



2026 STUDY ABROAD GUIDE





AN UNFORGETTABLE STUDY EXPERIENCE AWAITS.

At UC we do things differently. We don't just teach. We share, learn, engage, encourage, and most importantly we connect with each other. Because that's who we are, and that's what drives our success — open and authentic collaboration at all levels.

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We are more than a university. We reflect Canberra and everything that makes our city distinctive — young, energetic and progressive with a far-reaching, global influence.

Will you join us?

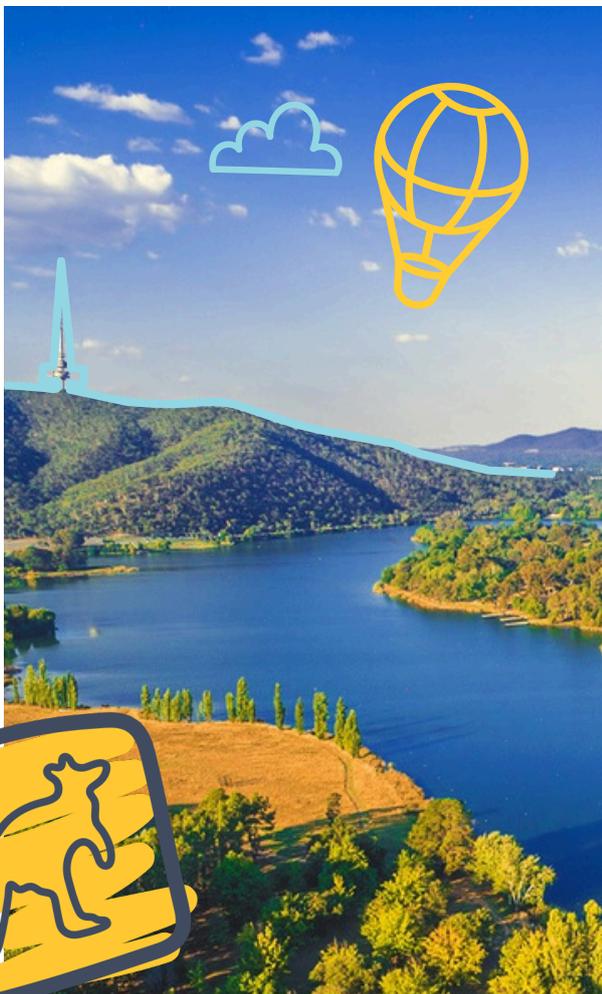
The University of Canberra acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, traditional custodians of the lands where Bruce Campus is situated. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of Canberra and the region. We also acknowledge all other First Nations Peoples on whose lands we gather.

DISCOVER

Canberra and beyond

Prepare to fall in love with Australia's capital – a diverse and innovative city boasting the perfect mix of lifestyle, landscape and atmosphere, and friendly locals who will make you feel at home.

Rich in history, culture and entertainment, Canberra packs a punch with its award-winning bars and restaurants, cultural institutions and outdoor activities. Surrounded by national parks, it is a wonderful balance of country landscapes with city benefits.



Situated between Sydney and Melbourne, Canberra is the perfect place to base yourself while taking in the best the region has to offer.

Within just a few hours you can reach the beautiful beaches of the South Coast, or visit the uniquely Australian alpine region famous for its skiing and snowboarding from June to September.

EXPERIENCE

The University of Canberra



Studying abroad isn't just about the classes you take – it's also about late nights dancing to bands, meeting new people and exploring your surroundings.

ORIENTATION WEEK

Start the semester with a bang at UC's Orientation Week! Explore the campus, meet new people, and enjoy free events, a bus tour and activity nights. Ease into your studies in a fun and supportive way with enrolment and study skills assistance, ensuring a smooth transition into your studies.



CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Connect with people who love what you love. Join one of our student clubs and societies to meet new people, share ideas and expand both your circle of friends and professional network. Whether you're a bookworm, social butterfly, sporting hero or culture queen, there's a club to suit you.

UCX

UCX, your campus life and student experience specialists, throw events throughout the year that are perfect for meeting new people, making connections and having fun. Keep your eyes peeled for live music, O-Week celebrations, competitions and giveaways, university sports games, Stress Less Week and free food.



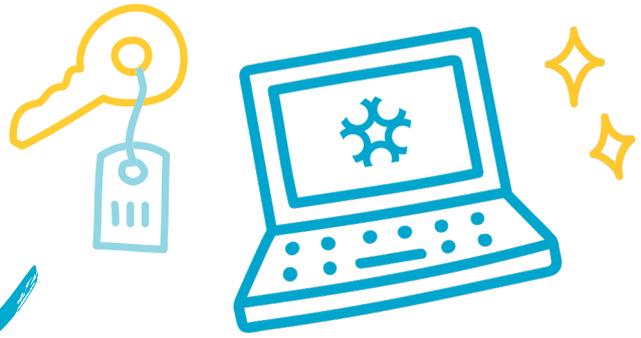
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[TAKE A VIRTUAL
CAMPUS TOUR](#)



UC offers over 80 academic, social, cultural and sporting clubs, prayer rooms, women's rooms, cafes, shops and 24/7 security, as well as guaranteed on-campus accommodation at very affordable prices.

YOUR NEW Home



CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

UC offers a wide range of guaranteed on campus accommodation options to all new and continuing International students, designed to help you adjust to university life as easy and stress-free as possible. Our residences are self-catered, secure and competitively priced with spacious communal and study areas.

GLOBAL LEARNING RESERVED ACCOMMODATION

Global Learning organises reserved apartments at Gugunya in Campus West, that are exclusively available for exchange students. Unilodge also tried to cater to various needs, so please be sure to note your preferences when you apply.



CAMPUS WEST

This accommodation village provides the most extensive selection of living options on campus at the lowest room rate. The village boasts a variety of amenities, including communal study rooms with a shared kitchen, a small library, and a TV room with Foxtel. In addition, it also features a range of leisure activities, such as indoor entertainment areas with a pool table and table tennis, and outdoor spaces with BBQ facilities and a volleyball court.



COOPER AND UC LODGE

UC Lodge and Cooper Lodge only offer full year contracts, so are only available to students staying for a full academic year. Both offer fantastic rooftop common areas with stunning campus views, perfect for barbecues or relaxing in the theatre room. With a variety of modern accommodation options ranging from deluxe studios to five-bedroom multi-share apartments, the Lodges also feature pool and table tennis tables, Foxtel, and a barbecue area. Right outside, you'll find a supermarket, three cafés, and a student bar, making it easy to grab meals.

ACCOMODATION

STUDENT

Testimonials

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My experience has definitely exceeded my expectations. I went into my exchange year feeling unsure of what was to come, mostly worried that I wouldn't make friends and would struggle academically. It's been quite the opposite, I truly feel at home here at UC, and have certainly made friends for life.

It was the best decision I ever made. – Caitlin

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I chose Canberra because like my university at home in the UK, the University of East Anglia, it's smaller and the support is second to none. This was very important to me. Also, the fact of where it's situated, in the bush capital- I came to Australia for the wildlife and wanted to experience it as much as possible. There are kangaroos and possums everywhere in their natural environment and a myriad of bird species to wake up to. Such a cacophony of noise has been amazing. Also, the smell of the eucalyptus trees after it rains is just incredible. – Alexandra

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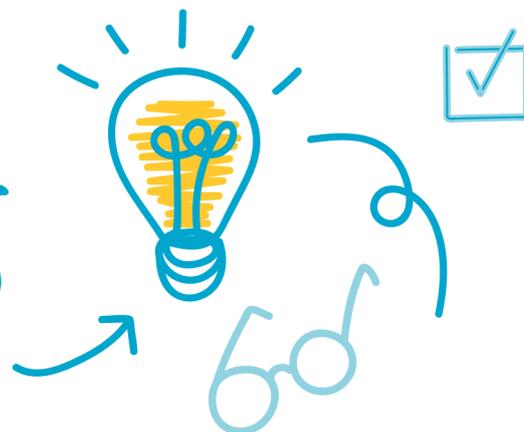
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During my exchange semester at the University of Canberra, I was struck by how inclusive and welcoming the environment was. From the moment I arrived, it was clear that this was a place where everyone could feel comfortable and valued. The academic system was also a standout feature. The courses encouraged deep learning through assignments that required extensive research, pushing us to explore topics in depth and develop critical thinking skills. This approach made my learning experience both challenging and rewarding. – Gabrielle

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STUDY Options



EXCHANGE

We have partnered with over 50 exchange providers from around the world. If you are enrolled at one of our partner institutions, you can apply for exchange. Exchange students pay their tuition fees to their home institution while they study at UC. You need to be nominated by your home institution before you can apply for exchange at the University of Canberra. Head to our [partners webpage](#) to see if your home institution is one of our exchange partners.

STUDY ABROAD

If your home institution doesn't have an agreement with UC, you can apply to enrol in our fee-paying [Study Abroad program](#). Students completing Study Abroad can expect to pay a tuition cost of \$10,750 AUD per semester for 12 credits (up to four study units).* You'll enjoy the same great experiences as our exchange students while completing your studies.

* Based on 2026 prices. Tuition cost is updated each year.

ACADEMIC YEAR

The academic year at UC is based on two main semesters. Semester 1 usually runs from February to May and Semester 2 usually runs from August to November. For latest dates visit UC's key dates website.

KEY DATES

CHOOSING STUDY UNITS

At UC, we have a wide selection of units (classes/subjects) available to Exchange and Study Abroad students. Most students take first or second year units, however, as long as you meet the prerequisite requirements, you can study at a higher level. Most units are worth 3 credit points, however, some units are worth 6 credit points, meaning you will be doing the work of two study units. You will choose three to four units for a single semester.

UC CREDIT POINTS	US CREDITS	ECTS	UK
9 credit points 3 units (75% of a full-time load)	9-12	22.5	45
12 credit points 4 units (100% of a full-time load)	12-16	30	60



UC

Support



Whether you need assistance with study, your health, personal issues, or administrative support, we have a service that can help you make the most of your time at UC.

GLOBAL LEARNING TEAM

The Global Learning Team is here to support you throughout your journey at UC. We will assist you in settling in during Orientation Week and will check in with you throughout the semester to see how you are doing.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLUB

The English Conversation Club is an informal catchup where you get to talk about a different topic each meeting with a native English speaker. You'll improve your English by practicing speaking and listening while also making some new friends along the way.



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

At UC, your health and wellbeing are of the utmost importance to us. The Medical and Counselling Centre is a free and confidential service on campus, with most services direct billed to your [Overseas Student Health Cover \(OSHC\)](#). Through this service, you can see general practitioners for medical consultations or receive counselling support from a psychologist or social worker.

STUDENT CENTRE

The UC Student Centre is the hub for many student services, including enrolment, student administration, careers information, support for students with a disability, student welfare and equity, International Student Support Services, and much more.

STUDY AND LEARNING SUPPORT

The Study Skills team provides a range of face-to-face and online services and programs to help you develop all the skill and strategies you need to complete your studies at UC.

They can assist you with:

- understanding assessment tasks
- finding information
- structuring your assignments
- avoiding plagiarism
- citing and referencing
- matching you with a UC Student Mentor

OUR

Faculties



ARTS AND DESIGN

The Faculty of Arts and Design offers hands-on and globally relevant experiences to prepare you for evolving work environments. Our award-winning faculty provides high-quality teaching and research, ensuring you gain the inspiration and practical skills needed to launch your global career. From assisting film crews to designing sustainable packaging, creativity is central to all our programs.

BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT AND LAW

Ideally located in the nation's capital, BGL offers a unique advantage when it comes to business, government, and law. Whether you're interested in business, social or economic policy, or law and justice, UC provides engaging courses that tackle contemporary issues and essential concepts. Discover a future filled with opportunities through our practical programs designed to equip you with the skills for success.

EDUCATION

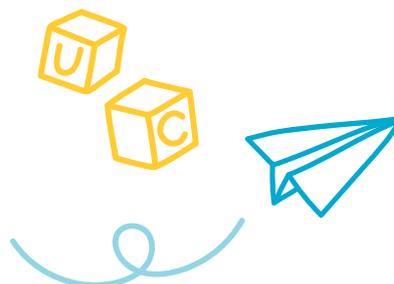
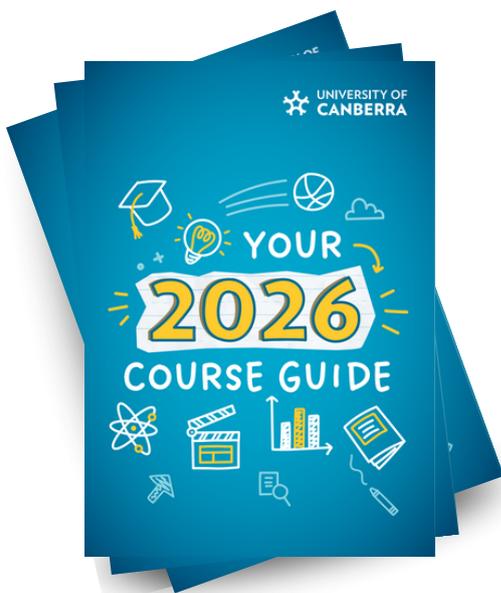
In our education units, you will experience innovative teaching methods, up-to-date knowledge, and effective learning practices that will prepare you to teach students from diverse backgrounds in various classroom environments. You will engage in practical assessment tasks that are directly relevant to everyday teaching practices and participate in regular professional development activities and field trips to educational sites.

HEALTH

At UC, health runs in our DNA. You will have access to cutting-edge learning environments, including our on-campus Hospital, Canberra Specialist Medical Centre, Community Health Hub, Sporting Commons, and research laboratories. The Faculty of Health is committed to innovative educational methods, continuously adapting to the evolving environment.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

UC's science and technology programs blend practical experience with theoretical knowledge. You'll learn from top educators and researchers while using our state-of-the-art facilities, such as the Forensics Laboratory, Biomedical Research Facility, Freshwater Ecology Laboratory, and Robotics Laboratory. Experience hands-on learning in areas like ecosystem sampling, crime scene analysis, and robotics.



FIND YOUR COURSE

HOW TO



Apply

CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY

- Have successfully completed at least one year of full-time study at your home university
- Have at least an average grade point average of 4.0 on a 7 point scale.
- Enrol in full-time study at UC (12 credit points per semester, which is usually four units/classes).
- Meet all UC entry requirements, including English language requirements outlined below.

SUBMIT REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

- Academic certificates and transcripts (both in original and English language)
- [English proficiency results](#) (if applicable)
- Copy of passport (photo page)

EXPLORE OUR UNITS

Select 12 credit points (usually four units) per semester. Ensure units are offered at our Bruce campus in the correct semester of study and offered in ON CAMPUS mode. As per visa requirements, international students may only take one unit with a different study mode (e.g. ONLINE)

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

After choosing to embark on the adventure of a lifetime and make the University of Canberra your new temporary home, it's essential to have your home university nominate you using the nomination form provided to all partner universities. Once you are officially nominated, you will be sent the instructions for how to apply directly to UC as an exchange student.

STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS

Study Abroad (fee paying) students can apply directly to UC at any time using the course code 315AG for a single semester and NAU003 for full-year the Study Abroad program.

ACCEPT YOUR OFFER

If eligible, you will be e-mailed your offer details, including an invitation to accept and pay fees (for Study Abroad applicants). This document will also include information on your myUC portal login, visa and other necessary steps you will need to complete before coming to UC.

GET A STUDENT VISA

After you accept your UC offer, you will be issued with a Confirmation of Enrolment (COE), which is required when applying for an Australian Student Visa.

Visa Information

FIND ACCOMMODATION

UC offers guaranteed accommodation for all new and continuing international students. [Apply directly to UniLodge.](#)





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