



BADANAMI CENTRE FOR INDIGENOUS EDUCATION



About UWS

We believe in bringing knowledge to life: real life, your life. This means providing you with the structure and resources to achieve your academic goals - along with the freedom to develop your creative skills and grow as a person. It also means helping you prepare for a fulfilling career.

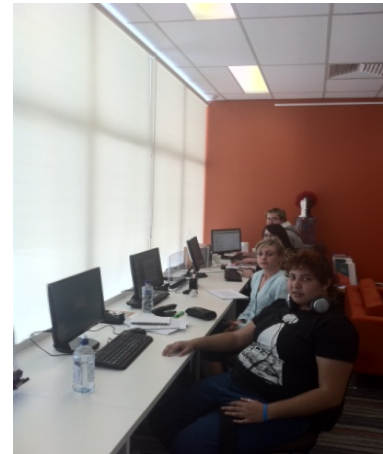
UWS is one of the largest universities in Australia with just over 40,000 students.



Badanami Staff



Badanami Student Centre Penrith





- The **University of Western Sydney** has six campuses located in [Greater Western Sydney](#) (GWS)
- GWS is a global centre for trade, innovation and learning with the third largest economy in Australia behind the Sydney CBD and Melbourne. Its population is the fastest growing in Australia and more than 150 of the nation's top 500 companies are located within GWS.
- The multicultural community of GWS is one of the most diverse in the world with over 100 nationalities calling GWS home. The diversity of the region is further reflected in the contrasting strengths of the 14 GWS local government areas. The region combines the majestic beauty of the World Heritage Listed Blue Mountains National Park; state-of-the-art Olympic venues; historical sites of Indigenous and Colonial importance; and traditional rural environments with the high-tech business districts, retail and service centres typical of a modern regional economic powerhouse.
- [Bankstown campus](#)
- [Nirimba Education Precinct, Blacktown](#)
- [Campbelltown campus](#)
- [Hawkesbury campus](#)
- [Parramatta campus](#) including [Westmead precinct](#)
- [Penrith campus](#)





Nursing Teaching Lab Parramatta Campus

UWS offers you the flexibility to combine studies that put you in the best position to specialise in particular areas, or to keep your options more open.

At UWS, we aim to give you the edge in your chosen career. This comes in the form of special programs linking you to industry employers, as well as international study opportunities.

In 2010 there were nearly 40,000 student enrolments, 1200 Academic Staff and 1400 General Staff.





The following are examples of courses that are on offer at **UWS**:

[Business courses](#)

[Communication Arts courses](#)

[Engineering, Information and Communications Technology courses](#)

[Environment and Tourism courses](#)

[Forensics courses](#)

[Health Sciences, Nursing and Sport Science courses](#)

[Law courses](#)

[Medicine courses](#)

[Policing and Criminology courses](#)

[Psychology courses](#)

[Science courses](#)

[Social Science courses](#)

[Teaching and Education courses](#)



About Badanami

UWS is committed to providing higher education pathways for Indigenous people.

The Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education at UWS is committed to providing Indigenous people with access to higher education and to encourage students, staff and community members to utilise academic and cultural support facilities.



2010 AREP Ed Graduation



Bankstown Campus



Badanami's major role is to provide:-

- Strategic policy advice and governance through the Office of the Dean, Indigenous Education who is also the Director of the Centre.
- Personal and cultural support to all Indigenous students
- Access and learning support to all Indigenous students
- Administrative advice on a range of matters including enrolment, programs of study, graduation, leave of absence and withdrawal from study
- Advice on scholarships and cadetships
- Advocacy on behalf of students if required
- Managing Indigenous specific block courses
- Teaching
- Teaching of an Indigenous Graduate Attribute
- Research and Consultancy



Bankstown Campus



Aboriginal Rural Education Program Education (AREP)



Terry Mason, Jan White and Kaye
Pirie Parramatta Open Day 2011

This block mode model is designed to afford students the luxury of remaining in their community to fulfil their family, financial, career and social responsibilities. To study block mode program requires students to attend four residential schools per year, each lasting approximately 2 weeks. Travel, accommodation and meal costs to attend workshops are funded for ABSTUDY approved students

Courses offered by AREP are:

- Bachelor of Education (Primary) (AREP)
- Bachelor of Community Social Development



Scholarships

Student Start Up Scholarships

- All university students receiving Youth Allowance, AUSTUDY or ABSTUDY and those assisted under veterans' schemes
- \$1300 in 2010 and indexed , paid in equal half yearly instalments of \$650
- No application needed. This will be paid directly to eligible students through Centrelink.

Commonwealth Relocations Scholarships

- All students receiving Youth Allowance, AUSTUDY or ABSTUDY who are dependants and have to live away from home for study along with independent students who are disadvantaged by personal and relationship circumstances receive \$4000 for students in their first year or \$1000 if certain circumstances apply and \$1000 in each following year.
- NO application is needed. This will be paid directly to eligible students through Centrelink.

[Indigenous Achievement Scholarship](#) - \$5,000 per annum, for up to 5 years.

[Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority and the HNCMA Aboriginal Advisory Committee Scholarship](#) - \$5,000 per annum, for up to 3 years.





Badanami Alternative Entry Scheme



- Indigenous students who do not have a HSC or other qualifications, or who have a UAI score lower than required for their chosen course, can apply to study at UWS through the Alternative Entry Program.
- Badanami Alternative Entry Program is a UWS initiative aimed at increasing Indigenous participation in undergraduate programs across all areas of study at the university.
- The program includes a two-day assessment workshop. At the workshop students do a literacy and numeracy assessment and have an informal interview to show that they meet the criteria for the course they have chosen to study.
- In addition to the assessment and interview, the workshops include a tour of the campus and Badanami Centre, and provide information about the support services available at UWS, and offer a chance for prospective students to meet other students and academic staff from their chosen program.





Badanami Alternative Entry Scheme – How to apply

Know what you want to do

Sit for Alternative Entry Testing

Pass and you're in

UWS will make you an offer

Accept your offer and enrol online

Contact your local Centrelink for
Abstudy



Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme

All Indigenous students are eligible for free tutoring through the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS).

ITAS enables Indigenous students to receive individual or group tuition with qualified tutors in essay writing, study and research skills.

Students are eligible for up to two hours of tutoring per week per subject during semester, and five additional hours of tuition during the examination period.

Students need to apply through Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education.





Away From Base

Away From Base is a program funded by the Federal Governments' Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relation (DEEWR) that allows Indigenous Students to travel to University to study from Regional and Remote communities.

If you are eligible for ABSTUDY, which also includes the Incidental Allowance, you will be eligible for **Away From Base**. Incidental Allowance is not income and asset tested.

You will need to apply for this via your local Centrelnk Office.

Airfares, Accommodation, Travel and Travel Allowance is all covered by Away from Base upon Abstudy approval been submitted to Badanami.

Away from Base is administered by Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education University.



BCSD Students in accommodation





Australian Indigenous Studies Major



UWS has introduced an important new learning dimension for undergraduate degree courses in 2011. The Indigenous Australian Studies Major.

The innovative new program, the first of its kind, has been designed to assist all students to develop a much broader, more insight full understanding of Indigenous cultures, histories and identities as they developed throughout the whole country through to present day.

This broadly based program delivers this collective knowledge in the context of our various areas of study, so that students can see the relevance and application of it in their chosen field.

The units comprising this major are open to all UWS students who have open electives.

Subjects on offer:

- Contextualising Indigenous Australia
- Pigments of the Imagination
- Revaluing Indigenous Economics
- From Corroborees to Curtin Raisers
- From Ochre to Acrylics to New Technologies
- Bridging the Gap: Re-engaging Indigenous Australian Learners
- 'The Making of the Aboriginies'
- Learning through Indigenous Australian Community Service
- Rethinking Research with Indigenous Australians: Independent Study Project





Pathways

How to apply for University as an Indigenous Australian student

There are two ways for prospective Indigenous students to apply for University:

1. [Universities Admission Centre](#) (UAC)

Indigenous students who are eligible for a UAI can apply online for admission through UAC.

2. [Badanami Alternative Entry Program](#)

Indigenous students who do not have a HSC, or believe their HSC score may not be sufficient to apply through UAC, can apply for direct admission via the Badanami Alternative Entry Program.





Student Involvement

- Garma Festival - Students who complete 140 credit points have the opportunity to attend the Garma Festival
- University Games - Our students are able to join a team and attend the National Indigenous University Games
- Sponsorship to attend conferences - 2 students were sponsored by NSW Bar Association to attend the National Aboriginal Lawyers conference in Sydney recently
- We involve students in our marketing and public relations activities... Recently we attended the Musgrave Park Family Fun Day in Brisbane and employed one of our BCSD Students to help on our stall and talk with prospective students.



Lauren Oldfield at Garma
Festival 2011





Indigenous Education

Indigenous specific Courses offered at UWS

- Bachelor of Community and Social Development
- Bachelor of Education Primary (AREP)
- Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)
Indigenous Australian Applicants
- Indigenous Australian Studies Major





Thank you for attending our
information session...

Feel free to ask questions...

