

# Curtin Sydney Campus

## Frequently Asked Questions - Updated as at 1 October 2015

**1. When is the Sydney campus closing?**

The Curtin Sydney campus will be closing in early 2017.

**2. How long has the Curtin Sydney campus been in operation?**

The Curtin Sydney campus opened in 2005.

**3. How many students are enrolled at Curtin Sydney?**

Curtin Sydney currently has over 900 students - over 800 being Curtin undergraduate and postgraduate students and about 100 are Navitas Diploma of Commerce pathway students

**4. Why is the campus closing?**

Curtin reviewed its international operations during 2015, and as a result the University Council concluded that a Curtin presence in Sydney does not align with the University's strategic vision, in particular, its research and global positioning objectives.

**5. Was the Sydney campus losing money?**

No, the Curtin Sydney campus was returning a surplus. As indicated above, Curtin has decided to close the campus for strategic, not financial, reasons.

**6. Does Curtin run the Curtin Sydney campus or Navitas?**

Curtin has a long-standing education partnership with Navitas and Navitas has managed the Curtin Sydney campus since it opened in 2005. At Curtin Sydney, Curtin provides the intellectual property, academic oversight and branding, and Navitas carries out the teaching in Navitas-provided facilities.

**7. What does this mean for current students?**

Each of the more than 900 students studying at Curtin Sydney in degree or diploma programs has an individual study plan. Not all students progress through their programs at exactly the same rate. Accordingly, each student's options for the continuation and completion of their program will be considered and each student will be counselled appropriately. The process will occur in individual advisory meetings over a period of several weeks, commencing on Monday 21 September 2015. It is important for students to remember that they will be fully informed and supported throughout the weeks and months ahead.

At this particular time, the most important thing for current Curtin Sydney students to do is to focus on their studies and work hard, to ensure a successful completion of the current trimester.

**8. I expect to complete my program in a year's time. What do the changes mean for me?**

Curtin expects that students who are due to complete their degree before the end of the second trimester in 2016 will be unaffected, that is, that they will complete their studies at the Curtin Sydney campus.

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**9. What if I am due to complete my studies by the end of the second trimester in 2016 but I fail a unit?**

If your studies do not go to plan, you might still be able to complete at the Curtin Sydney campus, as the campus will stay open for another trimester until early 2017. If for some reason your progress is significantly disrupted during the next year, we will assist you by identifying appropriate alternatives for you to complete your course.

**10. I expect to complete my degree program by the end of the second trimester in 2016. As other students either complete their degrees or transition to another provider, will you still offer all the units that I need to complete my course at Curtin University Sydney?**

Curtin is committed to helping you complete your studies. This means that we will be carefully managing all students' study plans to ensure that appropriate units are available for you (and for other students in your position) to enrol in in order to complete your degree. You will be able to discuss your study plan during your individual meeting with Curtin academic advisors.

**11. What study options will be available for students who do not expect to complete their studies within a year?**

Curtin has identified options which it will recommend to all students who do not expect to complete their programs by 31 October 2016. Curtin places great importance on ensuring that all current students will be able to complete their studies with no impact on the expected course learning outcomes, duration or cost. The options for such students include transferring to another Curtin campus (in Perth, Singapore or Malaysia), or to transfer to an equivalent course at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) or another Sydney-based provider.

**12. Can I come to Bentley or another Curtin campus to study?**

Yes. The staff at Curtin University Sydney can help you with questions about transferring to another Curtin campus where your course is offered. Those other campuses are the Bentley campus in Perth, Curtin's Singapore campus, and Curtin's campus in Miri, Sarawak, East Malaysia.

**13. If I was to transfer to another provider, for example UTS, would I get credits for the units I have passed at Curtin?**

Yes, you would receive credit for the units you had passed at Curtin up to that point.

**14. I received credit in my Curtin course from previous study, will I get this credit when I transition courses?**

This is being worked through as part of the academic mapping process and will be discussed with you as part of your study plan in your individual advisory meeting with Curtin staff.

**15. I failed a unit in my course at Curtin, will I be able to transfer to UTS?**

You will be able to transfer when you have successfully completed the required units. You would need to successfully complete a previously-failed unit at Curtin and be on good academic standing.

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**16. Does UTS offer my Bachelor of Commerce major?**

Yes, UTS offers all the majors that Bachelor of Commerce students are enrolled in at Curtin University Sydney. You will receive credits for the units that you have successfully completed as part of your studies at Curtin University if you transition to UTS.

**17. Can I change my major when I transition?**

If you change your major, you may not receive full credits into the new major for the units you have successfully completed already. This will change the duration of your visa. Curtin is working with UTS to transition you to the equivalent courses and majors, and therefore will be arranging for you to transition into that course with appropriate credits and matching duration.

**18. I have been accepted into a degree program at Curtin Sydney and expect to commence my studies in November 2015. What do the changes mean for me?**

Students who have already been accepted into diploma or degree programs commencing in Trimester 3 2015, at Curtin Sydney will be able to commence their studies in November 2015 as long as they have received their Student Visas by no later than 30 October 2015.

**19. I have been accepted into a degree program at Curtin Sydney and expect to commence my studies February 2016. What do the changes mean for me?**

Students who have already been accepted into diploma or degree programs at Curtin Sydney, but who are not due to commence their studies until 2016, will be contacted individually to discuss their options.

**20. Can I transfer to UTS or another provider at any time?**

At your individual advisory meeting Curtin staff will discuss with you the best time to transition to UTS. This will include looking at your study plan and your academic performance to date. Identifying the most suitable time at which you should transition to UTS will depend on a number of factors. These include a review of your study plan, including your academic performance to date, and the stage of the degree program which you have reached. It is important for us to ensure that credit for transfer to UTS courses is granted for the units you have already successfully completed at Curtin University Sydney.

**21. How do I arrange to get a new letter of offer for UTS? Will I have to apply to them?**

Curtin and UTS are working to organise all the necessary transition and admissions processes for you so that you can focus on completing your current study commitments and continue preparing for assignments and exams. We will contact you through the Student Portal with updates on these processes. You will need to sign a new letter of offer for UTS (or, if appropriate, a different provider) once these processes are completed.

**22. What if the title of the course at UTS is different to the course I am enrolled in at Curtin?**

The courses are mapped to ensure equivalence in learning outcomes, duration, professional accreditation and content.

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**23. Will any of Curtin's other campuses be closing?**

Curtin is not planning to close any of its other campuses at this time. Curtin continually monitors all of its operations and reviews them from time-to-time to ensure they meet the University's strategic goals and objectives.

**24. What will be on my testamur when I graduate?**

Your award, or testamur is issued by the university that you complete your studies with. If you complete your studies at Curtin University your testamur will be awarded by Curtin University. If you transfer to another provider, such as the UTS, your testamur will be awarded by UTS.

**25. If I complete my degree at Curtin University Sydney, will my testamur say I graduated from Curtin University Sydney or Curtin University?**

Curtin University does not distinguish between its campuses for the purposes of awarding graduation certificate, or testamur. Your testamur will be awarded by Curtin University.

**26. I will be completing at Curtin University Sydney after May 2016, will there be a graduation ceremony I can attend?**

Curtin will be holding graduation ceremonies in 2016 and 2017. Students may also attend Curtin graduation ceremonies in other locations, including Perth. Further information about graduation ceremonies can be found at <http://graduations.curtin.edu.au/graduate/ceremony/>.

**27. How do I get more information?**

We will contact you directly about the individual advisory meeting to be scheduled for you. You will be contacted through the Student Portal about the relevant date and time.

We will continue to post updates and additional information on the Student Portal as those updates and additional information become available.

If you have any immediate questions please contact the Curtin Sydney Pro Vice-Chancellor, Associate Professor Stephanie Fryer Smith. She can be contacted at [SydneyStudent@curtin.edu.au](mailto:SydneyStudent@curtin.edu.au)

**28. How can I find out what my own particular options are?**

You will be contacted through the Student Portal in the next few days proposing a date, time and location for an individual advisory meeting, to ensure that you understand how - if at all - this change will affect your course completion.

**29. Will I have to pay more to complete my studies at another provider?**

Curtin will recommend options for those students who do not expect to complete their programs within one year, or by 31 October 2016. Curtin places great importance on ensuring that all current students will be able to complete their studies with no impact on the expected course learning outcomes, duration or cost. The options for such students include transferring to another Curtin campus (in Perth,

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Singapore or Malaysia), or to transfer to an equivalent course at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) or another Sydney-based provider.

### **30. How can I find out how this might affect my visa?**

It is important that you attend the individual advisory meeting which will be scheduled for you in the coming weeks. Support staff will be available to discuss a range of matters with you and offer you whatever support you need. Curtin is committed to assisting you as much as possible during the transition period.

Please also note that the Department of Immigration and Border Protection will be able to answer any specific questions about your individual visa circumstances and you should contact them using their web form on this link - <http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts/> or telephone 131 881.

You can also visit the DIBP office at 26 Lee Street Sydney. Further information about the DIBP locations and services can be seen at <http://www.border.gov.au/Lega/Lega/Help/Location/australia>

### **31. Who can I talk to about my personal situation?**

It will be very important for you to attend your individual advisory meeting as there will be support staff available to discuss any concerns you have about your circumstances and outline the path forward. They will be able to offer support for you.

### **32. Who do I call if I need urgent information before my advisory meeting?**

If you have any immediate questions please contact the Curtin Sydney Pro Vice-Chancellor, Associate Professor Stephanie Fryer Smith. She can be contacted at [SydneyStudent@curtin.edu.au](mailto:SydneyStudent@curtin.edu.au)

### **33. I'm a current student - what should I do now?**

Please keep checking the Student Portal and attend an information and counselling session as these are scheduled for you.

**It is very important for you to continue to attend your classes and prepare your assignments and for exams. At this particular time, the most important thing for you to do is to focus on your studies and work hard, to ensure a successful completion of the current trimester.**