Uncover the possibilities with our Diplomas

Uncover your potential with a world class education

UNSW College, owned by UNSW Sydney, offers pathway programs for students like you. Our programs make your transition to a degree at UNSW 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.

UNSW Sydney

Top 20

Ranked equal 19th university globally.

QS World University Rankings, 2023

Renowned by employers

Ranked 29th globally for employer reputation

QS World University Rankings, 2022

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.

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 Diploma program?

✓ Progress straight to University*

✓ Advance straight to second year of your chosen Bachelor's degree at UNSW Sydney with our diplomas

✓ When you study our Diploma programs you will learn university level curriculum from day one

✓ Ideal learning environment

✓ Support where you need it most

✓ Leading academics and student mentors

Diplomas

Enter second year at university

If you're a high-achieving student with big goals to study at university, a Diploma can get you there. This 12-month program in Architecture, Business, Computer Science, Engineering 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.
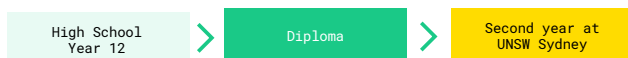
Direct path to second year

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.edu.au/study/diplomas-overview

Your journey with one of our Diploma programs

High School Year 12	>	Diploma	>	Second year at UNSW Sydney

UNSW Diploma Programs CRICOS Provider Code 00098G

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Study a Diploma

Enter second year of a
UNSW bachelor's degree

Study a Diploma	Enter second year of a UNSW bachelor's degree
Diploma in Architecture	Bachelor of Architectural Studies Bachelor of Interior Architecture (Honours) Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (Honours)
Diploma in Business	Bachelor of Commerce
Diploma in Computer Science	Bachelor of Science (Computer Science)
Diploma in Engineering	Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)
Diploma in Science	Bachelor of Science

Diploma in Architecture

Intakes 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

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

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

Diploma in Business

Intakes January, May, 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

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
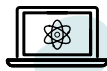- Programming Languages
- Security Engineering

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
Diploma in Computer Science
Current student at UNSW Sydney

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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.

#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

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

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Fire Testing Technology

Diploma in Science

Intakes January, May, August

Duration 12 months*

Courses 8

Progression Second year, Bachelor of Science at UNSW

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

#1 in Australia
for Research

Excellence in Research in Australia Report, 2018

#1 in Australia
for Materials Science

QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2020

Top 50 in the world
for Anatomy, Environmental Sciences, Earth & Marine Sciences, Materials Sciences, Mathematics

QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2020

"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
Diploma in Science
Current student at UNSW Sydney

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