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## **MEDI210: Histology**

### **Subject Outline**

6 credit points

### **Subject Information**

**Autumn, 2026**, Wollongong  
On Campus

#### **Flexible Delivery**

This subject is a combination of online pre-recorded lectures and on-campus laboratory classes. The on-campus laboratory classes are compulsory and the online lectures relevant to each lab class should be completed before attending.

Subjects with a delivery mode of On Campus and/or Flexible with International Student enrolments will be delivered in accordance with the ESOS National Code. That is, online learning experiences (such as lectures, tuition, and resources) will be supplementary to in-person learning experiences such as scheduled classes and/or scheduled contact hours.

*UOW may need to modify teaching locations, teaching delivery, and assessment delivery at short notice in response to unforeseen circumstances such as health or environmental factors.*

For up-to-date information please refer to your subject's Moodle site.

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As a student of our faculty, you will be actively engaged in learning with extensive clinical, laboratory and/or field work experiences, use of advanced educational technologies and opportunities for enriching work experience. More information about the Faculty of Science, Medicine and Health and our School is available on our web pages: <https://www.uow.edu.au/science-medicine-health/>

Within many of our courses, attending a workplace experience or clinical placement is an exciting part of your course program. Whilst integral to your learning, these health-related placements also let you experience what it's like to work as a professional in real-life workplace settings. More information about requirements for Health Placements is available on our webpage: <https://www.uow.edu.au/student/health-placements/>

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## Expectations of Students

UOW values are intellectual openness, excellence and dedication, empowerment and academic freedom, mutual respect and diversity, recognition and performance. We will provide a safe, equitable and orderly environment for the University community, and expect each member of our community to behave responsibly and ethically ([Student Conduct Rules](#)).

We expect that students demonstrate these values and professional behaviour, both face to face and online, making genuine efforts to complete their studies successfully, arriving on time to class, taking part constructively in class discussions and activities, demonstrating appropriate professional and ethical conduct in all communication with UOW staff and community members, and submitting assignments on time (or completing a request for Academic Consideration in advance if needed).

### Guiding Communication Principles for Students

**Moodle** Announcements will be the primary platform for communication of general information to students

- Students should ensure they regularly check the main announcements forum at the top of each subject's Moodle site. Information distributed via a Moodle Announcement MAY not be duplicated on any other forum on the Moodle site.
- Moodle Discussion forums pertinent to specific assignments will be used but will not replace or be used for overarching subject announcements.
  - Assignment discussion forums for specific assignments will be clearly labelled in the forum description to identify the purpose of the forum (e.g. 'Please ask any questions you have about Assessment Task 1 in this discussion forum') - students should check and ask any assignment questions on these forums and not through email.
  - The Moodle assignment discussion forums should always be used in the first instance when inquiring about assessment tasks.
- It is the student's responsibility to check all subject Moodle sites regularly for information and notifications.

**SOLS messages** will be used for all central communication relating to the following:

- Administrative matters relating to student enrolment
- Critical information relating to course or subject, e.g. Changes to assignments, policy updates, class cancellations or changes
- Timetable information
- Security and emergency information
- Students are encouraged to check SOLS messages daily as these messages are often of high priority

SOLS and Moodle announcements can NOT be responded to.

### Appropriate Online Behaviour

The University is committed to providing a safe, respectful, equitable and orderly environment for the University community, and expects each member of that community to behave responsibly and ethically. Students must comply with the University's [Student Conduct Rules](#) and related policies including the [IT Acceptable Use Policy](#) and [Bullying Prevention Policy](#), whether undertaking their studies face-to-face, online.

For more information on appropriate communication and etiquette in the online environment please refer to the guide [Online and Email Etiquette](#).

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# Section A: General Information

## Learning Outcomes

### Subject Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students will be able to:

1. Identify using a microscope and photomicrographs, basic structures in histological sections
2. Describe cell and tissue structure in relation to selected body system functions
3. Identify selected tissue or body systems in a disease state, and describe the histopathological changes that occur as a result
4. Research and report on current histological techniques utilised in medical research aimed at improving health outcomes

### Subject Description

This subject introduces the molecular and microscopic structure and function of human cells, tissues, and organ systems. Students will examine cell ultrastructure, utilising microscopy to acquire a detailed understanding of the major tissue types and how these tissues are integrated to produce the functional characteristics of selected organ systems of the body. The lectures will develop knowledge of histological features and techniques applied to answer research questions in the context of health and disease. The practical classes will introduce a multidimensional approach to the study of disease and include micro/molecular pathology. Diseases explored include those of the neurological, respiratory, and digestive systems as well as cancers of epithelial origin.

### Course Handbook

Information about subject pre-requisites, co-requisites and restrictions as well as course completion requirements and Course Learning Outcomes can be found in the [Course Handbook](#).

## Subject Details: Practical Activities, eLearning, Readings and Materials

### Subject eLearning

The University uses the eLearning system Moodle to support all coursework subjects. The subject Moodle site can be accessed via your SOLS page.

### Safety Guidelines

The rules below are general rules that are required when participating in labs or practical activities. Before commencing these activities you are to ensure that you understand specific procedures and policy related to safety.

- All first year students undertaking Chemistry (CHEM101/102/104/105) must complete the Moodle WHS Induction (see the subject Moodle site for more details below)
- Before commencing any activity you are to ensure that you understand specific procedures and policy related to the lab in which you work and safety in general.
- You may need to review a Risk Assessment and complete a Participant Acknowledgement form before commencing any experiments/practical work. These materials will be made available by the lab supervisor/Subject Coordinator.
- You must inform the Subject Coordinator of any medical conditions which may impact upon your ability to participate in these activities before commencing the practical.
- All Reasonable Adjustment cases (Access Plans) must be discussed with the Subject Coordinator prior to commencing the activity.
- Participation in the lab/practical/field/simulation activities may be denied to students who do not abide by these, and other conditions which may be specified by the Subject Coordinator.

- Never use any equipment or attempt any experiment without checking the safety implications with your laboratory supervisor or experienced delegated laboratory worker.
- Undergraduate students are not permitted to work after hours unless there is appropriate approval and supervision.

### **Additional Subject Details**

This subject embeds Indigenous Knowledges, with the aim of decolonising thinking and beginning to engage participants in the negotiation of authentic knowledge-based relationships between Aboriginal Knowledges and the relevant disciplinary knowledge.

<https://www.uow.edu.au/united-nations-sustainable-development-goals/sdg-subjects-and-courses/>

This subject aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) three and five and is part of UOW's SDG Portfolio which aims to ensure that our students are well informed global citizens that can continue to contribute to realising sustainable development through their studies and careers by being proactive, responsible and educated in relation to how realising the Global Goals will better the world.

### **Using Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI)**

UOW is committed to embracing gen AI as a tool to enhance learning and development of important digital and work-readiness skills.

Your subject coordinator will provide specific guidance on the use of gen AI in your assessment tasks via your Subject Outline and/or your subject Moodle site. If gen AI use is permitted, it should be used thoughtfully, critically, and in ways that support your own learning.

Guidance on appropriate use of AI in assessments, including how to [acknowledge GenAI](#) can be found on the [Using Generative Artificial Intelligence in Assessment website](#)

You are responsible for all work you submit, and ethical use of gen AI is an important part of maintaining academic integrity. Misuse or unauthorised use may breach the [Academic Integrity Policy](#).

### **Major Text(s)**

Histology: A Text and Atlas With Correlated Cell and Molecular Biology  
9th Edition

Author(s): Wojciech Pawlina

Publisher: Wolters Kluwer Health

Print ISBN 9781975181512, 1975181514

eText ISBN 9781975181536, 1975181530

Link for students to buy -

<https://unishopuow.vitalsource.com/products/histology-a-text-and-atlas-wojciech-pawlina-v9781975181536?term=9781975181536>

Available from Unishop and online as an ebook.

(Note: earlier editions of this text by Ross, M. H., and Pawlina W. will also be more than adequate for study in this subject).

### **Recommended Readings and Other Resources**

This subject also refers to content found on the online website 'Histologyguide.com', which is freely available.

This is not an exhaustive list of references. Students should also use the library catalogue and databases to locate additional resources.

## **Lectures, Tutorials and Attendance Requirements**

### **Lecture Times \***

*UOW may need to modify teaching locations, teaching delivery, and assessment delivery at short notice in response to unforeseen circumstances such as health or environmental factors.*

For up-to-date information please refer to your subject's Moodle site.

Up to date timetable and delivery information is located at <http://www.uow.edu.au/student/timetables/index.html>

You can access your personal timetable by logging into SOLS and selecting 'My Timetable'

### **Additional Lecture Comments**

Topics covered in this subject include basic introduction to histological techniques and identification of cell and tissue types in histological sections of healthy and pathological tissue samples. This includes epithelial, muscle, connective, gastrointestinal, respiratory and neural tissue types. Please refer to Moodle site for weekly schedule of the content covered.

## **Recording of Teaching and Learning Activities**

The University of Wollongong supports the recording of UOW educational content as a supplemental study tool, to provide students with equity of access, and as a technology-enriched learning strategy to enhance the student experience.

If you make your own recording of a lecture, class, seminar, workshop or any other educational session provided as part of your course of study you can only do so with the explicit permission of the lecturer and those people who are also being recorded.

You may only use educational content recorded through the delivery of subject or course content, whether they are your own or recorded by the university, for your own educational purposes. Recordings cannot be altered, shared or published on another platform, without permission of the University, and to do so may contravene the University's Copyright Policy, Privacy Policy, Intellectual Property Policy, IT Acceptable Use Policy and Student Conduct Rules. Unauthorised sharing of recordings may also involve a breach of law under the Copyright Act 1969.

Most lectures in this subject will be recorded, when they are scheduled in venues that are equipped with lecture recording technology and made available via the subject Moodle site within 48 hours.

## **Your Privacy - Recording of Teaching and Learning**

In accordance with the Student Privacy & Disclosure Statement, and Lecture Recording Procedures when undertaking our normal teaching and learning activities, the University may collect your personal information. This collection may occur incidentally during the recording of lectures in equipped venues (i.e. when your identity can be ascertained by your image, voice or opinion), or via the delivery of online content therefore the University further advises students that:

- Lecture recordings are made available to students, university staff, and affiliates, securely via the Learning Platform;
- Recordings are made available only for the purpose for which they were recorded, for example, as a supplemental study tool or to support equity and access to educational resources;

If you have any concerns about the use or accuracy of your personal information collected in a lecture recording, you may approach your Subject Coordinator to discuss your particular circumstances.

The University is committed to ensuring your privacy is protected. If you have a concern about how your personal information is being used or managed, please refer to the University's Privacy Policy or consult our Privacy webpage <https://www.uow.edu.au/privacy/>

## **Recent Improvements to Subject**

The Faculty of Science, Medicine and Health is committed to continual improvement in teaching and learning and takes into consideration student feedback from many sources including, direct student feedback to tutors and lecturers and responses to the Subject and Course Evaluation Surveys. Feedback is also used to inform comprehensive reviews of subjects and courses.

This subject is a flexible delivery - the resources and lectures have been modified to suit an engaging and interactive delivery.

In 2023 histological pathology has been introduced into relevant body system topics and on campus laboratory classes have been redeveloped.

In 2026, the assessment tasks and their weightings were changed according to student and teaching staff feedback.

## **Extraordinary Changes to the Subject Outline**

In extraordinary circumstances the provisions stipulated in this Subject Outline may require amendment after the Subject Outline has been distributed. All students enrolled in the subject must be notified and have the opportunity to provide feedback in relation to the amendment, where practicable, prior to the amendment being finalised.

## **Learning Analytics**

Learning Analytics data (such as student engagement with Moodle, access to recorded lectures, University Library usage, task marks, and use of SOLS) may be used by the Subject Coordinator and your faculty's Head of Students to assist in analysing student engagement, and to identify and recommend support for students identified who may be in need of assistance. If you have questions about the kinds of data the University uses, how we collect it, and how we protect your privacy in the use of this data, please refer to <https://www.uow.edu.au/privacy/>

## Section B: Assessment

### Assessment Summary

| Assessment Item | Form of Assessment  | %    |
|-----------------|---------------------|------|
| Assessment 1    | Quiz                | 15%  |
| Assessment 2    | Presentation        | 20%  |
| Assessment 3    | Lab/Prac/Simulation | 30%  |
| Assessment 4    | Exam                | 35%  |
|                 | <b>TOTAL MARKS</b>  | 100% |

**Please note:** Copies of student work may be retained by the University in order to facilitate quality assurance of assessment processes.

### Assessment 1: Quiz - Quiz

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| <b>Marking Criteria</b>      | It is a requirement to complete all the quizzes. Each quiz will give a grade, which is the number of correct answers for that quiz. The final grade will be the combined grades from all the quizzes.  |
| <b>Length</b>                | A quiz will be given on Moodle each 1-2 teaching weeks and will be based on the lectures and pre-lab online reading requirements. Each quiz will consist of up to 10 multiple choice and/or short answer questions.  |
| <b>Weighting</b>             | 15%  |
| <b>Assessment Due</b>        | Moodle Quiz 1: Opens 8:30 am 18/03/2026. Closes 11:30 pm 20/03/2026<br>Moodle Quiz 2: Opens 8:30 am 01/04/2026. Closes 11:30pm 03/04/2026<br>Moodle Quiz 3: Opens 8:30 am 15/04/2026. Closes 11:30pm 17/04/2026<br>Moodle Quiz 4: Opens 8:30 am 13/05/2026. Closes 11:30pm 15/05/2026<br>Moodle Quiz 5: Opens 8:30 am 27/05/2026. Closes 11:30pm 29/05/2026  |
| <b>Type of Collaboration</b> | Individual assessment  |
| <b>Style and format</b>      | The quiz will consist of up to 10 multiple choice and/or short answer questions. Each quiz will need to be completed and submitted on Moodle within the timeframe as indicated on the Moodle site.   |
| <b>Generative AI use</b>     | Although Generative AI use is permitted, please be aware that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GenAI outputs can be inaccurate, fabricated or biased, verification against your course material provided is essential</li> <li>• Uploading personal, sensitive confidential information (e.g. personal identification, student names or IDs) to GenAI platforms may compromise privacy</li> </ul> |
| <b>Assessment submission</b> | Online via Moodle  |
| <b>Assessment return</b>     | Within 15 working days of the assessment due date.   |
| <b>Detailed information</b>  | A quiz will be given on Moodle each 1-2 teaching weeks and will be based on the lectures and pre-lab online reading requirements. The quiz will consist of up to 10 multiple choice and/or short answer questions. Each quiz will need to be completed and submitted on Moodle within the timeframe as indicated on the Moodle site.   |

### Assessment 2: Presentation - Histopathology poster

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| <b>Marking Criteria</b> | Please refer to Moodle site for specific marking criteria.  |
| <b>Length</b>           | A report describing the histopathology of a specific disease, presented in a poster format. The poster will be submitted on Moodle (due Monday 4th May) and presented to the examiner during student's tutorial in teaching week 9. |

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| <b>Weighting</b>             | 20%  |
| <b>Assessment Due</b>        | 04 May 2026 (In your assigned tutorial in Session Week 9)<br>Final submission time: 11:30pm  |
| <b>Type of Collaboration</b> | Group work   |
| <b>Style and format</b>      | <p>A report describing the histopathology of a specific disease, presented in a poster format. The poster will include background information of the disease, the specific tissues affected and a description of the characteristic disease histopathology. Images of healthy and pathological tissue sections should be included as examples.</p> <p>The poster may be prepared as a single PowerPoint slide and will be presented to the examiner in week 9, during the student's allocated tutorial class. The presentation will involve a 3-5 minute discussion with the examiner. The poster will also need to be submitted (as a pdf file) on Moodle, due Monday 4th May 2026.</p> <p>More details regarding the poster format and presentation will be provided on Moodle.</p>  |
| <b>Generative AI use</b>     | <p>Students are permitted to use generative AI tools for developing the poster and presentation under specific conditions: use of AI may be permitted to condense sentences or paragraphs on the poster, or help with ideas and prompts for the presentation.</p> <p>Students are not permitted to use generative AI to entirely create the poster or presentation. All use of generative AI must be transparently acknowledged in the Acknowledgements section of your submission, including the prompts used. All references, including those for images, must be included on the poster. Ensure that those references are correct, credible and relevant.</p> <p>Remember that every group member is responsible for the poster and presentation content, including the accuracy, integrity, and originality of their work.</p>                 |
| <b>Assessment submission</b> | <p>Online via Moodle</p> <p>This assessment task has been set up to be checked by Turnitin, a tool for checking if it has unreferenced content. You can submit your assessment task to Turnitin prior to the due date and Turnitin will give you an originality report. You can then make any changes that may be required and re-submit your final version by the due date.</p>   |
| <b>Assessment return</b>     | Within 15 working days of the assessment due date.   |
| <b>Detailed information</b>  | <p>This is a group activity with up to 5 students per group. Each group puts together a poster-style report describing the histopathology of a specific disease. The poster will include background information of the disease, the specific tissues affected and a description of the characteristic disease histopathology. Images of healthy and pathological tissue sections should be included as examples.</p> <p>The poster may be prepared as a single powerpoint slide and will be presented to the examiner in week 9, during the student's allocated tutorial class. The presentation will involve a 3-5 minute discussion with the examiner. The poster will also need to be submitted (as a pdf file) on Moodle, due Monday 4th May.</p> <p>More details regarding the poster format and presentation will be provided on Moodle.</p> |

### Assessment 3: Lab/Prac/Simulation - Prac exam

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| <b>Marking Criteria</b> | Identification and drawing of correct tissue type and specific tissue characteristics observed in a tissue section. Students are expected to use the brightfield microscope independently and handle the slide to focus on the tissue section. |
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| <b>Length</b>                | The Prac exam will consist of examining up to 10 different slides using the brightfield microscope. Each slide will require a drawing and identifying tissue type and specific tissue characteristics.  |
| <b>Weighting</b>             | 30%   |
| <b>Assessment Due</b>        | 01 Jun 2026 (In your assigned tutorial in Session Week 13)  |
| <b>Type of Collaboration</b> | Individual assessment   |
| <b>Style and format</b>      | The Prac exam will consist of examining up to 10 different tissue slides using the brightfield microscope. Each slide will require a drawing and identifying tissue type and specific tissue characteristics.   |
| <b>Generative AI use</b>     | Use of Generative AI is not permitted in this assessment.   |
| <b>Assessment submission</b> |   |
| <b>Assessment return</b>     | Within 15 working days of the assessment due date.  |
| <b>Detailed information</b>  | A Prac exam will be held during the student's allocated tutorial class in week 13. Students will be given up to 10 different slides of different tissue and/or cell types. Students are expected to identify and draw the correct tissue type and specific tissue characteristics observed in the tissue section. |

#### **Assessment 4: Exam - Final exam**

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| <b>Marking Criteria</b>      | Final grade will be the number of correct answers to multiple choice and short answer questions.   |
| <b>Length</b>                | A 2 hour exam, consisting of at least 40 multiple choice questions and/or some short answer questions.   |
| <b>Weighting</b>             | 35%  |
| <b>Assessment Due</b>        | The final exam will be held during the UOW exam period, and students should ensure they are available during this period. Students will receive a SOLSmail advising when full details of the delivery format, and date of the final exam are available in the SOLS Exam Timetable.                   |
| <b>Type of Collaboration</b> | Individual assessment  |
| <b>Style and format</b>      | A 2 hour exam provided as a hard copy and delivered in person on campus during the examination period. The exam will consist of at least 40 multiple choice questions and/or some short answer questions that is based on all the content taught in the lectures, online materials and Prac classes. |
| <b>Generative AI use</b>     | Use of Generative AI is not permitted in this assessment.  |
| <b>Detailed information</b>  | The exam will consist of at least 40 multiple choice questions and/or some short answer questions that is based on all the content taught in the lectures, online materials and Prac classes.  |

#### **Additional Assessment Information**

Detailed assessment information will be found on the Moodle Site.

#### **Minimum Requirements to Pass this Subject**

Laboratory attendance is 100% compulsory and must be met to successfully complete the subject. An application for Academic Consideration via SOLS and the presentation of suitable documentation, for example a Medical Certificate can be made to Student Central as soon as practical. For further details about applying for Academic Consideration visit the Student Central webpage:

<http://www.uow.edu.au/student/central/academicconsideration/index.html>

To receive a clear pass in this subject a total mark of 50% or more must be achieved. In addition, failure to meet any of the minimum performance requirements is grounds for awarding a Technical Fail (TF) in the subject,

even where total marks accumulated are greater than 50%. The minimum performance requirements for this subject are:

- attempt all assessment tasks
- meet the minimum attendance and participation requirements

### Hurdle Assessment

Subjects may include a hurdle assessment. A hurdle assessment is an assessment that requires a minimum level of performance as a condition for passing the subject. Examples include, achievement of a pass grade or above in a skills-based assessment or final examination. Hurdle assessments are applied to subjects to ensure students:

1. meet learning outcomes
2. demonstrate you can complete a task safely and/or meet professional standards.

For more on hurdle assessments see the Assessment and Feedback Policy [Section 8: Hurdle Assessments \(50-51-52\)](#).

Failure to meet a hurdle assessment requirement may constitute grounds for the award of a Technical Fail (TF) grade in this subject.

Should this subject contain a hurdle assessment, it will be stated under the specific assessment in Section B: Assessments.

### UOW Grade Descriptors

The UOW Grade Descriptors are general statements that communicate what our grades represent, in terms of standards of performance, and provide a frame of reference to ensure that assessment practice across the University is appropriate, consistent and fair. Grade Descriptors are expressed in general terms so that they are applicable to a broad range of disciplines. Grade Descriptors are available here <https://www.uow.edu.au/student/exams/results/>. For more information on the UOW grade descriptors refer to the Teaching and Assessment: Assessment and Feedback Policy: [Teaching and Assessment: Assessment and Feedback Policy](#)

### Assessment Learning Outcome Matrix

| Learning Outcomes  | Measures - Assessment weighting |                                |                    |                     |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
|  | Quiz<br>(15%)                   | Histopathology poster<br>(20%) | Prac exam<br>(30%) | Final exam<br>(35%) |
| Identify using a microscope and photomicrographs, basic structures in histological sections                                    | ✓                               | ✓                              | ✓                  | ✓                   |
| Describe cell and tissue structure in relation to selected body system functions   | ✓                               | ✓                              | ✓                  | ✓                   |
| Identify selected tissue or body systems in a disease state, and describe the histopathological changes that occur as a result | ✓                               | ✓                              |                    | ✓                   |
| Research and report on current histological techniques utilised in medical research aimed at improving health outcomes         |                                 | ✓                              |                    | ✓                   |

### Submission, Retention and Collection of Written Assessment

Assessed work must be handed in by the date and time listed under each assessment task. All assessment tasks must represent the enrolled student's own ORIGINAL work and must not have been previously submitted for assessment in any formal course of study.

## Extensions

Students requesting an extension of time to submit an assessment task, deferred exam or exemption of a compulsory attendance requirement, must apply using Academic Consideration through SOLS. Students must apply before, or on the assessment/s due date and where evidence is required, students must provide evidence no later than three working days after the assessable item's due date for their request to be considered. **For information on the Academic Consideration Policy, eligibility requirements and how to apply, see:** <https://www.uow.edu.au/student/admin/academic-consideration/>

## Late Submission of Assessment Tasks and Penalties

Assessed work must be submitted in by the date and time given. If an assessment is submitted late, it will be marked in the normal way, and a penalty will then be applied.

In the absence of an approved request for Academic Consideration in the form of an extension, assessment tasks must be submitted in line with the assessment instructions.

- An assessment task that is submitted late will receive a penalty of 5% of the total possible marks for each 24-hour period, or part thereof, that it is late.
- Work submitted after seven calendar days will not be marked and will be given a mark of 0.
- No assessment task can be handed in for a mark once the assessment task has been returned to students.
- Penalties accrue on each day that the assessment task is late, including Saturday, Sunday and public holidays

Note: Assessments must still be submitted to meet minimum performance requirements even though no mark is to be awarded.

## Collection

Students will be notified when they can collect or view their marked assessment. In accordance with University Policy marked assessments will usually only be held for 21 days after the declaration of marks for that assessment.

## Retention

The university may retain copies of student work in order to facilitate quality assurance of assessment processes, in support of the continuous improvement of assessment design, assessment marking and for the review of the subject. The University retains records of students' academic work in accordance with the University Records Management Policy and the State Records Act 1988 and uses these records in accordance with the University Privacy Policy and the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998.

## Scaling

Marks awarded for any assessment task or part of any assessment task, including an examination may be subject to scaling at the end of the session. Marks will be scaled only when unpredicted circumstances occur and in order to ensure fairness of marking across groups of students. The method of scaling will depend on the type of scaling required by the circumstances. When scaling is deemed necessary, it will follow a detailed consideration by the Unit Assessment Committee and/or the Faculty Assessment Committee of the marks of the group of students concerned. Scaling will not affect any individual student's rank order within their cohort. For more information please refer to [Finalisation of Student Results Policy](#) for details.

## Supplementary Assessment

Supplementary assessment may be offered to students whose performance in this subject is close to that required to pass the subject, and are otherwise identified as meriting an offer of a supplementary assessment. For information about eligibility criteria and the form and timing of supplementary assessments see the [Supplementary Assessment Procedure](#)

## **Review and Appeal of Academic Decisions**

A student may request an explanation of a mark for an assessment task or a final grade for a subject consistent with the student's right to appropriate and useful feedback on their performance in an assessment task. A student may also seek further explanation for other academic decisions such as Academic Consideration, Supplementary Assessment or Credit for Prior Learning. If a student is not satisfied with the explanation, or have further concerns, they may have grounds for a formal review. For further information refer to [Review and Appeal of Academic Decisions Policy](#)

## **Assessment Quality Cycle**

The UOW Assessment Quality Cycle provides a level of assurance that assessment practices across the University are appropriate, consistent and fair. Quality assurance activities are undertaken to support the continuous improvement of assessment and promote good practices in relation to assessment design, marking and review of the subject prior to subsequent delivery.

## **Academic Integrity**

The University's Academic Integrity Policy, faculty handbook and subject guides clearly set out the University's expectation that students submit only their own original work for assessment and avoid plagiarising the work of others or cheating. Re-using any of your own work (either in part or in full) which you have submitted previously for assessment is not permitted without appropriate acknowledgement. Plagiarism can be detected and has led to students being expelled from the University.

The use by students of any website that provides access to essays or other assessment items (sometimes marketed as 'resources'), is extremely unwise. Students who provide an assessment item (or provide access to an assessment item) to others, either directly or indirectly (for example by uploading an assessment item to a website) are considered by the university to be intentionally or recklessly helping other students to cheat. Uploading an assessment task, subject outline or other course materials without express permission of the University is considered academic misconduct and students place themselves at risk of being expelled from the University.

Students should visit the following University website and become familiar with the University's policy on plagiarism [Academic Integrity Policy](#)

## **Referencing**

The Author-Date (Harvard) referencing system should, unless otherwise specified for a particular assessment (check Details of Assessment Tasks), be utilised. A summary of the Harvard system can be accessed on the Library website at: <http://uow.libguides.com/refcite>

# Section C: General Advice for Students - Policies and Procedures

## Student Services and Support

There are a range of services available to students that are provided free of charge. A good place to get to know services that may be of use to you is the [Get Started @ UOW](#) or search for "Get Started @ UOW". Services available include:

| Service                                   | Link to information about the service   |
|---|---|
| Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander       | <a href="https://www.uow.edu.au/about/services/woolyungah-indigenous-centre/about-us/">https://www.uow.edu.au/about/services/woolyungah-indigenous-centre/about-us/</a> |
| Careers advice                            | <a href="https://www.uow.edu.au/student/careers/">https://www.uow.edu.au/student/careers/</a>   |
| Counselling                               | <a href="https://www.uow.edu.au/student/support-services/counselling/">https://www.uow.edu.au/student/support-services/counselling/</a>                                 |
| Student Accessibility and Inclusion (SAI) | <a href="https://www.uow.edu.au/student/support-services/sai/">https://www.uow.edu.au/student/support-services/sai/</a>   |
| Information Tech.                         | <a href="https://www.uow.edu.au/its/index.html?ssSourceSiteId=getstarted">https://www.uow.edu.au/its/index.html?ssSourceSiteId=getstarted</a>                           |
| Study Skills                              | <a href="https://www.uow.edu.au/student/support-services/academic-skills/">https://www.uow.edu.au/student/support-services/academic-skills/</a>                         |

## Student Support Coordinator (SSC)

If you have a temporary or ongoing issue or a problem that is affecting your study, including issues that are related to belonging to an equity group, then the Student Support Coordinators may be able to help. There are Student Support Coordinators available to assist students who are studying at all UOW Campuses and in all UOW Faculties. Contact details can be found on the UOW website: <https://www.uow.edu.au/student/support-services/coordinators/>

## Student Advocacy Service

The Student Advocacy Service (SAS) is free, confidential and independent service for all UOW students. The SAS provides advocacy and referral for a range of academic, procedural and administrative issues. For more information visit: <https://www.uow.edu.au/student/support-services/advocacy/>

## AskUOW

AskUOW is your primary administrative and information contact during your studies.

Our purpose is to ensure students have access to the information they need, at the time they need it. We can help with a wide range of enquiries, including key topics such as:

- Applying for [academic consideration](#)
- Fees and scholarships
- Official documentation and student letter requests
- Student forms such as course transfer and leave of absence applications
- Student ID card issuance and replacement
- Subject enrolment
- Transport concession cards and Opal cards
- Updating personal details

Get instant answers 24/7 online using [AskUOW](#). Log in with your UOW username and password.

For further support contact [askuow@uow.edu.au](mailto:askuow@uow.edu.au) or call on 1300 275 869 (1300 ASK UOW) or +61 2 4221 3927.

## Library Services

Save yourself time and enhance your studies: connect with information specialists and resources anytime, anywhere.

- For Library support connect with [Live Chat](#) or [contact the Library](#).
- For self-help see [Frequently Asked Questions](#) or browse [Library guides](#) to find information, databases and skills tutorials.
- [Research consultations](#) are available to UOW Postgraduate, Honours and Deans Scholar students.

## Academic Integrity Policy

Academic integrity involves upholding ethical standards in all aspects of academic work, including learning, teaching and research. It involves acting with the principles of honesty, fairness, trust and responsibility and requires respect for knowledge and its development. The Policy can be found at:

<https://policies.uow.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=26>

## Code of Practice - Research

This Code mandates the current policy and best practice relating to procedures for responsible research. The Code can be found at: <https://policies.uow.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=11>

## Honours Policy

This policy sets out the responsibilities of all parties involved in managing students undertaking Honours Programs. The Code can be found at: <https://policies.uow.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=36>

## The Code of Practice - Work Integrated Learning (Professional Experience)

The Code of Practice - Work Integrated Learning (Professional Experience) sets out what is expected from students, the University and Host Organisations in providing work integrated learning professional experience programs. It applies to professional experience programs that form the whole or part of a subject or course offered at the University. The Code assists in promoting a productive work integrated learning experience for students and in promoting relevant UOW Work Integrated Learning Design Principles.

<https://policies.uow.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=12>

## Copyright Policy

The purpose of this Policy is to outline responsibilities and procedures regarding the use of third party copyright material, with the objectives of reducing staff and UOW exposure to the risks associated with the use of third party copyright material, assisting staff to make full legal use of the materials at their disposal by clearly identifying responsibilities and promoting copyright compliance. The Policy can be found at:

<https://policies.uow.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=135>

## Course Progress Policy

The Course Progress Policy establishes the requirements, definitions and procedures to be used in determining the standards of acceptable course progress. The Policy can be found at:

<https://policies.uow.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=30>

## Examination Rules and Procedures

The UOW rules and procedures outline exam conditions, student conduct in exams, and the procedures for exam management. Further information can be found here: <https://www.uow.edu.au/student/exams/>

## Ethical Objection by Students to the Use of Animal and Animal Products in Coursework Subjects

This policy provides a framework for recognition of and responses to students' ethical or religious objection to animal use in coursework subjects at the University of Wollongong. For the purpose of this policy, animal use includes killing of animals in experimental work, dissection of animals that are already dead, use of animal tissues, use of animal-derived products (such as sera). These uses are relevant to teaching and assessment. Further information about this policy can be found here: <https://policies.uow.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=154>

### **Coursework Rules**

The Coursework Rules (hereafter the Rules) govern the admission, enrolment, progression through, and qualification for a coursework award offered by the University. Further information can be found here: <https://policies.uow.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=4>

### **Human Research Ethics**

The Human Research Ethics Committee protects the welfare and rights of the participants in research activities. Further information can be found here: <https://www.uow.edu.au/research-and-innovation/researcher-support/ethics/human-ethics/>

### **Inclusive Language Guidelines**

UOW endorses a policy of non-discriminatory language practice in all academic and administrative activities of the University. Further information is available from: <https://policies.uow.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=239>

### **Intellectual Property Policy**

UOW's IP Intellectual Property Policy provides guidance on the approach taken to Intellectual Property (IP), including its ownership, protection and exploitation. Further information about the management of IP is available at <https://policies.uow.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=146>

### **Review and Appeal of Academic Decisions Policy**

UOW aims to provide a transparent and consistent process for resolving a student concern about an academic decision that has affected their academic progress, including a mark or grade. Further information is available at: <https://policies.uow.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=40>

### **Student Academic Consideration Policy**

The purpose of the Student Academic Consideration Policy is to enable student requests for academic consideration for assessable components of a subject to be evaluated in a fair, reasonable, timely and consistent manner throughout the University. **For information on the Policy, eligibility and how to apply see:** <https://www.uow.edu.au/student/admin/academic-consideration/>

### **The Student Charter - Your Rights and Responsibilities**

The Student Charter is based on principles that guide all members of the University and that promote responsible partnerships within and beyond the University community. <https://www.uow.edu.au/student/charter/>

### **Student Assignment of Intellectual Property (IP) Policy**

This policy applies to all Students (under-graduate and post-graduate) of the University of Wollongong (UOW). It may also apply to other persons by agreement. This policy sets out the approach taken by UOW in relation to Student assignment of intellectual property. Further information about this policy can be found here: <https://policies.uow.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=146>

## **Student Conduct Rules**

These Rules outline the required conduct of students of UOW, and direct staff and students to University Rules, standards, codes, policies, guidelines, procedures and other requirements which specify acceptable and unacceptable student conduct, and the management of alleged student misconduct.

<https://policies.uow.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=6>

## **Teaching and Assessment: Assessment and Feedback Policy**

The purpose of this Policy is to set out the University of Wollongong's approach to effective learning, teaching and assessment, including the principles and minimum standards underlying teaching and assessment practice.

The Policy can be found at: <https://policies.uow.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=38>

## **Teaching and Assessment: Code of Practice - Teaching**

This Code is a key document in implementing the University's Teaching and Assessment Policy and sets out the specific responsibilities of parties affected in relation to learning, teaching and assessment, as well as procedures for teaching staff. The Code can be found at: <https://policies.uow.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=9>

## **Teaching and Assessment: Subject Delivery Policy**

This Policy sets out specific requirements in relation to the delivery of Subjects. The policy can be found at:

<https://policies.uow.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=39>

## **Workplace Health & Safety Policy**

The Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) unit at UOW aims to provide structures, system and support to ensure the health, safety and welfare of all at the campus. Further information is available from:

<https://policies.uow.edu.au/document/view-current.php?id=177>