



2015

Fresher Guide & Newsletter

Hi Freshers,

One way or another you've managed to stumble across a sanctuary from the hustle and bustle of Uni life. Read on for some essential tips in this Presidential Unigames Survival Guide:

1) Thirst, Hunger and Heatstroke are all very real threats in your first semester at University. Be sure to find refuge in the air-conditioned Unigames clubroom, complete with ice-creams and soft drinks for your everyday needs.

2) Boredom is a killer. We suggest regular stops between classes to test out our extensive stock of board-games or read through our RPG books. We host regular board games nights, Role-playing one-shots and Learn to GM panels as well as MTG drafts, Quiz Nights, BBQs, Night-long vigils and camps to fulfil your social needs.

3) Meet the people. Come meet your fellow members at the clubroom or throughout Cameron Hall! Check out the spotters guide in this booklet, or just come in and ask if anyone is up for a boardgame. Start a thread on the Facebook group, or pester committee with your every concern, the world's your oyster! If you want to meet more people sign up to one of our fresher campaigns, where we will teach you how to play RPGs (you're practically guaranteed to make friends)

Best of luck, and Welcome to Unigames

Rowan, President 2014

Hi, welcome to Unigames! Now that Rowan's given you the UNIG1001 unit outline on the club, I feel like a practical example of Fresher life is in order. That Fresher being me, and this being the story of how I accidentally got really involved with Unigames. Despite never having roleplayed or experienced boardgames beyond scrabble, I decided to join the tabletop games club. Curiosity may have killed the cat, and basically got voted in as Fresher Rep without actually being present. I may have accidentally fallen down the rabbit hole, but three campaigns and many, many other games later I can honestly say that it's been great. There's always something on and there are heaps of different people involved. So whether you're totally new to these types of games or a seasoned nerd, the club provides for all and it'll even be fun. The best piece of advice I can give, is just to get as involved as you can and it'll be worth all the awkward introductions you have to live through as a Fresher.

Good luck, have fun

Ruisi, Fresher Rep 2014

What Does Unigames Do?

Unigames provides a common meeting point for anyone interested in roleplaying, wargaming, board and card gaming.

We provide an air-conditioned club room in Cameron Hall to hang out and play in. We also have large tables in the Cameron hall Loft for when the club room overflows.

Roleplaying games are the bread and butter of the club. From DnD to Eclipse Phase our members enjoy a variety of systems. During a busy period there might even be 2 or 3 games played in and around the club room on one night. A great way to join a game, or recruit players for one you are starting, is to post on our Facebook page.

Wargames come and go in popularity, but there are people around who play weekly games. Warhammer 40K is the most popular, though we have gear for other systems. Ask around if you are looking for a war.

Card and Boardgames are a great way to occupy a spare period between lectures. If the ones in the club room don't take your fancy, we have a whole cupboard more of them.

Magic: The Gathering has been a weekly (even daily) instalment in the Unigames calendar, with drafts being run on a continual basis. If you go to the loft, chances are people will be playing magic.

Last but not least, the club room contains our fridge and freezer, full of the cheapest snacks and food on campus.

GM Panels also run regularly during the semester. Where seasoned masters impart their wisdom and experience onto their counterparts and future hopefuls.

How the Club Works

Opening the Club Room

Any committee member or gatekeeper may open the clubroom. A lot of these people spend more time in Cameron Hall than at lectures, so if Unigames isn't open, and you want to get in, try checking if there is someone who can open the room in the Loft, UCC, or Unisfa.

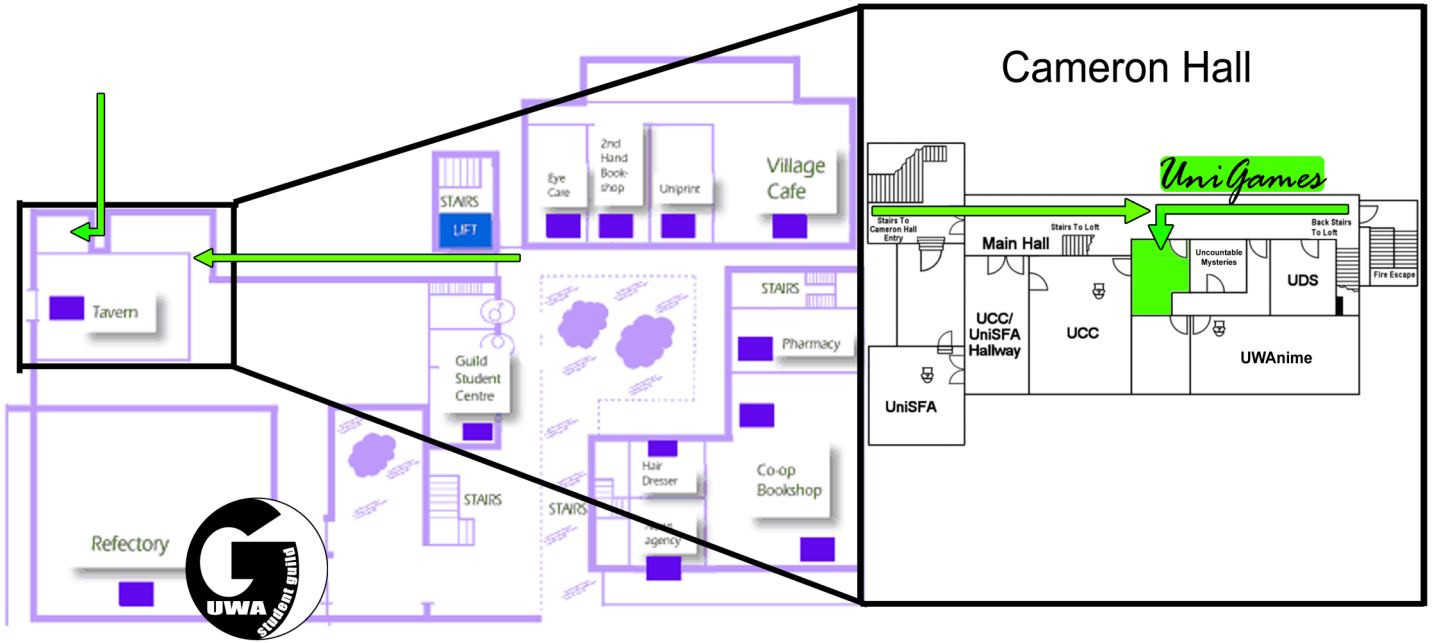
Food

If you would like to purchase food, hand your money to the gatekeeper or committee member currently holding the room open, and they will place it in the yellow box.

Magic Cards

Unigames has Magic: The Gathering cards for sale. Most sets are \$5/booster. If you would like to purchase some, ask the gatekeeper currently holding the room open.

Where is UniGames?



Where is Unigames

Unigames is located in Cameron Hall (same building as, and located behind the Tav), there are two entrances to Cameron Hall:

The main entrance is located on the left hand side of the Tav building (not inside the Tav).

The fire escape is the most commonly used route, as it is shorter than the main entrance. Find the service carpark close to the Guild toilets, and locate an arched wooden door (if it looks dodgy, you've come to the right place) to your left hand side. Go up the fire escape to the top of the stairs.

Library

RPGs	Wargames	Boardgames
DnD (2e, 3e, 3.5e, 4e, 5e) 13th Age and Pathfinder nWoD (all) oWoD (big 3) Dark Heresy (and co.) L5R Edge of the Empire	Warhammer 40K, house armies: Ultramarines Space Wolves Necrons Imperial Guard	Dominion (+expansions) Munchkin Arkham Horror Tsuru + Tsuru 2 Mansions of Madness Chaos in the Old world Order of the Stick

This is just a small subset of our library. Our full catalogue of over 300 books and games can be viewed online at <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/Unigames>. We also have large amount of old gaming magazines such as Dragon.

Borrowing

If you would like to borrow our stuff, there are two ways to go about it:

Short Term Borrowing – for period of less than 24 hours, within Cameron hall.

The borrower's student card or another form of valid ID considered equivalent by the gatekeeper is to be held in the compartment on the side of the notes box, in place of the borrowed source. Attached to the ID should be an indication of what resource that member currently has out. On return of resources, the ID shall be returned to the owner.

Long term borrowing – for period exceeding 24 hours, or outside Cameron Hall (NOTE: battle maps and dice are not available for long term borrowing [ie: out of Cameron Hall])

Fill out an entry in the library catalogue, which must be approved and signed off by a gatekeeper.

Getting new books and Games

Unigames purchases new books and games about twice a semester. Sometimes more often if something good comes out. Unigames is committed to buying any core rulebook that will see play, so if you want to start a game of a system we do not currently own, then let committee know and we'll think it over at the next meeting.

For splat books and expansions the club generally asks for 50% pledge from members. Please feel free to ask any committee member should you be interested or require further information regarding the acquisition of new books, or games.

Tactics Discount

Your Unigames membership entitles you to a 10% discount on all purchases from our friends at Tactics, Perth's premier gaming supply store. Tactics sells all kinds of great things, from roleplaying rulebooks, to dice and boardgames. They are located in a secret basement lair, on St George's Terrace at the end of London Court.

So if there is something you want to own for yourself, we heartily recommend them. Just present your membership sticker at the counter when you are making your purchase.

Committee and Associates

The 2014 Committee

Rowan Ashwin, President: Nicer than any serial killer you've met

Jon Van Buren, Vice President: Conceded at least two points last year

Gabby McGrath, Treasurer: Just better than regular people, still not human

Jake Alexander, Secretary: Just worse than regular people, definitely not human

Roland Kerr, Librarian: Rescued a lot of maidens, only got this stupid shirt

Ruisi Chen, Fresher Rep: True neutral, believes in you

Frames, OCM: Destroyer of Things, Creator of Things, Avatar of Entropy

Jen van den Avoort, OCM: Bite is worse than bark

Steven Correia, OCM: Get on his level, probably has never looked at an explosion

Sarah Lewis, Treasurer 1st Semester : Celestial princess of our hearts

Gatekeepers

Ryan Hall – Exceedingly sorry, eh

Jacob Collins – Still old, still grumpy, still here

Kieran Brown – DO NOT FEED

Cam Locke – Disappointed not to be a skeleton, still rhymes with #\$\$&

Cam Davis – What are you, where are you, who are you

Panya Jungpakdee – Now safe to approach without PPE

Jonathan Astbury – Actually a well liked person called Jono

Ben Armstrong—thought xxx_horselover_xxx was a good online name

The club is grateful for their service and contributions over the past year

Associated Clubs and Cons

Unisfa

Location: Cameron Hall

The University Science Fiction Association, a cool place to hang out and chat, and maybe even read some books.

UCC

Location: Cameron Hall

The University Computer Club; officially acknowledged us as bros. They have lots of great computers and gear, and also do the kind of gaming we don't. Best Wi-Fi on campus.

SwanCon

Date: 2 – 6 April 2015

Location: Pan Pacific Perth

Converging a range of geeky interests, their dedicated gaming streams run 24hrs during the convention and embraces all forms of gaming that we love. It is pricey though; full entry is \$260, though first timers do get a considerable discount.

GengisCon

Date: TBA, Early 2016

Location: Trinity Residential College, UWA

A small, affordable event revolving around complex board games, tabletop RPGs, videogames, books and much more. Release your inner geek and come hang out at their friendly convention.

EVENTS

Unigames runs plenty of roleplaying one shots, magic release parties and drafts, GM panels and boardgame nights with the occasional wargaming day as official club events. But the heart of the club is in what members run for themselves.

Fresher Welcome

Date: 26th February, 4pm—8pm

Location: Cameron Hall Loft

A great opportunity to meet new people (fresh and stale), sign up for your fresher campaigns, play boardgames and eat (free) pizza! It'll be a chill evening in the loft, so come up and check things out after a long day of classes.

AGM

Date: 3rd March, 1pm

Location: Large Guild Meeting Room

We will be electing our new committee, including Fresher Rep. If you don't know where the venue is, head up to the club room before the meeting and join in the mass migration. Gatekeepers will have to reapply to the new committee.

Magic Drafts, One-shots, Boardgames Nights, GM panels

Date: On-going

Location: Cameron Hall

Weekly/fortnightly events that run in and around the clubroom. Stay tuned to the Facebook page for updates on when these things are happening.

Fresher Campaigns

Date: On-going

Location: Cameron Hall

This is a great way to get involved with the club, especially when you start out and do not know many people. You and five other freshers can forge bond over the exhilarating experience of being screwed over by your experienced GM. Sign-ups at the fresher welcome, and other avenues later.

Cool events we ran last year

Cameron Hall Quiz Night

Location: The Tav

A fun night of questions and answers collaboratively hosted by Unigames, UCC, and Unisfa that ran mid semester one, last year.

Charity Vigil

Location: Cameron Hall

Every year Unigames runs a charity event mid semester two to raise money for an organisation helping youth in Western Australia. Last year we raised over \$1000 for Youth Focus. Join us for many a dungeon crawl, plenty of boardgames, the UCC LAN, and Unisfa screenings. All for a good cause.

Themed Camps

Previous themes have been Assassins, and Wizards. These fun themed camps have been run during the winter holidays. Boardgames, themed one-shots, LARPs, and various other games are run throughout the camp, and have been good way to get to know our members better in a relaxed environment away from the hustle and bustle of Uni.

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