

Study Opportunities

Sunshine Coast, Australia



WHY STUDY AT USC

- **Five-star teaching quality, graduate satisfaction, student support, learning resources and skill development***
- **Personal attention and academic support**
- **Small class sizes**
- **Enjoyable and relaxing learning environment on a modern Australian campus**
- **Easy application process and online course enrolment**
- **Study Abroad on the undergraduate or postgraduate level**
- **Opportunity to obtain a USC Diploma or Degree in a short period of time with recognition of prior learning**
- **Quality lifestyle in a safe environment**
- **10 km from sandy beaches and 90 km from Brisbane**

* Source: [Good Universities Guide 2017](#)

BENEFITS OF COMPLETING A DIPLOMA OR DEGREE INSTEAD OF STUDY ABROAD

- You receive an Australian qualification additionally to the academic transcript
- You will receive discounts on public transport (not available for Study Abroad students)
- You can participate in a completion ceremony at the end of the program and wear the graduation robe

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

The Study Abroad Program offers you the chance to study 3 or 4 courses at USC for one semester and earn credit towards your home degree.

DIPLOMA PROGRAM

The Diploma program is a **great alternative** to the Study Abroad program as you can complete an Australian qualification. The courses you can study are on the Bachelor level and in different disciplines.

- You can complete a Diploma in only **one semester** (4 courses) if you have completed at least 30 ECTS of your home undergraduate (Bachelor) degree.

USC offers the following Diploma Programs:

- [Diploma in Business](#)
- [Diploma in Communication](#)
- [Diploma in General Studies](#)
- [Diploma in Social Science](#)
- [Diploma in Sport and Fitness](#)

USC BACHELOR OR MASTER DEGREE

You can also consider completing a Bachelor or Master degree in a short period of time. With full credit transfer you could complete a Bachelor in two semesters or a Master degree in only one semester. This may allow you to complete an Australian degree in the same time while studying for your home degree.

- Please check with your home university if a Double Degree or Diploma options are also credited towards your home degree.
- For more information and details on how to apply please contact [USC International](#).



USC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Academic requirements	English language entry requirements
Undergraduate: – have successfully completed at least one semester of study at a recognised tertiary institution (check with your home institution regarding credit transfer) Postgraduate – please contact USC International	– USC accepts the IELTS and TOEFL among other English language proficiency tests: USC's English language requirements – USC also accepts the DAAD Certificate as evidence of English proficiency

WHAT COURSES (MODULES) CAN YOU STUDY?

- For Study Abroad or Diploma Program **select your courses** from our [course lists](#)
- Each course list is divided into semesters, faculties and schools and contains:
 - Pre-approved courses – which do not require our approval for enrolment
 - Courses requiring approval – some courses have prerequisites and your eligibility must be assessed before you can be approved for enrolment in these courses
- The standard fulltime enrolment for Study Abroad is three or four courses and for the Diploma Program four courses per semester
- If you complete a Bachelor or Master Degree with credit transfer USC will provide you with information regarding the courses you will need to complete.
- **Course Credit value:** all undergraduate courses are valued with 12 units which can be compared to 7.5 ECTS each
- After you completed your semester at USC we will send the official academic transcript of grades to your home institution
- If you complete a Diploma or Degree you will also receive an award certificate.

HOW TO APPLY

- USC has no application deadline for most of our programs
- USC recommends to submit your application by November/December for Semester 1 (February - June) or May/June for Semester 2 (July - November)
- USC will consider and accept late applications if enough time remains for you to arrange the appropriate visa and flights, ensuring you will reach USC in time for Orientation
- Please submit the following documents via your home university's International Office:
 - Application form:
 - [Study Abroad Program](#)
 - [Diploma Program](#)
 - [Bachelor or Master Program](#)
 - Official certified academic transcript of all completed studies (showing completed courses with titles in English, grades and ECTS)
 - English language proficiency certificate
 - Copy of passport

APPLICATION PROCESS

STEP 1: Submit the completed application form together with your supporting documents to your International Office at your home university. Please ask the International Office to send us the documents via email to Study@usc.edu.au. If your home university sends us the documents we will not need to receive the hard copies via postal mail.

STEP 2: Within a few days you will receive a letter of offer. Upon acceptance of the unconditional offer and payment of the tuition fee online you will be issued with a Confirmation of Enrolment document (eCoE). You will need the eCoE to apply for the Student Visa.

STEP 3: You will receive an email with your log in details which will allow you to enroll in courses online.

STEP 4: Before semester start Student Services will send you an email regarding Orientation and how to get prepared for your studies at USC.

STEP 5: Book your flights and accommodation.

SUPPORT SERVICES

- [USC International](#)
- [Student Services and Engagement](#) and [Student Wellbeing](#): Offer academic skills services, counselling service, accommodation assistance, and many more services free of charge. We recommend you to join our [workshops](#) to learn about academic writing, Harvard style referencing and writing Business Reports or Essays. USC also offers a free English for Academic Study program (4 weeks for students from non-English speaking backgrounds)
- [Career connection](#): Support for career development
- [Student Guild](#)



Patricia Selhorst
Bachelor of Business, 2016

*“With studying at USC I further improve my business skills as well as my English language skills and my social skills.
I love studying at this university because of the friendly staff, the teaching methods, the relaxing study areas and the cute kangaroos on campus.”*

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Student Visa	Working Holiday Visa
<p>German citizens can apply for their Student Visa using the online or e-visa service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Online or e-visa service takes usually three working days – Paper applications can take 4-6 weeks – Work in Australia up to 20 hours per week while you study <p>Please note OSHC insurance cover from an Australian insurance provider is required.</p>	<p>This visa allows you to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – stay in Australia for up to 12 months – work in Australia, generally for up to six months with each employer – study for up to four months – leave and re-enter Australia any number of times while the visa is valid

Please refer to <http://www.immi.gov.au> for up to date information as changes occur. Processing times and requirements can differ according to nationality.

IMPORTANT DATES

Semester 1, 2018	26 February – 23 June
19 – 23 February	Orientation
26 February	Classes commence
02 – 06 April	Mid-semester break
11 – 22 June	Exam period

Semester 2, 2018	23 July – 17 November
16 – 20 July	Orientation
23 July	Classes commence
24 – 28 September	Mid-semester break
5 – 16 November	Exam period

Academic calendar dates are subject to change, please check [Semester dates](#).

FEES, STUDY AND LIVING COST

Study fees for 2018*	Course related costs	Living costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Study Abroad Undergraduate A\$10,400 per semester - Study Abroad Postgraduate A\$12,500 per semester - Diploma A\$10,500 per semester - Bachelor Degree from A\$11,000 per semester - Master Degree A\$12,600 per semester <p>Students who are enrolled at the USC partner university and submit their applications via their International Office will receive a 15% partial scholarship (from semester 2, 2018) on the above tuition fees by USC.</p>	<p>Textbooks: new textbooks approx. A\$400 per semester, second hand books are available at the Student Guild hub, or try second hand books on Gumtree textbooks, the Co-op book store on campus, on Facebook or StudentVIP</p> <p>Student Services and Amenities fee free of charge</p>	<p>USC suggests A\$1,000 per month including rent, food and other costs (depending on personal lifestyle)</p> <p>On-campus accommodation between A\$180-A\$225 (per week) Off-campus accommodation between A\$120-A\$180 (per week)</p>
<p>OSHC – A\$376 for one semester period (2017 costing with Allianz Australia)</p> <p>OSHC is compulsory for all students who study in Australia on a Student Visa. You can find further details at: www.oshcallianzassistance.com.au</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSHC cover is not required for students with Working Holiday Visa 	<p>Additional material: only applies to students who study Science related courses – laboratory coats or design students A\$60-100 per semester</p>	

* Please note fees are subject to change

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Bundesausbildungsförderungsgesetz (BAFöG), different foundations and DAAD offers stipends for German students studying overseas

Bundesausbildungsförderungsgesetz (BAFöG)	Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD)
<p>Auslandsbafög For more information please visit the Auslandsbafog website</p> <p>Please contact USC if you need any forms completed for your Bafög application.</p> <p>Stipendien There are a number of organisations in Germany which offer a range of stipends. Find out more here: studieren.de/stipendien.o.html</p>	<p>DAAD funds the further academic development of outstanding German students, interns, student trainee, postgraduates, young academics and researchers For more information please visit the DAAD Homepage</p> <p>DAAD Jahresstipendium – 1 year Scholarship - once per education period (Bachelor, Master, PhD) For more information click: Scholarships Please also contact your International Office for funding options.</p>

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS ON-CAMPUS

Student Accommodation is located just a few minutes' walk from campus and includes facilities such as swimming pools, tennis court, games rooms and barbecues. More information can be found on the homepages of the following Accommodation providers:

- [UniCentral](#)
- [Varsity Apartments](#)
- [The Village](#)



OFF-CAMPUS

- [Homestay](#): stay with a local family
- Rent a flat, apartment or a room in Sippy Downs, Buderim, Mooloolaba, Alexandra Headland, Maroochydore or Kawana
- More information can be found here: [Share Accommodation](#), [Easy roommate](#), [Gumtree](#), [Flatmates](#) or [RealEstate](#)

FACILITIES AT USC

- [Sporting facilities](#) (swimming pool, gym, indoor sports stadium, athletics track, playing fields)
- [Social sport](#) (Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, Badminton)
- Uni Club



BE PART OF OUR COMMUNITY CLUBS AND EVENTS

- Join a club or society to become part of the local community
- USC and the Sunshine Coast has many clubs and societies that offer extra-curricular activities such as: [Clubs at USC](#) including [USC Activate](#), [USC Student Guild](#), Active minds, [Humans of USC](#)
- [Clubs on the Sunshine Coast](#)

Local Clubs include Alexandra Headland Surf Life Saving Club, The Surf Club Mooloolaba, Sunshine Coast Clippers Basketball, Buderim Indoor Sports Centre, Maroochy Squash Courts, Kawana Boxing Club and CrossFit Maroochydore.



EVENTS

- Festivals: Maroochy Music and Visual Arts Festival, Noosa Craft Beer Festival, Noosa Jazz Festival, Woodfork Folk Festival
- Sporting events: Noosa Triathlon, Mooloolaba Triathlon, Sunshine Coast Marathon, Paddle in Pink, Kawana Aquathon
- Markets: Eumundi market, Noosa Farmer Market, Peregian Beach Market, Cotton Tree Market, Caloundra Street Fair
- Shows: Nambour Showgrounds, Mooloolaba Christmas Lights Boat Parade, Maleny Wood Expo
- More information on [Sunshine Coast Events](#)

LOCATION
UNIVERSITY OF THE SUNSHINE COAST

The USC Sippy Downs campus is located in a new education precinct close to shopping, banks, medical services, parklands, national parks and much more. The campus is 10 km from the beach side and most coastal townships, which can be easily reached by public bus within 15 minutes.

- The campus is on the edge of the Mooloolah River National Park and is home to kangaroos and a variety of distinctive Australian flora and fauna



Mooloolaba Beach



Fraser Island Rainforest

- The Sunshine Coast is 90 km north of Brisbane. The train takes approx. 1.5 – 2 hrs from the Coast to Brisbane’s CBD
- Fly to Sydney in 1.15hrs, Adelaide or Melbourne in 2.25hrs from the Sunshine Coast Airport.
- About 350,000 people live on the Sunshine Coast
- Relaxed lifestyle and mild climate all year around.
- The average temperature in summer (December – February) is around 17-28 degrees and in winter (June – August) it is 7-22 degrees
- National Parks, Surfing beaches, Restaurants, Cafes and Clubs and much more.

USC INTERNATIONAL ON FACEBOOK, YOUTUBE AND INSTAGRAM

- Like USC International on Facebook www.facebook.com/USCInternational
- Get information about events and activities held on campus, on the Sunshine Coast and Australia international@usc.edu.au
- Watch Videos about Student Life at USC www.youtube.com/unisunshinecoast www.usc.edu.au/topupdownunder
- USC International Student Blog <https://uscinternational.wordpress.com/>
- Instagram [uscinternational](https://www.instagram.com/uscinternational)

Contact us

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