Study Abroad and Exchange Guide
2023 edition
We acknowledge the tradition of custodianship and law of the Country on which the University of Sydney campuses stand. We pay our respects to those who have cared and continue to care for Country.
Discover Sydney

Australia’s safest city and the world’s third most liveable city*

Our university is located in the heart of Sydney. You can wander down to the Opera House, take a bus to Bondi Beach, jump on a train to the Blue Mountains, or hop on a flight to experience the Great Barrier Reef. Set around the world’s largest natural harbour, Sydney is home to beautiful golden beaches, world-class museums and art galleries, delicious fresh food, and a calendar of exciting events and festivals.

Visit the City of Sydney What’s On calendar to plan your days:

− whatson.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

*The Economist Intelligence Unit 2019: Global Liveability Index and Safe Cities Index

Sydney climate

Average temperatures

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Why study here

We’re ranked 38th* in the world, with 33 subject areas ranked in the QS top 50.** We’re ranked 4th in the world, and 1st in Australia, for graduate employability and offer Australia’s broadest range of disciplines, with more than 400 areas of study available to students.

As Australia’s most innovative university, we aim to instil the skills, knowledge and values you need to become a leader in today’s rapidly changing world. Combining the highest quality teaching with practical, future-focused learning and research, you can gain the expertise and experience you need to solve the most complex challenges – now and in the future.

The interdisciplinary nature of our nine faculties and schools allows us to offer the widest range of academic programs of any Australian university, giving you the flexibility to personalise your study abroad experience.

“I never anticipated such a welcoming city and university; everyone I met was cheerful and fun! I had the best time not only while travelling and socialising, but also during lectures as they were genuinely interesting. I highly recommend USYD”

Bella Seleny
Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg, Germany

Find the right subjects to fulfil your study abroad goals with 2500+ units from which to choose

1st in Australia and ranked 4th in the world for graduate employability*

1st in Australia and 2nd in the world for impact**

Enrich your student experience by joining one of our 200+ clubs and societies

Ranked in the world’s top 50 universities***

Connect with a network of more than 380,000 alumni worldwide

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* QS World University Rankings 2022
** QS Subject Rankings 2021
*** Thomson Reuters Top 50: Asia’s Most Innovative Universities
Discover why our student experience is voted best in Australia.

Campus life at the University of Sydney is a unique and unforgettable experience.

We have a packed calendar of events and celebrations for you to enjoy. With more than 200 student clubs and societies, 43 sports clubs, 4 live performance spaces, 2 fitness centres, 12 cafés, and 8 bars on campus, there’s something for everyone.

− sydney.edu.au/campus-life

The University of Sydney Union (USU)

A student led, not-for-profit organisation that invests all funds back into the student experience and hosts many activities on and off campus.

− sydney.edu.au/interdisciplinary-projects

Interdisciplinary Industry and Community Project Units (ICPU)
The University partners with over 45 leading organisations (including Accenture, AGL, City Recital Hall, QBE and Westpac) to offer students the opportunity to work on real world projects and engage with major industry, government and community partners.

Students work in interdisciplinary groups, in collaboration with their industry partner and academic lead. Groups present their projects to the industry partner at the end of the semester.

− sydney.edu.au/susf

Sport and Fitness

Sydney Uni Sport and Fitness offers a huge range of facilities, programs and campus events to keep you healthy and active. You can get involved in athletics, swimming, tennis, golf, hockey, soccer, rugby union, rowing, scuba diving, skiing and more. Whether you want to play at the competitive level or just socially, there’s an option for you.

− susf.com.au

Welcome Week

Welcome Week is an action-packed opportunity to dive into the social and academic experiences of campus life. Join clubs & societies; attend welcome events; and enjoy a variety of entertainment.

Sydney Abroad welcome starts with Intro to Sydney sessions two weeks prior to semester. The official welcome and enrolment advising events take place during the week before classes begin.

− sydney.edu.au/orientation

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Socials

Throughout the semester, we run social events such as a Sydney harbour cruise, breakfast with koalas, Aussie football game & surf camp. The USU also runs a Welcome Week Festival before each semester (the largest event of its kind in Australia).

− sydney.edu.au/orientation

− susf.com.au

− facebook.com/groups/matesabroad

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− Sydney University Global Exchange Society

An extra-curricular program providing you with like-minded, enthusiastic local student mentors to ease their transition to Sydney life, create new friendships, and embark on exciting adventures together. Every study abroad student is invited to participate in this program, via email, at the beginning of their semester abroad.

− sydney.edu.au/students/global-citizenship-award

− susf.com.au

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Our researchers and teachers

The passion and brilliance of our academics ensure we remain one of the world’s top research universities.

As a member of Australia’s prestigious Group of Eight network, we are among the best universities in the world. You’ll have the opportunity to learn from our inspiring academics who pursue research excellence with the latest innovative technology. It is due to the outstanding calibre of their work that we continue to rank among the top teaching and research universities in the world. Our teachers are leaders in their field and offer progressive curriculum that is consistently fuelled by new research.

What sets the University of Sydney apart?
Exceptional facilities, an innovative edge and the drive to challenge traditional ways of thinking. Our students have the opportunity to be part of this: contributing to research that pushes the boundaries and makes a meaningful, real-world impact.

“You could see the quality of the equipment you used, the events they organised, how empathetic the study abroad team is and how good the lessons are. I enjoyed ‘Data Science: Big Data and Data Diversity’ (DATA2001) because teaching staff were friendly and the projects were super fun to be involved with”
Fernando
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain

“I work with study abroad students, introducing them to the benefits of experiential learning through unique field trips into some of Australia’s World Heritage listed National Parks. Through this work, I have developed a strong passion for creating transformative learning experiences in wilderness settings, and helping my students to maximise their learning to benefit their future profession and personal life.”
Dr Wayne Cotton
Associate Dean, Teacher Education, School of Education and Social Work

“Tasmanian devils are endangered due to a contagious cancer, a tumour that is passed from animal to animal when they bite each other. My team and I in the School of Life and Environmental Sciences work on the genetics of Tasmanian devils and their tumours. Our research has shown how the tumour is able to evade the immune system and we are introducing new genetic diversity into wild devil populations.”
Professor Katherine Belov
Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Global Engagement)
Professor of Comparative Genetics

Looking for a unit about Australia with hands on experience?
Consider enrolling in EDUH4052 Learning in Outdoor Education with Dr Wayne Cotton or BIOL2032 Australian Wildlife Biology for experiences outside of the classroom learning about Australia!
Our subject areas

We offer the widest range of academic subjects of any university in Australia.

Our teachers, researchers and leading thinkers are paving the way for solutions to complex global issues impacting upon our health, environment, technology and culture. You can have great confidence in your study abroad experience at Sydney.

Our rankings

In the 2022 QS Subject Rankings, a total of 33 University of Sydney subjects are ranked in the top 50 in the world.

- Sports-related, 4th place
- Anatomy and physiology, 12th place
- Nursing, 12th place
- Pharmacy and pharmacology, 14th place
- Law, 16th place
- Engineering-civil and structural, 17th place
- English language and literature, 18th place
- Medicine, 18th place
- Geography, 20th place
- Arts and Humanities, 22nd place
- Veterinary science, 22nd place
- Accounting and finance, 24th place
- Architecture and built environment, 25th place
- Education and training, 25th place
- History, 25th place
- Anthropology, 25th place
- Social sciences and management, 26th place
- Communication and media studies, 26th place
- Philosophy, 28th place
- Psychology, 28th place

How to search for a unit of study

We have more than 2500 units of study available. We’ve made the search easier for you by creating units of study (subject) lists to help you find subjects and syllabi. From discipline specific to thematic lists, you can easily navigate our units of study*, using this handy tool.

Step 1

You can use our unit tools to find your desired options:
- sydney.edu.au/sydney-abroad-units

Step 2

Select your preferred list: Master, Thematic or Department. This will take you to a current unit list.

Step 3

Where a unit name piques your interest, follow the link for more information, and it will take you to the unit’s course information page and syllabus.

* A unit of study is a term we use for a subject or class.

“I couldn’t have wished for a better semester exchange. I loved the Criminology course. I’ve already signed up to a Master of Laws at the Sydney Law School! I am really looking forward to the opportunity to further develop my skills at USYD while enjoying the incredible city of Sydney!”

Audrey
University of Geneva, Switzerland

“Studying in Australia has significantly broadened my knowledge and understanding of agriculture beyond the challenges farmers face in the UK. It has allowed me to develop my understanding of the diversity of global food production while also allowing me to appreciate the difficulties many farmers in Australia face”

Ed
University of Nottingham, UK
Semester programs

We have many options available for both undergraduate and postgraduate students wishing to study at Sydney. Students coming for semester 1 or 2 need to enrol in a full time load of 18–24 credit points.

Study Abroad

Every year, we welcome hundreds of students who participate in one of our study abroad programs. Some come for our academic reputation and wide range of courses, while others come to experience our vibrant student life bolstered by our guaranteed accommodation and unique Internship program. Students can come for 1 or 2 semesters and tuition fees apply.

2023 Study Abroad tuition*
$12,600 AUD for 24 credit points
$9450 AUD for 18 credit points
– sydney.edu.au/inbound-programs

* Most units are worth 6 credit points and students must have permission from their home institution for 18 credit point study load.

Special programs

Exchange

We have exchange programs with more than 200 partner universities in over 40 countries. If you’re enrolled at one of our international partner universities, you may be eligible to apply for exchange. When you come as an exchange student, your tuition fees are paid to your home university while you study at Sydney.

If your home university has a partnership with us, you first need to apply to your home university’s international exchange program.

You will need to be nominated by your home university before applying to the University of Sydney. Once your nomination is confirmed, we welcome you to follow the steps on how to apply.

Consult our Global Mobility Database to find out if your home university is one of our exchange partners.
– sydney.edu.au/study/overseas-programs

Short term

Each unit of study is taught in an intensive format while maintaining credit point values and academic integrity. Most unit of study options are taught alongside full-degree students and provide hands-on experiential learning in an Australian cultural context. Students can enrol in either 1 or 2 units of study.

Short term fees
1 unit of study $3150 AUD
2 units of study $6300 AUD
– sydney.edu.au/inbound-programs-short-term

Gap and first year students

For those just finishing secondary school or in their first year of university study, this program is an excellent way to earn credit at the University of Sydney. With over 180 semester-long units of study with no pre-requisites or assumed knowledge, you’re spoilt for choice. Gap and first year applicants are assessed on their secondary qualification and need to meet our English language entry requirements.
– sydney.edu.au/inbound-programs-gap-first-year

Spring friendly semester

This program aligns with the northern hemisphere Spring semester, allowing students to study a full semester worth of credit and return home in time for summer internships. Spring friendly students choose 1 unit of study from our Summer session (Jan or Feb) and 3 units from Semester 1.
– sydney.edu.au/inbound-programs-spring-friendly

**The University of Sydney short term study abroad program is the perfect way to experience a new country and explore Sydney. The staff are very friendly and the opportunity to take a class and have an internship is the perfect combination for a summer trip.**

Rachel Kipper
Kansas State University, USA
Internships programs

Combining your study abroad experience with an international internship can help you stand out in a competitive job market.

Complement your academic study with relevant industry or research experience via our internship program. Interns complete a minimum of 120 hours in an industry or research placement with one of our many partners or academics. The Internship unit of study is worth 6 credit points, and is taken alongside your other units of study.

There are four intakes:
- Summer: January-February (6 weeks)
- Semester 1: February-June (13 weeks)
- Short Term A: June-July (7 weeks)
- Semester 2: August-November (13 weeks)

Parallel to your work or research placement are four professional development workshops, academic reading and a range of assessments, including a final project report.

Placement is competitive and based on key performance indicators such as GPA, prior academic studies, as well as the interests of the applicant and host. Though every effort is made to place all eligible applicants, placement is not guaranteed.

For more information on types of internships, eligibility and how to apply, please visit our website.

- sydney.edu.au/study-abroad-internships

“My internship in events at The Cancer Council through the University of Sydney helped me realize my interests in healthcare communications, marketing, and events, and set me up well for my job search after college. Last year I started a post-grad role in marketing at Real Chemistry, a global health communications agency based in San Francisco.”

Sydney Shaiman, Washington University at St Louis

Key dates

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“Meeting people from all around the world in a beautiful country and city. The best class I took was one of the electives (Outdoor Education) and it was an amazing experience! Being able to go on a field trip to the Royal National Park and camp in the Blue Mountains for a class was an opportunity I’ve never had before and I was actually sad when the class was over. Our instructor was also an incredibly kind and passionate teacher, which made the experience even better.”

Zoe Martin
University of Toronto, Canada

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Royal National Park, NSW.
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.

This co-curricular program can be taken alongside our study abroad programs where students can undertake exclusive activities and a speaker series structured around five of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), with completion resulting in a Digital Badge.

- Academic credit (optional): when choosing units to study at USYD, pick from our list of Sustainability & Environment list to contribute to the Sustainability Program.
- Digital badge: completing our SDG tasks will result in a certified Sydney Sustainability Program digital badge, which can be displayed on LinkedIn.
- Exclusive workshops: you will have access to a series of workshops on sustainability, climate action & how to convey your climate literacy as you enter the work force.
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Eligibility criteria

Before you apply, please make sure that you understand our eligibility criteria.

- Nomination from your home university if they are an exchange partner of the University of Sydney
- You need to have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 point scale, or an average grade of 'C' or better on the European ECTS grading scale (or equivalent)
- Meet the English entry requirements as outlined on the website.

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)
Health insurance is compulsory for most international students who are studying in Australia. It is a condition of your student visa that you maintain Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for the duration of your studies in Australia. This cover needs to be arranged before you can apply for your student visa.

For more information on how to arrange your health cover, visit the website.
- sydney.edu.au/study/oshc

How to apply

Step 1: Check if your home university has a partnership with the University of Sydney
If they do, you need to contact your home university. They will then contact us to nominate you.
- sydney.edu.au/study/overseas-programs

Step 2: Search Study Abroad or Exchange, and find your course
Your course will differ depending upon your nomination, program (Study Abroad or Exchange), level of study (undergraduate or postgraduate), and duration (one or two semesters). For Short term programs, please use the Undergraduate Study Abroad Program (One Semester) course:
- sydney.edu.au/courses

Step 3: Access your online application
Click Apply on the course page to start your application. You can save and return to it later.

Step 4: Submit your application
You should include:
- Your current transcript
- Evidence you have met our English entry requirements
- Evidence of Identity
- Your unit of study preferences

Step 5: Your offer letter
Your application will be assessed and if successful, you will receive your offer letter via email.

Step 6: Accept your offer, and if applicable, pay your tuition and OSHC
Log in to your Sydney Student and respond to your offer. If applicable, you need to pay your tuition, deposit and/or overseas student health cover (OSHC).

Step 7: Receive your Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE)
You need your CoE for your visa application.

Step 8: Confirm your visa and start planning your travel to Sydney!
Ensure you arrive before Orientation.
Guaranteed accommodation

Choosing where to live will be one of the biggest decisions you’ll make after deciding to study in Australia. We provide peace of mind in finding a place to live by offering our students guaranteed accommodation in student accommodation buildings within a 15 minute walk to campus and located on the doorstep of downtown Sydney.

We have negotiated a special 20-week contract rate and length for Study Abroad and Exchange students at most of our preferred properties. Contracts start the week before Orientation and finish the week after the final exam period, meaning students don’t pay for additional weeks they won’t use. Your study abroad adviser will provide more information on how to apply for guaranteed accommodation once you accept your offer.

There are a number of accommodation options as part of our guaranteed offer to study abroad and exchange students, including:
- University residences
- residential colleges
- independently-run student housing

Our Accommodation Services website is a great place to get started. You will find helpful advice on where to live, costs, and other accommodation information.

sydney.edu.au/accommodation

Estimated costs

Living in Sydney: Costs

In addition to tuition and OSHC, you should include in your budget estimated living costs. We’ve provided a guideline to help you calculate your estimated weekly expenses:

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These are provided as a guideline only according to the Study in Australia website and does not include any additional travel or flight plans.

Did you know?

Most student visas allow you to work a paid job and the national minimum wage is currently $20.33 AUD per hour.* Visit the Careers Centre on campus for assistance with finding casual work.

*According to the Fair Work website at the time of publication and subject to change.

Studying at Sydney: Costs

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**Indicative rate for 2015 and based on the University’s preferred provider.

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There are four intakes:
- Semester 1: February-June (13 weeks)
- Short Term: June-July (6 weeks)
- Semester 2: August-November (13 weeks)

Parallel to your work placement are five professional development workshops, academic readings and a range of assessments, including a final project report.

Placement is competitive and based on key performance indicators such as GPA, prior academic studies and goals, as well as the interests of the applicant and host. Though every effort is made to place all eligible applicants, placement is not guaranteed.

For more information on types of internships, eligibility and how to apply, please visit our website: sydney.edu.au/study-abroad-internships.

"When reflecting on whether or not I think it was worth it to do the internship while here in Sydney, I believe I made the 100% correct decision. Although it did take away some of my time at the beach and it was a lot of work. It really did benefit me more than any other class would have at Uni. I would definitely recommend to anyone to do an internship when coming to Sydney."

Logan Woods
Accounting and Finance Intern, Pennsylvania State University, USA

Combining your study abroad experience with an international internship can help you stand out in a competitive job market.
Student support services

When you get to the University of Sydney, you’ll have plenty of help. Here are just a few of the services we offer to support your health, wellbeing and academic achievement.

**Academic enrichment**
- Bridging courses
- Online learning resources
- Drop-in support
- Learning Support
- Practical skills workshops

**Multifaith chaplaincy**
- Chaplains from 15 faith groups for on-campus consultations
- Dedicated prayer rooms

**Disability services**
- Assisted technology
- Lecture support
- Building/room accessibility
- Academic plans

**Internship and career support**
- Vocational guidance and career planning
- Training to develop employability skills
- Careers fairs where you can meet employers
- Sydney CareerHub, an online jobs database
- On-campus Careers Centre

**Health and wellbeing**
- Doctors
- Pharmacists
- Dentists
- Counsellors and psychologists (CAPS)
- Optometrists
- Physiotherapists

**Accommodation**
- On-campus student housing
- Residential colleges
- Off-campus living

**Diversity & Inclusion**
- MOSAIC Network for Students of Colour
- LGBTQIA+ Ally Network

**Welcome and arrival sessions**
- Welcome to university
- Adjusting to Sydney
- Enrolment advising sessions
- Meet fellow students

**Peer Advisers**
- Peer Advisers are available at the Student Centre, Monday–Friday 9am–5pm for any Study Abroad and Exchange needs that you may have.

For more information and to access our student support services visit:
- sydney.edu.au/campus-life
“I was very impressed by the USYD Gender Studies department and really enjoyed taking courses in this field. The Study Abroad team was warm, welcoming & helpful. I will always remember them and hopefully get the chance to say hi next time I am able to visit.”

Maya
Hamilton College, USA

“The campus was beautiful and the teaching is extremely good; there isn’t one class I didn’t enjoy during my year abroad! The travel experiences were some of the best I’ve had in a while!”

Mayssa
University College London, UK

“I had a very happy, fun and memorable experience at the University of Sydney. It was so cool and interesting to explore a new part of the world. The professors were all very helpful and kind. I 100% recommend the city and University to other potential study abroad students.”

Jane
McGill University, Canada

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