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Study Abroad and Exchange Guide



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Welcome to ACU - a place to call home

At ACU, we're a university unlike any other. Large enough to make our mark on the world, but small enough that you'll feel part of the ACU family. Driven by the Catholic intellectual tradition, but welcoming of people from all cultures and faiths. When you choose ACU, you'll be choosing more than just a university qualification from an overseas university. You'll be choosing a place to call home.

We may have started small, but today, we're one of the fastest growing universities in Australia. We have more than 29,000 students from more than 103 countries, and over 1,900 highly qualified staff who are committed to ACU's unique approach to education.

As a publicly-funded university, we strongly believe in our responsibility to advance the common good. We're committed to standing up for people in need and for causes that matter, and if you've got the desire to make an impact, we'll give you the skills to change the world.

As a student, you have a lot to gain. You'll become part of the fabric of the university, an expert in your field of enquiry and an agent of community change.

acu.edu.au/international-students



BRISBANE + ACU
LANGUAGE CENTRE

ADELAIDE*

NORTH SYDNEY + ACU
LANGUAGE CENTRE

BLACKTOWN*
STRATHFIELD

CANBERRA

BALLARAT

MELBOURNE + ACU
LANGUAGE CENTRE

* Not currently available to international students.
For Blacktown Campus, please check website for course updates.
Data source: Statistical Digest, February 2020.



IN THE WORLD

Top 2%

UNIVERSITIES

*Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2020**



Top 80

UNIVERSITIES IN ASIA-PACIFIC

Times Higher Education Asia-Pacific University Rankings 2019



Top 40

GENERATION Y UNIVERSITIES

Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2019



Top 10

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES

Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2020, ranked IFCU members



Top 75

SPORTS SCIENCE (#26 ARWU 2018)

NURSING (#32 ARWU 2019)

EDUCATION (Top 75 ARWU 2019)



Numbers that count

* Percentage calculated as ACU's world rank as a proportion of the total number of universities in the world: International Handbook of Universities 2019, Palgrave MacMillan.



Our campuses

Choosing a campus is about more than the course you want to study – the city you live in will shape your ACU experience and the life you lead beyond university. As an international student, there are six* campuses for you to choose from. While they all offer hugely different Australian experiences, there are a few things that are the same no matter where you go: high-quality curriculum, stunning new facilities and a welcoming, multicultural student community.

ACU BALLARAT



City population
100,000+



ACU student population†
1,191 (9% int'l. students)



Free parking



Central location



Student accommodation

Ballarat is located in the beautiful Central Highlands region of Victoria, just 110 kilometres north-west of Melbourne. When you study in Ballarat, you'll be choosing small-city living at its best. It's a friendly, communal and cultural place of just over 150,000 people, and it's home to some of Australia's most glittering gold rush history.

The ACU Aquinas Campus is right near Ballarat's commercial centre and comes complete with a new, purpose-built physiotherapy centre and wet labs, as well as a renovated cafeteria and beautifully landscaped gardens. Courses in nursing, philosophy, physiotherapy, and teaching and educational studies, are all available here.

acu.edu.au/ballarat



ACU CANBERRA



City population
410,000+



ACU student population†
1,270 (19% int'l. students)



Free parking



Bus services to campus



Student accommodation



5km to city centre

If you've ever wanted to study in a student town, then picture yourself in Canberra. Home to five universities, Australia's capital city is set up to support the student experience in more ways than one. Study at the Australian National Library, access the city's extensive network of bike paths for a cheap and easy way to get around, and take advantage of arts and cultural institutions. When it comes to weather, Canberra is a city of extremes. Hot, dry summers give way to cold, crisp winters, but you'll enjoy beautiful sunny days nearly all year round.

The ACU Canberra Campus, called Signadou, is just five kilometres away from the main city centre and easily accessible by bus and bike. It's an intimate, welcoming campus that's been built around a series of beautiful, peaceful gardens. Nursing, philosophy, social work, and teaching and educational studies are all on offer here. In between classes, you can take advantage of the swimming pool and cafeteria or spend some time relaxing or playing pool in the communal student lounge.

acu.edu.au/Canberra

* Adelaide Campus not available to international students. Accreditation process on the Blacktown Campus is in progress. Please check the website for updates to program availability.

† Statistical Digest, February 2020.



Brisbane

There's a reason Queensland is called the sunshine state. Known for endless blue skies and year-round warm weather, this northern state is a great place to be if you love the outdoor life. In Brisbane, home to ACU's McAuley at Banyo campus, you'll find parks, botanical gardens and outdoor experiences everywhere, as well as an abundance of shopping, eating and cultural precincts. Rainforests, tropical reefs and the world-famous Gold Coast are an easy trip away.

Climate

In Brisbane, you can stay warm all year round. Enjoy an annual average of eight hours of sunshine every day, and more than 240 clear, sunny days every year.



BRISBANE (MCAULEY AT BANYO) CAMPUS



City population
2.4 million+



ACU student population†
6,145 (12% int'l. students)



Free shuttle bus connecting
campus with Toombul,
Chermside and Northgate



Free parking



Student accommodation

At the McAuley Campus, you'll have your choice of courses in arts, business and commerce, biomedical science, exercise science, nursing, occupational therapy, philosophy, physiotherapy, rehabilitation, social work, speech pathology, teaching and educational studies, and theology. McAuley at Banyo Campus is located in Brisbane's north, and is a 30-minute train ride from the city centre. We've even got a campus shuttle connecting the campus with Toombul and Chermside if you don't feel like walking, or there's student parking on-campus if you happen to own a car. Once you get there, enjoy our 40 hectares of landscaped gardens, and enjoy the swimming pool, sports oval and state-of-the-art facilities.

acu.edu.au/brisbane

† Statistical Digest, February 2020.



Melbourne

Melbourne – home to the Yarra River, live music, fine coffee, and one of the best food scenes in Australia. It's no surprise it's been consistently voted one of the world's most liveable cities.* As Australia's second-biggest city, Melbourne is a multicultural place that welcomes people from all walks of life. ACU's St Patrick's Campus is located right next to the Melbourne CBD and a short walk from the suburb of Fitzroy with its eclectic cafes, shops and galleries. Spend sunny afternoons in the beautiful Carlton Gardens, visit the world-famous St Kilda beach or navigate your way around town on the famous Melbourne trams.

Climate

Warm, dry summers and cool, wet winters are part of the Melbourne experience. The city is also known for its unpredictable, 'four-seasons-in-one-day' weather, so make sure you bring an umbrella!



MELBOURNE (ST PATRICK'S) CAMPUS



City population
4.9 million+



ACU student population[†]
10,325 (13% int'l. students)



20 bus/6 tram routes close by



Train station nearby



Lockup points for bikes



Close to city centre



Student accommodation

The campus itself is busy with activity that's characterised by a series of modern buildings. Study in the award-winning Raheen Library, or take classes in the \$75 million six-greenstar rated Daniel Mannix building with its 300-seat lecture theatre, specialist health sciences and psychology facilities, fitness centre and rooftop garden. Arts, biomedical science, business and commerce, creative and visual arts, global studies, law, nursing, nutritional and biomedical science, occupational therapy, philosophy, psychology, public health, speech pathology, sport and exercise science, teaching and educational studies, theology, and youth work and community development courses are all available here.

acu.edu.au/melbourne

** The EIU Global Liveability Survey 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017.*

[†] Statistical Digest, February 2020.



Sydney



City population
5.1 million+



ACU student population[†]
10,214 (17% int'l. students)



Train station nearby



Close to city centre



Student accommodation



Free station shuttle bus
(Strathfield Campus)



Free parking
(Strathfield Campus)

If beautiful beaches, and a vibrant, global city are what you're after, then look no further than Sydney. It's everything you've read about, and more – a stunning harbour, mesmerising coastline, village-like suburbs and a fascinating history. Like Brisbane, it's a city that'll inspire you to get outside and make the most of the sun, and of the restaurants, nightlife and cultural destinations that make it one of the world's most liveable cities.*

Climate

Not too hot, not too cold – Sydney lies within the temperate zone, so you'll enjoy a moderate climate all year round.

[†] Statistical Digest, February 2020.

* *The EIU's Global Liveability Survey 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.*



NORTH SYDNEY (MACKILLOP) CAMPUS

The MacKillop Campus is located just over the Sydney Harbour Bridge in the heart of the North Sydney CBD. It's a small, multicultural and social environment with new facilities that include a new School Locker store, a cafeteria with pool tables, and dedicated new science labs. The campus is centred around a large outdoor courtyard and student recreational area, so you'll always have somewhere to catch up with friends between classes. Study business and commerce, health administration, information technology, law, nursing, nutrition and biomedical science, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech pathology, teaching and educational studies, or theology.

acu.edu.au/northsydney

STRATHFIELD (MOUNT ST MARY) CAMPUS

The Mount St Mary Campus is in Strathfield, a rapidly growing suburb in Sydney's inner west. It's only 20 minutes by train from the city centre, and you can jump on the free ACU shuttle bus for

the short ride to campus when you get to Strathfield station. Choose from courses in arts, business and commerce, philosophy, psychology, social work, sport and exercise science, teaching and educational studies, theology or visual arts and design. Outside of class, make the most of stunning recreational facilities, including rugby and soccer ovals, a cricket pitch and newly landscaped central grounds that support events and activities all year round.

acu.edu.au/strathfield

BLACKTOWN CAMPUS

We're partnering with Blacktown City Council and local business to create something beautiful – a personal, supportive campus community that offers innovative, quality higher education courses on your doorstep. By studying with ACU, you'll be joining a vibrant global network. So, you'll get the best of both worlds: a supportive environment where you can really stretch your wings. Please check our website for Blacktown Campus updates.

acu.edu.au/blacktown



Accommodation

Finding suitable accommodation is an important part of feeling settled and at home in your new city. There's no right or wrong answer for the sort of accommodation you choose - it really depends on your needs and expectations. Choose from:

ACU STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

ACU offers student housing in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne. In our living and learning communities you'll get academic support, make lifelong friends, and be part of a diverse and close-knit community. You'll also have access to unique sporting, leadership, spiritual, and community engagement opportunities.

Each property offers the following features:

- Secure purpose-built properties with CCTV
- 24 hour access to support
- Events program
- Access to reliable wifi. Packages include a monthly data allowance
- On-site facilities: laundry facilities, BBQ areas, common areas and recreation rooms.

Miguel Cordero Residence (MCR) Sydney: Nestled in the student hub of Camperdown, MCR is close to Sydney's city centre and to all the things that come along with life on the fringe of the CBD – parks, cafes, pubs and nightlife, to name a few. You'll be a short walk to the student-friendly suburbs of Newtown and Erskineville, and well-served by buses and trains, making it easy to get to your ACU campus.

acu.edu.au/sydney-accommodation

Iglu Student Accommodation Brisbane: Offers stylish, fully-furnished accommodation in the heart of Brisbane's CBD. Conveniently located on Mary Street, transport to the Brisbane Campus at Nudgee is readily accessible, and there are major train and bus stations nearby. The facility includes fully-furnished living spaces, fabulous communal areas, a safe and secure environment, and a program of free events.

acu.edu.au/brisbane-accommodation

Iglu Student Accommodation Melbourne:

Offers state-of-the-art, fully-furnished accommodation on Franklin Street, directly opposite Queen Victoria Market. From this prime city location, our Melbourne Campus is easy to get to by tram, walking or bike.

acu.edu.au/melbourne-accommodation

OTHER STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

Student accommodation providers

Specialised student apartment accommodation is available near most ACU campuses. With this kind of accommodation, the fees you pay usually cover utility bills and, in many cases, wifi access.

For more information please visit:

acu.edu.au/student-accommodation

Semester in Australia

'Semester in Australia' is a provider of student accommodation that offers guaranteed places to ACU Study Abroad and Exchange students.

For more information please visit:

semesterinaustralia.com

Homestay

Homestay accommodation gives you the opportunity to live with a local family while studying in Australia. It is available from a few weeks to many months. By living with an Australian family, you will get a better understanding of Australian life.

For more information please visit:

homestaynetwork.org/acu-students

RENTAL ACCOMMODATION (SHARED AND PRIVATE)

Temporary housing

It's a good idea to book a short-term accommodation option for your arrival in Australia, particularly for the first one or two weeks. This option provides you with housing on arrival and gives you the opportunity to search for permanent accommodation once you have settled in.

For more information please visit:

acu.edu.au/student-accommodation

Private/shared housing

You should budget approximately A\$150-\$300 per week to rent a property shared with others. Utilities and food are not included in this estimate. Rental prices vary depending on location. You may choose to live in private rental accommodation near your campus or in the city, depending on your budget. We do not recommend securing private or shared accommodation before arriving in Australia as it is best to view each property in person.

For more information please visit:

acu.edu.au/student-accommodation

Please note: Accommodation information provided in this guide is for your convenience. You will need to make your accommodation decision based on the best fit for your needs.



Living costs

One of the biggest challenges when moving to study in a new country is managing a budget. You can reduce your living costs by:

- sharing accommodation and meals with other students
- avoiding suburbs that are close to the city centre or the beach
- shopping carefully.

Rent is based on sharing a privately rented house. Initial expenses for the first few weeks for temporary accommodation will be higher than those listed in the table (see below), until you find suitable permanent accommodation.

For more information, please visit: acu.edu.au/int_living_costs

ONGOING EXPENSES/ITEMS	COST PER WEEK IN \$AUD
Accommodation	\$150-300+
Food	\$60-100+
Transport	\$15-40+
Extras	\$50-80+
Students are also advised to allow a semester budget for books or supplies.	\$400 per semester
Yearly Total	\$15,100 – 27,840+

Note: All costs are in Australian dollars and can vary greatly depending on location. They are a guide only.

OVERSEAS STUDENT HEALTH COVER

The Australian government requires all international Student Visa holders and their dependants to obtain health insurance for the duration of their visas. If you are not a Student Visa holder, you do not need Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC).

For more information please visit: acu.edu.au/int-health

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 Allianz Global Assistance: oshcallianzassistance.com.au

VISAS

You must have a valid visa to enter and study in Australia. You may use a visitor visa to undertake up to 12 weeks of study. A working Holiday Visa or Work and Holiday Visa will allow you to study up to 16 weeks. If you intend to study for a longer period, you will need a Student Visa.

For more information on how to apply and what visa types might be suitable for you, please contact your nearest Consulate, Australian Embassy or High Commission which you can find at: homeaffairs.gov.au

EMPLOYMENT

Under Australian immigration regulations, international students with a Student Visa may work up to 40 hours per fortnight during term and full-time during holiday breaks. If you are not a Student Visa holder you should check the conditions of your visa to see whether you are permitted to work. Please visit: acu.edu.au/working-in-aus

For further information on working in Australia see: homeaffairs.gov.au



Student support services

WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Attendance at orientation is essential. You should make every effort to attend.

Orientation will provide you with advice on studying in Australia, and on the conditions of your Student Visa. It will also help you adjust to Australian culture and assist you with academic skills. It includes tours and events designed to familiarise you with your campus and fellow students.

WHILE YOU ARE STUDYING

You will find dedicated ACU International offices in Brisbane, North Sydney and Melbourne. At ACU International, you will be able to access staff who can offer specifically tailored advice for international students.

They can also provide information on enrolment, course selection, accommodation and general Student Visa advice.

Across all of our campuses, you will also have access to a network of International Student Advisers (ISAs) who are available to assist and support international students with a variety of issues.

For more information visit:
acu.edu.au/isa

BEYOND YOUR STUDIES

At ACU we aim to maximise your learning and development opportunities and help you feel at home. We offer a number of academic and social support services to ensure that you achieve your academic and personal goals.

For further information about our support services, please visit the following:

Academic Skills Support
acu.edu.au/academic-skills-development

Airport reception
acu.edu.au/int_airport

AskACU Centre
acu.edu.au/askacu

ACU Alumni
acu.edu.au/alumni

Campus ministry
acu.edu.au/campus-ministry

Career Development Service
acu.edu.au/careersupport

Counselling Service
acu.edu.au/counselling-services

Disability Services
acu.edu.au/disability-support

Health, sport and wellbeing
acu.edu.au/student-life/sports-and-fitness

Library
library.acu.edu.au

Medical services
acu.edu.au/medical-centres

PASS (Peer Assisted Study Sessions)
acu.edu.au/peer-assisted-study-sessions-pass

Safety
acu.edu.au/student-safety

Student Advocacy Service
acu.edu.au/student-advocacy

Student associations and clubs
acu.edu.au/student-life

Get involved at ACU

Sport clubs, fitness classes, and inter-university competitions. Find out more at: acu.edu.au/student-life





Study options

You can study at ACU for one year, one semester, or as little as two weeks! ACU can help you find the right program to suit your academic needs. All programs are for academic credit with official ACU transcripts provided to you after the completion of your studies.

MORE INFORMATION

Please refer to our website for further information on tuition costs and entry requirements for our study abroad and exchange courses:

acu.edu.au/study_abroad

For more information about the different courses and fees of our English preparation courses, please visit:

acu.edu.au/study_english

For more information about the International July School, please visit:

acu.edu.au/international-students/july-school

For more information about how to apply for our programs, please visit:

acu.edu.au/study_abroad/apply

STUDENT EXCHANGE

- Open to students who are enrolled at their home university and whose university is an official exchange partner of ACU. Students must be enrolled full-time and pay tuition fees only to their home university (ACU tuition fees do not apply).
- Applications are submitted on your behalf by your home university once your exchange placement has been approved.

STUDY ABROAD

- Open to all students wishing to take one or two semesters of study at ACU. Students must be from a recognised university or college.
- Students must be enrolled full-time and are subject to ACU study abroad tuition fees per semester.
- Applications are submitted directly to ACU or through one of our partner institutions or official study abroad agents.

STUDY ABROAD+ COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

As part of ACU's mission we're committed to ensuring that all ACU students and staff have the opportunity to make a contribution to their community that is feasible and meaningful to them, and that meets community needs in a way that is valuable and respectful. This mission extends to our exchange and study abroad students who can elect to complete a community focused unit as part of their program.

You'll enroll in one of our academic units that embeds a community engagement opportunity as part of the curriculum. Our Program Coordinator will suggest an academic unit that matches your study plan. Examples of our academic units are:

BIPX202 Community Engagement:
Building Strengths

HUMA330 Community Engagement Placement

Students must be enrolled full-time and are subject to the normal ACU study abroad tuition fees per semester - no extra fees apply for the community engagement component.

Applicants indicate their interest in a Study Abroad + program during the standard online application.

The community engagement unit will count for ACU credit and your result will appear on the official ACU transcript.

By completing this community focused unit, you'll go beyond the Australian tourist sights to develop a deeper understanding of our society, gain real-world experience, and consider ethical perspectives in your decision making.

ENGLISH PREPARATION

- Open to students who do not meet the English eligibility requirements for the Study Abroad and Exchange program or for students who simply want to improve their English before beginning their academic semester.
- Courses include General English, IELTS Preparation and English for Academic Purposes.
- Most programs run for 10 to 20 weeks but the length of the course can vary depending on your English proficiency.
- Students can choose this as a stand alone program or undertake it prior to a standard study abroad semester.

INTERNATIONAL JULY SCHOOL

- Open to both exchange and study abroad students, the International July School offers students the opportunity to complete one unit, taught intensively over a two week period.
- Students can enrol in the International July School as a standalone short-term program, or combine it with a full semester by joining the program before or after their semester studies.

The International July School program includes an orientation and social program, and accommodation packages.

For more information, please visit: acu.edu.au/international-students/july_school

Note: CRICOS codes: Exchange A (078731J), Exchange B (078736D), Study Abroad A (017634D), Study Abroad B (017635C).

What can I study?

Studying Abroad at ACU offers you a broad range of units to choose from. You have the opportunity to take classes from any of our four faculties provided you meet all of the necessary pre-requisites.

The academic disciplines offered in our three main city destinations for our exchange and study abroad program: Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne are visualised on this page. While most study areas are offered in multiple cities, some study areas may not be offered on a particular campus. Use this guide to narrow down your choice of campus, and then view complete units details online at acu.edu.au/study_abroad/units.

Study areas offered in our Canberra and Ballarat campuses are also available online.

Please note: Classes are subject to change and unit availability may vary each semester.

KEY

Brisbane - Bris

Melbourne - Mel

North Sydney - NSyd

Strathfield - Strat

FACULTY OF EDUCATION AND ARTS

Whether you're at the beginning of your learning journey or you're an experienced professional wanting to focus your leadership skills, our education and arts degrees put your learning into a global context and give you access to teaching experts engaged in the latest research.

STUDY AREA	CAMPUS			
Communication	Bris	Mel		Strat
Computing				Strat
Creative writing	Bris	Mel		Strat
Drama	Bris	Mel		Strat
Early childhood	Bris	Mel	NSyd	
Economics		Mel		Strat
English	Bris	Mel		Strat
Geography	Bris	Mel		Strat
Global studies		Mel		Strat
Graphic design		Mel		Strat
Healthy development		Mel		
History	Bris	Mel		Strat
International development		Mel		
Languages	Bris	Mel	NSyd	Strat
Mathematics		Mel		Strat
Media		Mel		
Music	Bris	Mel		
Politics		Mel	NSyd	
Sociology	Bris	Mel		Strat
Teaching	Bris	Mel	NSyd	Strat
Technology				Strat
Visual arts	Bris	Mel		Strat
Youth work		Mel		

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCE

Our staff and students strive to improve the lives of others through the provision of world-leading health care. Everything we do at the Faculty of Health Sciences is guided by the values of excellence, dignity and engagement.

STUDY AREA	CAMPUS			
Biomedical science	Bris	Mel	NSyd	
Exercise science	Bris	Mel		Strat
Nursing	Bris	Mel	NSyd	
Nutrition		Mel	NSyd	
Psychology		Mel		Strat
Public health		Mel		
Social work	Bris			Strat

FACULTY OF LAW AND BUSINESS

Our programs are designed to equip you with the business and leadership skills required for the changing demands of the contemporary business environment. Choose from a diverse range of law and business courses.

STUDY AREA	CAMPUS			
Accounting	Bris	Mel	NSyd	Strat
Business administration	Bris	Mel	NSyd	Strat
Finance	Bris	Mel	NSyd	
Human resource management	Bris	Mel	NSyd	Strat
Information technology			NSyd	
Law		Mel	NSyd	
Management	Bris	Mel	NSyd	Strat
Marketing	Bris	Mel	NSyd	Strat

FACULTY OF THEOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY

We take great pride in the quality of our teaching and our courses. Our goal is to foster a love for the academic disciplines of theology and philosophy, but also to provide professional and executive education for current and aspiring leaders.

STUDY AREA	CAMPUS			
Theological studies	Bris	Mel	NSyd	Strat
Study of religion	Bris	Mel	NSyd	Strat
Philosophy	Bris	Mel	NSyd	Strat

ACU CENTRE FOR LANGUAGES

Our accredited English language courses are offered in Brisbane, Melbourne and North Sydney. All of our courses are taught on campus and you will have access to all university facilities, including library and wifi.

PROGRAM	CAMPUS			
English for Academic Purposes	Bris	Mel	NSyd	
IELTS Test Preparation	Bris	Mel	NSyd	
General English	Bris	Mel	NSyd	
English for the Workplace	Bris	Mel	NSyd	

Academic progress

Your 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: acu.edu.au/handbooks

Academic information

The Study Abroad and Exchange program at ACU is flexible, allowing you to enrol in units from different areas of study, enhancing your academic experience even more. Whether they are core classes or electives, you can select what's right for you. All Study Abroad and Exchange students must be enrolled as a full-time student for the length of their program. Students undertaking a full year of study must successfully complete their first semester in order to continue with their second semester. These regulations are detailed in the yearly handbook: acu.edu.au/handbooks

At ACU a normal full-time load for one semester 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).

TERMINOLOGY

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

Sample comparison of credit points systems:

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

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

You will receive one of the following grades for each enrolled unit:

ACU GRADE	RANGE OF MARKS
High Distinction (HD)	85-100%
Distinction (DI)	75-84%
Credit (CR)	65-74%
Pass (PA)	50-64%
Fail (NN)	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.

Note: Field trips may incur additional costs above already paid tuition fees.

KEY DATES:

	ACU Semester 1 – northern hemisphere (Spring)	International July School	ACU Semester 2 – northern hemisphere (Autumn/Fall)
Orientation	Mid-February	Early July	Mid-July
Semester (teaching weeks)	February-June	July	July-October
Vacation week	April	N/A	September
Exams	June	July	November



**ACU'S INTERNATIONAL
MOBILITY AMBASSADOR
PROGRAM**

The ACU International Mobility Ambassador Program (IMAP) offers exchange and study abroad students the opportunity to polish their communication and inter-cultural skills by promoting ACU's Exchange and Study Abroad program to prospective, current and international students.

Students in this program perform special volunteer duties with the ACU International office allowing them to accrue points to obtain a certificate of completion and a letter of recommendation which they can use for employment purposes.



Applying to ACU

FEES

Exchange students coming to ACU will participate in an established exchange arrangement with an overseas university and are subject to their home institutions' tuition fees. If you are unsure whether your university has an exchange with ACU, please contact your university's international office for more information.

Study abroad students pay tuition fees directly to ACU for the semester or year they wish to study in Australia. Unlike exchange students, study abroad students can come through either established study abroad partners or non-affiliated institutions.

ACU study abroad fees are among the most affordable in Australia and are set at the one annual rate regardless of whether you are studying undergraduate or postgraduate units, or units across various disciplines.

For current ACU fees please refer to the Schedule of Tuition Fees:
acu.edu.au/study_abroad/info

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students from all countries are welcome to apply to the ACU Study Abroad Program. You just need to provide evidence that you have the required 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 units studied at ACU can be credited back to your course if required.

Completion of one full year of study at university level with satisfactory grades is a requirement.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

If you have not completed recognised studies in English, you will need to provide the following evidence of English proficiency:

For undergraduate study:

- IELTS: 6.0 (6.0 for writing and speaking; 5.5 for reading and listening).
- TOEFL iBT: 79 (22 for writing).
- Pearson Test of English (PTE): result of 50 (50 writing and speaking, 42 reading and listening).
- Cambridge Certificate of Advance English (CAE): 169 overall; 169 writing and speaking, 162 listening and reading
- Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE): 180 or grade C1.

For postgraduate study:

- IELTS: 6.5 (6.0 in all sections).
- TOEFL iBT: 90 (25 for writing).
- Pearson Test of English (PTE): 58 overall; 50 in all sections.
- Cambridge Certificate of Advance English (CAE): 176 overall; 169 in all sections.

Please note: some areas of study, like education, nursing and law, may require higher English scores.

For more information on the English language requirements please visit:
acu.edu.au/study_abroad/info

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Semester 1 – November 15

Semester 2 – May 15

International July School – March 31



How to apply

1.

Study abroad or exchange?

Read page 20 to decide which program is right for you.

2.

Discuss the study abroad program with your home university

Consult with your home university to understand the application and credit requirements of studying abroad. Students from exchange partner universities will also need approval to participate in the exchange.

3.

Choose campus and units

Review information in the guide and website to select the appropriate ACU campus and study plan for your program in Australia.

4.

Apply to ACU

You can apply to the Study Abroad or Exchange program online at: acu.edu.au/iapply

5.

Letter of Offer and Acceptance

ACU will assess your application within one to two weeks and if you are successful, we will email your official Letter of Offer. The Letter of Offer will include specific advice given by the course coordinator on unit selection or availability. You will need to return your completed Acceptance Form to ACU to confirm your place.

6.

Confirmation of Enrolment

If you have applied for a one or two semester program: Upon receipt of fees and signed acceptance, the University will issue an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE). This will allow you to apply for a Student Visa online.

If you have applied for the International July School: An eCoE is not required.

7.

Apply for Student Visa

Students enrolled in the International July School are not required to apply for an Australian Student Visa. All other students can apply for a Student Visa online or from the nearest Australian High Commission, Consulate, Embassy or Diplomatic Post. Once your Student Visa has been approved you should finalise your travel arrangements.

8.

Pre-departure

The Study Abroad and Exchange coordinator will send you a Pre-departure Guide, and provide information regarding accommodation, airport reception and orientation activities. At this stage, ACU will also pre-enrol you in three to four of the pre-approved units listed on your signed acceptance.

9.

Arrival and orientation

Arrive in Australia and attend our orientation activities which are compulsory for all students. You will be issued with your student ID and be able to finalise your enrolment.

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Melbourne
Level 5, 115 Victoria Parade,
Fitzroy VIC 3065

Sydney
Level 12, Tenison House Woods,
8-20 Napier Street,
North Sydney NSW 2060

Useful websites

Download a brochure
acu.edu.au/international/library

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