

Study Abroad Australia



Surfers Paradise, Queensland



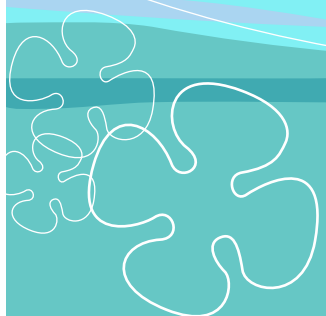
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Australian Catholic University (ACU) is a great place to study! With its unique range of high quality courses, concern for the welfare of individual students and choice of campuses in Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne and Ballarat, ACU offers something for everyone.

A Program Tailored to Suit You!

Study Abroad at ACU offers you the opportunity to achieve your goals both personally and academically through the wide range of courses in our five faculties - Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Theology and Philosophy, and Health Sciences. ACU students enjoy our small, friendly campuses with easy access to lecturers and outstanding student support services. Study areas in the Study Abroad Program include a great range of exciting field trips and practical components that offer you an experience and insight into the Australian lifestyle, culture and environment.

The ACU Advantage

- Choice of 6 campuses - Brisbane, Sydney (2), Canberra, Melbourne, Ballarat
- More than 18,000 students from over 75 countries
- Strong ethics content in courses
- High course completion rates
- A strong international focus with partners in Austria, Brazil, Canada, China, Chile, England, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, USA and Wales
- Low student to staff ratio

The University conducts its activities in accordance with the Education Services for Overseas Students Act (ESOS) 2000: http://aei.dest.gov.au/sectors/international_education/default.htm



South Bank Parklands, Brisbane



Locations, Lifestyle & Leisure

ACU is a public university which commenced operations in 1991 following the amalgamation of four Catholic tertiary institutions with history dating back to the mid-1800's. ACU is a university open to all students and staff regardless of their national, cultural or religious background.

With six campuses in Australia, each one is small enough to allow for a close working relationship between students and teachers, with smaller classes enabling academic staff to give individual attention to students.

The small classes and the caring culture of a Catholic institution combine to provide a friendly, enthusiastic environment for teaching and learning and the development of the individual both academically and socially. Strong ethics content in courses encourages a high standard of professional conduct.

Each campus offers students the opportunity to experience a different aspect of Australian culture and environment. Students undertaking more than one semester of study here may undertake each semester at a different campus, provided the selected units are available.

Great Barrier Reef, Queensland

Brisbane, Queensland

Mooloolaba, Queensland



Brisbane

Brisbane is the capital of Queensland which is a large state well known for its tropical coastline, sandy white beaches and sunshine. It is Australia's fastest growing capital city with a population of more than 1.8 million. A relaxed and friendly city with extensive parklands, botanical gardens, art galleries and restaurants. Brisbane's subtropical climate lends itself to a cosmopolitan outdoor lifestyle.

The magnificent beaches of the Gold and Sunshine Coasts are only one hours drive away and other wonderful attractions such as Natural Arch, Springbrook National Park, as well as Stradbroke, Moreton and Fraser Islands make Brisbane an ideal base. The fabulous Great Barrier Reef stretches 2000 kilometres alongside the coast of Queensland and is home to 1500 species of fish.

The Campus

Brisbane Campus (McAuley at Banyo)

Situated in the northern suburb of Banyo, just 12 kilometres from the Brisbane Central Business District (CBD), the Brisbane Campus (McAuley at Banyo) provides a relaxed and friendly atmosphere for students. With over 3,500 students the campus is set on 40 hectares of beautifully landscaped grounds and historic buildings. The university provides a free shuttle bus to link the campus to major train and bus stations enabling access to the city and surrounding suburbs via public transport.

Study Areas

- > Arts and Science
- > Business
- > Education
- > English Language
- > Exercise Science
- > Nursing
- > Physiotherapy
- > Psychological Science
- > Social Science, Counselling and Social Work
- > Theology and Philosophy

More information

www.studybrisbane.com.au
www.brisbane.qld.gov.au
www.ourbrisbane.com.au

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MAY	24	14
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JUL	22	10
AUG	23	10
SEP	26	13
OCT	27	16
NOV	28	18
DEC	29	20



Sydney

Sydney is world renowned for its beautiful harbour, famous beaches, architecture and a culture which incorporates fabulous beach living, surfing, bushlands, food, music and nightlife. Sydney has that big city buzz and caters to a full range of interests, tastes and budgets for everyone!

As Australia's oldest and largest city, Sydney has a population of more than 4 million people and is the commercial and cultural capital of Australia. Sydney is truly a world city.

The Campuses

North Sydney Campus (MacKillop)

Only a five minute train ride over the famous Sydney Harbour Bridge from the CBD of Sydney, the North Sydney Campus is centrally located within a short walk from the North Sydney train station. The campus is accessible by both bus and train. This campus has around 3,300 students.

Study Areas

- > Business
- > English Language
- > Business Information Systems
- > Nursing
- > Environmental Science

Strathfield Campus (Mount St Mary)

Located in one of the older, established suburbs of Sydney, the gracious buildings on campus include a Romanesque style chapel and are set in beautifully landscaped grounds. With over 4,200 students the campus is located only a 20 minute train ride from the city centre, and an 8 minute bus trip from Strathfield train station.

Study Areas

- > Arts and Sciences
- > Social Work
- > Education
- > Theology and Philosophy
- > Exercise Science

More information

www.visitnsw.com.au
www.sydneyaustralia.com

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Canberra

Canberra, the national capital of Australia has a population of just over 340,000 and offers fabulous access to important Australian treasures such as the National Gallery of Australia and the National Museum of Australia. A small well planned city, Canberra offers all the advantages of living in a nation's capital without the hustle and bustle of larger cities.

Canberra is known as a 'green city' and has a fabulous network of bike tracks and jogging trails. There are great opportunities for camping and hiking and some of Australia's best attractions are just hours away. For students the study resources in Canberra are expansive with government departments, the Australian Institute of Sport, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) and Australian National Archives.

The Campus

Canberra Campus (Signadou)

Located just five kilometres from the centre of Canberra this campus is well served by public transport and is one of ACU's smaller campuses offering a personalised study environment. With around 700 students, campus facilities include a swimming pool, canteen, computer labs and a chapel.

Study Areas

- > Education
- > Nursing
- > Social Work
- > Theology and Philosophy

More information

www.visitcanberra.com.au
www.virtualcanberra.gov.au

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AUG	14	1
SEP	17	3
OCT	20	6
NOV	24	9
DEC	27	12



Melbourne

Melbourne is a vibrant, culturally diverse and elegant city that is the second largest capital city in Australia with a population of 4 million. Melbourne is Australia's premier city of art, sport and festivals and home to some of Australia's famous cultural and sporting events.

The many public parks and gardens and architectural splendor adds to the feel of Melbourne and you'll find a rich café culture in the city's lanes. Based on a survey of culture and events, education levels, environmental awareness, infrastructure and access, the London Economist Intelligence Unit has awarded Melbourne the title of one of the 'Worlds Most Liveable Cities'.

The Campus

Melbourne Campus (St Patrick's)

Situated only a few minutes from the CBD, this campus is within walking distance of a number of cafe's, shops and restaurants. The campus is host to 5,800 students.

Study Areas

- > Arts and Sciences
- > Business
- > Education
- > English Language
- > Exercise Science
- > Media Communication
- > Nursing
- > Psychological Science
- > Social Science and Counselling
- > Theology and Philosophy

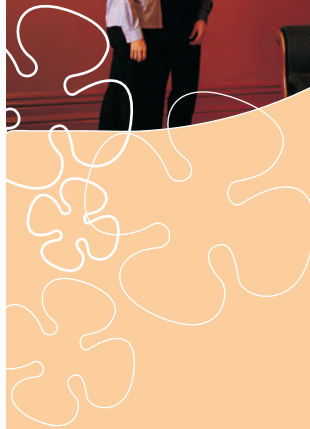
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www.visitmelbourne.com
www.studymelbourne.com.au
www.thatsmelbourne.com.au

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Ballarat



Ballarat is a picturesque rural town of 80,000 people and is a living museum of the goldrush period of Australia. With many fine buildings, attractive gardens, fountains and sculptures, the beautiful wide tree-lined streets add to the charm and character that is Ballarat. It is Victoria's second largest regional city, with a lack of traffic congestion and all the friendliness of a small town.

Ballarat is close to some of Victoria's finest attractions including the spectacular Grampians, the wineries of the Pyrenees and historic mining towns such as Clunes and Creswick. Just 75 minutes drive from Melbourne, Ballarat offers students a real Australian experience.

The Campus

Ballarat Campus (Aquinas)

The campus is set in beautiful gardens, near the commercial centre of Ballarat and within easy reach of facilities. The beautiful old buildings of the campus reflect the history of the town. With over 800 students, the campus offers quality teaching facilities including simulated nursing labs, computer labs, a library, a canteen, visual art rooms, a gallery, a bookshop and a gym as well as dedicated Student Accommodation.

Study Areas

- > Education
- > Nursing
- > Theology and Philosophy

More information

www.visitballarat.com.au
www.ballarat.vic.gov.au

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Study Abroad Programs

Study Abroad at ACU offers you a fabulous range of subjects to choose from. The main study areas available are:

- > Accounting
- > Asian Studies
- > Australian Studies
- > Business
- > Business Information Systems
- > Communication
- > Counselling
- > Drama
- > Early Childhood
- > Economics
- > Education
- > English Language
- > Environmental Science
- > Exercise Science
- > Family Studies
- > Geography
- > Gender Studies
- > History
- > Indigenous Studies
- > Leisure Studies
- > Literature
- > Marketing
- > Mathematics
- > Media
- > Nursing
- > Philosophy
- > Politics
- > Psychological Science
- > Religion Studies
- > Social Science
- > Social Work
- > Theology
- > Visual Arts
- > Youth Work

Students can choose between a broad range of scheduled units offered at ACU. All international students must be enrolled as a full-time student for the length of their program. Four units per semester is a normal full-time load.

Study Abroad Plus

Add value to your study abroad experience!

Are you looking for a program that offers more than a typical semester abroad? Do you feel like engaging with your host community on a deeper level? Are you open-minded and looking for an adventure?

Then try the new programs available through ACU Study Abroad *plus!* Enrol in 2-3 elective units at our Brisbane, Sydney or Melbourne campuses, and complete one of our new study abroad components: Internship or Community Engagement (service learning).

A minimum cohort is required to run each program.

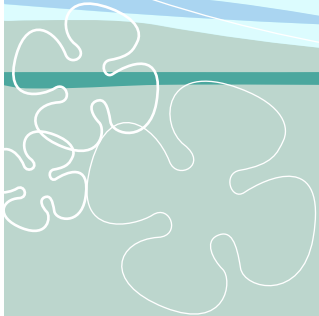
Study Abroad + Internship

Enhance your study abroad experience by combining a practical internship placement with academic study. The ACU Study Abroad plus Internship combination allows you to enrol in 2-3 elective units while also taking a professional internship at a local company. This program is an attractive arrangement as it offers experience in both Australian university and work environments.

Our internship program is designed to help you:

- > Experience the Australian work culture
- > Develop work-related skills
- > Strengthen cross-cultural communication skills
- > Engage in the local community
- > Establish industry networks and contacts

The internship unit involves the successful completion of 120 hours (10 hours per week for 12 weeks) undertaking a negotiated learning experience in a professional workplace. All internships are unpaid, but the exposure will be an invaluable experience and will boost your resume. Consider the internship an investment in your future career!



Location: Brisbane or Melbourne
 Duration: Semester (includes 120 hours internship placement)
 When: February and July intakes
 Unit Value: 10 credit points

Internship Placement

ACU accepts you into the study abroad program and internship component. Our professional staff arrange the internships and place students with host companies. Placements are limited and not guaranteed - a flexible attitude is key!

Your internship must relate to your study major and interests. Internships are offered in fields such as:

- > Business Administration
- > Information Systems
- > Marketing
- > Media
- > Communications
- > International Relations
- > Fundraising
- > Environmental Science
- > Social Science
- > Political Science
- > Non-profit Organisations
- > Event Management
- > Creative Arts
- > Hotel Management
- > Public Relations
- > Education

Projects in the following areas are competitive and are limited:

- > Banking
- > Accounting
- > Investments
- > Research
- > Medical Science
- > Film
- > Psychology
- > Television

We are constantly sourcing new internship opportunities however it is important to note:

- > Internship placements are in high demand and can not be guaranteed
- > Internships are designed for undergraduate students
- > You are unlikely to secure an internship if you have no experience or study history in the field you request
- > Some companies will only take on a student following an in-person interview
- > You may use your own contacts and resources to secure a placement for the purpose of this program
- > If a suitable placement can not be sourced, or is not suitable, please be prepared that you will only complete the study component and take a full load of classes

Study Abroad + Community Engagement

Create a powerful dynamic between direct cultural exposure and academic study. Join our Study Abroad plus Community Engagement (service learning) combination to integrate your study with volunteer service. Interacting with the local community on several levels will add unquestionable value to your study abroad experience and allow you to put theory into practice.

This unit combines three weeks of lectures and a 90 hour placement in a not-for-profit community organisation. Reflecting on your experience will be a significant component of the program.

ACU has a distinctive mission "to make a specific contribution to its local, national and international communities". The Study Abroad plus Community Engagement program is offered in partnership with ACU's Institute for Advancing Community Engagement (IACE). The Institute has been established by ACU to advance the development of mutually beneficial and sustainable community engagement.

Community engagement is the process through which the University brings the capabilities of its staff and students to work collaboratively with community groups and organisations to achieve mutually agreed goals that build capacity, improve well-being, and produce just and sustainable outcomes in the interests of people and their communities in the hope of a better tomorrow.

Location: Sydney
 Duration: Semester (includes lectures + 90 hour placement)
 When: February and July intake
 Unit Value: 10 credit points

Volunteer Placement

ACU accepts you into the study abroad program and community engagement component. Our professional staff arrange the volunteer placements and place students with local not-for-profit companies. If a suitable placement can not be sourced, or is not suitable, please be prepared that you will only complete the study component at ACU and take a full load of classes.



Summer and Winter Short Term Programs

Customised Short Term Programs for Institutions
ACU can arrange short term group study programs for individual institutions. Short term programs are a great opportunity for students to study abroad during the Northern Hemisphere summer, winter (J-Term), or during semester breaks.

We offer a variety of programs. Some recent examples include:

- > **Australian Culture and History** - incorporating field trips to the coast, Sydney and Canberra
- > **Aboriginal Studies** - covering education and cross-cultural communication
- > **Educational Leadership** - for teachers, administrators and church officials seeking formal studies to enhance their practical experience in educational leadership roles
- > **Visual and Performing Arts Packages for Primary School teachers** - Drama/Dance/Media/Music/Art and Design
- > **Visual Arts Camp** - includes involvement of established Australian artists and visits to galleries
- > **Trips to Australian nature reserves** (for example Carnarvon Gorge or The Great Barrier Reef) to explore, observe and sketch Australian landscapes and Aboriginal sites

You can view our Short Term Program portfolio at www.acu.edu.au/groups. Short term programs are tailored to your institutions needs, so please contact us for more information.

Support Services

ACU provides comprehensive support services to all students to help them make the most of their time at university and to ensure their studies are successful.

These services include:

- > Pre-departure guide
- > Accommodation information
- > Arrival service (on request)
- > International student orientation program
- > Personal support and advice

General Support Services

All ACU students have access to the following services, provided on campuses:

- > Academic support
- > Accommodation assistance
- > Multi-faith chaplaincy and quiet rooms
- > Counselling
- > Disability resources office
- > Careers and employment service

On Campus Facilities

- > Library
- > Computer laboratories, email and internet accounts
- > Easy access to banking, EFTPOS facilities and ATM
- > Entertainment venues
- > Fitness centre and pool (only some campuses)
- > Food outlets
- > Bookshops
- > Sport and recreation facilities

English Language Centres

For students from non-English speaking backgrounds ACU offers a variety of English Language Courses including General English, IELTS Preparation and English for Academic Purposes: Direct Entry programs in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.

Student Life, Recreation and Sporting Services

Each of our campuses has a strong association that provide students with the opportunity to participate in organising on campus events and social activities as well as national events. Students who participate in national events such as University Games, are given the opportunity to travel interstate to other campuses.

The ACU Sport and Recreation Office engage with volunteer students on each campus to assist with the coordination of events. The Office is responsible for the overall student participation in sport and recreation programs to develop students' general health and physical well-being.

Shops/Banks

Our campuses are within easy reach of commercial centres and campuses have their own bookshops and cafeterias.



Accommodation

Accommodation information for each campus can be accessed from the ACU website at https://www.acu.edu.au/international/arrival_and_orientation/accommodation/

At all campuses the International Student Advisor will assist with guidance on the types of accommodation near each campus and can organise temporary accommodation if requested.

Homestay

Homestay offers international students the opportunity to live in a local home while studying in Australia. Homestay is suitable for stays ranging from a few weeks to many months. By living with an Australian family you will improve your English and get a closer understanding of Australian life. Students should budget approximately AUD\$240 - \$280 per week for Homestay which includes utilities and most meals. If you wish to obtain Homestay accommodation, please inform the Study Abroad and Exchange Coordinator when you apply to the program.

Private/Hostel

Students may choose to live alone, share with a friend or board at a hostel. The International Student Advisors in each state can provide advice on obtaining this type of accommodation.

Costs & Visa Information

For the Study Abroad fees, please refer to the Schedule of Tuition Fees: <http://www.acu.edu.au/international/59750>

The tuition fees also cover:

- » Orientation program
- » Access to all student services and facilities which are available to local students
- » Study skills assistance

Students will also need to budget for textbooks, Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) and living costs. Some units may also require the purchase of additional items (eg. uniforms for nursing courses).

Sample Living Costs

Item	Cost
Rent (shared basis)	\$140
Food (based on home cooking)	\$90
Utility Bills (electricity, phone, gas, etc)	\$30
Public Transport	\$40
Miscellaneous	\$50
Total P/week	\$350
Total P/year	\$18,200

Students are also advised to allow for on average , \$400 per semester for books or supplies.

All costs are approximate and subject to change. Rent is based on sharing a privately rented house. Initial expenses for the first few weeks for temporary accommodation will be higher than above until students find suitable permanent accommodation.

Refund Policy

The ACU Refund Policy and Release Policy are available from the University website, via: www.acu.edu.au/international/59750

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

The Australian government requires all international students and their dependants to obtain health insurance for the duration of their visas. (Note: Norwegian and Swedish students are NOT required to pay the levy for Overseas Student Health Cover). Visa length cover must be paid with the first semester's tuition fee. OSHC covers 85% of the Government-scheduled fees for private doctors, pathology and x-rays. Students must make up the shortfall. Please note: OSHC will not cover any pre-existing conditions (ie those which existed within 18 months before the student began study). The University's preferred OSHC provider is Worldcare: www.oshcworldcare.com.au

Student Visas

Students apply for student visas prior to arriving in Australia. For more information on how to apply please contact your nearest Consulate, Australian Embassy or High Commission which you can find at www.immi.gov.au

Employment

Under Australian immigration regulations, international students with a student visa may work up to 20 hours per week during the semester and full-time during university vacation. Students will have permission to work automatically as this is included with their student visa and they can seek employment after commencing classes at ACU. For further information on working in Australia see www.immi.gov.au

Academic Information

At ACU a normal full-time load is four units (40 credit points). Enrolment in more than four units will attract additional fees. The minimum allowable enrolment for students is three units (30 credit points).

Sample comparison of credit points system

ACU	ECTS	USA
1 Unit = 10 credit points	7.5	3-4 credits

Terminology

Academic Terminology		Example
Course	The program of study	Bachelor of Business
Unit	The individual unit of study taken as part of a course. Sometimes referred to as class, subject or module	MKTG100 - Principles of Marketing

Official Transcript of Results

At the completion of your semester or year abroad, a transcript is automatically issued by the University and includes details of grades achieved.

Explanation of Grades

Student performance in scheduled units is recorded using the following system:

Grade	Range
High Distinction (HD)	85 - 100%
Distinction (D)	75 - 84%
Credit (C)	65 - 74%
Pass (P)	50 - 64%
Fail (F)	0 - 49%

Study and Assessment Methods

Methods at Australian universities may differ from those in other countries. Tertiary study is largely autonomous and students are encouraged to develop independent thoughts and ideas. At the same time some units may require group presentations or submissions as part of assessment. At ACU, students must attend lectures, tutorial classes and seminars, sit for examinations, and undertake practical and field trips as prescribed. (Field trips may incur additional costs above already paid tuition fees).

Academic Progress

A student's enrolment in a course may be deferred, suspended or cancelled in accordance with University regulations. These regulations are detailed in the yearly handbook, accessible via: <http://www.acu.edu.au/142401>



Applying to ACU

Entry Requirements

Students from all countries are welcome to apply to the ACU Study Abroad Program. Entry requirements are based on your educational background and English Language proficiency. It is also a good idea to speak to your Academic Coordinator at your home institution to ensure that subjects studied at ACU are credited back to your course if required.

General Requirements:

- > Completion of one full year of study at university level with satisfactory grades
- > IELTS 6.0 overall (with no band score under 6.0) for students from an institution teaching in a language other than English

Application Deadlines

Semester One - November 15
Semester Two - May 15

Important Dates

ACU: Semester 1

Orientation
Semester (teaching weeks)
Vacation week
Exams

Northern Hemisphere (Spring)

Mid-February
February - June
April
June

ACU: Semester 2

Orientation
Semester (teaching weeks)
Vacation week
Exams

Northern Hemisphere (Autumn/ Fall)

Mid-July
July - October
September
November

Step by step guide:

STEP ONE - Choose your Campus and Units
After reviewing information regarding the exchange program, select the units, duration and campus you would like to study. Please indicate 6 - 8 units in order of preference for each semester and include the unit code.

STEP TWO

- Apply to ACU
You can apply to the study abroad program online at www.acu.edu.au/iapply. If you need assistance, contact the Study Abroad and Exchange Coordinator.

STEP THREE

- Offer to Study @ ACU
The University will assess your application and, if you are successful, will issue an electronic Letter of Offer. This offer letter may come via your Study Abroad Representative at your home university. The Letter of Offer will include specific advice given by the Course Coordinator on unit selection or availability. The Study Abroad and Exchange Coordinator will send you a Pre-Departure Guide and you will also receive advice on how to accept the offer and make payment.

STEP FOUR

- Accept your Offer
Upon receipt of your fees and signed acceptance, the University will issue an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE). This will allow you to apply for a Student Visa online or from the nearest Australian High Commission, Consulate, Embassy or Diplomatic Post.

STEP FIVE

- Prepare for your Adventure!
Once you have your Student Visa you are ready to come and study at ACU. We look forward to welcoming you!

Maleny, Queensland

Cambooya, Queensland

Mt Tamborine, Queensland

Contact ACU

Email: studyabroad@acu.edu.au
www.acu.edu.au/studyabroad

Study Abroad Enquiries and Applications

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