

# Student Exchange Guide

## Incoming Students



## Study Abroad at Australian Catholic University

Australian Catholic University (ACU) is a great place to study abroad. With its unique range of high quality courses, concern for the welfare of individual students and choice of campuses in Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne and Ballarat, ACU offers something for everyone.

### Locations, Lifestyle & Leisure

ACU offers a unique blend of academic quality, concern for the welfare of individual students and a choice of campuses. It is a public university, open to all and funded by the Australian government. This means awards are professionally recognised both in Australia and world-wide.

With six campuses in Australia, each one is small enough to allow for a close working relationship between students and teachers, with smaller classes enabling academic staff to give individual attention to students.

The small classes and the caring culture of a Catholic institution combine to provide a friendly, enthusiastic environment for teaching and learning and the development of the individual both academically and socially. Strong ethics content in courses encourages a high standard of professional conduct.

Each campus offers students the opportunity to experience a different aspect of Australian culture and environment. Students undertaking more than one semester of study here may undertake each semester at a different campus, provided the selected units are available.

Studying abroad at ACU offers you the opportunity to achieve your goals both personally and academically through the wide range of courses in our four faculties - Arts and Sciences, Education, Theology and Philosophy, and Health Sciences. Some of the study areas include a range of exciting field trips and practical components that will offer you an experience and insight into the Australian lifestyle, culture and environment.

### The ACU Advantage

- Choice of 6 campuses - Brisbane, Sydney (2), Canberra, Melbourne, Ballarat
- More than 18,000 students from over 75 countries
- Strong ethics content in courses
- High course completion rates
- A strong international focus with partners in Austria, Canada, China, Chile, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Korea, Sweden, Turkey, UK and USA
- Low student to staff ratio

## Our Campuses

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## BRISBANE: gateway to the Gold Coast

Brisbane is the capital of Queensland which is a large state well known for its tropical coastline, sandy white beaches and sunshine. It is Australia's fastest growing capital city with a population of more than 1.8 million. A relaxed and friendly city with extensive parklands, botanical gardens, art galleries and restaurants. Brisbane's subtropical climate lends itself to a cosmopolitan outdoor lifestyle.

The magnificent beaches of the Gold and Sunshine Coasts are only a one hour drive away and other wonderful attractions such as Natural Arch, Springbrook National Park, as well as Stradbroke, Moreton and Fraser Islands make Brisbane an ideal base. The fabulous Great Barrier Reef stretches 2000 kilometres alongside the coast of Queensland and is home to 1500 species of fish.

### Brisbane Campus (McAuley at Banyo)

**1100 Nudgee Road  
Banyo QLD 4014**

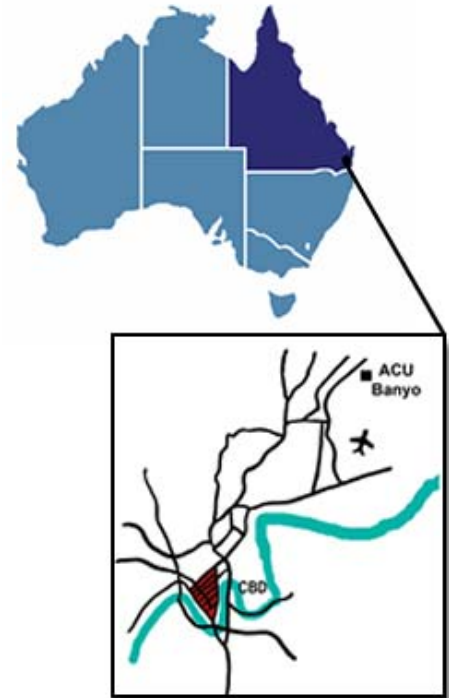
Situated in the northern suburb of Banyo, this campus is located 12 kilometres from the centre of Brisbane. The campus is on the site of the former Pius XII Provincial Seminary with a history extending back to 1863.

The campus is easily accessed by public transport. ACU also offers a free shuttle bus service from Northgate and Toombul railway stations to the campus.

With nearly 3000 students and 200 staff, campus facilities include a state-of-the-art library, computer labs, a bookshop, cafeteria, coffee shop, swimming pool and sporting grounds.

### Study Areas

- Arts and Science
- Business and Management
- Education
- English Language
- Exercise Science
- Nursing
- Psychological Science
- Social Science, Counselling and Social Work
- Theology and Philosophy



## **SYDNEY: a city of entertainment**

Sydney is world renowned for its beautiful harbour, famous beaches, architecture and a culture which incorporates fabulous beach living, surfing, bushlands, food, music and nightlife. Sydney has that big city buzz and caters to a full range of interests, tastes and budgets for everyone!

As Australia's oldest and largest city, Sydney has a population of more than 4 million people and is the commercial and cultural capital of Australia. Sydney is truly a world city.

**North Sydney Campus (MacKillop)**  
**40 Edward Street**  
**North Sydney NSW 2060**

Only a five minute train ride over the famous Sydney Harbour Bridge from the CBD of Sydney, the North Sydney Campus (MacKillop) is centrally located within a short walk from the North Sydney train station. The campus is accessible by both bus and train. This campus has around 3,000 students.

### **Study Areas**

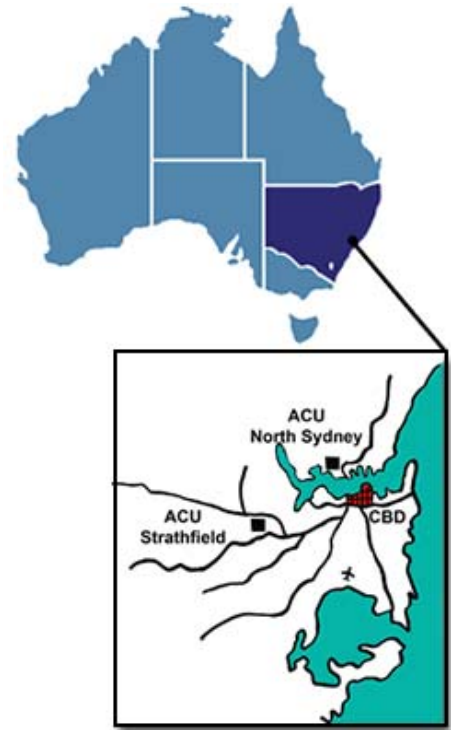
- Business and Management
- Business Information Systems
- Environmental Science
- Nursing

**Strathfield Campus (Mount Saint Mary)**  
**25A Barker Road**  
**Strathfield NSW 2135**

Located in one of the older, established suburbs of Sydney, the gracious buildings on campus include a Romanesque style chapel and are set in beautifully landscaped grounds. With over 3,200 students the campus is located only a 20 minute train ride from the CBD.

### **Study Areas**

- Arts and Science
- Education
- Exercise Science
- Social Science, Counselling and Social Work
- Theology and Philosophy
- Visual Arts and Design



## MELBOURNE: *the world's most liveable city*

Melbourne is a vibrant, culturally diverse and elegant city that is the second largest capital city in Australia with a population of 3.8 million. Home to some of Australia's finest and famous cultural and sporting events. Melbourne is Australia's premier city of art, sport and festivals.

The many public parks and gardens and architectural splendour adds to the feel of Melbourne and you'll find a rich café culture in the city's lanes. Based on a survey of culture and events, education levels, environmental awareness, infrastructure and access the London Economist Intelligence Unit has awarded Melbourne the title of one of the 'Worlds Most Liveable Cities'.

**Melbourne Campus** (St Patrick's)  
**115 Victoria Parade**  
**Fitzroy VIC 3065**

Situated only a few minutes from the CBD, this campus is within walking distance of a number of cafes, shops and restaurants. The campus is host to 4,600 students.

### Study Areas

- Arts and Science
- Business and Management
- Business Information Systems
- Education
- English Language
- Exercise Science
- Nursing
- Psychological Science
- Social Science, Counselling and Social Work
- Theology and Philosophy
- Visual Arts and Design



## CANBERRA: *Australia's political heart*

Canberra, the national capital has a population of just over 340,000 and offers fabulous access to important Australian treasures such as the National Gallery of Australia and the National Museum of Australia. A small well planned city, Canberra offers all the advantages of living in a nation's capital without the hustle of larger cities.

**Canberra Campus** (Signadou)  
**223 Antill Street,**  
**Watson ACT 2602**

Located just five kilometres from the centre of Canberra this campus is well served by public transport and is one of ACU's smaller campuses offering a personalised study environment. With around 700 students, campus facilities include a swimming pool, canteen as well as a number of computer labs and a chapel.



### Study Areas

- Education
- Nursing
- Social Science, Social Work
- Theology and Philosophy



## BALLARAT: *a rural beauty*

Ballarat is a picturesque rural town of 85,000 people and is a living museum of the goldrush period of Australia. With many fine buildings, attractive gardens, fountains and sculptures, the beautiful wide tree-lined streets add to the charm and character that is Ballarat.

**Ballarat Campus** (Aquinas)  
**1200 Mair Street,**  
**Ballarat VIC 3350**

The campus is set in beautiful gardens, is near the commercial centre of Ballarat and within easy reach of facilities. With over 500 students, the campus offers quality teaching facilities including simulated nursing labs, computer labs, a library, a canteen, visual art rooms, a gallery, a bookshop and a gym as well as dedicated Student Accommodation.



### Study Areas

- Education
- Nursing
- Theology and Philosophy



## Apply Online

All applications are now submitted via our online application system: [www.acu.edu.au/iapply](http://www.acu.edu.au/iapply)  
Students should ensure that they apply for “study abroad” or “exchange” program rather than for their study area: e.g. Bachelor of Business.

**Step 1 – Login:** <https://student-acu.studylink.com>

**New Users:** Create an account by clicking the ‘Continue to Registration’ button.

**Returning Users:** Login in to the ‘Returning Users’ section.

### Step 2 - Choose a Course


Select ‘Choose a Course’ from the red menu bar. Select ‘Study Abroad’ or ‘Exchange’ in the ‘Level of Study’ section. Click ‘Search Now’

### Step 3 – Select Duration - 1 Semester or 2 Semesters

Click the corresponding ‘Apply Now’ button.


### Step 4 – Complete application as per instructions

#### Tips

 = mandatory field. Please ensure you complete these sections.

**To attach files:** upload files using the file upload boxes similar to the image below.

Please attach a copy of the personal information page from your passport. If you do not have a passport, please attach a statement which indicates when you plan to apply for one.

Please attach here: 

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Or

#### Files required to be uploaded:

- A copy of your transcript
- English Language Proficiency Test results: TOEFL or IELTS (if applicable)
- Personal information page of your passport (if you do not have a passport yet, please include a statement that you are in the process of applying for your passport).
- Personal Statement

## Semester Dates

### Semester 1, 2012 (February - June)

International Orientation: February 6  
Classes start: February 20  
Last day of exams: June 16

### Semester 2, 2012 (July - November)

International Orientation: July 23  
Classes start: July 30  
Last day of exams: November 24

## Application Deadlines

- Semester 1: November 15
- Semester 2: May 15

If your application is successful you will be sent a Letter of Offer detailing the courses you have been accepted into and any further information you may require. Please allow 6-8 weeks from the deadline submission date for this process

## Application Administrative Process

### Step One - Choose your Campus and Units

After reviewing information regarding the exchange program, select the units, duration and campus you would like to study. Please indicate 6 -8 units in order of preference for each semester and include the unit code.

**Step Two** - Apply to ACU  
Submit your application online

**Step Three** - Offer to Study at ACU

The University will assess your application and, if you are successful, will issue a Letter of Offer. The Letter of Offer will include specific advice given by the Course Coordinator regarding unit selection or availability. You will also receive advice on how to accept your offer.

**Step Four** - Accept your Offer

Upon receipt of your signed Acceptance of Offer and OSHC payment, the University will issue an electronic Certificate of Enrolment (CoE). This will allow you to apply and obtain a Student Visa online, or from the nearest Australian Diplomatic Post.

**Step Five** - Prepare for your Adventure!

Once you have your Student Visa, you are ready to come and study at ACU! Information about life in Australia, campuses travel information, student visas, budgeting, arrival, accommodation and settling in can all be accessed from the University's website. Please visit:

[http://www.acu.edu.au/international/arrival\\_and\\_orientation/information\\_about\\_australia](http://www.acu.edu.au/international/arrival_and_orientation/information_about_australia)

## Selecting Units

All units are available in the **2011 Course Enrolment Guides**:

Link: [http://www.acu.edu.au/apply\\_and\\_enrol/how\\_to\\_enrol/course\\_enrolment\\_guides\\_2011/](http://www.acu.edu.au/apply_and_enrol/how_to_enrol/course_enrolment_guides_2011/)

Outlines and descriptions of all units of study can be found in the **University Handbook**

Link: [http://www.acu.edu.au/about\\_acu/publications/handbooks/handbook\\_2011/unit\\_descriptions\\_for\\_2011/](http://www.acu.edu.au/about_acu/publications/handbooks/handbook_2011/unit_descriptions_for_2011/)

If prerequisites are linked to a unit, students must show proof that they have completed an equivalent unit at their home university.

To search for units:

1. Go to the 2011 Course Enrolment Guide
2. Select the degree relating to the corresponding study area, e.g. 'Bachelor of Arts (Pass and Honours)'  
- Each major will be listed under a specific study area: e.g. 'Arts and Mathematics'
3. Select the relevant campus:(i.e. Brisbane, North Sydney, Melbourne)
4. Scroll to find 'units offered in 2011'
5. Ensure units are offered in the correct semester (i.e. Semester One or Two)

## Terminology and Credit Transfer

### Credit Points

Sample comparison of credit points system:

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

### Terminology

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

### Explanation of Grades

Student performance in scheduled units is recorded using the following system:

Grade	Range
High Distinction (HD)	85 - 100%
Distinction (D)	75 - 84%
Credit (C)	65 - 74%
Pass (P)	50 - 64%
Fail (F)	0 - 49%

## Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

As an International Student, it is a condition of your student visa that you have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for the entire duration of your stay in Australia. OSHC gives you access to out of hospital and in hospital medical services to help you maintain your health. Current fees will be listed on your Letter of Offer, but you can also find more information at [www.oshcworldcare.com.au](http://www.oshcworldcare.com.au).

## Obtaining a Student Visa

All international students in Australia are required to have a Student Visa. Students should make enquiries at the nearest Australian Diplomatic Post [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au).

Upon approval from the Head of Department and receipt of the health cover payment from the student, the University will issue a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE). This will be required by the Australian Diplomatic Post issuing the Visa as proof of acceptance into the course.

## Accommodation

Accommodation information for each campus can be accessed from the ACU website at: [http://www.acu.edu.au/international/arrival\\_and\\_orientation/accommodation/](http://www.acu.edu.au/international/arrival_and_orientation/accommodation/)

### Private rentals

Students may choose to live in private rental accommodation near their campus. If necessary their International Student Adviser will assist them to find a suitable property. You should budget approximately AUD\$150 - \$250 per week to rent a property shared with others. Utilities and food are not included.

### Student Accommodation

Specialised apartment accommodation is available near most campuses. This accommodation is run by private companies who rent apartments or rooms in shared accommodation to students.

### Homestay

Homestay offers international students the opportunity to live in a local home while studying in Australia. Homestay is suitable for stays ranging from a few weeks to many months. Students should budget approximately AUD\$240 - \$260 per week for Homestay which includes utilities and most meals. A placement fee of AUD\$209 is also payable for all locations.

### Temporary Accommodation Booking

In order to book temporary accommodation for arrival in Australia, students complete the Pre-Arrival Booking form at: [http://www.acu.edu.au/international/arrival\\_and\\_orientation/pre-arrival/](http://www.acu.edu.au/international/arrival_and_orientation/pre-arrival/)

### FAQ's

Frequently asked accommodation questions and answers are listed on our website at: [http://www.acu.edu.au/international/arrival\\_and\\_orientation/accommodation/faq](http://www.acu.edu.au/international/arrival_and_orientation/accommodation/faq)

## Support Services

ACU provides comprehensive support services to all students to help them make the most of their time at university and to ensure their studies are successful. These services include:

- Pre-Arrival guide
- Accommodation information
- Airport reception
- International student orientation program
- Personal support and advice

## Contact Information

### For further information, please contact:

Inbound Study abroad & Exchange Coordinator  
 Australian Catholic University  
 Email: [studyabroad@acu.edu.au](mailto:studyabroad@acu.edu.au)  
 Web: [www.acu.edu.au/studyabroad](http://www.acu.edu.au/studyabroad)