undertake the UNSW College (the College) Offshore College Delivered Programs e.g. Online University English Entry Course (OUEEC).

2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- (a) prospective offshore students in a College delivered Program;
- (b) current offshore students in a College delivered Program; and
- (c) all College staff involved in the promotion, recruitment, admission, delivery, management or administration of offshore students in a College delivered Program.

3. Recommended Type of Personal Electronic Device

- (a) Students should use a device that is consistent with the recommended specifications of the College. These are based around laptop / notebook-style computing devices. Students must also have a smart phone or second device (laptop, tablet) with functioning camera for MFA and Exam Proctoring.
- (a) In order to be able to participate in the range of activities, a student's device must have both audio and video/camera capability.

4. Minimum system requirements for maximizing the student experience

To maximise your College online learning experience, it is recommended that you adhere to the following system requirements.

- (b) Operating systems: a Windows or Apple Mac laptop (NOT an iPad, Android tablet, or Chromebook) that:
 - i. is less than 4 years old,
 - ii. is running at least Windows 10, or macOS Big Sur (version 11.0) in English,
 - iii. has Office 365 installed in English,
 - iv. a modern browser such as Edge, Firefox, Chrome, Safari that is installed in English and is the latest version



- v. has a minimum of 4 hours battery life without recharge
- vi. has Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 installed (Windows only).

To ensure your device meets the required specifications, please see the [personal electronic device guidelines for students](#).

Students should contact helpdesk@unswcollege.edu.au if you need support with your electronic device requirements.

- (c) Internet Speed: At a minimum, a broadband connection (256 Kbit/sec or faster – this buffering will allow students to view videos and online presentations), USB wireless modem, ADSL, T1/T2, fibre optic or cable.
- (d) Internet browsers: Chrome is the preferred browser to be used (where available). However, access to the platform is still available on:
 - i. 32bit version of Chrome v80 and above;
 - ii. Firefox Mozilla V54 and above;
 - iii. Microsoft Edge 86 and above;
 - iv. Safari v13 and above.

MS Internet Explorer is not recommended. Microsoft 365 apps and services will no longer support Internet Explorer 11(IE 11) and have removed support for Teams in IE since November 2020.

- (b) Browser settings: Images not refreshing? This may be caused by a cache issue. It is suggested students force refresh the browser cache if running into any loading errors. This can be done for Chrome using SHIFT + COMMAND/WINDOWS KEY + R OR CTRL + F5 for Firefox. We recommend that you do this around once every six months or so.
- (c) Plugins, add-ons: Buttons not responsive? This may be caused by conflicting commands. We recommend disabling all ad blockers as some browser plugins may interfere with the proper functioning of the website, in particular, the widgets and group activities. Students should feel free to turn them back on after, for their own safety.
- (d) Resource viewing: Seamless access to all course materials is provided within the platform. Students may be asked to install the latest version of Adobe Acrobat Reader.
- (e) Security: Students should ensure the uploading of files is enabled with all firewalls.

5. Why don't students all use the same type of computer?

The College considers the use of personal electronic devices as a means of creating, manipulating and exchanging the information that assists students to learn.

Technological change has meant that the type of device, the brand, size or colour are far less important than the quality and type of resources that are accessed through them.

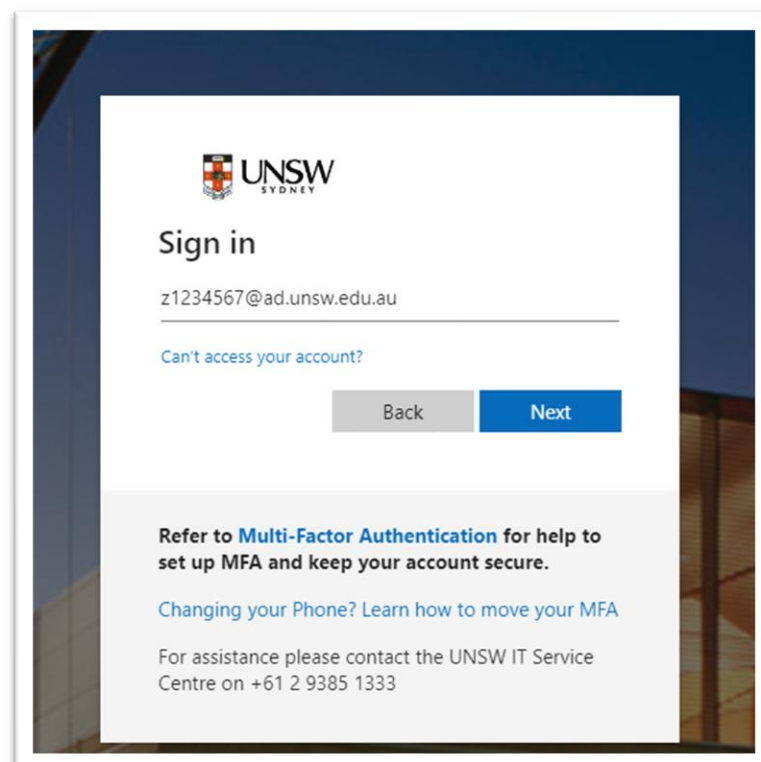
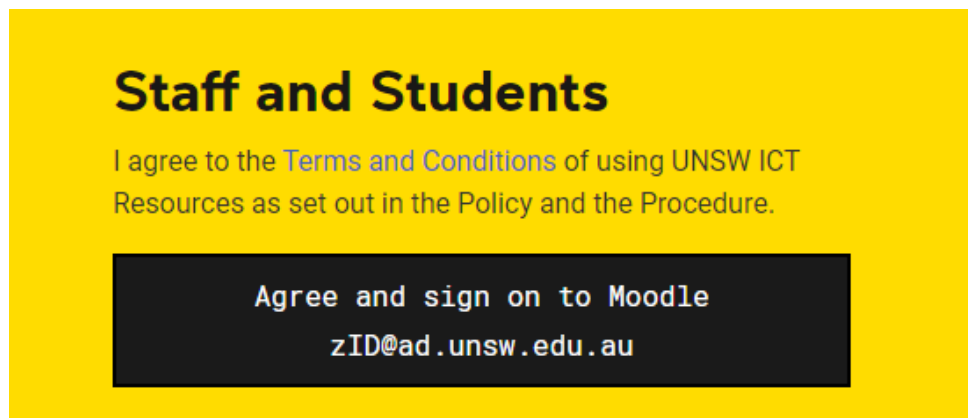


Students choosing what they want to use gives them ownership over how they learn. It personalizes the experience and increases their engagement. One size, in this case, does not fit all!

For further information on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Resources, please see the [Acceptable Use of ICT Resources Policy \(Students\)](#).

6. How do students access the assessment platform, Moodle?

To log in to the platform, please visit [Moodle](#) and click on 'Agree and sign on to Moodle'. Enter your username and password. Please note Students must use their zID email e.g. z1234567@ad.unsw.edu.au. You may get a Multi Factor Authentication (MFA) to approve on your smart phone.

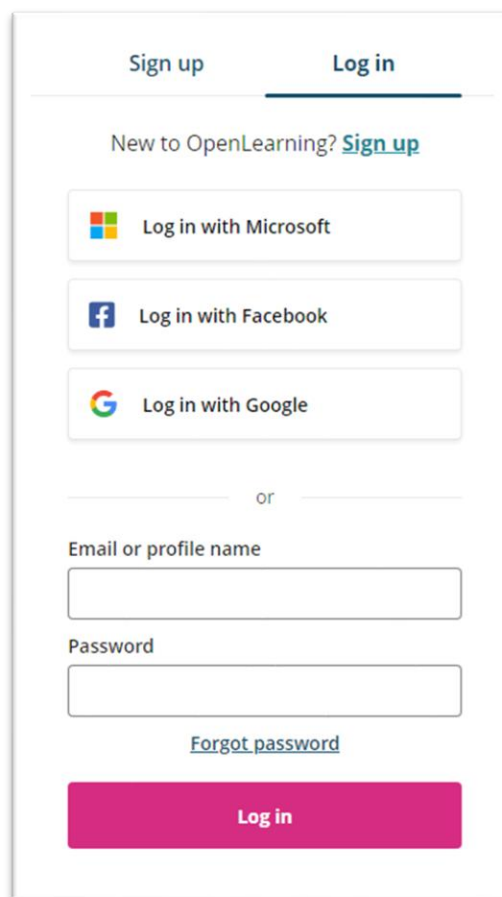


Details on usage of the College Exam Solution Software e.g. Constructor Proctor, will be provided to the student at orientation and throughout duration of the Program.

7. How do students access the learning platform, OpenLearning?

Students can access OpenLearning through Moodle. To gain access to the platform, please visit [Moodle](#) as per steps above and click on 'Agree and sign on to Moodle'. Enter your username and password. Please note Students must use their zID email e.g. z1234567@ad.unsw.edu.au. You may get a Multi Factor Authentication (MFA) to approve on your smart phone for Moodle access.

Open Learning Students access OpenLearning through a link available inside of their Moodle course. Once in the Open Learning login page, Students will be asked to enter an email (the same e-mail used for Moodle login) and have a password created (which does not have to be the same as Moodle) when accessing OpenLearning for the first time. Subsequent access will not require login to OpenLearning.

The image shows a login page for OpenLearning. At the top, there are two tabs: 'Sign up' and 'Log in', with 'Log in' being the active tab. Below the tabs, there is a link that says 'New to OpenLearning? Sign up'. Underneath this, there are three social login buttons: 'Log in with Microsoft' (with the Microsoft logo), 'Log in with Facebook' (with the Facebook logo), and 'Log in with Google' (with the Google logo). Below these buttons is a horizontal line with the word 'or' in the center. Under the line, there are two input fields: 'Email or profile name' and 'Password'. Below the password field is a link that says 'Forgot password'. At the bottom of the form is a large pink button labeled 'Log in'.

8. How to access technical support?

If experiencing difficulties accessing or using the OpenLearning platform or Moodle Platform, please email our Learning Management System (LMS) Team at sis@unswcollege.edu.au, or the UNSW College IT Team at helpdesk@unswcollege.edu.au with your zID and screenshots of the issue you are having.

9. Roles, responsibilities and delegations

Role	Responsibility
Approver	The Executive Director, Students is responsible for the approval of this guideline document.
Academic Staff	- Designing appropriate assessment tasks that allow students to demonstrate their level of learning. - Marking assessment tasks against the marking rubric provided to students or other relevant criteria. - Providing directed and timely feedback. This must be provided within three weeks of the submission of the assessment task. - Discussing with students any queries they may have regarding the grade allotted for any assessment task
Learning Management System (LMS) Team	Providing LMS support to all enrolled students.

10. Definitions

Definitions and Acronyms	
Learning Activities	Activities designed or deployed by the teacher to bring about or create the conditions for learning. The following are examples of Learning Activities: - Participation in a discussion forum - Creating a blog post - Streaming or downloading a video or audio podcast - Participating in an online interactive activity - Creating and uploading files and assessments
Learning Outcomes	Learning outcomes set out the knowledge and skills a student has acquired as a result of the learning in a course. The expected learning outcomes will be specified in each unit outline.
Personal Electronic Device	A personal computing device such as a notebook or laptop computer or tablet capable of wireless connection to the internet and accessing web-based activities and resources.
Student	A person enrolled in an approved course of study at UNSW College whose enrolment has not lapsed or been cancelled.

11. Related Policy and Supporting Documents

Related Policy Documents and Supporting Documents	
Policy	College Acceptable Use of ICT Resources Policy (Students)
Guidelines	College Personal electronic device guidelines for students

12. Governance

Offshore Personal Electronic Device Student Guidelines	
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