



Higher Education Students



More than 320,000 domestic and international students (including offshore students) were enrolled in New South Wales higher education institutions in 2007. Management and commerce attracted the highest number of over students, with 94,000 students enrolled in accounting, management, marketing, and banking and finance courses. The State also has a high concentration of students in the society and culture field, which includes which includes economics, law and languages, and architecture and building.

Around 77,000 students graduated from New South Wales higher education institutions in 2007, 39% of whom completed postgraduate degrees.

Australia's higher education facilities are world class, as demonstrated by the THES-QS World University Rankings 2008. According to the report, Australia is home to six of the world's top 50 universities, ranking it third behind the United States and the United Kingdom. Two New South Wales institutions, the University of Sydney and the University of New South Wales, are placed in the world's top 50.¹

New South Wales also has five universities in the top 100 Asia-Pacific academic institutions, as ranked by the prestigious Shanghai Jiao Tong Academic Ranking of World Universities 2008.²

Number of higher education students by state and broad field of education, 2007¹

Broad field of education	NSW		Vic		Qld		Australia
	No. of students	% of Aust.	No. of students	% of Aust.	No. of students	% of Aust.	No. of students
Natural and physical sciences	22,028	28.5	21,586	28.0	14,059	18.2	77,195
Information technology	13,442	26.5	17,856	35.2	9,316	18.4	50,733
Engineering and related technologies	19,778	28.4	21,524	30.9	12,177	17.5	69,642
Management and commerce	94,049	30.9	91,478	30.0	55,171	18.1	304,443
Creative arts	21,032	30.8	17,123	25.1	14,011	20.6	68,178
Agriculture, environmental and related studies	5,080	31.6	3,096	19.3	3,197	19.9	16,080
Architecture and building	7,334	32.3	6,545	28.9	4,192	18.5	22,676
Health	37,001	28.2	30,192	23.0	26,698	20.4	131,077
Education	31,427	30.9	19,603	19.3	21,545	21.2	101,816
Society and culture ¹	79,134	35.5	52,617	23.6	34,088	15.3	222,925
Other ²	8,818	33.7	3,213	12.3	8,468	32.3	26,178
Total ³	321,574	31.2	266,842	25.9	192,262	18.7	1,029,846

Footnotes:

1: The rankings are based on weighted scores for peer and recruiter review, the number of students and staff recruited from overseas, staff-to-student ratios and the number of citations of academic papers.

2: Rankings are based on several indicators of academic or research performance, including alumni and staff winning Nobel Prizes and Fields Medals, highly cited researchers, articles published in Nature and Science, articles indexed in major citation indices, and the per capita academic performance of institutions.

3: Includes Economics/econometrics, law, and languages among others.

4: Includes Food, hospitality and personal services, mixed field programs and non-award courses.

5: The data takes into account the coding of Combined Courses to two fields of education. As a consequence, counting both fields of education for Combined Courses means that the total may be less than the sum of all broad fields of education. Source: Commonwealth Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, Students 2007: Selected Higher Education

