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Year in Review

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Transforming lives through education

Our Academic pathway programs, English Language, and Vocational Education and Training courses are supported by a comprehensive student support framework designed to help our students succeed in their studies.

In collaboration with the University of Wollongong, UOW College provides an exceptional education and a supportive and inclusive community where every student can thrive.



Student profile

3,294

Total enrolments across all courses in 2024

Domestic

1302

International

1189 Onshore

803 Offshore

Gender

Females

1408

Males

1873

Non binary

13

Enrolments

1162

Academic Pathway Programs

1721

ELICOS

411

Vocational Education and Training

Most common nationalities for enrolments

- Australian
- Chinese
- Japanese
- Vietnamese
- Bangladeshi

Study Tours

1082

Total student participants

Setting up students for success at UOW

At UOW College, our role goes beyond delivering education, we offer students the opportunity to access it. We provide critical pathways that help students transition to the University of Wollongong, ensuring they are well prepared to succeed in their future studies. Through our courses and dedicated support, we equip students to confidently step into university life and achieve their academic aspirations.

Student profile

Understanding students who transition to UOW after studying at UOW College in Australia.

917

Students commenced their studies at UOW in 2023.

Top four citizenship of students:

1. Australia 2. China 3. Vietnam 4. India

383

Academic courses

61

Vocational courses

473

English Language courses

25

Aunty Linda Cruise Scholarship provided fee-free study opportunities for 24 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in 2023 & 2024.



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“Our students do really well. In 2023, UOW College Diploma of Nursing students who advanced to a Bachelor of Nursing outperformed their peers who entered the Bachelor program directly in terms of pass rates”

Liz Thomas, RTO Manager, UOW College

Most common undergraduate courses

- Bachelor of Business
- Bachelor of Computer Science
- Bachelor of Engineering
- Bachelor of Nursing
- Bachelor of Information Technology

Most common postgraduate courses

- Master of Computer Science
- Master of Engineering
- Master of Information Technology
- Master of Professorial Accounting
- Graduate Certificate in Business

Empowered by our people

258

UOW College staff members

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Today, we are proud to have a diverse and talented team, who represent the communities and students we serve.

Our commitment to fostering an inclusive, supportive, and flexible workplace helps us ensure we are a desirable place to work, as acknowledged by our employees.





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“

My values really align closely with those of the College: passion, excellence, integrity, teamwork, collaboration, courage... All these things are core to being a decent human being, and a pretty good teacher.”

Paul Isaac
Teacher UOW College



Academic Pathways

A range of academic pathway programs for both domestic and international students, including Diplomas, Foundation Studies, and university preparation programs for students who do not meet the academic requirements for direct entry into the University of Wollongong.



Our student population in 2024

1162

Total student enrolments in academic pathway programs

859

Commencing students

303

Returning students

929

Domestic

233

International

21

Academic pathway programs offered

35

Guaranteed pathways into degrees at the University of Wollongong

Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT)

84%

Had a positive overall experience, compared to a national average of 76%.

91%

Were happy with facilities and resources, compared to a national average of 84%.

83%

Rated support and services positively, compared to a national average of 72%.

91%

Rated teaching practices positively, based on a national average of 80%.

Vocational Education and Training

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Our continued growth in Vocational Education and Training (VET) is evident with the expansion of programs such as the Diploma of Nursing at Liverpool, alongside increased community and industry engagement. Through the incorporation of school based traineeships and industry training initiatives, we have broadened our impact beyond traditional face-to-face learning environments.

In 2024, RTO and CRICOS registrations were granted by the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) for the maximum duration of 7 years without conditions.

100%

Agreed that trainers had excellent knowledge of the subject content.

98%

Felt encouraged to ask questions by their trainers.



“ I can continue my HSC while graduating high school with a qualification in the career I want.”

Elouise Hicks
Certificate III in Fitness
(SIS30321)

5 Vocational nationally recognised qualifications

2024 Snapshot

414

Students enrolled

160

Full qualifications issued

157

Statements of attainment

97%

Developed the knowledge expected from the training.

100%

Felt respected by the training organisation staff.

* Vocational Learner Survey Jan - July



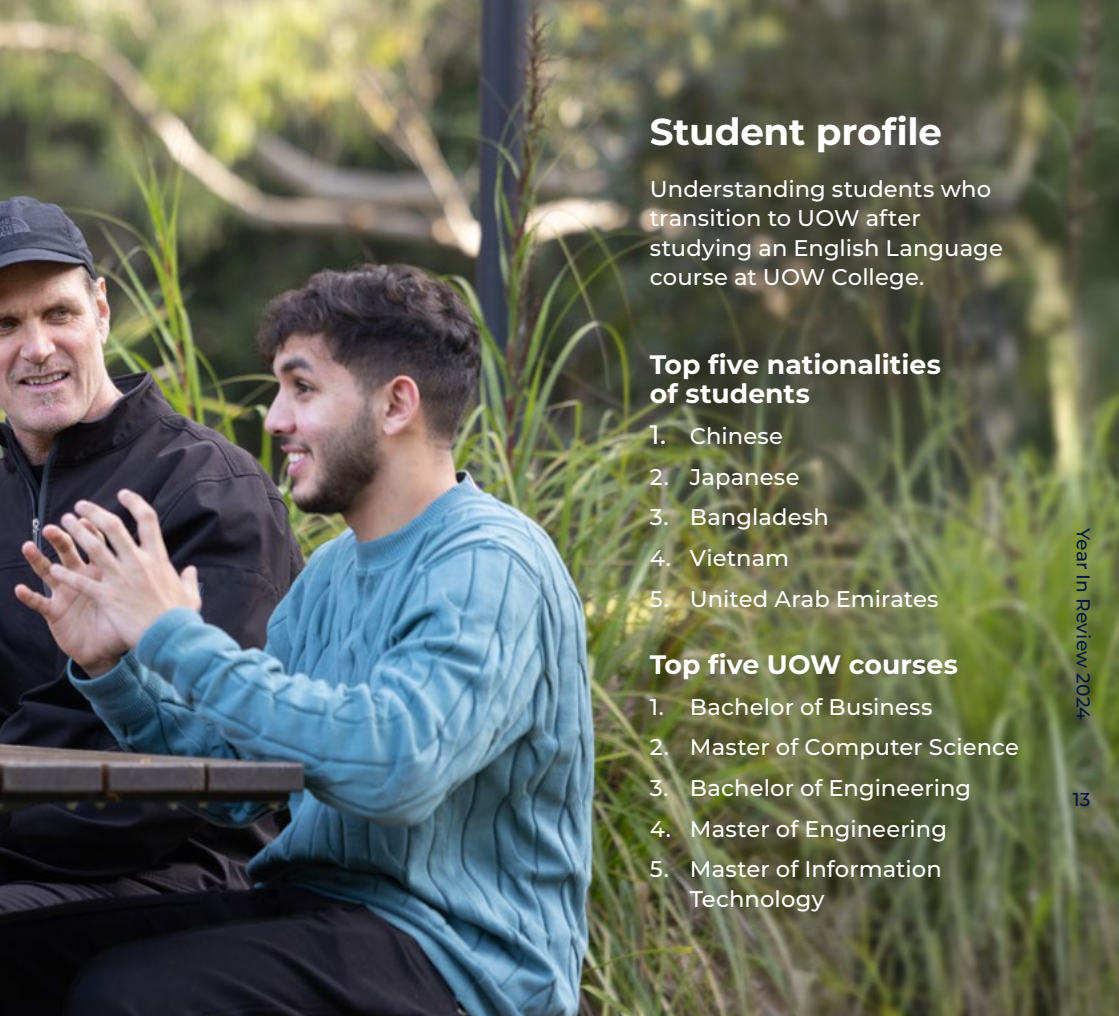
English Language Courses

The English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS) program at UOW College provides high-quality English language instruction designed to improve proficiency for students planning to study, work, or live in an English-speaking environment.

With a focus on language, literacy, communication skills, and cultural understanding, our ELICOS courses are integral for many international students looking for a pathway to study at UOW.

1000

Students commenced studying English for Academic Purposes or English for Tertiary Studies at UOW College in Australia and China in 2024.



Student profile

Understanding students who transition to UOW after studying an English Language course at UOW College.

Top five nationalities of students

1. Chinese
2. Japanese
3. Bangladesh
4. Vietnam
5. United Arab Emirates

Top five UOW courses

1. Bachelor of Business
2. Master of Computer Science
3. Bachelor of Engineering
4. Master of Engineering
5. Master of Information Technology

Khotwa students thrive with support from ELICOS Teachers

The first group of students under the RizeUp Program, known as Khotwa in Arabic and supported by the Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge, began studying English at UOW College before progressing to their academic pathways and ultimately pursuing degrees at the University of Wollongong.

They have praised the exceptional support and interaction from ELICOS teachers as a key element of their positive experience, fostering a welcoming environment that enhances language development.

Transnational Education

Our Transnational Education programs involve students undertaking College courses in collaboration with offshore institutions. With an emphasis on collaborative delivery alongside quality institutions, we ensure our students maintain strong academic records.

In these partnerships, UOW College provides course materials, maintaining rigorous quality assurance, and comprehensive staff training and support.

Global partnerships:

We have established partnerships with the following institutions:

English Programs

- **Central China Normal University (CCNU), Wuhan, China**
A Joint Institute offerings pre-session English Programs.
- **Beijing Jiaotong University (BJTU), China**
A twinning arrangement is in place, offering embedded English programs.
- **Zhengzhou University (ZZU), China**
Students complete a UOW degree at ZZU while studying an embedded English program.

Academic Programs

- **Global Online Accelerator Program, India**
Delivered through a partnership with the WorldGrad.

Collaborative Delivery of English for Tertiary Studies (ETS)

The English for Tertiary Studies (ETS) program is delivered across three locations in China, supporting degrees offered by the Faculty of Engineering and Information Sciences at UOW.

- **Central China Normal University:** Operating for six years, this campus utilises a six-week ETS course. In 2024, 117 students were enrolled in the course in between July and August.
- **Beijing Jiaotong University:** ETS is embedded over the first two years and is delivered concurrently with undergraduate Mechatronics studies. From January to November 2024, 234 students were enrolled in the course.
- **Zhengzhou University:** Launched in September 2024, this program accommodates 450 students in a modified ETS 18-week course. Students complete their English studies while undertaking other compulsory first-year units.

“ Through a strong commitment to quality assurance, upholding NEAS standards, and prioritising teacher development, we remain focused on ensuring excellence in education and continuous improvement in the delivery of our offshore courses.”

Heather Thomas, Deputy General Manager and Director Global Programs, UOW College Australia





Study Tours

For over thirty years, UOW College has welcomed Study Tour groups from international universities, high schools, and education partners, offering a diverse range of tailored programs. Our flexible approach accommodates groups of all sizes, ensuring a personalised experience for each institution and its students.

Our programs combine academic learning with cultural immersion, providing a rewarding and professional experience. Typically, they feature integrated or closed General English classes, along with options for specialised closed sessions on subjects such as Business Communications, Sustainability, Presentation Skills, Teaching English as a Foreign Language, and more.

Program highlights

60

Study tour and language groups hosted

1082

Total student participants

135

Largest visiting group size

99%

Students accommodated in UOW College Homestay

Expanding offering through new partnerships

In 2024 we expanded our offerings, extending beyond traditional student and school groups.

J Shine Program

A group of 16 newly qualified English teachers from Tokyo participated in an English-teaching focused program.

Anseong City Youth Program

Sponsored by the local government of Anseong Province, South Korea, this program catered to 25 young professionals.

Professional development program for a student support staff of Shizuoka University.

Otaru University gap year program

The first group of students travelled to UOW College Australia to undertake a gap year program.

Homestay

Our Homestay and Study Tour programs are closely interconnected, providing personalised experiences and connections to local homestay hosts. The Homestay program facilitates and monitors accommodation options for international students by linking

them with local host families, allowing for paid stays in their homes. These hosts offer invaluable support, providing guidance, cultural insights, and a welcoming environment that enhances the overall experience for students and participants.



Program highlights

1141

Students placed with Homestay hosts

\$1.6 million

Contributed to the local community through student hosting in 2024

235

Active homestay hosts in the program

Quality Endorsed by NEAS

In 2024, the UOW College Homestay program was Quality Endorsed by National English Language Teaching Accreditation Scheme. This means students can be assured of consistent standards of student welfare, support services and consumer protection.

Advancing our Strategic Plan

As we continue to create opportunities for students, strengthen our relationship with the University of Wollongong, and adapt to the evolving landscape of higher education in Australia, we remain committed to expanding access to education for future learners.

2024 marked the first year of implementing our new 2024–2027 Strategic Plan, which outlines our aspirations for the coming years.





Goal 1

**Our education is
student-focused**

Goal 2

**Our ways of working
enable our people**

Goal 3

**Our actions drive
innovation and growth**

Goal 4

**Our diversity supports
our community to thrive**



UOW College Staff Awards

This year, we are proud to celebrate the individuals receiving our Staff Awards – team members who have been recognised by their colleagues for consistently showcasing our core values of Excellence, Collaboration, Innovation, Integrity, Passion, and Courage throughout 2023.

Employee of the Year - 2023

Winner: Slav Stojanoski (UOWCA)

Collaboration - Individual

Winner: Alison Spice (UOWCA)

Highly Commended: Alison Blakey (UOWCA)

Collaboration - Teams

Winner: Sara Kelman, Slav Stojanoski, Jing Xiao, Nadiia Zenchenko, Henry Lee, Anita Goddard, Leighton Alcock and Abbie Worthington (UOWCA)

Courage

Winner: Claire Usher (UOWGE)

Highly Commended: Mahasheta Malagi (UOWGE)



Excellence in Professional Service

Winner: Eloise Young (UOWGE)

Highly Commended: Megan Serrano (UOWCA)

Excellence in Teaching

Winner: Mabel Tang (UOWCA)

Highly Commended: Desley Fletcher (UOWCA)

Excellence in Teaching Leadership

Winners: James Scifleet and Nikki Curthoys (UOWCA)

Highly Commended: Eileen Bodey (UOWCA)

Innovation

Winner: Business Transformation Team - David Macdonald, Naga Sankaranarayanan, and Daksh Sharma (UOWGE)

Integrity

Winner: Sophia Lothian (UOWGE)

Highly Commended: Abbie Worthington (UOWCA/GE)

Passion

Winner: Paul Isaac (UOWCA)

Highly Commended: Nabeel Badran (UOWCA)

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