



# University Experience Day

The University of Sydney Monday 20 October 2008 10.00am – 3.15pm

## What is University Experience Day?

The University of Sydney's University Experience Day features hands-on tutorials, presentations, demonstrations and practical sessions that give you a taste of what you will experience at university. It's your opportunity to find out what studying for a degree at Sydney is like – all in one day!

## How can I attend?

In order to attend, you must be nominated by your school.

## How do I register?

You will need to register online at:

**[www.usyd.edu.au/futurestudents/experienceday](http://www.usyd.edu.au/futurestudents/experienceday)**

You will also need to supply the following username and password:

**username:** experienceday

**password:** e223

Once you have logged on to the site, please complete and submit the registration form. You must register by Friday 10 October 2008.

## What are the elective sessions?

During the day you will attend a morning and an afternoon elective session. These sessions encompass a wide range of courses offered by the University of Sydney. A complete list of electives and what they entail is included in this program.

When you register online, you will be asked to select the elective sessions in which you would like to participate. Please provide a first and second preference for each time slot. Make your decision carefully, because once you have registered your preferences, you cannot alter your selection. We will try and allocate you into your first preference, but some of the sessions can only take limited numbers.

## Will I receive a confirmation?

If you have registered successfully a confirmation page will appear on screen with your contact details and the preferences you have chosen. You can print this page for your records. You will be advised of your elective sessions when you arrive.

## What should I wear and bring?

School uniform is not required. Please wear comfortable, casual clothing and closed toe shoes. There is no need to bring food, as you will be supplied with refreshments when you arrive and lunch will be provided. If you have any special dietary requirements, please advise us when you register online.

## Where is the university and how do I get there?

University Experience Day is held on the Camperdown Campus, behind Victoria Park and between Parramatta and City Roads, about 3km west of the Sydney CBD. The day will begin in the Footbridge Theatre.

A campus map is available at:

**[www.facilities.usyd.edu.au/maps/guide\\_01.shtml](http://www.facilities.usyd.edu.au/maps/guide_01.shtml)**

Please arrive between **9.45am and 10am**.

Your transport will be organised by your school.

## Any questions?

Email: [futurestudents@usyd.edu.au](mailto:futurestudents@usyd.edu.au)  
or contact your Learning for Life Worker.



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# Lecture topics

## Time travel: a beginner's guide

In this lecture and discussion we will look at science fiction stories about time travel. These stories are great fun but they also raise fascinating philosophical questions. Is time travel possible? Is it possible to change the past? Is the future there to travel to? In this activity we will discuss these questions and try to get to the bottom of time travel.

**Available: AM**

## Who wants to be a millionaire? The stock market and its beneficiaries

Every day in the morning papers, all day on the radio and on the evening news there is talk about the stock market ... almost as much talk as there is about the weather. Why do we spend so much time talking about the stock market? Money. Every day millions of shares are traded, worth hundreds of millions of dollars but who is making money in all of this activity? On one hand we read of CEOs being paid millions of dollars a year to run big companies and on the other we hear of big companies collapsing under the weight of escalating interest rates and rising oil prices. Today we will follow the history of a couple of companies over the last few years and work out who has won from their interaction with the stock market and who has been less fortunate.

**Available: AM**

## Why study international and comparative literature?

Literature both reflects and shapes a society's cultural and intellectual life. Many commonplace cultural references in our day-to-day lives have developed out of literary icons, legends and styles that have travelled across continents and centuries. This workshop will provide a taste of how international and comparative literary studies help us understand ourselves and each other in an increasingly globalised and mobile world.

**Available: AM**



## Asian influences in science fiction cinema

This lecture will discuss the ways in which Hollywood directors draw on different stylistic forms from East Asia such as manga and anime, martial arts traditions and video games to paint a picture of the future as both technologised and 'orientalised'. It will focus on close analysis of two classic science fiction films, Blade Runner (1982) and The Matrix (1999).

**Available: PM**

## Is studying (ancient) history studying for life? The example of the Delphic Oracles

Did you know that the Greeks had oracles which they consulted for advice on pressing issues of the past, the present and the future? We have about 600 questions and answers from the Delphic Oracle alone, focusing on as diverse topics as love sickness, politics and the whereabouts of stolen property. This workshop will explore oracular utterances from Delphi as an example of how societies orient themselves in time. We will use the oracles as a case study of how studying the past does and does not inform the present (and perhaps even the future). We will conclude the workshop by bridging the gap between the classical past and our own present: can you identify the oracular in present-day Sydney? The workshop will give you an insight into the excitement that can be gained from seminar style teaching at university level. It will also address the fundamental question of why studying the arts and humanities at Sydney is not just a waste of time. In a nutshell, and to quote Cicero, the workshop is about why studying history is really learning for life!

**Available: PM**

## Social work

Come along and find out what it's like to study social work at Sydney. Find out what social work is, the type of things you might study and the variety of areas that you can work in afterwards. Our interactive session will answer any questions you might have and you can hear from current students about what it means to study here.

**Available: PM**

## Mummies, marsupials and modernism: a guide to the museums of the University of Sydney

A guided tour of the University's museum collections, looking at archaeological artefacts, contemporary art and natural history collections. Discover how scientists and historians use objects to learn about the world around the, and how humans interact. Handle ancient objects from Egyptian tombs and Greek temples.

**Available: AM & PM**

## Full-body physics

Look but don't touch is NOT the theme of these sessions! You will get charged, cold, wet, illuminated and harnessed during 90 minutes of full-body physics. In small groups you will not only see, but hear, feel and experience the important concepts of physics – lasers, electricity, magnetism, heat and cold – as you freeze air, charge your friends up to thousands of volts, and learn how blowing sucks.

**Available: AM & PM**

## Saving the planet

Find out about degrees for dealing with the big issues – solving global warming, global food and commodity prices, food security, carbon and water, and diminishing natural resources. Hear student perspectives about five different applied science and economics degrees, discover how in-demand graduates are and what differentiates them in the global marketplace. These degrees have accessible UAI cut-offs and offer opportunities you just wouldn't dream of.

**Available: PM**

## Drama role play

Imagine you are a professor at university. Come and join this fun drama activity in which you'll role play what it is like to be at university. No previous drama experience necessary, just a sense of fun! You've seen the professors in Harry Potter, now come and be one!

**Available: AM**

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## Terrorism: outside the law but under the spell of the law

Your client, an Australian citizen, is being held in a military base in the Arctic Circle by foreign authorities who accuse her of being a terrorist sympathiser. She was captured in separatist territories during hostilities. Your client claims she was merely giving the separatists instructions on the law applicable in armed conflict. The nation holding her alleges she incited the separatists to target their soldiers leading to 30 deaths. They claim neither their national law nor international law applies as sovereignty is yet to be established over the Arctic Circle. They also assert their right to hold your client indefinitely. Further, they claim your client's acts were terrorist in nature, meaning the usual legal protections do not apply to her. Craft a strategy to cut short your client's incarceration and enable her to return to Australia.

**Available: PM**

Please ensure you select different sessions for your morning and afternoon preferences when you register. You may only register your preferences once, so please choose carefully.

## Zine workshop

Staff from Sydney College of the Arts will give you a brief introduction to the Visual Arts course at the University of Sydney, followed by a 'zine' workshop. Zines are most commonly a small, non-commercial comic style publication. Since the early days of the printing press, zines have acted as a creative outlet for artists and writers. This workshop will give you the opportunity to work as a group and produce your own zine, while learning about the origins of this form of artistic expression. You will have the opportunity to learn about zines from a practising artist, while creating your own example of a zine.

**Available: PM**

## Britain in the Blitz

Making use of wartime diaries, contemporary film footage, paintings and photographs, this short lecture examines the ways civilians in Britain coped with and responded to the chaos and trauma of bombing raids. The lecture showcases the history of ordinary life, in times that were anything but ordinary.

**Available: PM**

## Working in media and communications

This seminar will provide an overview of career options in the Australian media and public relations industries and will introduce students to news values. Students will go online to gather information before participating in a mock editorial conference where they will debate what belongs on today's front page.

**Available: AM & PM**

## Does going to university make good sense and cents?

It is often argued that students who go to university get paid more and get better jobs. However, it is also argued that it is expensive to go to university. So, is it worth it? Do you really get better jobs if you go to university? And will you get paid more? In order to understand these arguments and make some sense of them it is very useful to know something about what economics is and how people make decisions about jobs. This talk will show you how to decide if it really is worthwhile going to university.

**Available: PM**





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# Program

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Arrival and registration	9.45am
Footbridge Theatre, Camperdown Campus	
Welcome address	10.15am
What is uni really like?	10.25am
Campus tour	10.45am
Morning electives	11.10am
Lunch	12.35pm
Afternoon electives	1.30pm
Frequently asked questions	2.55pm
Close	3.15pm

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