STUDY ABROAD IN AUSTRALIA’S CAPITAL

AUSTRALIA’S CAPITAL UNIVERSITY
IT’S ALL ABOUT YOU

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GETTING THE SUPPORT YOU NEED

Here at the University of Canberra, each and every one of our students is important to us. Including you. That’s why we have a number of resources and services especially for you. This includes our full-time International Student Advisors, Personal Advisors for undergraduate students, and Smart Study Passport support programs.

STUDY THE SUBJECTS YOU WANT

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OUR LECTURERS ARE HERE FOR YOU

Our students tell us that they can’t believe how much time their lecturers spend with them to make sure they understand what’s being taught and answering any questions they have. There is a community of 1000 staff, every one working towards the same goal – success for their students.

THE SKILLS YOU NEED TO SUCCEED

The degrees from the University of Canberra focus on developing skills for the real world. Our focus on applied education and our industry-leading ‘Work Integrated Learning’ philosophy (based around internships, industry partnerships, and other activities) effectively prepare our graduates for their future careers.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Full support from the UC Study Abroad team including trips & activities!
Over 3000 classes to choose from—offering hands-on, practical learning in 200 undergraduate and postgraduate degrees
UC is ranked TOP 5% based on QS World University Rankings (2013-2015)
Diverse community of more than 1000 staff and 12500 students, including 2500 international students from over 100 countries
Qualifications are accepted and respected around the world
Located 10 minutes from Canberra’s city centre
Living on-campus means living just footsteps away from the resident kangaroos and colourful Australian parrots
Guaranteed on-campus housing and free airport pick up for study abroad and exchange students
Canberra’s low unemployment rate means a much better chance of landing a job than in most other Australian cities
On-campus medical centre, gym, library, book shop, bank, convenience store, small supermarket, post office, cafes and bars
Located near the Australian Institute of Sport and Canberra Stadium
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Canberra is a unique place. It is the capital of Australia and as you’d expect from a city whose inhabitants run one of the world’s top 20 economies, it’s vibrant and cosmopolitan.

Residents of Canberra are among the healthiest, wealthiest and most highly educated people in Australia. They live longer, report lower levels of stress, but still manage to earn significantly more than those in other Australian cities.*

Canberra’s ethnic diversity is reflected in its dining, music and theatre. It is a young and lively city that has an exciting nightlife and plenty of interesting cafés, bars and clubs. Locals call Canberra the 20 minute city because nothing is very far away.

It’s a friendly, safe place with a growing population of 380,000 but with all the amenities of a much larger city. It is home to excellent entertainment and sporting venues, fresh food markets, wineries and some of the country’s most important cultural institutions, including the National Museum, the National Gallery of Australia and the Australian War Memorial.

The countryside surrounding Canberra features impressive mountains and rugged bushland, which is ideal for outdoor activities such as bushwalking, horse riding, hot-air ballooning and camping. Sailing and canoeing are popular on Lake Burley Griffin, while the ski fields of the Kosciuszko National Park and the beaches of the beautiful South Coast are just a few hours away. What’s more, Sydney and its iconic Harbour Bridge and Opera House are just three hours away by bus or car and only 45 minutes by air.

Canberra is alive with all sorts of wonderful things to see and do. It has blue skies, clean air and plenty of space for you to grow and prosper.

A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Canberra has the lowest national crime rate and the highest concentration of police in Australia.

Canberra has been ranked as the world’s most liveable city®

Canberra ranked number 1 in Australia for education, jobs, income, safety, health and accessibility to services®

Canberra has more hours of sunshine per day than Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide

Canberra has the lowest commuting times of all Australia’s major cities

Canberra residents have the highest weekly income in Australia

People from the ACT live longer than other Australians

Canberra is a youthful city with an average age of 34

*Australian Bureau of Statistics, Live in Canberra campaign.

®OECD Regional Well-Being Report, 2014

Source: canberrayourfuture.com.au/portal/living/
OUR STUDY ABROAD & EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The University of Canberra's Study Abroad and Exchange Program can be your passport to a new world of experiences, impressions and learning. It's something you will remember all your life and an opportunity to develop a broader international perspective which can enhance your qualifications.

Our Study Abroad and Exchange Program caters for university students of all interests and backgrounds.

Full support from the UC Study Abroad Office for pre-arrival assistance, enrolment, orientation, activities and trips and general advising.

Australian students, without interrupting your studies or career path.

The opportunity to see Australia, from the blue green tropical paradise of the Great Barrier Reef to the endless red plains of the Australian outback.

Lecturers who are recognised throughout Australia for their excellence in teaching.

A safe, friendly, multicultural environment with a relatively low cost of living.

A low student-to-lecturer ratio, meaning smaller on-campus class sizes with more personal attention from lecturers and tutors.

A choice of more than 3000 subjects in a diverse range of disciplines.

OUR STUDY ABROAD AND EXCHANGE PROGRAM OFFERS:

• A wide range of degrees across all faculties.
• The option to take a full year, a semester, or a term.
• The ability to choose from a wide range of subjects, including cross-disciplinary courses.
• The opportunity to study at several partner universities abroad.
• The chance to improve your language skills by studying in a different country.

STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

“I have had amazing experiences and wonderful opportunities while studying in Australia. The culture, the people, and the lifestyle were all different from what I had experienced before. Overall, my study abroad experience has been rewarding and has allowed me to grow both personally and academically.”

KYLE DREW JONES
UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO

The exchange program at UC can be described as generous, knowledgeable and adventurous. From trips to tips of Australian culture, the UC exchange program covers it all.

STUDY REQUIREMENTS

Study Abroad and Exchange students are required to study full time at UC. You are expected to enrol in the standard full time load of 12 credit points (normally four classes) unless you have special permission from your home university to enrol in our minimum full time load of 9 credit points. Most units (classes, subjects, modules) at UC are valued at 1 credit points, requiring an average of 150 hours of individual study and class time during the semester. The amount of time you will need to spend studying for each unit will depend on a number of factors including your prior knowledge, learning skill level and learning style. Study Abroad and Exchange students can study across all our faculty areas and take any units offered in the appropriate semester, providing all eligibility requirements are met.

At UC, your timetable will be composed of lectures and tutorials. For each subject you study, you will be scheduled to attend one or two lectures, plus a tutorial or practical class. A lecture is usually a formal style held in a lecture theatre and often contains a large number of students. A tutorial is a smaller, less formal group where you are expected to participate and discuss ideas and theories arising from your lecture. The tutorials allow you to receive more personal attention from your tutor, who is available to discuss your academic work and provide assistance throughout the semester.

University of Canberra assessment is based primarily on the completion of assignments and essays which can vary from 1,000 to 4,000 words. There are usually three to four assignments and a final examination (or long essay) per class each semester. There is a great deal of individual study involved. Most units do not have a weekly class test or graded homework.

To gain credit transfer towards your degree, your home university needs to approve your University of Canberra subject selection. It is advisable to discuss your study plans and gain approval before you commence your study at UC.

STUDENT SUPPORT AT UC

While studying at the University of Canberra you can access a wide range of services and support to help you succeed academically, socially and personally. All students have access to academic, social and personal services to support your university experience.

The Academic Skills Program is available to all students and provides support for academic skills, study strategies, and essay writing. The Library is open till late and provides access to a wide range of resources. The Computer Labs are accessible 24 hours a day.

The Multi-Faith Centre provides a space for students to reflect on their religious and spiritual beliefs. The Health and Counselling Centre is available for students who need support with mental health issues. The Students’ Association (UCSA) provides support for student clubs and events.

The University offers a range of services to international students, including the International Office for visa and immigration support, and the International Student Support Centre for information, advice and support on all student related issues.

For more information, please visit www.canberra.edu.au/current-student/student-support.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN STUDY ABROAD AND EXCHANGE?

In both programs students come to the University of Canberra for a minimum of one semester and a maximum of one academic year.

Students study full time to achieve credit which is applied to their home university degree.

Study Abroad Students pay their tuition fees directly to the University of Canberra.

Exchange Students pay their tuition fees to their home university.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Study Abroad and Exchange students can study subjects from any of the following areas. Check the University of Canberra’s website for specific degrees.

- Arts
- Business and Government
- Communications
- Design and Architecture
- Health and Community
- Information Sciences
- Law
- Science
- Sport
- Teaching
- Technology and Maths
- Tourism

Some of the most popular subjects to study at the University of Canberra include:

- Leadership, Innovation and Change
- Networked Media Production
- Australian National Cinema
- Indigenous Australia
- Contemporary Issues
- International Studies
- Creative Writing
- Design
- Ecology and Biodiversity
- Cultures and Diversity
- Tourism and the World Economy
- Sport and Performance Psychology

The university offers many more courses and subjects. Check our website for more information.

www.canberra.edu.au/study-abroad/at-uc/living-at-uc/studying-at-uc
The University of Canberra offers campus accommodation for more than 2400 people from Australia and around the world. You can choose from University of Canberra Village, Weeden Lodge and Cooper Lodge. Wherever you end up, you’re sure to find a safe, comfortable and friendly place to live.

It’s important to note that there is a high demand for on-campus accommodation, so applying early gives you a better chance of getting the place you want.

SAFE AND SECURE
Security staff can be contacted 24 hours a day and the accommodation facilities are regularly monitored, which means you’ll live in a very safe environment.

ADVICE AND ACTIVITIES
All the accommodation facilities have active resident support programs that offer social, emotional and academic support.

UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA VILLAGE
The University of Canberra Village is a 1534-bed facility located on the university campus. It is self-catered and offers a variety of living options, including 12-bedroom share residences, one, two and five-bedroom apartments and options for postgraduate and mature-age students. For more information visit www.ucvillage.com.au

WEEDEN LODGE
Weeden Lodge is a 460-bed facility located between the university and the Belconnen town centre and close to shops, restaurants and the Belconnen bus interchange. It is self-catered and you can choose from studio, share and multi-bed apartment living. To make it even more affordable, Weeden Lodge is supported by the National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) with financial assistance from the Commonwealth and ACT governments. For more information visit www.unilodge.com.au/lodge/weeden-lodge

GUARANTEED HOUSING
That’s right, we’ve all heard stories about how difficult student accommodation can be to find — well not at UC! The UC Study Abroad Office offers guaranteed on-campus housing at all of the previously mentioned accommodation areas. As places are limited, students must nominate their housing preference on their UC Study Abroad and Exchange Application Form and submit the form on time to secure a guaranteed placement. The sooner you apply, the better chance of getting your top choice.

OFF-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION
The University of Canberra accommodation website contains information about off-campus accommodation options including family homes, apartments and share-house accommodation. Family homes and apartments cost from $380 to $450 a week depending on the size and number of bedrooms. Share-house cost is approximately $170 to $200 a week.

A Homestay Program is also available for international students who would like to stay with an Australian family. Prices range from $190 a week. For more information visit www.canberra.edu.au/au/on-campus/ accommodation

ARRIVAL & ORIENTATION
WE’LL BE WAITING TO WELCOME YOU
The university offers a free reception service, so you don’t need to worry about getting from Canberra’s airport, bus or train stations to your new accommodation. You need to fill in the online request form at least five days prior to your arrival at www.canberra.edu.au/current-students/international-students/new-international-students/pick-up. University of Canberra representatives will meet you when you arrive and take you safely to your new home.

Before you even arrive, you will have the opportunity to join a Facebook group set up specifically for students coming to UC during your semester to share any questions or uncertainties. This group gives you the chance to meet other students and share ideas prior to arrival. During the semester, the Facebook site is often used for event planning and RSVPs between students and with the office.

Each semester begins with orientation sessions on the Monday and Tuesday of O-week (Orientation Week), specifically for Study Abroad and Exchange students. During O-week you will be introduced to the university, Canberra, and life as a UC student. We will assist you in getting your student card, OSHC card, enrolling in subjects, choosing your timetable, and finding your way around campus.

Information sessions are offered on all aspects of student life and many orientation activities are planned for your enjoyment. You might join us for complimentary breakfasts, genuine Aussie BBQs, a Photo Scavenger Hunt around Canberra city and many other offerings.

APPLY ONLINE
For more information and to apply for a place in campus accommodation, visit www.canberra.edu.au/on-campus/accommodation

INSET: University of Canberra Village has a relaxed and convivial atmosphere.

MAIN IMAGE: Holly shares a joke with her new friends at Weeden Lodge in a fun and friendly place to live.

UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA VILLAGE
RESIDENCE HALLS WEEKLY RATE (22 WEEKS) SECURITY DEPOSIT
Guginy 1 Bedroom Apartment $371
Guginy 2 Bedroom Apartment $289
Guginy 5 Bedroom Apartment $250
Millemum single ensuite room $288
Wagan 6 Bedroom Apartment $219
Gubonj 7 Bedroom Apartment $235
Buju 12 Bedroom Apartment $201
Dyana 12 Bedroom Lodge $199

Rates are per person (except Double studio). *Double studio has a queen size bed in the apartment. Rate is for the whole apartment, not per person. Contract length options: 24–26 weeks or 48–52 weeks contracts. 4 week security deposit is required per person except for the Double Studio. Minimum security deposit will be $1450.

A Big Community Spirit Fee (for activities) and $100 cleaning fee are also payable once per semester.

WEEDEN LODGE RESIDENCE HALLS WEEKLY RATES (24 WEEKS) SECURITY DEPOSIT
Single Studio $220 $980
Single Studio Superior $255 $1,000
Studio Accessible Large $255 $1,000
Double Studio* $350 $1,000
Studio Twin Share $150 $700
Studio Twin Share Large $165 $760
2 Bedroom Studio (17 week package available) $180 $820
5 Bedroom Apartment $210 $940
4 Bedroom Apartment $210 $940
7 Bedroom Apartment $190 $860

An additional weekly fee of $25 applies per person for electricity, gas and water (fee as of 2015). Rates are per person (except Double studio). *Double studio has a queen size bed in the apartment. Rate is for the whole apartment, not per person. Contract length options: 24–26 weeks or 48–52 weeks contracts. 4 week security deposit is required per person except for the Double Studio. Minimum security deposit will be $1450.

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COOPER LODGE
ROOM TYPE WEEKLY RATE (22 WEEKS) SECURITY DEPOSIT
Single Studio $225 $992
Single Studio Deluxe $235 $1,000
Double Studio $348 $1,000
1 Bedroom Apartment $348 $1,000
5 Bedroom Apartment $195 $872

An additional weekly fee of $25 applies per person for electricity, gas and water (fee as of 2015). Rates are per person. Double studio & 1 Bedroom Apartment has a queen size bed in the apartment and are priced per room, not per person. 24–26 or 48–52 week contracts. A Big Community Spirit Fee (for activities) and $100 cleaning fee are also payable once per semester.
Numerous trails. The possibilities are endless and our office works to ensure that no one will return home disappointed.

The university also has great sporting facilities, including a fully equipped gymnasium and playing fields. There are many clubs and societies, all keen to welcome new members. Here are just some of them:

- Netball
- Gridiron
- Advertising and Marketing Society
- Graphic Design Club
- Fellowship of Christian University Students (FOCUS)
- Japan Club

**TRIPS**

The UC Study Abroad Office designs unique trips and activities specifically tailored to help you make the most of your limited time and money in Australia. Each semester starts with the excitement of O-week and our Orientation Trip, a weekend to Sydney and either the Blue Mountains or Manly Beach depending on the season. Our office also works with Surf Camp Australia to provide students with the opportunity to try surfing over an action-packed weekend at Seven Mile Beach. A third trip later on in the semester will take you to either the Blue Mountains for a weekend of Australian wildlife and hiking or to the South coast to soak up the sun and practice your new surf skills. The newest trip is a full week exploring tropical north Queensland and the Great Barrier Reef during the mid-semester break!

**CAMPUS LIFE**

When not in class, you can laze on the lawns and spot kangaroos, eat and drink at one of the cafes or bars, use the computer labs, or study in the library. UC also hosts many different music festivals and concerts, as well as other events on campus with weekly Market Day stalls on Wednesdays.

The Hub is the commercial centre of campus where you can eat, drink, have your hair cut, do your banking, mail things home, buy books and lots more. Campus is also a short walk from the Westfield Belconnen mall, housing a variety of amenities, shops and restaurants.

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

The UC Study Abroad Office also runs an Ambassador Program (for Australian students returning from exchange) and Buddy Program to assist in organising activities in accordance with student interest. In the first couple of weeks, the office hosts a Buddy BBQ to pair international students with domestic student buddies to assist in adjusting to life at UC and Australia in general. Through the Ambassador Program, Australian students organise special events such as an international dinner night, camping trips and organised outings to Canberra’s numerous cultural festivals or local hikes on one of Canberra’s numerous trails. The possibilities are endless and our office works to ensure that no one will return home disappointed.

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**SPORTS**

Sport is an important part of Australian life and a large part of life at UC. The University of Canberra Capital women’s basketball team is currently Australia’s most successful women’s sporting team and the most successful sporting team in Canberra. Not only is campus only a stone’s throw away from Canberra’s biggest football stadium, but UC is home to Canberra’s Rugby Union team, the Brumbies. A brand new sporting hub on campus serves as a research and training facility for the Brumbies and UC students. UC is also walking distance from the Australian Institute of Sport, a premium national facility and the training ground for Australian Olympic athletes. If you are interested in sport studies, UC also offers the Australian Sporting Industry Short Course, giving students an amazing opportunity to travel and experience Australia while studying Australian sport! For more details on the short course, visit www.canberra.edu.au/future-students/courses/short-courses/australian-sporting-industry-short-courses

**FACING PAGE:** (clockwise L to R) Students enjoy a waterfall on the Blue Mountains Trip; kangaroo encounters at Featherdale Wildlife Park on the Orientation Trip. Photos by Jennifer Parnell, Brock University; students learn to surf on a weekend trip with Surf Camp Australia; visit the Sydney Opera House and surrounds on the Orientation Trip; Study Abroad Ambassador led trip to Hyams Beach, the whitest sand in the world; UC sponsors Canberra’s Rugby Union team, the Brumbies.

**BELOW:** Students enjoy hiking at Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve in the Canberra area. Photo by Johnathan Brewer, Dalhousie University.
FEES, COSTS & HOW TO APPLY

ELIGIBILITY
To be eligible to study abroad or exchange to UC you must:
• Be enrolled as a full time student at a university in your home country
• Have successfully completed at least your first year of study, but not yet completed your degree.
• Meet the university of Canberra’s English language requirements, equivalent to an IELTS 6.0, with no band score of less than 5.5 (for undergraduates). The University offers an English language program to help you improve your English if needed. Please see www.canberra.edu.au/future-students/international-students/study-abroad/eligibility for more information.
• Have a satisfactory GPA: a 4.5 on a 7 point scale, or a 2.5 on a 4 point scale.

FEES
STUDY ABROAD
Tuition fees are paid to the University of Canberra. The 2016 fee is $8,500 AUD per semester for a full-time study load of 12 credit points.

EXCHANGE
Tuition fees are paid to your home institution.

COST OF LIVING
You will find that the cost of living in Canberra is affordable and cheaper than larger Australian cities, plus you’ll be living in a safe, pollution free environment.

In the green table below, the UC Study Abroad Office estimates typical student living costs, but please note that these are not exact costs and that costs will vary based on your lifestyle.

In addition to your living expenses, you should also factor in your flight to and from Australia, tuition costs and any desired travel. Keep in mind that the currency exchange rate can fluctuate and affect your financial planning.

Different tuition fees and methods of payment apply depending on whether you are a Study Abroad or an Exchange student. See the green table above for more information.

Unless you are a citizen of Sweden, Belgium or Norway, you will have to pay the compulsory Overseas Health Cover (OSHC) fee when you accept your UC offer in order to get your visa.

* Average cost for On-campus is based on staying at UC Village. Homestay is based on Australian Homestay Network and Off-campus is based on rates from Allhomes.com.au.
** Average Cost at the beginning of a contract (one-off fee).
*** Average cost of food for over 18 students.(Self-Catered)
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***** Average cost of food for over 18 students. (Homestay)
****** Average cost of food for over 18 students. (Off-campus)

STUDY ABROAD AND EXCHANGE STUDENT COSTS

APPLICATION PROCESS

APPLY TO UC*

UC Study Abroad & Exchange will assess your application.

Conditional Offer
UC will send you a Conditional Confirmation of Enrolment (COE) allowing you to apply for your Student Visa.

Accept & Pay
Use your COE code to apply for your Student Visa.

Purge your flights and depart for Australia!

APPLICATION DEADLINES:
Semester 1 (February - May): Applications open March 1 and close April 15
Semester 2 (August - November): Applications open March 1 and close April 15
APPLY NOW at www.canberra.edu.au/future-students/applications/apply-now/study-abroad-and-exchange-how-to-apply/the-application

HOW TO APPLY

UCS STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

1. Apply through the Study Abroad office at your home university.
   Your university may have affiliations with the University of Canberra or with a Study Abroad agent.

2. Apply through a Study Abroad agent.
   UC is affiliated with Study Abroad agents from around the world. You can contact one of these agents to arrange your Study Abroad application to UC. Please refer to the following website www.canberra.edu.au/future-students/international-students/study-abroad-at-uc/study-abroad-agents

3. Apply directly to UC.
   Fill out our fully online application at www.canberra.edu.au/future-students/applications/apply-now/study-abroad-and-exchange-how-to-apply/the-application

UCS EXCHANGE PROGRAM

1. You must apply for UC’s student exchange program through one of our exchange partners. In other words, you must attend a university which holds an existing exchange agreement with UC. Please check our website to view a complete list of our partners www.canberra.edu.au/future-students/international-students/study-abroad-at-uc/exchange-partners

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3. Application process.

Please note:
* The application is fully online at www.canberra.edu.au/future-students/applications/apply-now/study-abroad-and-exchange-how-to-apply/the-application
** If you plan to live on campus, you should fill out a housing application for your selected accommodation area directly after submitting your UC application.
*** The quickest way to accept your offer and pay a deposit is by scanning and emailing your documents to international.assist@canberra.edu.au and copy in the study abroad office at studyabroad@canberra.edu.au
**** Australian provided OSHC, Overseas Student Health cover, is compulsory for issuing your student visa unless you are a citizen of Sweden, Belgium or Norway. www.oshcallianzassistance.com.au
***** Visa processing rates vary by country. For more information please visit www.immi.gov.au

INDEPENDENT STUDENT

COSTS
ON-CAMPUS
HOMESTAY
OFF-CAMPUS
Rent* $220.00 $235.00 $250.00
Food $80.00 $50.00*** $80.00
Entertainment $25.00 $25.00 $25.00
Mobile Phones $15.00 $15.00 $15.00
Photocopying and Stationary $30.00 $30.00 $30.00
Internet $15.00 $15.00 $15.00
Public Transport $5.00 $5.00 $5.00
Total (per week) $390.00 $400.00 $445.00
Set aside for Unexpected Events (per year) $5000.00 $5000.00 $5000.00
Security Deposit** $981.00 $1182.00 $1000.00
Total (per semester)***** $8,111.00 $8,482.00 $15,070.00

For more information on how to apply, please visit www.canberra.edu.au/future-students/applications/apply-now/study-abroad-and-exchange-how-to-apply/the-application

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EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS

STUDY IN THE HEART OF ONE OF THE WORLD’S GREAT TOURIST DESTINATIONS

While studying at the University of Canberra you have the chance to explore and experience Australia. From this central location you can travel anywhere in the country relatively cheaply and quickly.

It’s easy to visit the Australian Alps (by bus or car) for summer hiking or winter snow skiing, tour the South Coast for swimming, surfing, scuba diving and fishing, or just stroll along miles of deserted white beaches. Hike through millions of acres of unspoiled bushland, or investigate the charming country towns in the area.

You might prefer to spend your weekends absorbing the big-city energy of Sydney, a cheap and easy three hour bus ride away. In longer semester breaks you could choose to explore the Australian Outback, the Great Barrier Reef, western or northern Australia.

There’ll be numerous opportunities for socialising with fellow students from Australia and other countries; you’ll find your new ‘Aussie mates’ are keen to help you enjoy your visit. Planned social activities for study abroad and exchange students are held each semester.

With your new found friends, you might even venture to the South Pacific region while on exchange at UC. The most popular destinations among past students include New Zealand, Fiji and parts of Asia. You could plan a stop on your way to Australia, during your mid-semester break or on your way back home, and the UC Study Abroad and Exchange Facebook group provides the opportunity to make travel arrangements with students before you even arrive!

So whether you’ve climbed the Sydney Harbour Bridge, seen the sun set over Uluru, watched whales at Byron Bay, visited the mighty Wandjina in the Kimberley, big-game fished in Cairns or Broome, caught a concert at The Opera House or just soaked up the sun on any one of a thousand beaches, you’re sure to take home some amazing memories. For more ideas, please visit www.australia.com

RANDII SULLIVAN
DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

My exchange at UC has been the greatest experience of my life. I am extremely happy with my decision to come to Australia and UC. The people I have met here, both the Australians and the other international students are friends that I hope to have for life. Through travelling I got to see things I would not have seen in Canada, such as wild kangaroos fighting, wild koalas sleeping in trees, traditional Aboriginal dances in the Outback, and even the magnificent colours of coral and fish species that live at the Great Barrier Reef. This is an experience of a lifetime, one that I could. I would repeat over and over again. I regret nothing of my time here! YOLO! (You Only Live Once)

SO LIVE IT UP!

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Can I get credit for my semester at the University of Canberra?
A. Yes, as long as you stay enrolled in classes approved for credit by your home university.

Q. Does the program extend my degree by a semester or a year?
A. The program should not extend your degree, however, it can if you do not stay within an approved study program or you fail some classes.

Q. How early should I start planning for my studies in Australia?
A. To prepare a strong application, you should give yourself at least 3 months to research your program ahead of the application deadline.

Q. I’m a first year student. Am I eligible for the program?
A. Most students study at the University of Canberra for one semester. However, if your home university approves, you may apply for up to one year or to extend your stay after you have arrived.

Q. I’m a post-graduate student. Am I eligible for the program?
A. While exchange is primarily an undergraduate program, we often accept masters level students as well.

Q. Can I take classes ‘just for interest’ on exchange?
A. Your primary goal must be to take classes that can be credited to your home degree. If you have electives as part of your degree, you may be able to take some classes for interest’s sake—perhaps an Australian or Aboriginal unit.

Q. Can I go on exchange for a year instead of a semester?
A. Most students study at the University of Canberra for one semester. However, if your home university approves, you may apply for up to one year or to extend your stay after you have arrived.

CONTACT DETAILS

For further information or enquiries check out our website at www.canberra.edu.au/future-students/international-students/study-abroad/at-uc or email us at studyabroad@canberra.edu.au

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

2016 UNIVERSITY DATES

SUMMER SEMESTER

Weeks 1 – 4 1 December 2015 – 24 December 2015
Class Free Period 25 December 2015 – 1 January 2016
Weeks 5 – 9 4 January – 5 February

SEMESTER 1, 2016

Orientation 8 February – 12 February
Weeks 1 – 7 15 February – 1 April
Week 8 (Class free period) 4 April – 8 April
Weeks 9 – 15 11 April – 15 May
Weeks 14 – 15 (Examination Period) 16 May – 28 May

WINTER TERM 2016

Weeks 1 – 7 6 June – 22 July
Weeks 8 – 9 (Examination Period) 25 July – 6 August

SEMESTER 2, 2016

Orientation 1 August – 5 August
Weeks 1 – 7 8 August – 23 September
Week 8 (Class free period) 26 September – 30 September
Weeks 9 – 15 4 October – 4 November
Week 14 – 15 (Examination period) 7 November – 19 November

DATES TO NOTE

Tuesday 26 January Australia Day
Monday 14 March Canberra Day
Friday 21 March Good Friday
Monday 25 March Easter Monday
Monday 25 April Anzac Day
Monday 16 May Examination Period begins (Semester 1)
Monday 11 June Queen’s Birthday
TBA Family community Day
Monday 3 October Labor Day
TBA Stone Day
Monday 7 November Examination Period begins (Semester 2)
Friday 25 November Results Released (Semester 2)

For dates past 2016, please view the University Calendar at www.canberra.edu.au/future-students/key-dates/semesters-winter-term-principal-dates

DEENA AHMED
NEW YORK CITY

I’m from New York, one of the most exciting cities in the world, and I’m telling you right now, if Canberra is anything, it’s not boring. My schedule is super packed with schoolwork, fun & exciting events, trips, and PARTIES! This exchange program is one of the best experiences I’ve ever had! If you ever get the chance to do it, DEFINITELY take that chance! You will not regret it. So many wonderful memories will be made here! The people are great, the UC staff are very helpful and they work hard to provide us with everything we need as exchange students. This program will let you explore and learn so much about yourself, about Australian culture & life, and it will definitely help you grow as a person.