Gain international experience and learn about Australian culture while completing your UVM curricular requirements. This exchange allows UVM students the opportunity to study at The University of Western Australia (UWA) in Perth, Australia. Exchange students can choose courses from any one of UWA’s faculties (“schools”) including Business, the Arts and Sciences, Agriculture, and Natural Resource Management. UWA is also renowned for its Center for Aboriginal Studies and for its Asian Studies program. This exchange program was developed through UVM’s Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources (RSNR), and RSNR students will receive priority placement at UWA.

Located along the Swan River in the west-coastal city of Perth, Australia, the University of Western Australia is widely acknowledged as having Australia’s most beautiful campus due to its architecture and landscape. UWA’s student union provides a wide range of services, including support for international students, and recreational and social activities.

Perth is a vibrant, sophisticated city on the Western coast of Australia. A place of energy and affluence, the standard of living in this beautiful city on the Indian Ocean is amongst the highest in Australia. Perth is a city with a strong university presence, commitment to environmental awareness, and friendly residents.

ELIGIBILITY:
- Students from all disciplines are encouraged to apply, however, students from the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources will receive priority placement at UWA.
- Students must have completed at least one year of full-time study in a UVM degree program and must remain registered in that degree program during the period of study in Australia.
- Students must be in good academic standing at UVM and have a minimum GPA of 3.0.

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For more information, visit the websites of the University of Western Australia and OIE at:
http://www.uwa.edu.au or http://www.uvm.edu/oie/exchange/
APPLICATION PROCESS AND DATES OF THE EXCHANGE:

- Students can study for an academic year or semester.

  (Note: the calendar difference between the Northern and Southern Hemispheres)

  **FULL ACADEMIC YEAR**  February to November
  **SEMESTER ONE**        February to June
  **SEMESTER TWO**         July to November

- Students must first complete a UVM Exchange Application. UVM Exchange Applications, including Academic Reference Forms, may be downloaded at: [www.uvm.edu/oie/?Page=exchange_index.html](http://www.uvm.edu/oie/?Page=exchange_index.html).

- Complete applications must be submitted to the Office of International Education (OIE) by **August 10th** for spring semester priority placement, or by **January 10th** for fall semester or full year priority placements.

- Once nominated to the exchange program, students are required to complete another application for UWA.

- Upon acceptance, students will complete a Study Abroad Approval Form (SAAF) with the OIE. Students are responsible for obtaining a visa and any other necessary documents. Students can apply online for the visa at the website below. Follow the procedures for applying for a student visa. The correct subclass is 575 – Non-award Foundation Studies/Other. For more information, visit the Australian Consulate website: [http://www.immi.gov.au/index.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/index.htm)

FINANCES:

- All participants are required to pay a UVM study abroad fee of $500 for a semester or year.

- **Costs per semester:** Students pay UVM’s exchange tuition rate (currently equivalent to in-state tuition) and student fees.

- **Students will be responsible for paying their room and board in Australia.** Please see the UWA website for options and rates.

- Students will need to obtain a student visa and additional health insurance.

- Students are responsible for booking their travel, purchasing books, paying passport fees, and other personal expenses.

- **This exchange program qualifies for the transfer of State, Federal and UVM financial aid when applicable. Tuition remission benefits apply.** Aid packages will be recalculated according to the program costs. Consult a [Student Financial Services](http://www.uvm.edu/oie/?Page=exchange_index.html) advisor for the full details of your aid package.

Each UVM student that participates on this exchange program opens a spot for an international student to study at UVM! **Go abroad and help bring the world to UVM!**