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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 33,000 students from more than 160 countries, and over 2,300 highly qualified staff who are committed to ACU’s unique approach to education.

It’s not just our staff and student numbers that are growing, either. We recently opened a new campus in Rome, Italy, which sits alongside our six Australian campuses in Adelaide†, Ballarat, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, and Sydney (Strathfield and North Sydney). With international placements available for students in all faculties, the ACU experience is now truly global.

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 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 from an ACU degree. You’ll become part of the fabric of the university, an expert in your field of enquiry and an agent of community change. And, once you graduate, you’ll stay connected to ACU through our 100,000-strong alumni cohort, no matter where you are.

acu.edu.au/international

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At ACU we’ve got a lot to offer

WE’RE HIGHLY RANKED
At ACU, we’re building a reputation to be reckoned with. We’re ranked in the top 3% of universities worldwide¹ and acknowledged by the Times Higher Education World Rankings, the QS World University Rankings, US News Best Global Universities and the Academic Ranking of World Universities.

WORK-READY SKILLS
Careers are all about applying knowledge in the world beyond the classroom, and so are our degrees. As an undergraduate student, you’ll have access to work placements, internships and a range of volunteering programs. Our results speak for themselves - we’re top three in Australia for undergraduate employment.²

STUDY ANYWHERE AND EVERYWHERE
Choose from six beautiful campuses across the east coast of Australia, or transfer between them to get the most of your ACU experience. You can even apply for an international opportunity on our Rome Campus.

AFFORDABLE EDUCATION
We believe that education is for everyone, which is why ACU is one of the most affordable universities in Australia. Our recognised and accredited courses in education and arts, health sciences, law and business, and theology and philosophy offer you an excellent return on investment.

A NURTURING EXPERIENCE
Everyone is welcome at ACU and our students feel it rating us five stars for overall experience, learner engagement and skills development.³ When you study with us, we’ll set you up with personalised student services and a nurturing campus environment so you make the most of your time at ACU.

INTERNATIONAL ACCLAIM
We’ve been recognised for excellence in a number of subjects, including nursing, education, sport science, arts and humanities, theology, clinical health and public health by leading international ranking systems.⁴ 94% of our research outputs have been benchmarked at world standard or above.⁵


† Not currently available to international students.
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: 150,000+
- ACU student population†: 1,026 (6% Int’l. students)
- Free parking

Ballarat. 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 education, are all available here.


† As at March 2018.
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 education 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

† As at March 2018.
There’s a reason Queensland’s known as 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 short-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.
At the McAuley at Banyo Campus, you’ll have your choice of courses in arts, business and commerce, exercise science, nursing, occupational therapy, philosophy, physiotherapy, rehabilitation, social work, speech pathology, teaching and education, 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.


† As at March 2018.
Melbourne

Melbourne – home to the Yarra River, live music, craft beer, and one of the best food scenes in Australia. As Australia’s second-biggest city, Melbourne is a multicultural city 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!
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, exercise science, law, nursing, occupational therapy, public health, philosophy, psychology, speech pathology, teaching and education, and theology courses are all available here.

acu.edu.au/melbourne

† As at March 2018.
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.

† As at March 2018.
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 Co-op Bookshop, 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 arts, business and commerce, information technology, law, nursing, occupational therapy, philosophy, physiotherapy, rehabilitation, science, speech pathology, teaching and education, 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 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, exercise science, philosophy, psychology, social work, teaching and education, or theology. 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
ACU’s six campuses are situated across five cities, with various housing options available to suit different lifestyles and budgets. Housing options include:

**ACU STUDENT ACCOMMODATION**

ACU offers student housing in Sydney and Brisbane. 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.

Miguel Cordero Residence (MCR) in Sydney is located in the student hub of Camperdown, which is very close to Sydney’s city centre. MCR is in walking distance of vibrant Newtown and a short commute from ACU’s Strathfield and North Sydney campuses.

Iglu 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.

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.


**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/about_acu/campuses/acu_student_accommodation](acu.edu.au/about_acu/campuses/acu_student_accommodation)

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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/acu

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/int_accom

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/int_accom

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

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Yearly Total $15,100 – 27,320+

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 the term time 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.

acu.edu.au/international/why_choose_acu/international_student_advisers

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/student_experience/support_services/academic_skills

Airport reception
acu.edu.au/int_airport

AskACU Centre
acu.service-now.com/kb

ACU Alumni
acu.edu.au/alumni_and_giving/alumni

Campus Ministry
acu.edu.au/student_experience/support_services/campus_ministry

Career Development Service
acu.edu.au/student_experience/work_experiences/career_support

Counselling Service
acu.edu.au/student_experience/support_services/counselling_service

Disability Services
acu.edu.au/student_experience/support_services/disability_services

Health, sport and wellbeing
acu.edu.au/student_experience/student_life

PASS (Peer Assisted Study Sessions)
acu.edu.au/student_experience/support_services/peer_assisted_study_sessions

Student Advocacy Service
acu.edu.au/student_experience/support_services/student_advocacy

Student associations and clubs
acu.edu.au/student_experience/student_life
Get involved at ACU

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

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

acu.edu.au/international/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+
Unlike our standard Exchange and Study Abroad programs, Study Abroad + allows students to add either a community engagement or internship placement to their academic studies.

Internship: Brisbane Campus only.
Community engagement: Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne Campus.

- Open to all Exchange and Study Abroad 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 - no extra fees apply for the community engagement or internship component.
- Applications are submitted directly to ACU or through one of our partner institutions or official Study Abroad Agents.
- Study Abroad plus community engagement enables the active participation in a placement in a not-for-profit community organisation while also being enrolled in two to three academic units.
- Study Abroad plus internship combination allows you to enrol in two to three academic units while also taking a 120 hour-professional internship at a local company.
- Both the internship and community engagement units are for credit and will appear on the official ACU transcript.

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 or two units, each 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/july_school

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.

Each campus is different with not all study areas offered on each campus.

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

**KEY**

Ballarat = Ball  
Brisbane = Bris  
Canberra = Can  
Melbourne = Melb  
North Sydney = NSyd  
Strathfield = Strat

### FACULTY OF EDUCATION AND ARTS

The Faculty of Education and Arts offers students a range of highly regarded programs taught by dedicated, well-qualified staff, who are committed to student-centred teaching and the pursuit of academic excellence.

#### STUDY AREA | CAMPUS
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Communication | Bris/NSyd/Strat  
Computing | Strat  
Digital journalism | Bris/Melb  
Drama | Bris/Melb/Strat  
Early childhood | Ball/Bris/Can/Melb/NSyd/Strat  
Economics | Melb/Strat  
Geography | Melb/Strat  
Global studies | Melb/Strat  
Healthy development | Melb  
History | Bris/Melb/Strat  
International development | Melb/Strat  
Languages | Bris/Melb/NSyd/Strat  
Literature | Bris/Melb/Strat  
Mathematics | Melb/Strat  
Media | Melb  
Music | Bris/Melb  
Politics | Melb/NSyd  
Sociology | Bris/Melb/Strat  
Teaching | Ball/Bris/Can/Melb/NSyd/Strat  
Technology | Strat  
Visual arts and design | Bris/Melb/Strat  
Youth work | Melb
FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCE
We have a vision to be recognised for outstanding courses that supply caring, prepared and qualified graduates. All students have field and clinical experience that is supervised by specially qualified practitioners.

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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.

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FACULTY OF LAW AND BUSINESS
The faculty offers a diverse range of law and business courses. Our programs are designed to equip you with the business and leadership skills required for the changing demands of the contemporary business environment.

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ACU CENTRE FOR LANGUAGES
ACU has accredited English language courses offered in Brisbane, Melbourne and North Sydney. All courses are taught on campus and students have access to all university facilities, including library and wifi.

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Please note: Study areas are subject to change. For the latest information check the ACU website: acu.edu.au/international/study_abroad_and_exchange/enrolment_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**

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Sample comparison of credit points systems:

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<td>1 Unit = 10 credit points</td>
<td>7.5 credits</td>
<td>3-4 credit hours</td>
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**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:

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<td>High Distinction (HD)</td>
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<td>75-84%</td>
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<td>65-74%</td>
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<td>Pass (PA)</td>
<td>50-64%</td>
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<td>Fail (NN)</td>
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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. (Field trips may incur additional costs above already paid tuition fees).

FINDING THE RIGHT UNIT FOR YOU

Finding the right unit for you can be a difficult and time consuming process. Be patient! It does take time to review any university handbook but we are here to help. Begin your search by reading our unit selection guide on the Study Abroad and Exchange website: acu.edu.au/study_abroad/units

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.

General requirements:
- Completion of one full year of study at university level with satisfactory grades.

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

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
- TOEFL PBT: 550; 59 for writing
- TOEFL CBT: 213; 25 for writing
- ACU English Language Test: C
- Pearson Test of English (PTE): result of 54 with a minimum of 50 in writing and speaking and a minimum of 42 in reading and listening.

For postgraduate study:
- IELTS: 6.5; 6.0 in all sections
- TOEFL IBT: 90; 25 for writing
- TOEFL PBT: 577; 62 for writing
- TOEFL CBT: 233; 26 for writing
- ACU English Language Test: B
- Pearson Test of English (PTE): result of 61 with a minimum of 50 in all sections.

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 & 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.