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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMS & ACADEMIC PATHWAYS

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ABOUT UOWD COLLEGE

UOWD College is a premier university college that empowers our students for future learning and work. UOWD College consists of international staff from 19 countries. Our instructors are highly qualified and experienced native English and Arabic speakers who are committed to their students and passionate about teaching and learning.

The UOWD College is comprised of three main departments: the Language Centre, the Test Centre and Academic Pathways, offering a range of language and communication development services to a variety of clients.

VISION

Our vision is to empower students for future learning and work.

MISSION

UOWD College provides a supportive learning environment where students build skills and knowledge through our delivery of quality language teaching and testing, and academic pathway programs. As an integral and strategic unit of the University of Wollongong in Dubai, UOWD College enables our students to meet their personal, educational and career goals.

UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG IN DUBAI

UOWD is part of the University of Wollongong in Australia, a globally renowned university with more than 31,000 students.

As an independent UAE institution, UOWD attracts students from all over the world to enjoy a quality academic experience. Nearly 6,000 students representing 108 different nationalities are currently enrolled at UOWD.

We are considered a benchmark for educational establishments in the region: dynamic, agile, innovative and praised for the quality of our teaching and research. Our curriculum and teaching practices reflect those of UOW Australia, which is amongst the top 2% of universities worldwide (QS World University Rankings 2019).

All of our faculty are highly respected academics with extensive teaching, business and industry experience. They bring years of knowledge from research in their respective fields to the classroom, providing students with a stimulating academic environment.

All our programs are accredited by the UAE Ministry of Education - Higher Education Affairs.

UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG IN DUBAI AT A GLANCE

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ACADEMIC PATHWAYS

As an integral unit of the University of Wollongong in Dubai, the UOWD College provides entry pathways into UOWD undergraduate and postgraduate courses for students who may not meet all of the entry criteria.

The two main Academic Pathways programs are:

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PATHWAY (ELP)
This program is for students who need to enhance their English language skills and qualifications before progressing to their undergraduate or postgraduate courses.

FOUNDATION STUDIES PROGRAM
This is a flexible program for students who need additional support to advance their academic skills in order to meet admission requirements for undergraduate studies.

OUR LANGUAGE CENTRE

Accredited by the National ELT Accreditation Scheme (NRAS) for its English language programs, the Language Centre offers a range of language and communication development services to clients ranging from students aspiring to enter higher education and study for benchmark exams, to business clients and overseas groups combining English or Arabic study with tourism activities.

ACCREDITATION & RECOGNITION

Our Language Centre is accredited by the Australian National ELT Accreditation Scheme (NRAS) for its English language programs. NRAS, a reputable international accreditation body, has been providing quality assurance and accreditation in English language teaching for 22 years and we are proud to be a recognised member.

UOWD ENGLISH LANGUAGE PATHWAY

This program is for students who need to enhance their English language skills in order to progress to undergraduate programs. Entry to the course is at IELTS level 3.5-4.0/CPE A2-/B1. Students entering at a lower level will join the Global English Skills program first before progressing to the UOWD English Language Pathway program.

The program is a 280 hour course delivered over 14 weeks and is taught by native speaker-level, highly qualified and experienced instructors. The first 12 weeks consist of grammar, vocabulary, listening, speaking, reading and writing with an academic focus. The final two weeks focus specifically on preparation for the IELTS test.

GLOBAL ENGLISH SKILLS

This general program is for students who want to improve their overall English Language Skills for everyday use, future study or work, or for those who wish to enrol for the UOWD English language skills program but do not fulfill the minimum English language requirements yet. The courses are 12 weeks (240 hours) and run each semester (Autumn, Spring and Summer).
ENGLISH LANGUAGE FRAMEWORK

UOWD College offers a range of English language programs structured around our English Language Framework. The framework consists of three main stages and is designed to be flexible while rigorous. Our English programs are mapped to the framework to ensure that students are correctly placed to maximise their language development.

Stage 1: Core English Preparation (Levels 1 & 2)

This course develops each of the four skills: listening, reading, writing and speaking, with an emphasis on grammar and vocabulary development. At the end of this course, students can progress to Stage 2 of the program, or those admitted to the UOWD’s undergraduate courses enter the English Language Pathways course.

Entry requirement: CEFR A1+/A2  IELTS 2.5 – 3.0

Stage 2: Key English Skills (Levels 3 & 4)

This course continues to develop the four skills in English, along with vocabulary related to a range of topics and grammar to increase your level of ability to express yourself in English accurately. (If you are intending to take an undergraduate course at UOWD, you may be eligible for the English Language Pathways (ELP) course which is at the same level.)

Entry requirement: CEFR A2+  IELTS 3.5

Stage 3: Higher English Skills (Levels 5 & 6)

As well as the skills of reading, listening, and speaking, this course develops your critical thinking skills and ability to write different types of academic essays. The course is particularly suitable for those planning to undertake postgraduate study at UOWD or other universities.

Entry requirement: CEFR B1+/B2

PROGRAM INTAKES AND DURATION

The UOWD English Language programs offer flexible joining dates. There are three main intakes per year. However, if you miss the start of the semester, you may be able to join for the next 6-week block.

Full-time students will study from 6 – 24 weeks depending on your entry level and date of joining.

PART-TIME STUDY

The three stages of the Global English Skills program are also available in through part-time study. Each stage consists of 4 courses delivered over 4 evenings a week (Sunday to Wednesday) from 6:00pm-9:30pm. Each course lasts for three and a half weeks.

PROGRAM OUTCOME

Successful completion of this course can lead to an IELTS preparation course and to further study at UOWD or elsewhere.

PLACEMENT TEST

For all of our English language programs, you will need to take a placement test in order for us to assess your level of English. A placement test fee is applicable.
TEST PREPARATION COURSES

As a premier test centre, UOWD college instructors bring considerable expertise to our preparation courses for key English language examinations including IELTS and OET.

IELTS PREPARATION COURSES

FULL-TIME IELTS COURSE

This is a 6 week (120 hour) course covering all four English skills (reading, writing, listening, speaking) and techniques to develop confidence in the kind of tasks required in the IELTS exam.

IELTS SHORT COURSE - EVENINGS

This is a short IELTS booster course lasting two weeks and focusing on exam tips and techniques to help you to answer the questions effectively.

IELTS WRITING MASTERCLASS - EVENINGS

This is a one-week course focusing specifically on the writing skills required for IELTS.

THE FOUNDATION STUDIES PROGRAM

WHO IS THE FOUNDATION STUDIES PROGRAM FOR?

The Foundation Studies Program (FSP) is a university preparation program specifically designed to assist students who need additional support to advance their academic skills in order to meet the admission requirements for undergraduate studies.

Students enrolled in this program will develop a wide range of essential study skills, including academic English skills, research skills, literacy and numeracy skills. It also provides subject specific knowledge necessary for successful progression into the chosen areas of studies such as Business, Humanities, Information Sciences, Engineering and Computer Science.

ACCREDITATION AND RECOGNITION

The program is accredited by the UAE Ministry of Education - Higher Education Affairs and is fully recognized within the UAE, and is also quality assured by UOW Australia, which is registered with the Australian Tertiary Education and Quality Standards Agency (TEQSA), the national regulator of higher education in Australia.

PROGRAM OUTCOME

Upon successful completion of the program, students will be able to gain admission into a suitable undergraduate program, including gaining a minimum IELTS score of 5.0 (equivalent to an ETS SAT score of 1100).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Contact the UOWD College for more information about the entry requirements.
PROGRAM AND STRUCTURE

The program is offered as a full-time program over a period of two semesters. An integral part of the program will be the advice and guidance regarding progression pathways within UOWD. The advice and guidance sessions are designed to assist students in choosing the relevant pathway and also to develop student engagement.

The program consists of 48 credit points and is offered over two regular semesters. It is divided into two main streams:

**Stream 1**: Foundation for students seeking admission to undergraduate degrees in Business, Humanities and Information Systems

**Stream 2**: Foundation for students seeking admission to undergraduate degrees in Engineering and Computer Science.

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**Semester 1**

- Mathematics 1
- Business and Consumer Studies
- Skills for Academic Study 1
- English for Academic Study 1

- Advanced Mathematics 1
- Physics
- Skills for Academic Study 1
- English for Academic Study 1

**Semester 2**

- Mathematics 2
- Skills for Academic Study 1
- Computing Studies

- Advanced Mathematics 2
- Skills for Academic Study 2
- Computing Studies

Program Fees

University tuition fees are paid each semester according to the number of subjects you enrol in and their associated credit point weightings. Please check https://www.uowdubai.ac.ae/foundation-studies-program for a breakdown of fees and further information.

STEP-BY-STEP APPLICATION PROCESS

1. **Submit Your Completed Application Form Online or In Person**
   
   Ensure your application includes the following documents in English:
   
   - An original or certified copy of your secondary school records
   - A Statement or Certificate of Completion of secondary school
   - Proof of your English language proficiency
   - 1 passport-sized photograph
   - A copy of your passport (and Residence Visa, if resident in the UAE)
   - Emirates ID (if you are a resident in the UAE)
   - Evidence of completing registration for compulsory national service if you are a male Emirates applicant

2. **UOWD Will Notify You of the Outcome of Your Application Within Two (2) Working Days**

3. **Clear Your Conditions as Stipulated in Your Offer Letter (If Any)**

4. **Return Your Acceptance Agreement and Pay Your Tuition Fee**

   Return the formal acceptance of the offer (Refer to Attachment ‘A’ or ‘B’ of your offer letter)

5. **Attend Enrolment & Orientation Day**

6. **Commence Your Studies**

SEMMETERS AND INTAKES

- **Spring Semester**
  - February - May
- **Summer Semester**
  - June - August
- **Autumn Semester**
  - September - January