

Studyoverseas with ACU

ACU has 8 partner universities in France, including the Paris Graduate School of Management

Take off on Exchange with ACU and let the adventure begin!

Studying overseas is a unique opportunity open to all ACU students. There has never been a better time to study overseas and ACU will be with you at every step of your journey.

Why Study Abroad?

Studying overseas will be one of the most rewarding things you ever do in your life. It may be your only opportunity to live overseas for an extended period and fully immerse yourself into another culture.

By joining the ACU exchange program you can:

- travel without delaying your studies
- expand your horizons and become globally aware
- make new friends overseas
- learn another language
- enhance your degree and improve your employability
- gain confidence and develop leadership Skills

Where can I go?

ACU has a network of over 60 partner universities in 18 countries around the world, including Austria, Canada, Chile, France, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Sweden, the UK and USA.

Am I eligible?

You are eligible to apply to go on exchange if:

- you are an undergraduate who has completed at least 1 year of study or a postgraduate who has completed 1 semester of study,
- you have a Credit average,
- your course coordinator supports your exchange and approves the units that you will study overseas.

Do I need to speak another language?

No, ACU has many partner universities where you can study all your classes in English – even in some places where English is not the local language, such as France, Sweden and Japan. If you do speak another language you have even more options to choose from.

What are the fees?

If you study abroad through the ACU Exchange program you will not pay tuition fees to your host university, but you will continue to accumulate a HECS debt at ACU (or pay ACU tuition fees if you are an international student). You will need to pay for your accommodation and living costs while overseas. In most other countries the cost of student housing or rental accommodation is less than you will pay in Australian cities.

Is there financial assistance available?

Yes, there is support for students in need of financial assistance. You can apply for an ACU travel grant of up to \$2,500 to help you pay the cost of your airfares. If you are an Australian citizen in an undergraduate degree you can also apply for an OS-HELP loan from the Australian government of up to \$5,824 per semester in 2012. Conditions apply. Some of our partner universities and host country governments provide financial assistance to eligible students.

Will going on exchange delay my graduation at ACU?

No, before you study overseas your ACU Course Coordinator will check that your chosen classes are eligible to be credited to your ACU degree. That way your semester overseas will be counted as equivalent to a semester at ACU. If you are eligible to take elective classes overseas you will find it much easier to gain credit approval from your course coordinator – so don't use up all your electives before you go!

How do I apply?

It is never too early to think about applying to go on Exchange! Once you and your course coordinator have agreed upon appropriate classes at the host university that you have chosen, you can then submit an ACU Exchange Application Form to the ACU Exchange team. Once we check your details you will then be asked to complete the host university application. The ACU Exchange team will submit the application to the host university on your behalf. You can download the ACU application form at <http://www.acu.edu.au/137259>

ACU Students on Exchange Say...



"Canada is and will always be an experience you would love to do twice! It doesn't get much better than completing part of your studies in another country. You can't put a price on making friends from all parts of the globe, snow boarding in Banff, New Years in New York, and that's just the start... it's simply AWESOME."

-David M., Wilfrid Laurier University, 2009-2010.

How do I stay involved when I come back?

You can keep the adventure alive when you return, by help us with information sessions, Exchange fairs, and serving as mentors to new students going overseas. All Exchange Alumni are invited to join the Australian Exchange Alumni Network (AXAN). By joining AXAN you will join a network of more than 1,500 members Australia-wide.



"It's amazing fun in Japan, the people here are great! Great food and clothes and the university is really cool."

-Andrew D., Nagoya University of Foreign Studies, 2010

"My decision to go on exchange was the hardest decision I have made, and the hardest thing I have done, but definitely the most rewarding. It was the experience of a lifetime, and I had the time of my life. The people I met and the friendships I made are priceless. If given the chance, I would recommend anyone to take this opportunity."

-Nadine B., University of Cumbria, 2009

When should I apply?

For exchange programs starting in Semester 1, the application deadline is:

1 August

For exchange programs starting in Semester 2, the application deadline is:

1 March

How do I find out more?

The ACU Exchange team will be hosting Exchange information sessions each semester. Look out for the session details and download the Exchange Student Guide at <http://www.acu.edu.au/137259>

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