BEFORE APPLYING FAQ'S

- I have only completed 18 points towards my degree, but by the end of the semester, I will have completed 36. Can I apply now?
  Yes, you can. When the Global Learning Office reads your application the current semester is taken into consideration.

- My WAM is under 65, can I still apply?
  Yes, you can. If your WAM is between 63.5 and 65, your application will be considered marginal and as such you will be assessed by the Student Exchange Selection Committee.

- My WAM is under 63.5, can I still apply?
  If your WAM is currently under 63.5 and you believe your will be able to raise it to 63.5 by the end of semester, please submit an application. If your WAM is under 63.5 when your application is assessed, you application will not be considered.

- I’ll only have 18 points left in my degree to go on exchange with. Can I still apply?
  Yes, you can. However, your Allocated Course Advice Office will need to give special approval for you to take 18 credit points on exchange, instead of the full 24 points.

- I only have 6 or 12 points to complete. Can I go on a full semester exchange?
  No, students must have a minimum of 18 points remaining to be eligible for semester long exchange. Short term programs may be an option for you. See www.globalstudio.uwa.edu.au for more information.

- Can I complete more points than is required for my degree, to go on exchange?
  No, you are not able to exceed the number of points required for your degree, unless you have special extenuating circumstances. You will need to submit an application to your Allocated Course Advice Office.

- I have received advanced standing from another institution. Are these points/grades included?
  The advanced standing points will count towards the points you have completed (minimum of 36 required for full semester exchange). The grades from other institutions will not be included with our WAM.

- I am a postgraduate student. If I wait until I have completed 36 points, I will not have room for an exchange. What can I do?
  Please refer to the detailed information for post graduate students on the website: http://www.international.uwa.edu.au/students/exchange/eligibility

- I have failed some units; can I still apply for exchange?
  Yes, as long as your WAM is 63.5 or above, your application will be assessed by the Global Learning Office and Student Exchange Selection Committee.

- What universities are the most popular/hardest to get into?
  Each semester the Global Learning Office will produce a list of universities that have limited places available. Please attend an information session (http://www.international.uwa.edu.au/students/exchange/before-you-apply), or see the website (http://www.international.uwa.edu.au/students/exchange) for the limited places list.
- **Why is a university not available?**
  A university will not be available for you to apply to if we no longer have any places available. This occurs when we have sent the exchange university more students that we have received in return. The Global Learning Office will update this list every semester, before applications open. Please be sure to check the most up to date list before you apply.

- **How many places are available at each university?**
  There is not a standard set of places available for each university. As UWA is required to balance the number of students coming in from exchange partner universities and going out from UWA, the places available at each university can change each semester. The limited places list (available here: [http://www.international.uwa.edu.au/students/exchange](http://www.international.uwa.edu.au/students/exchange)) shows the universities that will only have 1 or 2 places available. It is strongly recommended that you do not select all 6 university preferences from this list, as it will significantly reduce your chance of being placed at a university. Universities that are not on the restricted list (ie. Not available this semester), or the limited places list, will have 3 or more exchange places available.

- **How do I choose an exchange university?**
  The most important criteria for choosing a university to go on exchange to, is if they offer your course to exchange students, if they are open to under- or postgraduate students and the duration of exchange matches your preferred duration. You can find out all this information for each university on our Global Studio Website university database. Please be prepared to go to any of your 6 university preferences, as students are quite often allocated to their 5th or 6th preferences.

- **How do I apply for exchange?**
  You apply online via Global Studio ([www.globalstudio.uwa.edu.au](http://www.globalstudio.uwa.edu.au)). You will need to apply for the Student Exchange Program.

- **What is the first step to going on exchange?**
  The first step to going on exchange is to attend an information session: [http://www.international.uwa.edu.au/students/exchange/before-you-apply](http://www.international.uwa.edu.au/students/exchange/before-you-apply). After attending, check that you can fit exchange easily into your degree structure. Please visit your Allocated Course Advice Office (you can find this on StudentConnect) and talk to them about your exchange options within your degree. The Advisers in your Allocated Office will help you re-arrange your study plan, if necessary, to ensure you have the most flexibility in your study plan, in your exchange semester. Broadening units and electives are the easiest to take on exchange, however, you can also take core units overseas.

- **How much will it cost?**
  On average one semester of exchange will cost you $15,000 AUD. This can vary depending on your destination and spending habits. Please see the website for available financial assistance: [http://www.international.uwa.edu.au/students/exchange/help](http://www.international.uwa.edu.au/students/exchange/help)

- **Are there scholarships available?**
  Yes, there are various scholarships available to you. Each have different eligibility criteria, and are funded from various sources. You will need to apply for the scholarships (via Global Studio). Please submit one application for the Study Abroad Scholarships. You will be considered for all scholarships that you meet the eligibility criteria for. Other forms of financial aid are also available to you through the Financial Aid office at Student Central.
- **What if I don’t speak another language?**
  Many of our exchange partner universities have classes taught in English. You will be able to find out if a foreign language is required in the University brochure in Global Studio ([www.globalstudio.uwa.edu.au](http://www.globalstudio.uwa.edu.au)).

- **Do I have to go for a full semester?**
  The exchange program is for full semester or year long exchange. If you think you would prefer to go for a shorter period of time, many Short Term Programs are available to you, you can find out more about Short Term programs here: [http://www.international.uwa.edu.au/students/exchange/short-term-programs](http://www.international.uwa.edu.au/students/exchange/short-term-programs)

- **Can I go with a friend?**
  You are able to indicate in your application Statement of Purpose that you wish to go with a specific friend, but it is usually very hard to place students at the same university and cannot be guaranteed.

- **Do I have to attend an information session before applying?**
  It is essential that you attend an information session before starting your application. These sessions cover many important things that you will need for your application.

- **When should I start planning my exchange?**
  You should start researching exchange about 6 months before the application deadline, which is generally 9 months before you will actually go on exchange. Some students may be required to change their enrolment to fit exchange into their application. Please see your Allocated Course Advice Office for advice.

- **Is accommodation guaranteed?**
  Accommodation is not always guaranteed and you will need to apply for it. Your Exchange Adviser will notify you when to do this. Please do not apply for accommodation before you are advised to.

- **Should I speak to my faculty before applying for exchange?**
  Yes, it is always best to discuss your plans with your Allocated Course Advice Office. They will be able to inform you if exchange is possible with your degree and which semester is best for you.

- **I am a Masters of Professional Engineering student. Why are there only 2 options in the database for me?**
  As the MPE is a relatively new degree, appropriate exchange universities have not yet been identified. Although there are only 2 universities currently listed for MPE students in our database, this does not mean you are restricted to these 2 universities. Please conduct and advanced search in Global Studio, for your area of Engineering, and select post graduate. You will then need to research the units offered at the universities in your search, to see if they match your requirements. The MPE has quite strict requirements, so you will need to match your units quite closely.
  It is highly recommended that you speak to the ECM Student Office before you apply for your exchange.

- **I am a Juris Doctor student.**
  The UWA Law School has identified a number of universities that are available to JD students. Please conduct and advanced search in Global Studio ([www.globalstudio.uwa.edu.au](http://www.globalstudio.uwa.edu.au)) for Juris Doctor. This list will be updated every semester.