

# 2026 Short Term *Study Abroad*

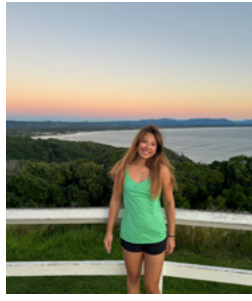
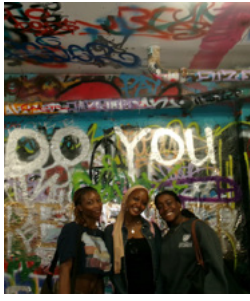
19 June – 25 July



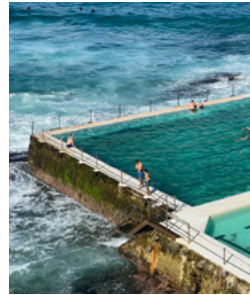
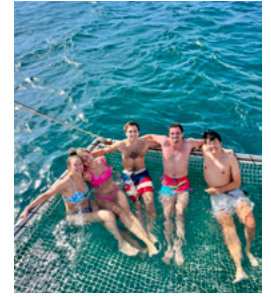
THE UNIVERSITY OF  
SYDNEY







We recognise and pay respect to the Elders and communities – past and present – of the lands that the University of Sydney's campuses stand on. For thousands of years they have shared and exchanged knowledges across innumerable generations for the benefit of all.





# Why Sydney?

Sydney is Australia's most iconic destination, welcoming millions of visitors each year. It's one of the world's most recognisable cities with its scenic landmarks, beaches, historic precincts, food, arts and culture scene.

Here at the University of Sydney, we're located on the doorstep of downtown Sydney, just a short walk from the CBD, the Opera House and Harbour Bridge, and a bus or ferry ride from the world-famous Bondi and Manly beaches.

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# The University of Sydney

- World-class academic reputation: ranked top 25 in the world\*
- Ranked 1st in Australia\*\*
- One of the top 10 best student cities for studying abroad\*\*\*
- Modern student housing: guaranteed, close to campus and in the heart of downtown Sydney

\* QS World University Rankings 2026

\*\* US News Best Global Universities 2025-2026

\*\*\* 2025 QS Best Student Cities: Sydney ranked 6th in the world



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# The Short Term *Program*

## How it works

- Select up to two intensive units of study over 5 weeks
- Study alongside local students
- Each unit of study is worth 6 USYD credit points (equivalent to 7.5 ECTS, 4 US credits)\*

\*It is your responsibility to verify exact credit transfer with your home University

## Program fees

- One unit of study: \$3,150 AUD
- Two units of study: \$6,300 AUD
- Guaranteed accommodation: \$359 - \$489\*\* per week (depending on room selection and availability)

## Application deadline

- 31 March 2026
- For application details: [sydneyabroad.specialprograms@sydney.edu.au](mailto:sydneyabroad.specialprograms@sydney.edu.au)

\*\*indicative, based on 2025 rates

# Units of *study*

Our Short-Term Program offers the largest unit of study selection in Australia to Study Abroad and Exchange students. Each unit is taught in an intensive format, while maintaining credit values. Many units of study are taught alongside local students and provide hands-on experiential learning in an Australian context. Students can select up to two units of study.

Most units of study have no pre-requisites and are great for general elective credits back home. We also have some more specialised, core units of study, designed for Business and Liberal-Arts majors.

In 2026, some of our most popular unit of study options include:

- **GCST1602 Sex, Gender, Culture:** This unit examines how gender organises lives, bodies, sexualities and desires. Students will be introduced to foundational concepts in

the study of gender and will critically engage with questions of identity, sexuality, family, the body, cultural practices and gender norms in light of contemporary gender theories.

- **GCST2612 Youth and Youth Culture:** This unit examines academic, public and popular ideas about youth and practices of youth culture. It will introduce students to some of the current parameters for studying the experience of youth and youth cultural forms and practices. We will pay particular attention to the ways young lives are gendered and the role gender plays in the institutions and other contexts in which young people live. Other points of focus include changing conceptions of youth, relationships between policy and youth, images of youth and youth culture, and discourses on (im)maturity, training, and identity.

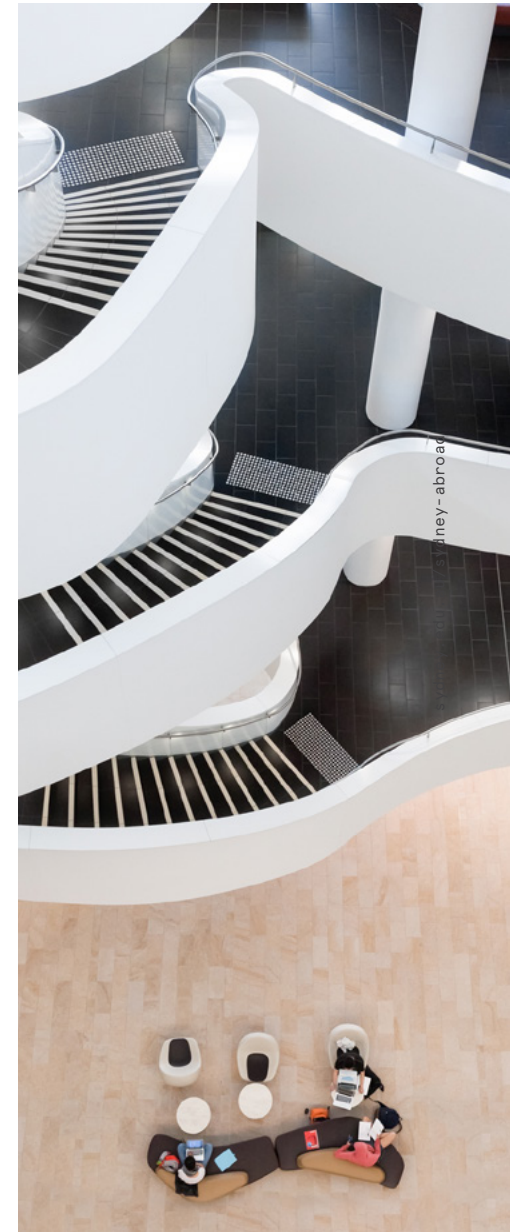




– **HSTY1003: Birth of the Present: The World Since 1750:** Enlightenment and oppression, colonisation and decolonisation, the making and unmaking of nation states and the forging and unravelling of global relationships: the history of the modern world is a history of contradiction, crisis, despair and optimism. Linking social, cultural, political, environmental and economic histories in Asia, Europe, the Americas and Australia, this unit poses the question: what, in these different places, did it mean to be modern?

– **WORK3205 Organisational Communication:** Drawing on communication research models, theories and case studies, this unit provides students with insight into how to manage the complexities of contemporary organisational communication. The unit focuses primarily on internal organisational communication and examines communication processes at various levels: interpersonal (dyadic), group and organisation.

– **HSBH3021 Environmental Stress and Physiological Strain:** Focuses on how the human body responds to extreme environmental stressors (i.e. high altitude, hyperbaria, extreme heat, extreme cold), and how these conditions alter human capacity to perform physical and mental tasks. Special attention is given to decrements to human health in the form of injury (e.g. frostbite, heat exhaustion) and illness (e.g. pulmonary/ cerebral oedema, acute mountain sickness), and how this can be used to develop therapeutic, pharmacological, and technological interventions to improve human functioning in extreme environments.



- **EDUH4058 Sport and Learning in Australian Culture:** This unit provides students with a socially critical perspective on the place, meaning and practice of sport in Australian culture. Focused on the range of learning that takes place through youth's engagement in sport, it examines the

practice of sport at levels ranging from elite international sport to grass roots, community-based and school sport. Students in this unit participate in excursions to local rugby, Australian rules football (AFL), beach sports events, and more!

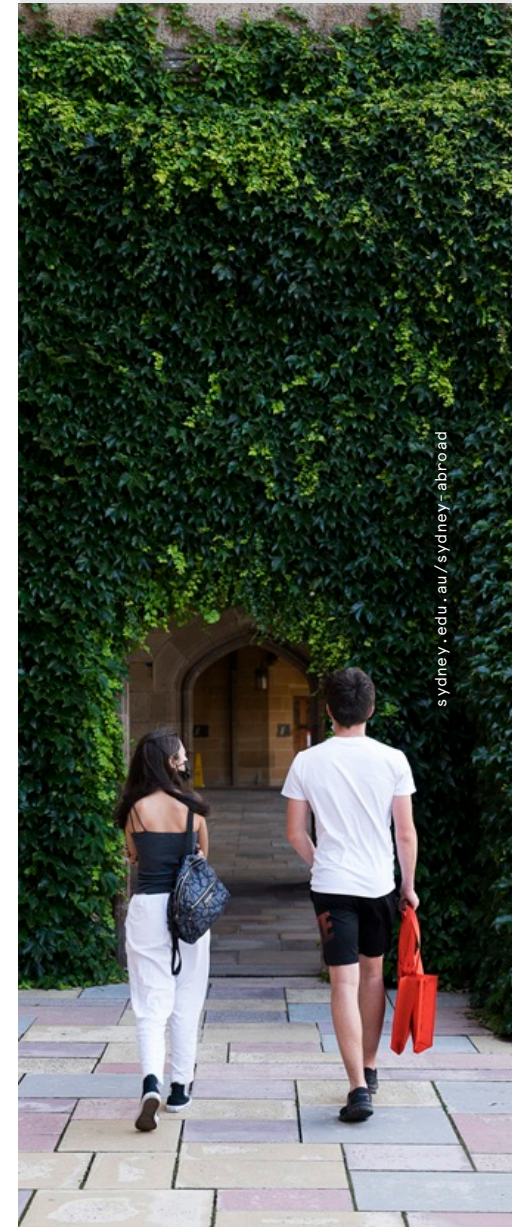


- **EDUF3034 Australian Theatre, Film and Learning:** This unit explores Australian identity through film, theatre, television, and digital media. Focusing on young Australian creatives, it examines diverse genres and formats within historical and sociological contexts. Students engage in critical analysis by deconstructing and creating digital content using smartphone video tools. The unit includes guest lectures from industry experts, field trips to live performances, and a focus on Indigenous, multicultural, and female perspectives. A levy applies to cover additional costs.

#### More unit of study options

Units of study listed are based on tentative offerings and are subject to change. Please contact us for more information and to register your interest for 2025:

- [sydneyabroad.specialprograms@sydney.edu.au](https://sydneyabroad.specialprograms@sydney.edu.au)





# Sydney Sustainability Program

Climate change is one of the biggest challenges facing the next generation, and something that current students will need to have strong literacy of as they enter the workplace of tomorrow.

The Sydney Sustainability Program is our co-curricular program which was nominated for the *Sustainability international impact award and Study abroad and exchange experience of the year* in the PIONEER Awards 2023.

The program will include credit bearing coursework on sustainability, alongside a series of volunteering activities and lectures structured around five of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), with completion resulting in a digital badge.



- **Academic credit:** all students will undertake our unit of study: **Oceans, Coasts and Climate Change** (6 USYD credit points).
- **Exclusive activities:** enhance your knowledge of the climate crisis through our lecture series, take a biodiversity tour in Sydney, volunteer with your cohort to clean up local parks and more!
- **Digital badge:** completing our SDG activities will result in a Sydney Sustainability Program digital badge, which can be shared on 100+ social media platforms, or a certificate to share with prospective employers.

## Program dates:

- 21 June – 11 July 2026

## Tuition fee:

- \$3,150 AUD



Images taken by students in the Sydney Sustainability Program

# Sydney welcomes *you*

Sydney is a place where we are proud to say everyone can belong. Supporting and celebrating identity is important to us, and the safety to be who you are is something we strive to ensure for all students during their time abroad with us.

## Cultural diversity

Sydney is an incredibly diverse and multicultural city, welcoming students from all over the world. International festivals and holidays are regularly celebrated on campus, where all staff are trained on cultural competence and anti-racism. There are also more than 40 student clubs and societies based around ethno-cultural connections and many others uniting people across cultures with a shared passion.

## Gender and Sexuality

Sydney has a long history as one of the most LGBTQ+ friendly cities in the world, having recently

hosted World Pride 2023. From Pride Square in Newtown, on the doorstep of campus, to Oxford Street in the city's east, Sydney is a place that celebrates the LGBTQ+ community. The University of Sydney is an active participant in the annual Mardi Gras Pride Parade, and is home to more than 10 clubs and societies for LGBTQ+ students.

## Disability and Inclusion

The University is dedicated to ensuring that all students have equal access to learning. All housing options for our study abroad students have accessible room options, and our disability services team is well equipped to ensure that student adjustments during their semester abroad are in line with their home University, and supports them to meet their academic potential.

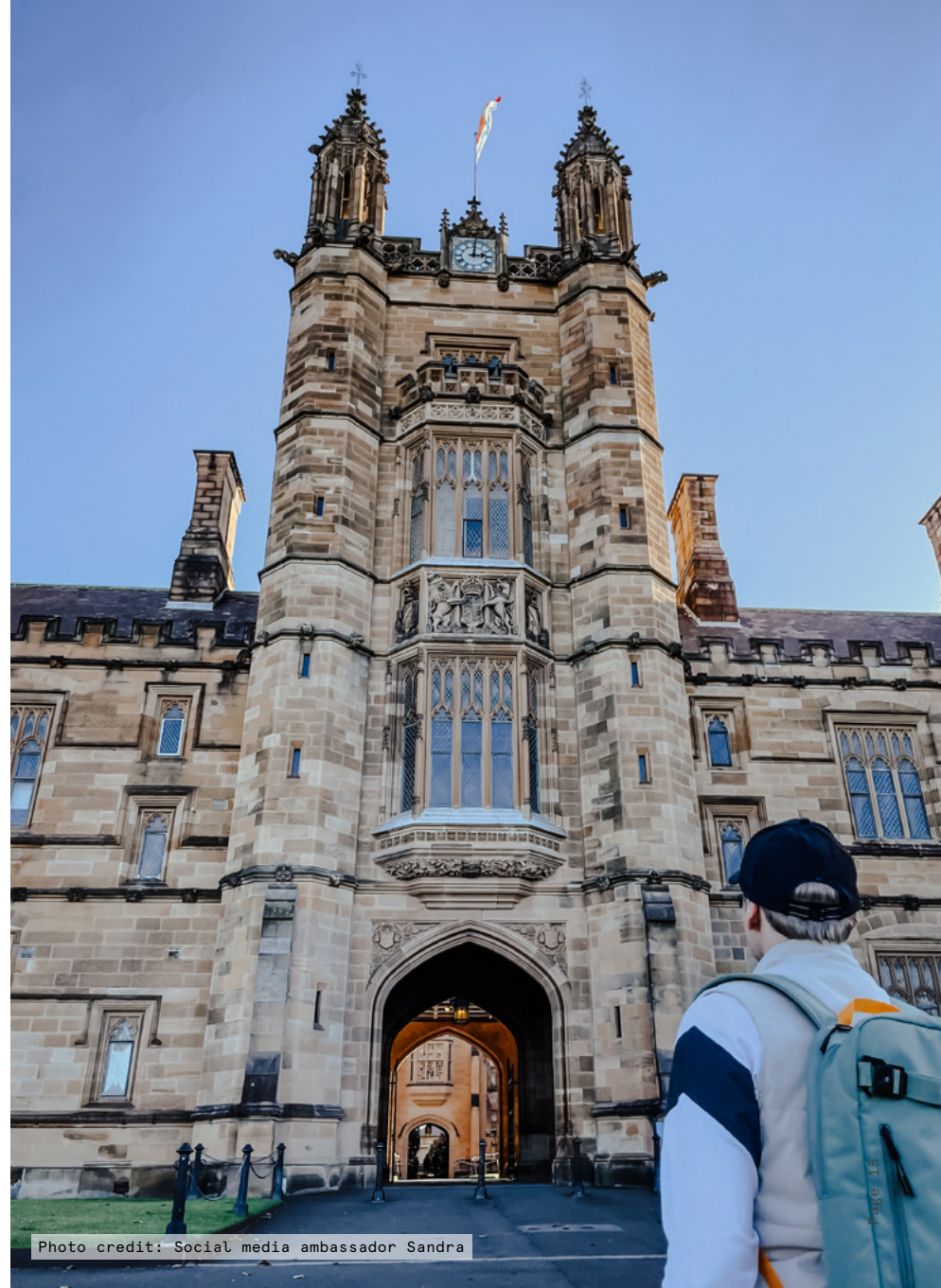


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## Guaranteed *accommodation*

We provide peace of mind to our students by providing accommodation at Scape and Queen Mary Building. Both buildings are situated 15 minutes' walk from campus and are on the doorstep of downtown Sydney. Each provider has their own social calendar, including activities such as a weekly sausage sizzle (BBQ) and pancake breakfast to promote a community atmosphere.

Residents are a mix of international and domestic students, providing ample

opportunity to meet and make friends with local students.

Students have access to great facilities and services including:

- Fully furnished apartments
- Internet included
- Social and study spaces
- 24/7 security system
- Gym and yoga room
- Cinema and games room
- Music room
- Onsite laundry facilities

## Social Program

Once you arrive at the University of Sydney, the Sydney Abroad Team are here to answer your questions and welcome you to our campus and city.

We offer a wide range of services to help you make the most of your time here and develop skills and strategies to enjoy university life to the fullest.

Throughout your stay, we offer a terrific social program\* with other students including:

- Welcome & departure events
- 'Learn to surf' camp
- Koala Experience
- Trivia nights

### Mates Abroad

Sign up to be paired with a like-minded, enthusiastic local student mentor to maximise your experience of Sydney life, create new friendships, and share exciting adventures together. Every study abroad student is invited to opt-in to this program via email at the beginning of their time with us.

- [facebook.com/groups/matesabroad](https://facebook.com/groups/matesabroad)

\* Additional costs may apply for participation in social activities



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## Discover what the University of Sydney could have in store for you

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- Wide range of study options
- Modern guaranteed accommodation
- Mates Abroad mentor program
- Amazing social events calendar
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- Accommodation for up to 6 weeks:  
\$2,100 - \$2,995 AUD (indicative rates based on 2025)
- **Application deadline:**  
**31 March 2026**

## Enquiries

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