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WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG

The University of Wollongong (UOW) has an enviable record of achievement in teaching and research. It is also located in one of the most beautiful settings in Australia, just an hour’s drive south of Australia’s largest city, Sydney.
We provide a real focus on the student experience. We understand students come tous, each with an individual dream:

- to learn about and reach beyond their field of interest;
- to explore many different experiences that will help them choose their future directions; and also
- to meet others and enjoy a very special time in their lives.

UOW is rated in the TOP 2% of World Universities.

UOW is placed in the top two per cent of universities in the world by its performance in the following prestigious international ranks, which compare universities across a range of important criteria, including research excellence.

- 283rd in the world – QS World University Rankings 2014/2015
- 282nd in the world – Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2014/2015
- 329th in the world – Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) 2014
- 314th in the world for research quality - 2014 Leiden Ranking

One of the world’s best universities under 50 years old

- 22nd in the world – QS Top 50 Under 50 Rankings 2014
- 33rd in the world – Times Higher Education Top 100 Under 50 Rankings 2014

Graduate success

In the 2015 Good Universities Guide, UOW achieved the maximum 5-star ratings in the following important categories:

- Getting a full-time job
- Student retention

The QS World University Rankings Graduate Employers Survey 2014/2015 ranks UOW in the Top 100 in the world—for the 8th year in a row. This review rates institutions based on employers’ opinions of their graduates.

These rankings show that UOW is a leader in producing graduates with the maximum opportunity to reach their career goals in Australia and globally.

Our students and staff come from diverse backgrounds, many from overseas. They share a culture that respects openness, inclusiveness, collegiality and diversity. I am proud of our talented, motivated and energetic staff—many of whom are leaders in their field nationally and internationally.

The UOW Islamic Directory is a useful resource for all Muslim students studying at the University. It contains information on where to find everything from local mosques to halal food products, as well as details on Islamic facilities, University-wide support services and Islamic clubs and societies on campus.

ISLAMIC FACILITIES AT UOW

ISLAMIC EDUCATION CENTRE

Located in Building 50, the Islamic Education Centre provides outstanding facilities to cater for the Islamic community on campus. The Centre comprises of a Prayer Space, Islamic library and kitchen facilities. The Islamic Education Centre is administered by the Muslim Association of Wollongong University.
STUDENT CLUBS & SOCIETIES
A full list of Clubs & Societies at the University of Wollongong can be found at the following webpage:
http://clubs.uow.edu.au/
Student groups interested in forming a club can contact the Centre for Student

MUSLIM ASSOCIATION OF WOLLONGONG UNIVERSITY (MAWU)
The Muslim Association of Wollongong University was established in 1997 by Muslim students and staff at the University of Wollongong. MAWU currently has more than 2000 members, from 30 different countries, making it the biggest and most multicultural student association on campus. MAWU organise religious activities for Muslim students and staff, provides moral and spiritual support for Muslims who are in need, promotes religious awareness and develop the spirit of brotherhood and sense of cooperation among members, organises social events and lectures to increase Islamic understanding and provides basic understanding of Islam to the local community in general.
Contact email: mawu.wollongong@gmail.com

SAUDI STUDENTS CLUB
Saudi Students Club in Wollongong is a non-profit organisation. It aims to provide Saudi Students and their family in this City and Environment similar to their original environment by providing them social gathering, kids activities, cultural festival celebration and more. This year 2013 sees the Saudi Club continue a program called Saudi Club Friendship Program which aims to connect Saudi Students with their colleagues from native English speaker people.
Contact email: saudigong@gmail.com

UOW INDONESIAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
The UOW Indonesian Students Association is a club for Indonesian students, their families and friends. It aims to offer support to students and to celebrate Indonesian culture.
Contact email: ppij.wollongong@yahoo.com.au

UOW MALAYSIAN ASSOCIATION FOR STUDENTS
The UOW Malaysian Association for Students is a chance for Malaysian students to interact and network on campus.
Contact email: mas_uow@y7mail.com

UOW ISLAMIC AWARENESS SOCIETY
Established as a club of the University of Wollongong, the Islamic Awareness Society (IAS) aims towards enlightening people from a diverse range of backgrounds about Islam and Muslims. The Islamic Awareness Society of the University of Wollongong aspires towards fostering positive ties within the community. The chief aim of this club is to address the current misconceptions associated with Islam and Muslims and portray Islam in a manner that is true to its nature; conveying the beauty of a religion that is practiced by billions.
Contact email: islamic_awareness_society@hotmail.com
IRAQI STUDENTS COMMUNITY
Iraqi Students Community (ISC) is a nonprofit community at university of Wollongong- Australia. The aim of our community is to provide Iraqi Students and their family in university and Wollongong City with surroundings parallel to their original location. As well as gathering all the students and their families in different activities included kids’ activities, cultural festival celebration and more. Our Community objectives are to connect Iraqi Students with their colleagues from native English speaking people in order to transfer their culture difference to other societies and practice and improve their English. We also aim to enhance and establishment the relationship of all Iraqi students and increase their communication between each other and with the Uni society. Web: http://clubs.uow.edu.au/clubs/iraqi-students-community/home/

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES AT UOW

PRE-ARRIVAL INFORMATION

ACCOMMODATION SERVICES
Accommodation services offer a wide range of assistance in finding accommodation either on campus or in Wollongong. They can assist you in finding private rental accommodation, gaining access into University on-campus accommodation, and home-stay options (living with a local family). Visit their comprehensive website at https://www.uow.edu.au/future/international/accommodation/index.html or drop in and see the team in Student Central, Ground Floor, Building 17.

CAREERS SERVICES
The Careers Service provides career counselling, career development programs and assistance with finding graduate employment. For more information, go to the Careers Services website http://www.uow.edu.au/careers/index.html or visit them on the Lower Ground Floor of the UniCentre, Building 11.

ILLAWARRA COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (ICIS)
ICIS is a non-profit community organisation that is funded by the University of Wollongong. ICIS aims to help you settle into life in Wollongong, to have fun, make friends and to interact with members of the local Illawarra community. In 2014 ICIS received the inaugural NSW International Student Community Engagement Award. The Award recognises the contribution ICIS makes in supporting international students and their families, connecting them with each other and the community through programs and initiatives. For more information on ICIS, visit http://www.uow.edu.au/student/services/ISP/icis/index.html

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAMS (ISP)
ISP is here to support you in making new friends and connecting you to the campus and local Illawarra community. On this website you will find information on a wide variety of programs and activities, of which many are open to the whole family. We encourage you to attend and participate in a wide variety of initiatives throughout your time here at UOW. To learn more about the IFP and how you can get involved, visit the following website: http://www.uow.edu.au/student/services/ISP/index.html
STUDENT CENTRAL
Student Central is located on the Ground Floor of Building 17, next to the Library. Student Central provides a range of advice and assistance to students on a range of matters including enrolment, fees, exams, academic transcripts and graduation. The Study Abroad & Exchange Office and Accommodation Services are also located in Student Central.

STUDENT SUPPORT ADVISERS
Student Support Advisers (SSAS) are assigned to each faculty and can help international students settle in to life and study in Australia. They assist students with a range of issues, and the service is free and completely confidential. Additionally, student counsellors assist students with personal, work or study related difficulties. To make an appointment to see a counsellor, call +61 2 4221 3445, or visit the Counselling Service on Level 3, Building 11. For more information, visit: http://www.uow.edu.au/student/services/SSA/index.html

UNIVERSITY RECREATION & AQUATIC CENTRE (URAC)
The University of Wollongong has a sports centre providing world class facilities for sport and recreation. Facilities include playing fields, all-weather outdoor playing surfaces, a 50 metre heated swimming pool, and tennis courts. The recreation centre has a fully equipped gymnasium, squash courts, basketball courts, sports store, café (including Halal food) and 24 sports clubs. Activities on offer include fitness classes, leisure and outdoor activities, learn-to-swim classes and a social sports competition.

WOLLONGONG UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (WUSA)
WUSA provides a number of services for undergraduate students, from advice on academic matters to tenancy issues. Their office is located on the ground floor of Building 11. Operating hours are Mon-Thurs 11am - 2pm. For more information visit: http://www.uow.edu.au/student/representation/wusa/index.html

MOSQUES & PRAYER CENTRES
IN WOLLONGONG:
The Omar Mosque is located a short ten minute walk from the University of Wollongong.

OMAR MOSQUE
9 Foley Rd Gwynneville 2500
Tel: +61 2 4225 1962

BILAL (ILAWARRA) MOSQUE
All prayers, Khutbah in Turkish, English and Arabic
1 Bethlehem St Cringila 25020
Tel: +61 2 4274 6232

IN SYDNEY:

ASHFIELD MUSALLAH
1/27 Holden St Ashfield NSW 2131

ERSKINEVILLE MOSQUE
All prayers, Khutbah in Turkish
13 John St Erskineville NSW 2043

**GLADESVILLE MUSALLAH**
Cowell St Car Park Gladesville NSW 2111

**KENSINGTON MUSALLAH**
All prayers except Jumuah
1/178 Corner of ANZAC Parade and Todman Ave Kensington NSW 2033

**LAKEMBLA MOSQUE**
Khutbah in Arabic with English translation
65-67 Wangee Rd Lakemba NSW 2195

**MASCOT MUSALLAH**
All prayers Khutbah in English and Bangla
Upstairs, 1215 Botany Rd Mascot NSW 2020

**REDFERN MOSQUE**
All prayers, Khutbah in Turkish and English
328 Cleveland St Surry Hills NSW 2010

**SURRY HILLS MOSQUE**
175-177 Commonwealth St Surry Hills NSW 2010

**SYDNEY CBD MUSALLAH**
Jumuah prayers only
Level 2, 84 Pitt St Sydney NSW 2000

**TOWN HALL MUSSALAH**
Jumuah prayer
167B Castlereagh St Town Hall Sydney NSW 2000

**WYNYARD MUSSALAH**
All prayers except Jumuah
60 Clarence St Sydney NSW 2000

**ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF ILLAWARRA AND BILAL MOSQUE**
1 Bethlehem St
Cringila NSW 2502
Tel: +61 2 4274 6232

**WOLLONGONG ISLAMIC SOCIETY (& OMER MOSQUE)**
9 Foley St
Gwynneville NSW 2500
Tel: +61 2 4225 1962

**NATIONALLY**
**AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF ISLAMIC COUNCILS**
Head Office:
932 Bourke Street, Zetland,
NSW 2017.
Postal Address:
PO Box 7185 SSBH Alexandria,
NSW 2015
Tel: +61 2 8303 2100
Fax: +61 2 9319 0159
Email: admin@afic.com.au

ISLAMIC COUNCIL OF NEW SOUTH WALES
405 Waterloo Rd
Chullora NSW 2190
Tel: +61 2 9742 5752
Fax: +61 2 9742 5665
Email: info@icnsw.org.au
Web: http://www.icnsw.org.au

RELEVANT COUNTRY CONSULATES
To visit your home-country’s consulate website, visit the following site and click on “list of Missions in Australia”. http://protocol.dfat.gov.au/Consulate/list.rails

TRANSLATING AND INTERPRETING SERVICES
The Australian Government, through the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC), provides a Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) for non-English speakers. TIS is a national service available to any person or organisation that requires interpreting assistance. TIS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and is accessible from anywhere in Australia at the cost of a local call. TIS is a free service for non-English speakers who are trying to contact a government service or agency.
Tel: 131 450

WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION & SERVICES
IN WOLLONGONG:

FERNWOOD WOMEN’S HEALTH CLUBS
Women-only fitness centres located in and around the Wollongong Area. For more information, visit http://www.fernwoodfitness.com.au

SHELLHARBOUR FERNWOOD
12 College Ave, Shellharbour City Centre NSW 2529
Tel: +61 2 4297 7300
Email: shellharbour@fernwoodfitness.com.au

WOONONA FERNWOOD
335 Princes Hwy, Woonona NSW 2517
HEALTH SERVICES

ARABIC SPEAKING DOCTORS IN WOLLONGONG:
There are three Arabic speaking doctors at the Wollongong Medical Centre, including a female doctor.

WOLLONGONG MEDICAL CENTRE
237 - 241 Crown Street, Wollongong NSW 2500
Tel: +61 2 4254 2600

EDUCATION & CHILDCARE
Please be aware that childcare in Australia can be very expensive and in high demand. Similarly, education for children can be expensive, especially for non-Australian citizens.

IN WOLLONGONG: KID’S UNI
Building 10, University of Wollongong, Northfields Ave Wollongong NSW 2522
Tel: +61 2 4221 8035
Email: kids_uni@uow.edu.au
Web: http://unicentre.uow.edu.au/kidsuni/

WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL
PO Box 3000, Wollongong East NSW 2520
Tel: +61 2 4228 9120
Email: wollongong-p.school@det.nsw.gov.au

ILLAWARRA SULE COLLEGE (TURKISH PRIVATE SCHOOL)
399 Shellharbour Road, Shellharbour NSW 2529
HALAL FOOD AT UOW

In Sydney:
There are several Islamic schools, both primary and secondary, that are located in the greater Sydney area. For more information visit: http://www.muslimdirectory.com.au/directory/Islamic_Schools_Education/New_South_Wales_Education/

HALAL FOOD AT UOW

There are a number of food outlets on campus which sell Halal certified products. For details, visit http://www.unicentre.uow.edu.au/food/

HALAL FOOD IN WOLLONGONG

Supermarkets in Wollongong stock Halal products:

WOOLWORLDS SUPERMARKET
Burelli St, Wollongong NSW 2500
Tel: +61 2 4228 8585

In addition, all chicken stocked by Coles supermarkets are Halal:

COLES SUPERMARKETS
Figgree Westfield, corner Gladstone and Princess Hwy
Figgree NSW 2525
Tel: +61 2 4229 9288
Corrimal
204 Princes Hwy, Corrimal NSW 2518
Tel: +61 2 4283 7622

HALAL FOOD PRODUCTS IN AUSTRALIA

THE HALAL HELPLINE
Each year the Halal Helpline publishes an extensive list of halal products in its Halal Guide. To obtain a copy of the guide, please contact the Helal Helpline. Email: info@halalhelpline.org
Web: http://www.hala helpline.org/

THE HALAL FOOD GUIDE
COMMUNITY SERVICES

ILLAWARRA MULTICULTURAL SERVICES
17 Auburn Street, Wollongong NSW 2500
Tel: +61 2 4229 6855
Email: info@ims.org.au
Web: http://www.ims.org.au

BANKS & FINANCE

ARAB BANK
www.arabbank.com.au

ISKAN FINANCE
P.O Box 12, Broadway NSW 2007
Tel: 1800 20 20 21
Fax: (02) 9215 4199
Web: http://www.iskan.com.au

MUSLIM COMMUNITY CO-OPERATIVES (MCCA)
Tel: +61 2 9740 7165 / 1300 724 734
Fax: +61 2 9740 7167
Web: http://www.mcca.com.au

BOOKSTORES

ISLAMIC BOOKSTORE AUSTRALIA
165 Haldon Street, Lakemba NSW 2195
Tel: +61 2 9758 4040
Email: sales@islamicbookstore.com.au

NEWSPAPERS

AUSTRALIAN MUSLIM NEWS
(Available through the AFIC- Australian Federation of Islamic Councils)
For further information, visit http://muslimsaustralia.com.au/afic-publications/

TELEVISION

SBS TELEVISION
Free to air television – http://www.sbs.com.au
Arabic news daily, 12:00pm–12.30pm

RADIO

92.1FM – SYDNEY ISLAMIC COMMUNITY RADIO
http://www.2mfm.org/
VOXFM 106.9
‘Mish-Wahr’ – Arabic Program, each at Sunday at 4.00pm
For more information, visit: http://www.voxfm.org.au/vox/programs.html

SBS RADIO – 105.5FM.
For SBS Radio’s Arabic Radio Program, visit:

USEFUL ARABIC-LANGUAGE WEBSITES

The following Australian government departments and agencies have many online resources that have been translated into Arabic:

DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION
DIAC offer a wide range of immigration and multicultural services. Their website contains information in Arabic, including a section on Beginning a Life in Australia.

ROADS & TRAFFIC AUTHORITY (RTA):
The RTA have many Arabic resources available online - including all publications necessary to obtain a driver’s license.

CENTRELINK:
The Centrelink website has all documents and forms translated into Arabic. Please view them online at:

NSW OFFICE OF FAIR TRADING:
For help with consumer rights and for business advice, translated into Arabic, visit:

ISLAMIC WEBSITES

AUSTRALIAN ARABIC DIRECTORY
www.arabicpages.com.au

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF ISLAMIC COUNCILS

ISLAMIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
www.islamic-commerce.org
ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTRE OF AUSTRALIA
http://www.idca.org.au

ISLAMIC INFORMATION & SERVICES NETWORK OF AUSTRALIA
www.iisna.com

ISLAMIC INFORMATION AND SUPPORT CENTRE OF AUSTRALIA
www.iisca.org

ISLAMIC FINANCE
www.mcca.com.au

ISLAMIC SYDNEY
www.islamicsydney.com

WOLLONGONG UNIVERSITY POSTGRADUATE ASSOCIATION (WUPA)

WUPA offers facilities and services such as the Postgraduate Resource Centre, which includes a seminar room; quiet study area; reduced-price photocopying; computers; CD writers; Zip drives; email and web browsing (in Japanese and Chinese); as well as kitchen and BBQ facilities. WUPA also provides an advocacy and outreach service to assist you during your studies, plus a range of social activities and events.