



# Study Abroad + Community Engagement

ACU defines ‘community engagement’ as activities that build capacity and affirm human dignity through sustainable and reciprocal collaborations with communities who experience disadvantage or marginalisation.

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 we welcome each semester.

## THE PROGRAM

As part of the full-time study load during your semester abroad, 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**

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.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UNIT

Course	Exchange or Study Abroad
Location	Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne
Duration	Semester. Includes classes + placement
Unit value	10 credit points
Intake	Semester 1 and 2
Credit transfer	The final grade will appear on your official ACU academic transcript at the completion of the program.

## HOW TO APPLY

1	Apply to the ACU Exchange or Study Abroad program
2	Indicate your interest in the Study Abroad + Community Engagement program
3	Your ACU Program Coordinator will contact you to advise the appropriate unit and placement process

## COMMUNITY PLACEMENT

Current community engagement opportunities are available to view on our [website](#).

ACU will connect you with staff and resources that will initiate your connection with a placement prior to the semester start date.

## Featured Placement: Kicking Goals Together (KGT)

KGT provides a 16-week soccer tournament during semesters 1 and 2, which includes players from refugee and migrant backgrounds, as well as international student cohorts.

Student roles in the program include assisting with the organisation and delivery of the KGT soccer tournament, assisting with the Skill Up (job skills) and English language (Aussie English Unpacked) programs where relevant, and helping to create a positive and welcoming environment for participants. There will also be an expectation to attend some planning meetings.

To express interest

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