

Study Abroad or Top up your Degree at USC



WHY STUDY AT USC

- Five star teaching quality and graduate satisfaction*
- Personal attention and support
- Small class sizes
- Enjoyable and relaxing learning environment on a modern Australian campus
- Easy application process
- Study Abroad on the undergraduate or postgraduate level
- Opportunity to obtain USC degree in a short period of time with recognition of prior learning
- 10 km from sandy beaches and 90 km from Brisbane

* USC is the only Queensland public university to consistently rate five stars for teaching quality and overall graduate satisfaction in the national [Good Universities Guide 2015](#).



USC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

| Academic requirements | English language entry requirements |
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| <p>Study abroad undergraduate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - have successfully completed at least one semester of study at a recognised tertiary institution (check with your home institution regarding credit transfer) <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - have successfully completed senior secondary school studies at a similar level to Australian Year 12 <p>Study abroad postgraduate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please contact USC International | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - USC accepts the IELTS and TOEFL among other English language proficiency tests: USC's English language requirements - USC also accepts the DAAD test as evidence of English proficiency (Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst) - score of 'a' or 'b' in each category within last two years (for undergraduate level) |

HOW TO APPLY

- USC has no application deadline for Study Abroad program
- 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](#)
 - 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 official certified academic transcript, copy of passport and English language certificate 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: You will receive a **Letter of Offer** within 72 hours and also an email regarding your course choices. 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. Please note that you will not receive the eCoE if you apply for the Working Holiday Visa.

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

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

STEP 5: Book your flights and accommodation



VISA REQUIREMENTS

| Student Visa | Working Holiday Visa |
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| <p>German citizens can apply for their Student Visa using the On-line or E-Visa service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On-line 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>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 www.immi.gov.au for up to date visa information as changes occur. Processing times and requirements can differ according to nationality.

IMPORTANT DATES

| Semester 1, 2016 | 29 February-24 June |
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| 22-26 February | Orientation |
| 29 February | Classes commence |
| 25 March-1 April | Mid-semester break |
| 13-24 June | Exam period |

| Semester 2, 2016 | 25 July-November |
|------------------|--------------------|
| 18-22 July | Orientation |
| 25 July | Classes commence |
| 26 Sept – 3 Oct | Mid semester break |
| 7-18 November | Exam period |

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

COURSE SELECTION & VALUE OF UNITS

- **Select your courses** when you complete the application form. Upon acceptance at USC you will be able to pre-register in the courses online before you arrive in Australia.
- [Study Abroad course lists](#)
- Each course list is divided into semesters and by faculty 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 is three or four courses per semester
- **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

SUPPORT SERVICES

- [USC International](#)
- [Student Life and Learning](#) (offer academic skills services, counselling service and much more free of charge)
- We recommend you to join our [workshops](#) to learn about Academic writing, Harvard style Referencing and writing Business Reports or Essays
- EAS – [English for Academic Study](#) program (8 weeks for students from non-English speaking backgrounds)
- [Career connection](#) (support for career development)
- [Student Guild](#)

TOP UP DEGREE – USC BACHELOR/MASTER DEGREE

USC offers you the opportunity to apply for recognition of prior tertiary learning towards a USC Bachelor or Master degree allowing you to complete a USC degree in a shorter period of time.

- You are qualified for a top up program if you have completed two years of fulltime tertiary studies in a Bachelor or a minimum of two semesters in a Master degree program (conditions apply)
- With a maximum credit transfer you can for example complete a USC Bachelor degree within one year (two semesters fulltime study) or a USC Master degree within one semester fulltime study
- USC will assess the credit transfer and will help you with creating a study plan to complete your USC degree in the shortest time possible
- Please check with your home university if a double degree or top up degree articulation agreement is in place with USC
- For more information and details how to apply please contact the International Office at your home university or [USC International](#)



USC INTERNATIONAL ON FACEBOOK, YOUTUBE AND INSTAGRAM

- Like USC International on Facebook
- Get information about events and activities held on campus, on the Sunshine Coast and Australia
- Watch [Videos](#) about Student Life at USC
- USC International Student [Blog](#)
- Instagram [uscinternational](#)

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 barbeques. 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](#)



HEALTH COVER

OVERSEAS STUDENT HEALTH COVER (OSHC)

- OSHC is compulsory for all students who study in Australia on a Student Visa. You can find further details at: www.oshcallianzassistance.com.au
- USC will provide free OSHC for international students who study in the Study Abroad program on a Student Visa
- USC does not provide free OSHC cover for students with Working Holiday Visa

FAMILY COVER

- Students requiring family cover will need to purchase their own OSHC from a recognised Australian provider if on a Student visa.



Moritz Bettray, Universitaet Mannheim 2015

'The time I spent so far at USC was simply fantastic. I love the personal and friendly atmosphere on campus, the great weather and the kangaroos.

The equipment is really new, lecturers are friendly and with Student Life and Learning the University offers a great service that helped me to write and finish my assignments. I am also stoked about the great places the Sunshine Coast can offer. Overall I am more than satisfied with my semester abroad at USC so far and I can already say that this is by far the best semester I have ever had.'

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](#)

Include [USC Activate](#), [USC Student Guild](#), Active minds, [Buranga Centre](#), [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, 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, Peregrin 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](#)



Lea Fuertjes Hochschule Osnabrueck 2014

FACILITIES AT USC

- [Sporting facilities](#) (swimming pool, gym, indoor sports stadium, athletics track, playing fields)



- [Social sport](#) (Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, Badminton)

'Mein Auslandssemester an der USC und meine anschließenden Reisen in Australien waren eine unglaubliche Erfahrung, die ich nicht missen moechte. Ich habe so viele interessante Menschen kennen gelernt. Das Studium, aber auch die Reisezeit geben einem die Moeglichkeit sich selbst voellig neu kennen zu lernen und weiter zu entwickeln.'

FEES, STUDY AND LIVING COSTS

| Study fees for 2016* | Course related costs | Living costs |
|---|---|--|
| <p>Study Abroad Undergraduate A\$9500 per semester</p> <p>Study Abroad Postgraduate A\$11400 per teaching period</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>USC suggests A\$1000 per month including rent, food and other costs (depending on personal lifestyle)</p> <p>On-campus accommodation between A\$180-A\$225 Off-campus accommodation between A\$120-A\$180</p> <p>Students can purchase public transport passes with a discount.</p> |
| <p>Compulsory Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) is free of charge for Student Visa holders (Only Study Abroad program)</p> | <p>Additional material: only applies to students who study Science related courses – laboratory coats or design students A\$60-100 per semester</p> | |
| | <p>Student Services and Amenities fee free of charge</p> | |

* Please note fees are subject to change

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR GERMAN STUDENTS

The Bundesausbildungsförderungsgesetz (**BAFOEG**) and **DAAD** offers stipends for German students studying overseas

| Bundesausbildungsförderungsgesetz (BAFOEG) | Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) |
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| <p>Auslandsbafoeg For more information please visit the Auslandsbafoeg website</p> <p>Please contact USC if you need any forms completed for your Bafoeg application.</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 Stipend – 1 year Scholarship can be obtained once per education period (Bachelor, Master, PhD) For more information click: Scholarships</p> |

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.



- [Bus timetable and information](#)
- The campus is on the edge of the Mooloolah River National Park and is home to kangaroos and a variety of other distinctive Australian flora and fauna

SUNSHINE COAST

- The Sunshine Coast is 90 km north of Brisbane
- About 350,000 people live on the Sunshine Coast
- 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
- Relaxed lifestyle
- Natural beauty (Mooloolah River National Park, Glass House Mountains National Park, Noosa National Park and Rainforests)
- Surfing beaches, sporting facilities, restaurants, night clubs, art galleries and World Heritage listed Fraser Island, UnderWater World and Australia Zoo

Contact us

For information about any of the programs and how to apply please contact:

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