Highly Recommended and Optional Activities

BALANCING LIFE AND UNIVERSITY
You’ve succeeded in getting into ECU but how will you balance a personal life with the new demands of study, adjust to the change and make it all work? Come along to this two hour workshop and find out how to manage it all as you begin this new and exciting journey. This workshop is designed to be fun, interactive and informative, focusing on topics such as personally adjusting to the transition, goal setting, as well as time and stress management. Bookings are required.

MANAGING YOUR FINANCES
Let Centrelink’s Financial Information Services show you how you can develop a working budget to manage your income and expenses as a student, and stick to it! Bookings are required.

HEALTH AND NUTRITION
Learn how to do more than microwave your dinner! An interactive presentation and cooking demonstration from Nutrition Australia. Bookings are required.

TOUR ECU SPORT AND FITNESS FACILITIES
Looking after your health while you’re studying is important, and what better way to do this than by visiting the University’s Sports and Fitness Centre. Bookings are required.

ADVANCED STANDING
Depending on your course or experience, you may be able to gain credit at ECU for the study or work experience you have already completed. This means reducing the number of units and/or time required to complete your ECU qualification. If you are returning to study from the workforce or you have studied at TAFE previously, come along to this one hour information session to find out if you’re eligible and how to apply for advanced standing. Bookings are required.

Orientation Doesn’t Stop Here...
If you missed any of the activities listed here or cannot get to campus, there will be some repeated activities offered during the first few weeks of semester and presentations from some of the Orientation activities will be provided online to ensure you still get that important headstart. Details can be accessed through the Orientation website.

WHERE TO FIND HELP DURING SEMESTER
Each semester the Learning Advisers offer free workshops that address specific aspects of your assessment tasks to help you improve your marks. Topics include Referencing, Assignment writing, Oral presentations and more. One-on-one appointments and drop-in sessions are also available to help you with your academic or information technology skills. Visit http://www.ecu.edu.au/student/learning for details.

Training sessions and support are also available from the Library throughout semester. Visit http://www.library.ecu.edu.au/training to find out more information or to register for activities.

Bookings required, visit http://www.ecu.edu.au/orientation/events.php

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Visit the Orientation website for more information and to register for activities http://www.ecu.edu.au/orientation
Welcome to ECU

Comming to University can be a little daunting and there may be some things, which you are not aware of, that you will need to know in order to be successful at University. ECU runs a comprehensive two-week Orientation program for new and transitioning students to help you familiarise yourself with the University and discover important information about what to expect in your course.

Joondalup Orientation activities run between Wednesday 10 and Saturday 20 February 2010. Various activities are available, many in repeat sessions, throughout this period. Some activities require bookings so you will need to check the Orientation website for availability.

Attend as many Orientation activities as you can, as those will give you an important head-start for your studies!

Essential Orientation Activities

WELCOME DAY & THE LAUNCH EVENT

It is important for you to attend the Welcome Day on Tuesday 16 February as this will be your official welcome to ECU and a number of important events and information will be provided throughout the day, including:

• Course Induction Sessions – where you will find out important information about your course.
• An official welcome from the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Kerry O.Cox.
• Information stalls and giveaways; and
• A free BBQ lunch.

The Welcome Day will run 10.00am – 1.30pm outside Building 32.

UNISTART

Unistart is a free academic transition program that is essential for all students about to commence their first year of study at ECU. Unistart consists of two modules:

• Unistart 1 – What you need to know about ECU’s IT systems.
• Unistart 2 – practical 60 minute course aimed at reducing levels of anxiety and familiarising students with IT and Information Technology systems. This session will cover the ECU website, Swin, MyECU, student e-mail and discussion forums.

UNISTART is run throughout the Orientation period. Specialist sessions are available for Non-AP students; however, you are welcome to attend any sessions that are convenient for you. Bookings are required.

VITAL INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The Vital Information for International Students session covers important information regarding your Visa that governs your stay in Australia and Overseas Health Cover. Information on using public transport, personal safety and security, as well as the support services available at ECU is also provided.

CULTURAL TRANSITION: RELOCATING AND LIFE AT ECU

Find out what to expect when moving to a new town, a new country, a new culture, a new learning environment, and how to make this transition smooth. One of our friendly ECU Counsellors will walk you through the main stages of transition and offer some key strategies to help you work through this change.

Interactive workshop isn’t just for students arriving from overseas, it is a must for all students about to settle into a new home town and/or University, and will help you get the most out of your time in Perth, and at ECU.

STUDENT SUPPORT AT ECU

As well as those attending Vital Information for International Students or an Information Session for New Students and Your Parents, Partners and Friends this 40-minute information session will introduce you to the many support services available to ECU students. From academic skills and personal counselling, to sports and social activities, find out what’s available to support you throughout your studies. Bookings are required.

Please note: this session will repeat information already provided at the Vital Information for International Students and Information Sessions for New Students and Your Parents, Partners and Friends. If you attended either of these activities you do not need to attend this session.

Ask Us!

During Orientation assistants will be available at our Information Points to answer your questions and offer advice on everything, from how to arrange your Student ID Card or activate your computer account, to getting around campus and registering for your Orientation activities, or even just having a chat about life at ECU! If you need help, simply drop into the Library on either of your Orientation activities, or even just having a chat about life.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

ECU offers two important activities to help you get acquainted with the library services on your campus.

• Library Tour and Orientation – Where to go and how to find it.
• Discover your campus library service. (Duration: 40 minutes; Tours depart from the Library foyer, Building 31, level 1).

Using Library Resources – A more in-depth look at locating books, journals and electronic resources in the ECU library collection. (Duration: 50 minutes).

Bookings are required.

COURSE INDUCTION SESSIONS

Your Course Induction Session contains specific details of your course study requirements, booklist, unit advice, practicum requirements (if applicable) and an opportunity to meet staff and students in your School. It is very important for you to attend this session.

Most Course Inductions will occur on the Welcome Day, Tuesday 16 February for the Joondalup Campus. Details of the times and locations of your Course Induction Session are outlined below, but please check your School and/or the Orientation website for any last minute changes. Session times are listed by Course Code, which is the 3-digit code shown at the top of your Offer Notification.

UNIVERSITY PREPARATION COURSE

If you do not know your course code, you can contact Student Central on 138 328, or ask one of the assistants at the Information Point, who will be happy to assist. If your Course Code is not listed below, your course may not have an induction, or it may be on the Mount Lawley or Bunbury Campus – please check the Orientation website or contact your Faculty for confirmation.