Understanding the unique names and abbreviations used at UWA can be challenging in your first few weeks — but it doesn’t have to be. To help get used to UWA’s lingo, here is some introductory information on the main terms you’ll hear.

**Academic withdrawal date:** The date by which you must withdraw from a unit of study to avoid a fail grade. If you wish to drop a unit, it is very important that you officially withdraw by this date. If you are still enrolled in the unit but do not attend classes or submit assignments, the unit will be recorded as a Fail on your academic transcript.

**ACE (Academic Conduct Essentials):** An online unit that introduces the basics of ethical scholarship. All new UWA students must complete the ACE quiz. You are automatically enrolled in the unit through your LMS account. You can do the quiz as many times as you need to get a minimum of 80% on the final quiz. [student.uwa.edu.au/1887215](http://student.uwa.edu.au/1887215)

**askUWA:** A UWA-wide online contact point where you can get answers to your UWA-related queries. You can access the service online 24/7. Check out the FAQs to see if your question has been answered already. If it hasn’t, you can submit a query online and it will be directed to the right person and answered within two university business days. Check out [uwa.edu.au/askuwa](http://uwa.edu.au/askuwa)

**Campus card:** Your student ID card displays your photo and student number. It is used for library borrowing, uploading printing credit and accessing buildings. You will also need your campus card to sit examinations, show proof of concession fares and display membership stickers. Keep it with you at all times while on campus.

**CARS (Communication And Research Skills):** A series of online tutorials in five modules: (1) Start your assignment (2) Find the best evidence (3) Write your assignment (4) Deliver your oral presentation and (5) Work in teams. You can attempt the quiz as often as you wish to achieve the 80 per cent pass mark. All first year undergraduate students in all disciplines must complete the unit by the due date. [student.uwa.edu.au/1908791](http://student.uwa.edu.au/1908791)

**CAS (Class Allocation System):** Allows you to register your preferences online for the tutorials and labs you attend as part of your units. [www.cas.uwa.edu.au](http://www.cas.uwa.edu.au)

**Census date:** The date by which you must finalise your enrolment; if you withdraw from a unit after this date, you will still have to pay for it.

**CMO (Course Materials Online):** Provides access to course reading lists through UWA Library’s OneSearch feature. Students can use CMO to access full text journal articles and book chapters, and to catalogue records of items held in the Library’s collections. CMO is accessible on or off-campus 24/7. [library.uwa.edu.au/information-resources/cmo](http://library.uwa.edu.au/information-resources/cmo)

**Eduroam:** Enables UWA staff and students to use their UWA Pheme login and password to access the internet and connect to UWA resources while visiting participating institutions worldwide. In turn, visitors from participating institutions will be able to connect to the internet via UWA’s wireless network.

**ISE (Indigenous Study Essentials):** An online unit which provides foundational understandings and knowledge about Indigenous Australians. The unit is non-credit, wholly online and self-paced. You can attempt the quiz as often as you wish to achieve the required 80 per cent pass mark. It is a mandatory unit for all first year students. [student.uwa.edu.au/2492959](http://student.uwa.edu.au/2492959)
LMS (Learning Management System): Provides electronic, unit-related materials to students at UWA. You can access announcements, learning materials, class discussions and quizzes. You can also submit your assignments and/or see your grades. LMS is UWA’s main learning management system. lms.uwa.edu.au

Lectures: Large formal classes that provide overviews of unit material. Attending lectures is very important to understanding your unit.

Pheme: Gives all UWA staff and students a unique online identity. Your secure Pheme account lets you access a multitude of services across the University with a single username and password. pheme.uwa.edu.au/

Prosh: One-day charity event run by the Student Guild where a team of dedicated writers get together to produce the PROSH paper, a satirical slant on current affairs. Students dress up in costumes and go outside uni grounds to sell the paper. prosh.com.au/

Reading week / non-teaching week: During semester selected units may have a reading week / non-teaching week when usual lectures, tutorials, labs etc. will not be held. They differ between units, so consult your Unit Outlines for information.

StudentConnect: UWA’s administration portal which stores your student record. It is an easy way to check and, in some cases, update your personal, enrolment and fee-related information. student.uwa.edu.au/2141427

Student guild: Student-run organisation that offers a range of services and activities, including student advocacy, events, clubs and societies. Guild membership gets you discounted prices at on-campus eateries, the UWA Recreation Centre and other services. Representatives are elected by students each year at the Guild Elections.

Student services and amenities fee (SSAF): A compulsory fee payable by all students enrolled at the university. It is used to provide a range of recreational, sporting and educational facilities and resources for the benefit of all students. Full details of how to pay the fee are provided on your electronic Statement of Account (eSOA), available on student Connect.

Study break: Week long break in the middle of each semester and before each exam period. Use it for reading, catching up on assignments, revising past work, and studying for exams.

Tutorials (tutes): Smaller classes that explore the unit material through discussion and interaction.

UniFi: Provides staff and students secure wireless access to the University network and the Internet.

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