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University of New England, Armidale, Australia



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# Welcome

to the University of New England,  
Armidale, Australia



It gives me great pleasure to introduce the University of New England's English Language Centre (ELC). The ELC offers high academic standards, a stimulating learning environment, excellent resources and ongoing learning support for International Students. ELC staff are highly qualified, friendly and experienced in helping language students achieve their goals. The Centre offers quality accredited English language courses that focus on the individual learning needs of students. General English (GE), English for Academic Purposes (EAP) and Introductory Academic Program (IAP) courses are conducted all year, and the internationally recognised International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is also offered regularly.

The ELC is based on the campus of UNE, located in the beautiful city of Armidale in northern New South Wales. The region is renowned for its friendly, safe communities, rich Australian culture, sporting facilities, entertainment venues and educational excellence. Armidale has a unique relaxed, regional lifestyle and a low cost of living, while still having all the facilities students would expect in a metropolitan area.

I look forward to welcoming you here to study.

Dr. Vernon Crew  
Director  
English Language and International Services





# University of New England

The English Language Centre is based on the Armidale campus of UNE. The majority of ELC students go on to further study at UNE. As one of Australia's oldest universities, UNE has a 70-year tradition of excellence in teaching, learning and research. Studying at the ELC on the UNE campus, you will enjoy the perfect balance between high educational standards and an outstanding lifestyle.

UNE is a unique Australian university, and is in the enviable position of being able to boast an excellent international reputation as well as being a leader in research and academic innovation. International students who attend UNE consistently cite the high level of interaction with teaching and academic staff, together with the passion of researchers at the University as a large part of the reason they rate their time at UNE so highly.

The Good Universities Guide for 2010 has awarded UNE its top rating (five stars) for "graduate satisfaction". UNE has achieved this rating for 10 out of the past 11 years - an achievement matched by no other Australian university. This rating demonstrates that UNE

provides not only excellent teaching, but also an environment where students can develop as fully-rounded individuals.

UNE was also awarded the five star rating for "teaching quality". This award reflects the dedication of the University's teaching and support staff and maintains the University's long-standing reputation for teaching excellence.



UNE was the only regional university in NSW to be awarded five stars for quality teaching.

UNE is proud of its vigorous research. Staff and students are actively engaged in internationally recognised research across all academic fields. Our scholars and scientists have world-class reputations through their contributions to fields such as rural science, agricultural economics, law, educational administration, linguistics, archaeology, nursing and education.

UNE is listed in the Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU) 2007 rankings



Karim Mohammad  
Bhiab, Iraq  
Studying EAP, then PhD in  
Rural Science

I chose to study in Australia because of the high quality of courses and the long history of teaching international students. I like the method of teaching at the ELC, and the teachers are always very kind and helpful. I've learned a lot about Australian culture, and my experience of studying with other international students is truly wonderful.

of World Universities as one of the top 500 universities in the world, and one of the top 100 universities in the Asia Pacific. UNE's inclusion in these rankings confirms its place as one of the great teaching and learning universities in the world.

One of UNE's greatest strengths is its residential system, the most comprehensive of all Australian universities, allowing students to interact with people from 75 countries and forge friendships that last a lifetime. UNE and the ELC understand the importance of a balance between academic pursuits and leisure and so offer extensive academic, recreational, sporting, cultural, and entertainment opportunities.

The University is in the city of Armidale, in the heart of the picturesque New England Tableland region of the State of New South Wales. The New England region is famous for its magnificent gorges, waterfalls and rivers, history and vibrant culture, and for the contrasting beauty of four distinct seasons. Armidale is a regional Australian community that is proud of its welcoming multicultural society. This is reflected in its support of international events when students share their culture through food fairs, concerts and displays of artefacts, and the Mayor's official welcome to Armidale for new international students, a ceremony held in the Town Hall.

One of the greatest benefits of studying at UNE and the ELC is the relaxed lifestyle of the campus and Armidale in general. Armidale is a friendly, vibrant community and is complemented by a surrounding landscape of rolling hills and masses of eucalyptus trees that lead to dramatic gorges and waterfalls within easy distance of the city itself. Armidale is well-placed approximately half-way between the metropolitan cities of Sydney and Brisbane. With an easygoing and unpolluted lifestyle, it is the ideal place for students to live while studying.



# Why Study at the English Language Centre?



## The ELC

- is a fully accredited, university-based language centre with modern teaching materials, facilities and methods.
- is an integrated part of the University of New England (UNE). This means that students can progress from basic language learning to internationally recognised undergraduate and postgraduate degrees on the same campus.
- has academic language courses which ensure that students are equipped for academic study.
- has quality assurance processes to ensure that courses are delivered to the highest standard.
- has multiple entry dates for its courses over 44 weeks of the year.
- has a highly qualified teaching staff, specialising in English language instruction for students from Elementary to Advanced English levels. Staff possess a diverse range of skills and spoken languages and are committed to providing students with an outstanding language learning experience.
- aims to offer students the complete 'Australian' experience, with ongoing support, activities and tours, social functions and student interaction.
- offers Pathways to UNE Degrees on successful completion of language courses.

## UNE

- is a centre for exceptional excellence, boasting a strong heritage and links to tens of thousands of alumni across the world.
- is a leader in research innovation and offers internationally renowned degrees.
- offers a lively residential collegiate environment with many different accommodation choices on campus, including a self-catering student village.
- has world-class sporting facilities available on campus.



Depending on their individual study requirements, students can choose from the ELC courses listed below.

## General English (GE)

This course is most suitable for:

- students needing to improve their English to understand and talk to people at work.
- students intending to travel in Australia and want to know something about the culture as well as the language.
- students who already know some English and would like to learn more.

This program is taught at four different levels, from elementary to upper-intermediate and gives students a solid understanding of day to day English they can use at work, while travelling throughout Australia, or for any time when English may be needed. Students can also use General English as a starting point for entry into the English for Academic Purposes program.

For more information about General English, see page 8.

## English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

EAP is most suitable for students who intend to study at UNE or another Australian university and need to improve their English to gain entry. As well as developing language, this course introduces students to Australian academic culture.

The ELC offers 4 levels of EAP which means there are more entry dates and greater flexibility.

For more information about English for Academic Purposes, see page 10.

## Introductory Academic Program (IAP)

This program is most suited to those students who have achieved entry to UNE or another Australian university and wish to learn higher level research writing, presentation, and analytical reading skills, while improving their listening and speaking. The program is offered twice a year, before orientation and enrolment, for students to refresh academic English skills and be introduced to the university academic culture.

For more information about the Introductory Academic Program, see page 12.

## Study Tour Programs

Walk through ancient forests, watch kangaroos laze in the sun, talk with friendly locals, learn how to throw a boomerang and see what Australian students do in class. Live with an Australian family or stay in a university college with other students. A study tour is a great way to learn English and at the same time, experience the Australian way of life up close.

For more information about planning a Study Tour, see page 13.



## How to Choose the Right Course at ELC



# General English (GE)

**CRICOS**  
Course Code:  
**018622M**

The General English (GE) course comprises four 10 week modules, although students can undertake between 5 and 40 weeks of the course, depending on their current English abilities and desired outcomes.

## The GE course:

- is for any student from a non-English speaking background. Basic communication skills in English would be an advantage but the ELC caters for all English language abilities.
- provides entry into English for Academic Purposes (EAP) for students who do not initially meet the EAP entry requirements.
- includes 210 hours of ESL (English as a Second Language) classes and 40 hours of self-access time in a multi-media lab, totalling 250 hours for each 10 week course.



Before beginning the General English program, the English language skills of students are assessed. This determines the level at which students will commence their program of English language tuition.

The General English course aims to:

1. Develop skills and strategies in:
  - Speaking and understanding English in informal social and community contexts;
  - Reading English for leisure purposes and for transactional purposes;
  - Writing English for social purposes and for transactional purposes;
2. Develop pronunciation, grammar and fluency skills using contemporary Australian teaching methods.
3. Extend learners' awareness of cross-cultural differences and of how to use language appropriately to negotiate these differences.
4. Develop skills for independent learning outside the classroom.

Students receive a Progress Report during the course and a Certificate of Completion upon finishing the course successfully.

## Levels of Study

- General English 1 10 weeks Elementary
- General English 2 10 weeks Pre-Intermediate
- General English 3 10 weeks Intermediate
- General English 4 10 weeks Upper-Intermediate

## General English (GE) - sample weekly timetable

Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00-10.30am	Integrated -Listening, Speaking, Reading & Writing	Integrated -Listening, Speaking, Reading & Writing	Integrated -Listening, Speaking, Reading & Writing	Integrated -Listening, Speaking, Reading & Writing	Integrated -Listening, Speaking, Reading & Writing
10.30-11.00am			BREAK		
11.00-12.30pm	Integrated -Listening, Speaking, Reading & Writing	Integrated -Listening, Speaking, Reading & Writing	Integrated -Listening, Speaking, Reading & Writing	Integrated -Listening, Speaking, Reading & Writing	Review
12.30-1.30pm			LUNCH		
1.30-2.00pm	Consultation/ Self Access Study	Consultation/ Self Access Study	Consultation/ Self Access Study	Consultation/ Self Access Study	Consultation/ Self Access Study
2.00-3.00pm	Vocabulary & Pronunciation	Reading Skills	Listening Skills	Grammar Awareness	Writing Skills
3.00-4.00pm	Study Centre Self Access	Study Centre Self Access	Study Centre Self Access	Study Centre Self Access	3.00-4.00pm Speaking Skills



Eujin Kim,  
South Korea, Studying GE  
Armidale is a good study environment, and the GE program at the ELC has really helped me to improve my writing skills. I'm learning a lot from my friends and instructors at the ELC.



# English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

Modules 1,2,3 & 4  
Pre-Intermediate to Advanced

CRICOS  
Course Code:  
066996E



Li Chen, China  
Studying EAP, then Bachelor  
of Commerce  
The teachers at the ELC are  
very good, and they have great  
teaching skills, which helps my  
English improve quickly.

## The EAP Course:

- is for students who wish to develop English language proficiency and study skills for tertiary study in Australia.
- offers direct entry into University of New England for those students who already meet the academic requirements of their chosen UNE program. Students should note that some UNE courses require a higher than the minimum IELTS score and so completion of more advanced EAP may be required.
- can also be undertaken by students who wish to improve their English language skills to an advanced level, but do not necessarily wish to undertake further tertiary study.
- consists of four 10 week courses. Classes are held for 25 hours each week, from 9:00am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday.

Students must meet the following entry requirements:

- Completion of secondary school
- Have completed some English studies at secondary school
- Be at least or an IELTS may be required.
- Satisfy English Language entry requirements for each EAP level

Students with low English proficiency levels may be required to undertake preliminary study in General English for up to 20 weeks prior to entering EAP.

The English for Academic Purposes course aims to:

1. Develop skills and strategies in:
  - Speaking and understanding English in informal social contexts - Speaking Australian English
  - Speaking and understanding English in academic contexts
  - Reading English
    - for academic purposes
    - for general communication purposes

- Writing English
  - for academic purposes
  - to avoid plagiarism
- Study resources
  - library research skills
  - computing skills for study purposes.

2. Extend learners' awareness of cross-cultural differences and of how to use language appropriately to negotiate these differences.

3. Develop strategies appropriate for independent learning in an Australian university.

Students receive Progress Reports during the course and a Certificate of Completion upon completing the course successfully.

## English for Academic Purposes - sample weekly timetable

Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00-10.30am	Academic Speaking Skills	Academic Speaking Skills	Academic Speaking Skills	Presentation Skills	Guest Lecture (9.15-10.15am)
10.30-11.00am			BREAK		
11.00-12.30pm	Academic Reading Skills	Academic Reading Skills	Academic Writing Skills	Academic Writing Skills	Academic Writing Skills
12.30-1.30pm			LUNCH		
1.30-2.00pm	Consultation/ Self Access Study	Consultation/ Self Access Study	Consultation/ Self Access Study	Consultation/ Self Access Study	Consultation/ Self Access Study
2.00-3.00pm	Study Centre Self Access	Study Centre Self Access	Study Centre Self Access	Study Centre Self Access	2.00-3.30pm Research Skills
3.00-4.00pm	Vocabulary Development	Grammar Awareness	Pronunciation Skills	Review	3.30-4.00pm Singing

\*Timetable will vary according to which EAP Level each student is placed

# Introductory Academic Program (IAP)

**CRICOS  
Course Code:  
056061B**

The Introductory Academic Program (IAP)

- is designed for students who are intending to study in an Australian university for the first time.
- is also for students who wish to update their study skills and English language skills prior to commencing undergraduate or postgraduate study.
- is ideal for students who meet university entry requirements or who have accepted a place at university in Australia, and require study assistance to meet their academic goals.

The English Language Centre offers Language Study Tours which are great opportunities for students to gain a genuine Australian experience.

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These study tours can also be organised for groups of people who:

- are travelling in Australia;
- want to combine a tour with English language study
- are international students studying at UNE.

Please contact English Language and International Services for visa information. It is possible to study up to 16 weeks of English on a visitor or working holiday visa.

- a walk through World Heritage forests from ancient times
- lessons in throwing a boomerang
- an excursion to local schools to meet Australian school students
- a visit to the beach and coastal towns with great food, sightseeing and shopping
- a visit to a working farm with sheep shearing

Accommodation can be arranged with an Australian home with a host family or in a UNE residential college with other university students.

Both accommodation options provide students with a room, three meals a day and weekend activities.

To organise a Study Tour or for further information please contact Mr Mark Cooper, Study Tour Coordinator in English Language and International Services: [studytours@une.edu.au](mailto:studytours@une.edu.au)

## Study Tours



The IAP course is conducted over five weeks and aims to develop skills and strategies in:

- Academic reading and writing skills – extended research skills;
- Academic presentation skills;
- Lecture and tutorial participation skills;
- Computer and library skills for study purposes;
- Orientation to Australian University teaching and learning practices.

Additional units are available in:

- Note-taking skills;
- Australian culture and society; and
- Speaking Australian English.

Assessment takes place throughout the course, with overall assessment carried out in the final weeks of the course. During the IAP, students also receive support in understanding issues such as:

- plagiarism and how to avoid it;
- finding their own voice in writing;
- critical analysis of text; and
- communicating with lecturers/supervisors.

On finishing their five week program, students will have completed an appropriately referenced paper on their area of study and given a professional presentation to the class. A certificate of completion is presented on the last day of the program.

### Introductory Academic Program - sample weekly timetable

Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00-10.30am	Learning Strategies In a University Context	Academic Listening Skills	Academic Listening Skills	Academic Writing Skills	Academic Reading Skills
10.30-11.00am			BREAK		
11.00-12.30pm	Academic Reading Skills	Library Skills e-resources	Extended Research & Writing Skills	Extended Research & Writing Skills	Extended Research & Writing Skills
12.30-1.30pm			LUNCH		
1.30-2.00pm	Consultation/ Self Access Study	Consultation/ Self Access Study	Consultation/ Self Access Study	Consultation/ Self Access Study	Consultation/ Self Access Study
2.00-3.00pm	Orientation to Australian Society	Understanding Academic Culture	Presentation Skills	Academic Vocabulary Development	Understanding Academic Culture
3.00-4.00pm	Internet Research Skills/Research Project	Computer Skills/Research project	Academic Vocabulary Development	Study Centre Personal Focus	Internet Research Skills/ Research Project

Study Tours available include:

- English and Australian Cultural Experience
- English and Music
- English for Performing Arts
- English and Sport and Leisure
- English and Aboriginal Cultural Experience
- English for Teachers

Each Study Tour is a unique experience. As Armidale is a regional city, the Australian bush, flora and fauna are close at hand.

ELC can organise:

- a meeting with friendly locals
- a close-up look and feel of Australian animals like the kangaroo and koala



## UNE Services and Facilities

**UNE has many facilities on campus, including shopping and banking, a newsagent and post office and sporting and entertainment facilities. Everything students need is on campus, including two cafés for lunch, snacks or an espresso coffee during the day, a hair salon with great deals for students, and two bookshops for all students' textbook requirements.**

### Sporting Facilities

Sport UNE offers students inexpensive access to a great range of on-campus sporting facilities, including rock-climbing, soccer, yoga, archery, hockey and basketball.

The recreational facilities at Sport UNE include:

- Fully equipped gym with highly qualified staff;
- A 25 metre, six-lane indoor heated pool;
- A modern weight training gym
- Group fitness/aerobics classes including bike workout, dance classes and boxing;
- Rock-climbing wall;
- Seven squash courts, three championship table tennis tables and eight floodlit hard court tennis courts;
- Basketball, volleyball, badminton, netball and indoor soccer on the two-court indoor multi-purpose stadium
- Five soccer fields, three rugby fields;
- Two synthetic surface hockey fields;
- Six grass and clay tennis courts;
- Four synthetic cricket wickets and one turf cricket wicket;
- Australian Rules Football oval; and
- Grass athletics track and facilities.

### Religious Services

Chaplains at UNE have been appointed by the religious organisation to which they belong.

Regular activities include discussions with people seeking meaning and purpose in life; offering assistance to people who approach them for support in times of crisis; and providing opportunities for prayer, study and meditation.

UNE has a mosque on campus which sells Halal food at different times during the week, as well as providing prayer facilities for all Muslims, including Friday prayers. For further information visit <http://www.une.edu.au/mosque/>

Religious organisations which have members or services in Armidale include Anglican, Baha'i Faith; Baptist; Buddhist; Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints; Hindu; Lutheran; Presbyterian; Quakers; Roman Catholic, Salvation Army, Seventh Day Adventist and Uniting Church.

More information about religious services on campus is available at <http://www.une.edu.au/chaplaincy>



### Campus Maps

Maps of the Armidale campus are available online at <http://www.une.edu.au/timetable/maps.php>

# Armidale Lifestyle

Armidale is a centrally located city in the northern tablelands of New South Wales. Its fine buildings, tree-lined streets and numerous parklands make it a beautiful city. Many buildings have heritage significance including civic, commercial and institutional buildings, private dwellings and two cathedrals. Students find that Armidale has most of the facilities and benefits of a metropolitan centre but with the advantages of a safe, secure and clean environment. The city has music venues, theatres, restaurants, cafes, pubs, entertainment and sporting facilities and a full range of shops to cater for all tastes and budgets.

Armidale's relatively small population of 26,000 makes it easier to join clubs and organisations, to get to know people and become part of the community. The city's sporting facilities include a superb golf course, tennis clubs, outdoor and indoor (heated) swimming pools, gymnasiums, and sailing, bushwalking, orienteering and canoeing clubs. There are also many local sporting teams to participate in (or watch from the sideline!); football (also called 'soccer' in Australia), cricket, hockey, rugby, swimming and athletics are among numerous other sports happening around the city.

Undoubtedly Armidale's greatest natural asset is its proximity to some of the State's most magnificent National Parks, including Warrabah, Cathedral Rock, Guy Fawkes River, Oxley Wild Rivers and New England. Many students find a weekend getaway to one of these nearby national parks is an ideal escape from the pressures of study. Armidale

is only a two-hour drive from the coastal city of

Coffs Harbour and the beaches of the north coast of NSW.

Before arriving in Armidale, students may find it useful to visit some websites to become familiar with the Armidale environment.

<http://www.armidaletourism.com.au>

<http://www.armidale.info/index.htm>

Armidale is one of the relatively few areas in Australia that enjoys four distinct seasons, with cold, dry winters, glorious summers and a beautiful springtime. Consistent with the New England region's name, there are many exotic trees that turn Armidale into a blaze of colour in autumn.

Students should consider the weather when planning for their stay in Australia. They should ensure that they bring appropriate clothing for the different seasons, particularly winter. In winter the days are usually sunny and warm, but evenings can be cold, with overnight temperatures as low as -4C to -6C.

## Armidale Weather

Average Temperatures (Celsius)

	Max	Min
Jan	27.2°	13.4°
Apr	20.5°	7.5°
Jun	12.9°	1.6°
Sep	17.7°	3.7°
Dec	26.6°	12.2°

Average Rainfall Rain (mm)

Jan	104.5
Apr	46.2
July	48.4
Oct	67.7
Dec	26.6

## Transport

Most international students arrive in Australia at Sydney's International Airport and then travel to Armidale by airplane, train or bus.

When students arrive by airplane in Sydney, they will enter Australia through the International Terminal (T1). Flights to Armidale leave from the Domestic Terminal (T2). Students should allow 2 hours to complete Immigration and Customs requirements in T1. They will then need to take their baggage to the Domestic Check-in for their flight to Armidale. This is located within T1. Free transport is provided from T1 to T2, which is some distance away. As it may take some time to clear Immigration and Customs (especially when arriving at a busy time), when booking connecting flights students should give themselves enough time to complete formalities and get to T2 in time for their domestic

flight to Armidale.

Terminal information is available online at <http://www.sydneyairport.com.au/SACL/Terminal+Information/default.htm>

The flight to Armidale takes just over one hour. QANTASLink flies several times daily from Sydney to Armidale. Check the flight schedules and/or book flights online at <http://www.qantas.com.au/>

The airport at Armidale is seven kilometres from the city centre. Students can catch a taxi from the airport to their accommodation. Alternatively, students can organise free pick-up by completing the Arrival Form found in the Offer Guide that students receive with their ELC offer and submitting it to UNE International Services at least two weeks prior to arriving.



Greyhound website at <http://www.greyhound.com.au/>

There is also a daily CountryLink train service that runs from Sydney to Armidale. Information on tickets can be found on the CountryLink website at <http://www.countrylink.info/>

## Food

Armidale offers a wide variety of food from different cultures and traditions. All supermarkets stock a range of Asian, Indian, Middle Eastern and European ingredients and fresh fruit, vegetables, meat and poultry are readily available. There are also many restaurants and cafes which serve a variety of food including Chinese, Thai, Indian, Mediterranean and European.



If planning to travel from Sydney or Brisbane to Armidale by road, buses run directly to Armidale from either of these cities on a daily basis. Further information on buses to Armidale can be found on the

Shili Wang, China  
Studying EAP, then Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning  
I chose to study in Australia because of the wonderful environment, friendly people, and the relaxed teaching style. Living in Armidale is not only good for my study, but it is also good for my life. I feel 'at home' here and I am getting more and more confident in my English, especially talking to the lovely people in the community!





### Employment

Armidale has a variety of local supermarkets, retailers, restaurants, cafés and rural industries which can provide casual and part-time employment opportunities for students.

Two new major shopping centres were recently completed in Armidale, greatly increasing the opportunities for international students to find employment in the local area. International students who stay in Armidale during holiday periods will often have an advantage over others seeking work, as many employers prefer to hire people who can continue to work during these times.

For more information on current employment opportunities in Armidale, consult the following websites.

*Armidale in General*

<http://www.armidale.info>

<http://jobsearch.gov.au>

*Coles Myer (including supermarkets and retail stores):*

<http://colesgroup.com.au/Careers>

*Woolworths Supermarkets:*

<http://www.wowcareers.com.au/wowcareers/woolworths/home/>

It is important to remember that employment outside students' academic work should not impact on attendance or academic progress at UNE. More information on finding employment can be obtained from International Services staff upon arrival.



### Work Rights

Students receive permission to work as one of the conditions of their visa. They are not permitted to work until they have started their course. Students can work up to 20 hours a week while their course is in session (excluding any work undertaken as a registered component of study or training) and they can work unlimited hours during scheduled course breaks.

Family members of students are not allowed to work until the student begins the course. They are allowed to work up to 20 hours per week at all times. Family members of students who have started a Masters or Doctorate course may work unlimited hours.

See: <http://www.immi.gov.au/students/> for more details. Students should contact the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) in Australia for the latest requirements, as these may vary.

### Living Expenses Table

The following table provides a basic indication of living expenses International Students should take into account. More information about accommodation options can be found online at <http://www.une.edu.au/imp/accommodation/>

*All prices are in AUD*

Establishment Costs	Off-Campus	On-Campus*
Bond (one months rent)	\$320 - \$480	\$50 (application fee) \$250 maintenance fee
Two weeks rent in advance	\$120 - \$240	n/a
Utilities Connection (phone + electricity/gas)	\$150	\$150 (phone + internet)
General Costs (furniture, linen, heating etc)	\$200 - \$700	n/a
TOTAL	\$790 - \$1520	\$450

Semester Costs	Off-Campus	On-Campus
Textbooks	\$200 - \$400	\$200 - \$400
Stationery	\$50	\$50
TOTAL	\$250 - \$450	\$250 - \$450

Ongoing Living Costs (weekly)	Off-Campus	On-Campus
Rent	\$80 - \$120	\$230 - \$260
Food	\$50 - \$60	(inclusive)
Utilities Connection (phone + electricity)	\$15	\$0 - \$10
Travel (bus travel or petrol for car)	\$20	\$0 - \$10
Recreation	\$40	\$40
Clothing	\$20	\$20
Personal (toiletries etc)	\$20	\$20
WEEKLY TOTAL	\$245 - \$295	\$310 - \$360

### Accommodation

The city of Armidale offers many different accommodation options for students, including fully catered lodging, boarding houses, share houses and private rentals. Further information about accommodation in Armidale can be found online at <http://www.une.edu.au/imp/accommodation/>

### On-Campus

The University of New England campus offers seven residential colleges and a self-catering village residential system (known as Wright Village). All colleges on campus are fully catered, which means that breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided every day, together with regular cleaning and linen services. There are always college staff members available to assist students, and each college also assigns senior students to look after and support students during their time at college.

Wright Village (independent living) offers on-campus accommodation, in the form of four, six or eight bedroom units in which students each have their own bedrooms, but share communal living space, kitchen, bathroom and laundry facilities with flatmates. Accommodation is self-catered, which means students buy their own groceries and cook their own food. Further information about living on-campus, including current college fees, can be found online at

<http://www.une.edu.au/imp/accommodation/>

### Off-Campus

There are always houses and units for rent in Armidale, though students need to be aware that during the four - six weeks before semester begins there is a much higher demand for housing and they need to take into account the extra time it may take to find suitable accommodation during this period. When deciding to rent a house or unit, students need to take into consideration whether they will live on their own or with other people, and the cost of setting up a house, which will include a bond (equal to four weeks rent), furniture, electricity connection, phone connection and other setup costs.

Properties for rent can be located through Armidale Real Estate Agents listed here:

[http://www.une.edu.au/recruit/app\\_info/realestate.htm](http://www.une.edu.au/recruit/app_info/realestate.htm)

More information about accommodation options can be found online at <http://www.une.edu.au/imp/accommodation/>

### Activities for International Students

Throughout the year various activities are organised for international students studying at the Armidale campus. Activities held each year are excursions to various surrounding areas such as Dorrigo National Park, Wollomombi Gorge, Dangar Falls, Coffs Harbour, Koala Rescue Centre at Uralla, the Blue Hole, Moonbi, and Nundle. Other activities include camping and spotlighting, sheep shearing and bush dancing. For a full list of activities visit

<http://www.une.edu.au/elis/>



Hiroaki Miro,  
Japan, Studying EAP  
I live at Mary White College on-campus and like hearing the 'Aussie' accent there. I play tennis on the weekends with my friends and really like the Australian experience in Armidale.

# Admission Information

Admission to study at UNE ELC involves a number of steps as set out below. These steps are intended to assist applicants through the various stages of the admission process. If applicants have any questions at any stage during the process they should contact International Marketing and Pathways for assistance.

1. All international students applying to study at UNE ELC must complete the International Student Admission Application Form and submit it to International Marketing and Pathways for assessment. Applications can be lodged online at <http://www.une.edu.au/imp/apply/applicationform.php> or by completing the application form available in this prospectus. Applicants who wish to apply through one of UNE's authorised Agents can access the following website to locate their nearest agent: <http://www.une.edu.au/imp/agents/> Applicants should ensure that they attach certified copies of transcripts of all relevant previous studies and evidence of English language proficiency and any other documentation requested on the application form.  
If documents are in a language other than English, an officially certified English translation of each document must be provided together with certified copies of the original documents.
2. Upon assessment, if the application is successful a Conditional or Unconditional Offer of Admission will be issued together with the UNE International Offer Guide, an Offer Acceptance Form and all other information relevant to an applicant accepting their offer. The university will advise students in writing if their application is unsuccessful.
3. Applicants need to sign the Offer Acceptance Form and return it to International Marketing and Pathways together with the required payment and any other documentation

requested by the university.

4. When International Marketing and Pathways receives the completed Offer Acceptance Form and the required tuition fees, it will process the payment and issue the Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) – the form used to apply for a Student Visa from an Australian Embassy, High Commission or the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) as appropriate.

Students must obtain a Student Visa before they come to study full-time in Australia. Information on obtaining a Student Visa is available online at <http://www.immi.gov.au>

5. Upon being granted their Student Visa, students should make travel arrangements including applying on-line for accommodation at <https://residences.une.edu.au/Starappweb/>

Students should advise International Services at [elc@une.edu.au](mailto:elc@une.edu.au) of their travel arrangements and request airport or railway station reception as instructed in the International Offer Guide.

6. Students should arrive and attend the ELC Student Orientation and Enrolment after which they will commence their formal course at UNE.

#### Tuition Fees

Enrolment Fee	AUD250
2010 – 2011	AUD295 per week

ELC Course Fees only cover the cost of tuition. They do not include other expenses associated with university study such as books and equipment, accommodation and living expenses. For students successful in gaining admission to study at UNE's ELC the Offer of Admission will list the exact tuition fees a student is required to pay. The Offer of Admission will also list other fees payable including compulsory Overseas Student Health Cover.

#### Refund of Tuition Fees Policy

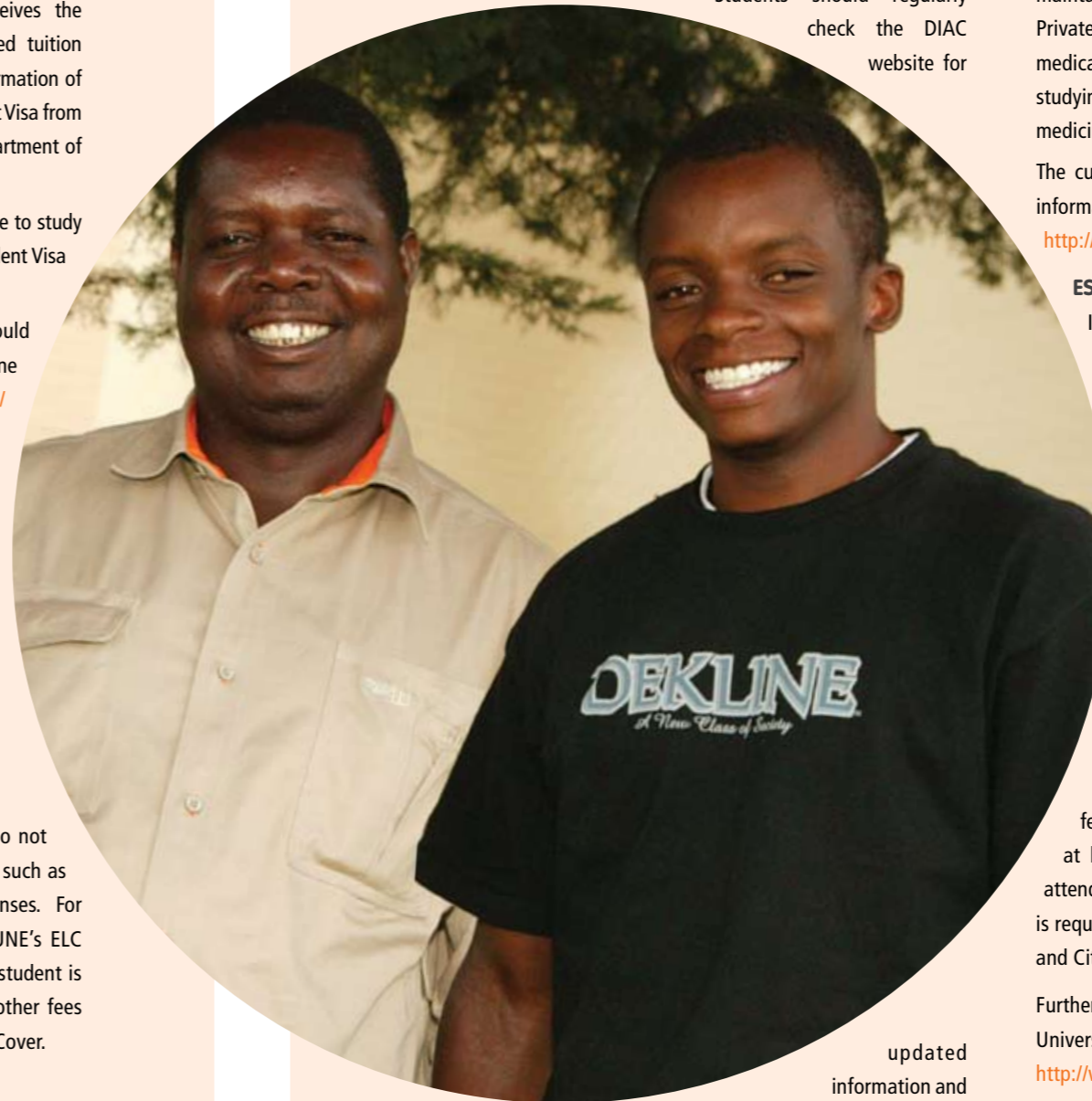
UNE's Refund of Tuition Fees policy can be found online at <http://www.une.edu.au/imp/apply/admissionsinfo.php#item6>

#### Obtaining a Student Visa

International students intending to study full-time on campus at UNE will need to obtain a Student Visa. The Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) website: <http://www.immi.gov.au> has comprehensive information on applying for a Student Visa to study in Australia, including application forms. Please note that Student Visas granted to international students for their study in Australia have conditions attached. These are outlined in detail on the DIAC website and students' obligations are also outlined in

the International Offer Guide issued with the Offer of Admission.

Students should regularly check the DIAC website for



updated information and changes to legislation

and processing arrangements affecting their intention to study in Australia on a Student Visa.

#### Overseas Student Health Cover

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) is the private health insurance international students and their dependents are required to purchase as a condition of their Student Visa. Some Norwegian and Swedish students do not require OSHC as these countries have national health schemes which provide adequate health insurance overseas. UNE currently has an agreement with Medibank Private, a private health fund, to facilitate the provision of OSHC for international students.

Students should note that it is a condition of their Student Visa to maintain current OSHC for the duration of their visa. Medibank Private Overseas Student Health Cover pays the cost of most medical and hospital treatment students may require while studying in Australia and will contribute to the cost of prescription medicines and emergency ambulance transport.

The current cost of Overseas Student Health Cover and further information about the scheme is located at <http://www.medibank.com.au>

#### ESOS Framework

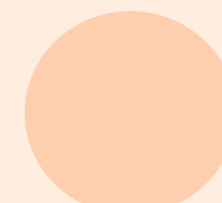
International students who are intending to study on-campus in Australia should be aware that Australia's laws promote quality education and consumer protection. These laws are known as the ESOS framework and they include the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000 and the National Code.

For further information about the ESOS framework, refer to the following Australian Government website: <http://www.aei.gov.au/AEI/ESOS/default.htm>

#### Attendance Requirements

If you are studying an English language program at the UNE English Language Centre (ELC) you must attend classes for a minimum of 80% of the total tuition time for the program. When you accept your offer and pay your fees for an English Language program you agree to maintain at least 80% attendance. The University will monitor your attendance and if it falls below the 80% minimum the University is required by law to report this to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC).

Further information about attendance requirements and the University's monitoring of attendance is available at <http://www.une.edu.au/elc/>



# Arriving in Australia



## Pre-Arrival and Arrival Checklist

Before planning your trip to Australia, you should carefully read UNE's Pre-Arrival Checklist at <http://www.une.edu.au/elis/australia/>. Print the checklist and carry it with you to Australia in case you need to refer to it along the way.

The following is a list of things you should bring with you to study at UNE:

- A valid passport
- Your student visa and entry permit
- If you have applied on-line and have obtained an E-Visa, you should bring along a hard copy of the confirmation which states the visa expiry date.
- Your letter of offer from UNE
- A copy of your Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE)
- Certified copies of your academic qualifications, English Proficiency and if you are applying for Advanced Standing – details of your course outlines, assessment methods, contact hours, subject duration and textbooks used.
- Some form of identification such as a Driver's Licence, certified copies of your birth certificate or other form of official identification.
- Bring enough money to cover initial expenses such as accommodation (rent, bond, utilities, furnishings etc), study materials, personal effects, food and transport.
- Any prescription medicine that you may need when you initially arrive (make sure any medication is legal and is clearly marked).

**Before Arriving** at UNE, you should make sure you have completed these tasks:

- Return the 'Offer Acceptance Form', the 'Payment Details Form' and the 'COE Request Form' to International Marketing and Pathways at [ioadmit@une.edu.au](mailto:ioadmit@une.edu.au)
- Arrange your accommodation. Temporary accommodation may be required for a few nights if you are going into a self-catered site.
- Return the "Arrival Form" to International Services to request pick-up from the airport or bus/train station upon your arrival in Armidale. Make sure that you receive confirmation.
- Make photocopies of your passport, visa and any other important documents. Leave one set at home and bring the other set in your luggage.

**On Arriving** at UNE, you should make sure you have completed these tasks:

- You should know where you need to be for ELC Orientation – including times and venues. International Services can help with any queries regarding orientation.
- Bring a pen, notebook, passport, student visa and list of units/subjects for enrolment.

- Apply for a UNE email account by visiting the following website at <https://login.une.edu.au/register> and completing the form.

It is compulsory for international students to attend Orientation. Make sure that you take notes as a lot of information will be given to you in a short space of time. If you are unsure about where you should be, you should go to the UNE International building on campus.

## Customs and Quarantine

When travelling to Australia to commence your studies, you should be aware that Australia has strict customs and quarantine laws. For further information about customs visit the Australian Customs Service website at <http://www.customs.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/GuideForTravellers.pdf>

For further information about quarantine laws visit the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) website at [www.aqis.gov.au](http://www.aqis.gov.au)

## Orientation

UNE provides all on-campus ELC students with a specialised Orientation Program on the Friday prior to the commencement of their course. On this day students also sit a placement test so that they can be allocated the most appropriate class for their level of English. Morning tea is provided and this gives the students the opportunity to meet with other students and their teachers. Interpreters will be available for students needing this service during the morning welcome and orientation. After morning tea students take a placement test, which is in three parts: listening, grammar and short writing task. This is followed by lunch which students need to bring for themselves. After lunch students are taken on a tour of the main buildings and features of UNE and the town of Armidale.

The Orientation Program must be attended by all new students. This means that students need to arrive during the week before their ELC program starts. Arrive at least 2 days before the Orientation and placement test date so that there is time to adjust to the different time zone and to sort out any accommodation and banking issues. The dates for compulsory orientation and recommended arrival date are listed in the key dates at the back of this brochure.

# Key Dates

## 2010

Course	Entry Requirements	Start Dates Available	Recommended Arrival Date	Compulsory Placement Test & Orientation	End Date
GE Modules 1 to 4 (10 - 40 weeks) 4 intakes	ELC offers all levels of GE; the length of study depends on visa requirements	Term 1 February 1, 2010	Term 1 January 27, 2010	Term 1 January 29, 2010	Term 1 April 9, 2010
EAP Module 1 (10 weeks) 4 intakes	IELTS 4.5 with no component less than 4.0, or equivalent	Term 2 April 19, 2010	Term 2 April 14, 2010	Term 2 April 16, 2010	Term 2 June 25, 2010
EAP Module 2 (10 weeks) 4 intakes	IELTS 5.0 with no component less than 4.5, or equivalent	Term 3 July 12, 2010	Term 3 July 7, 2010	Term 3 July 9, 2010	Term 3 September 17, 2010
EAP Module 3 (10 weeks) 4 intakes	IELTS 5.5 with no component less than 5.0, or equivalent	Term 4 September 27, 2010	Term 4 September 22, 2010	Term 4 September 24, 2010	Term 4 December 4, 2010
EAP Module 4 (10 weeks) 2 intakes	IELTS 6.0 with no component less than 5.5, or equivalent	Term 2 April 19, 2010 Term 4 September 27, 2010	Term 2 April 14, 2010 Term 4 September 22, 2010	Term 2 April 16, 2010 Term 4 September 24, 2010	Term 2 June 25, 2010 Term 4 December 4, 2010
IAP (5 weeks) 2 intakes	Proof of meeting entry requirements into any Australian University	UNE Semester 1 January 4, 2010 UNE Semester 2 June 7, 2010	UNE Semester 1 January 2, 2010 UNE Semester 2 June 5, 2010	N/A	UNE Semester 1 February 5, 2010 UNE Semester 2 July 9, 2010
IELTS Preparation (2 weeks) 5 intakes	IELTS 4.0 or equivalent	January 4, 2010 February 22, 2010 June 14, 2010 August 30, 2010 November 22, 2010	Please arrive the day before classes begin	Testing will take place on the first day of class	January 22, 2010 March 5, 2010 June 25, 2010 September 10, 2010 December 3, 2010

Please note that those students enrolled in IAP or a Study Tour receive their orientation on the first day of their program.

## 2011

Course	Entry Requirements	Start Dates Available	Recommended Arrival Date	Compulsory Placement Test & Orientation	End Date
GE Modules 1 to 4 (10 - 40 weeks) 4 intakes	ELC offers all levels of GE; the length of study depends on visa requirements	Term 1 January 24, 2011	Term 1 January 19, 2011	Term 1 January 21, 2011	Term 1 April 1, 2011
EAP Module 1 (10 weeks) 4 intakes	IELTS 4.5 with no component less than 4.0, or equivalent	Term 2 April 18, 2011	Term 2 April 13, 2011	Term 2 April 15, 2011	Term 2 June 24, 2011
EAP Module 2 (10 weeks) 4 intakes	IELTS 5.0 with no component less than 4.5, or equivalent	Term 3 July 11, 2011	Term 3 July 6, 2011	Term 3 July 8, 2011	Term 3 September 16, 2011
EAP Module 3 (10 weeks) 4 intakes	IELTS 5.5 with no component less than 5.0, or equivalent	Term 4 October 3, 2011	Term 4 September 28, 2011	Term 4 September 30, 2011	Term 4 December 9, 2011
EAP Module 4 (10 weeks) 2 intakes	IELTS 6.0 with no component less than 5.5, or equivalent	Term 2 April 18, 2011 Term 4 October 3, 2011	Term 2 April 18, 2011 Term 4 October 3, 2011	Term 2 April 18, 2011 Term 4 October 3, 2011	Term 2 April 18, 2011 Term 4 October 3, 2011
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