

University of Sydney Foundation Program

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The University of Sydney Foundation Program (USFP) has been specifically developed to prepare international students for entry into undergraduate courses at the University of Sydney and at other universities around Australia. The course is taught exclusively by Taylors College on behalf of the University.

Taylors College, Sydney, located in Bourke Street, Waterloo is a purpose-built educational facility, close to the centre of Sydney. The campus is a ten-minute ride from the University of Sydney and a five-minute walk from Green Square Railway Station.

Taylors College with centres in Melbourne, Sydney and Perth, is widely acknowledged as Australia's leading university preparation college and continuously achieves educational excellence and academic success. In the University of Sydney Foundation Program, 83% of students who completed the program in 2005 were offered a place in an undergraduate course at the University of Sydney. The remaining 17% were offered places in other tertiary institutions.

The program's highly qualified and experienced teachers provide excellent tuition both in small classes and in free extra support tutorials. Both academic and personal counselling is available to all students.

NG, Wai Keat (Alexander), was a scholarship recipient from Malaysia and who excelled in the USFP program. Alexander topped his class last year with a GPA of 9.8 and was also awarded a USFP scholarship that funded 50% of Alexander's tuition fees whilst undertaking the foundation program.

Alexander's own words were:

"Taylors College was very helpful in guiding me towards scoring excellent results. Taylors College has great teachers and staff who are not only helpful but friendly as well. The teachers were excellent in teaching and guiding students towards scoring excellent results. I enjoyed learning at Taylors as teachers were brilliant in delivering their knowledge to us, the staff was kind and helpful, and my friends at Taylors were wonderful.

Friends are like a family when one is studying abroad and the people I met in Taylors were great people as we helped each other in everything. Great friends and excellent teaching staff at Taylors are the main reasons why I enjoyed learning at Taylors as thus, being able to score excellent results."

Students in the Foundation Program have access to six computer-teaching laboratories, two computer access rooms, a CD-ROM room, a library, and to Physics, Chemistry and Biology laboratories. In addition, USFP students have access to the University library and sports facilities.

Parents who are concerned about accommodation will be reassured that on-campus accommodation is also available on the top floor of the college in Taylors House. There is room for 123 students in twin share and single rooms. Students have breakfast and dinner provided for them daily.

The University of Sydney Foundation Program is open to international students and has intakes in February and September for the Standard Programs of 40 weeks.

The USFP prepares students for one of the following streams: Science/Health Sciences/Engineering; Commerce/Economics; Arts/Media Studies; Music; Visual Art and Design.

We are pleased to announce interviews from 12-15 June in the offices of JM Education Counselling Centre and IDP. Parents and students are invited to meet Mr Charles Tyler (International Office, University of Sydney) and Mr Lester Khoo (Taylors College, Australia) for interviews for the September 2006 and February 2007 Intakes.

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