# Charles Sturt University

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## **CANBERRA CAMPUS**

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Charles Sturt University (CSU) is a progressive and award-winning university that has rapidly gained an international reputation for excellence through its innovative approach to higher education. CSU is Australia's largest non-metropolitan university and is recognised as a leader in the provision of distance education. The University transcends national and international borders to offer over 400 courses to around 38,000 students throughout Australia and internationally through on-campus and distance education study.

CSU offers a wide choice of study locations. With a network of campuses in Australia's fastest-growing regional cities, CSU provides strong links to regional Australia.

Students can apply through UAC International for courses at our locations in Albury-Wodonga, Bathurst, Orange and Wagga Wagga, as well as our specialist centres in Parramatta and Canberra, all of which provide access to quality higher education for students across the country and around the globe.

CSU regional campuses offer a unique study experience – access to the best of city living along with the benefits of a regional lifestyle. Expansive surroundings have allowed the development of fully operational, hands-on teaching facilities, ranging from state-of-the-art scientific and computer laboratories, design and television studios and mock hospital, to an Allied Health Clinic and community radio station. These campuses have a variety of sporting and recreational facilities for students to enjoy.

# **OPEN DAYS, EXHIBITIONS AND INTERVIEW SESSIONS**

#### In Australia

Choosing a university is a big decision and it's important that you get the feel of the place. CSU's open day every day campus tour program lets you take a tour of one of our campuses at a time that suits you, and working day of the year.



#### www.csu.edu.au/international

Personalised campus tours are conducted by current students, and you can meet lecturers and talk about what and how you will study,and look through the learning facilities. Visit www.csu.edu.au/oncampus/campus-life/tour for more information.

#### **Overseas**

For details of CSU's overseas agents/representatives visit www.csu.edu.au/international/csu-agents

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

The academic year at Charles Sturt University is divided into two main

- Session 1 (between February and June)
- Session 2 (between July and October).

There is also an optional study session (between November and February) when a limited range of subjects is offered.

Most courses start in Session 1. For courses available for a Session 2 intake check our online course brochures at www.csu.edu.au/courses or refer to the 'Table of courses' in this booklet.

#### Session 1, 2012 (Feb)

Airport Reception Program International Student Orientation Session start week before orientation Monday 20 – Friday 24 February 2012 Monday 27 February 2012

#### Session 2, 2012 (July)

Airport Reception Program
International Student Orientation
Session start

week before orientation Wednesday 4 – Friday 6 July 2012 Monday 9 July 2012

## Academic calendar

For important dates concerning teaching periods, study breaks and vacation periods check the main University Calendar at www.csu.edu.au/acad\_sec/academic-manual/qcontm.htm

#### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Read page 22 for general information about admission requirements.

Admission requirements are the minimum qualifications you need before you can be selected for admission to a course of study.

As an international student attempting one of the following qualifications, you will apply for admission through UAC International and will generally be selected on the basis of your performance in these studies (that is, your ATAR or equivalent):

an Australian Year 12 qualification (either offshore or in Australia)

- an International Baccalaureate
- a New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement Level 3.

When assessing your application CSU may take any or all of your qualifications or attempts at study into account.

#### I imited ATAR

The University accepts the NSW Limited ATAR for admission purposes – read section 6.8 in Part 1.

#### Additional selection criteria

In addition to achieving the standard of performance required for admission, for certain courses you must also satisfy additional selection criteria.

These criteria may include portfolio, interview, audition, questionnaire or test and are taken into account either instead of, or in conjunction with, your ATAR or equivalent.

Details of additional selection criteria and how applicants can meet these requirements are outlined in the course descriptions. For course descriptions, visit the course search on the UAC International website at www.uac.edu.au/international

If you are undertaking your Year 12 studies offshore and are applying to a course that has additional selection criteria that you will find difficult to meet, contact info.csu at www.csu.edu.au/contacts/enquiry or call 1800 334 733 (within Australia) or +61 2 6338 6077 (outside Australia).

International applicants applying for admission on the basis of other qualifications must apply directly to the University, not through UAC International. For details visit www.csu.edu.au/international/apply

# Offers made to applicants who have an ATAR (or equivalent) below the cut-off

CSU has a number of alternative pathways for admission, which may allow applicants to receive an offer to a course even though they have an ATAR or equivalent below the cut-off. They are:

- Principal's Report Entry Program
- Regional Bonus Scheme
- strong performance in Year 12 subjects.

#### **STUDENTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE**

Before you are granted a student visa, the Australian Government must be satisfied that you have appropriate accommodation, support and general welfare arrangements in place for the period that you will be under 18 years of age while in Australia.

CSU does not accept responsibility for welfare arrangements for international students who are under 18 years of age.

For more information on what arrangements need to be in place, visit www. immi.gov.au/students/students/573-1/eligibility-student-18.htm

# **AREAS OF STUDY**

Charles Sturt University offers a wide range of undergraduate courses in:

- Agricultural and Wine Sciences
- Allied Health
- Animal and Veterinary Sciences
- Business
- Communication
- Creative Industries
- Environmental Science
- Exercise and Sports ScienceHumanities and Social Sciences
- Information and Communication Technology and Mathematics
- Medical Science
- NursingPolicing
- Policing, Security and Emergency Management
- Psychology
- Science
- Teaching and Education
- Theology and Religious Studies.

For course descriptions, visit the course search on the UAC International website at www.uac.edu.au/international/course-search/

For information on course structures visit www.csu.edu.au/courses/  $\,$ 

## **TUITION FEES**

For information about tuition fees refer to the 'Table of courses' in this booklet or visit the course search on the UAC International website at www.uac.edu. au/international/course-search/

Fees are outlined on the offer of admission and are held for the duration of your study in that program.

Applicants are required to pay the first session's fees in advance before an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE) can be issued.

#### Fees policy

#### LIVING EXPENSES

Read page 35 for general information about living expenses.

As a guide, the estimated annual cost for a single student living in Australia (including food, accommodation, textbooks, personal incidentals, transport and entertainment) is approximately A\$18,000. Some students say they spend less than this and some spend much more, however, the minimum amount would be A\$18,000 per year. It all depends on your lifestyle.

In addition to this amount there will be the cost of a return trip home and international telephone calls.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Read page 35 for general information about scholarships.

Charles Sturt University does not currently offer scholarships to undergraduate international students undertaking their first year of study.

#### SPONSORED STUDENTS

Read page 35 for general information about sponsored students.

#### **OVERSEAS STUDENT HEALTH COVER (OSHC)**

Read page 36 for general information about OSHC.

Medibank Private is CSU's preferred OSHC provider for all newly commencing international students. Commencing students using another OSHC provider must make payment arrangements with the provider directly as CSU only accepts payment for Medibank Private.

For more information visit www.medibank.com.au

## **WORKING WHILE STUDYING**

On a student visa you are entitled to work up to 20 hours per week during the session, and on a full-time basis during session breaks.

It is very important that you do not rely on obtaining work to pay for your living and tuition expenses while in Australia. Money that you do earn should be considered a bonus. Remember that as part of your visa application process you will be required to declare to the Australian Embassy that you have sufficient funds available and are able to support yourself financially, without having to rely on obtaining work in Australia.

For more information visit www.csu.edu.au/division/studserv/support/international/employment.htm

#### PREPARING FOR STUDENT LIFE

For details visit www.csu.edu.au/international/preparing-for-arrival

### **ACCEPTANCE, ORIENTATION, ENROLMENT AND DEFERMENT**

#### **Acceptance**

Detailed acceptance procedures are provided with your Offer of Admission.

## **Orientation**

CSU runs an Orientation Program in the week before classes commence. This program will help you make the transition to living and studying in Australia. The Orientation Program is designed to provide a framework that will allow you to get the most out of your experience both academically and personally.

Orientation Week for Session 1, 2012 starts Monday 20 February and ends Friday 24 February. For more information visit www.csu.edu.au/oncampus/starting-at-csu/o-week

#### **Enrolment**

Once you have accepted your Offer of Admission and arranged for payment of your first session's fees, CSU will activate your subject enrolment.

#### Deferment

It may be possible to defer your enrolment at CSU for up to 24 months , however some courses do not have the option to defer. If you receive an offer of admission, information about how to apply for deferment will be included in your offer pack.

#### STUDENT SUPPORT

At Charles Sturt University we have many services to help you achieve your personal, academic and career goals, including:

#### International Student Support Officers (ISSOs)

The ISSOs at Charles Sturt University are assigned to international students to offer assistance with settling into accommodation and general orientation including familiarisation with teaching, administrative processes and campus facilities. They can also provide information on city and regional attractions. ISSOs are available for ongoing international student support throughout your studies at CSU.

#### Airport Reception program

When you arrive at your regional campus location, you will be met at the airport, rail or bus depots by our Student Services staff.

For more information visit www.csu.edu.au/division/studserv/my-life/international/pre-departure/arrival-assistance. Once you're on campus, the team at Student Central can help with all non-teaching questions, including making counselling and Learning Skills appointments; accessing your personal records; changing your enrolment or accessing your CSU websites.

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

For you to study well and enjoy your time at university, you need to live somewhere that is comfortable, convenient and affordable. At our regional campuses a range of accommodation options is offered to suit your lifestyle and budget. At CSU regional campuses, we guarantee University accommodation for international students in their first year, providing they meet the accommodation application process. With your Offer of Admission you will be provided with links to the campus accommodation options as well as details on the application process for securing accommodation.

As finding suitable accommodation is fundamental to your success and wellbeing at the University, we recommend you start thinking about finding accommodation well before your arrival at the University. For more information visit www.csu.edu.au/international/locations/accommodation

#### **CAMPUS SERVICES AND FACILITIES**

At CSU, we pride ourselves on our student focus. We are committed to providing you with individual assistance and the support to help make your study experience a constructive and positive one.

CSU provides the latest teaching facilities at all of its locations, including extensive computer facilities. Our regional campuses also feature scientific laboratories, television and drama studios, an on-campus radio station 2MCE-FM, demonstration hospital wards, a farm, winery and vineyards, equine facilities and an operational cheese factory.

Depending on where you study, you can also access our dental and oral health, allied health, and nutrition clinics.

## **Careers advice**

Career Hub provides students with extensive careers information including, but not limited to, assistance with: compiling a resume, learning how to meet selection criteria, developing a career plan, preparing for an interview, and building interview skills. It also provides listings of current vacant positions, graduate programs and prospective employer details. Postgraduate study information is also available.

#### Chaplaincy

Freedom of religious choice is an important part of the Australian lifestyle. On the regional campuses there are inter-denominational Christian services and, on Wagga Wagga campus there is an Islamic Study Centre , and at the Albury-Wodonga and Bathurst campuses there are Muslim prayer rooms available. Many other religions are represented in our local communities, including Baha'i, Buddhism, Hinduism and Judaism.

### **Counselling**

The University has trained counsellors available to help you with personal, academic or career matters. The service is free and confidential.

#### Library/computing services

Library collections and services are provided at all study locations to support the academic program of the University. You can also access thousands of ebooks and ejournals, dictionaries and encyclopaedias, multimedia and course readings via eReserve. The Library offers short videos, interactive tutorials, podcasts and FAQs on how to use the Library and find resources for your assignments. CSU is part of the UNILINC group of libraries and the CSU catalogue provides access to the collections of various other Australian universities.

At all campuses CSU has modern computer laboratories for student use, with 24-hour Learning Commons available on Albury-Wodonga, Bathurst, Orange and Wagga Wagga campuses. The laboratories at regional campuses are accessible around the clock, with technicians on-hand during extended hours for consultation and support. At all study locations there is also a high computer-to-student ratio.

Students and lecturers connect online via CSU Interact, an online scholarly environment where students build community, share knowledge, work and learn together in a 'virtual' or online space. You can access subject resources, interact with lecturers and other students, and can upload your assignments via EASTS. All students at CSU have their very own secure and personalised space on the CSU website. Through my.csu students can access online subjects and forums, view timetables, exam results and financial statements, check their CSU webmail, and receive and respond to University correspondence in their eBox – the online delivery point for all official communication between student and the University.

#### Learning assistance

This service, available to all students, can assist with time management, research skills, active reading and note taking, academic essay and report writing, tutorial preparation and exam techniques.

#### **Publications**

For information on CSU publications visit www.csu.edu.au/about/publications

#### Sports and recreation

Sporting and recreation facilities vary across our campuses, CSU's sporting facilities include gymnasiums, a golf course, swimming pool, basketball, tennis and squash courts, and hockey, soccer and football fields.

#### Student organisations

On each campus, active student clubs provide a range of social and support services for all students. Whether it's sporting, cultural, recreational or social, we have a club to suit you.

#### Students with disabilities

If you have a hearing, vision, mobility, speech, learning or psychological disability, or if you have a medical condition and require support services from the University, you are encouraged to contact a Disability Liaison Officer. Assistance, confidential advice and support are available regarding your course and personal matters.

## **Transport**

Our Bathurst and Wagga Wagga campuses have University bus services available.

## **FAOS AND FURTHER INFORMATION**

For more information about studying at Charles Sturt University as an international student visit www.csu.edu.au/international