



STUDY ABROAD

YOUR GUIDE TO STUDY AT USC
2020



USC Sunshine Coast



The University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) is an Australian public university.

Our location

USC's main campus* is located in Sippy Downs on Queensland's Sunshine Coast.

Set in the sunny state of Queensland on Australia's east coast, the Sunshine Coast is a destination of endless beaches, lush rainforests, and expansive hinterlands. Located only a short one-hour drive north of the state's capital, Brisbane, it is home to the architecturally diverse USC Sunshine Coast campus – a campus renowned for its environmentally-sustainable approach and award-winning building design.

The campus sits on a 100-hectare designated wildlife reserve, which provides sanctuary to native Australian wildlife, including the resident Eastern Grey Kangaroos, reptiles, and birds.

About USC

USC students receive a high quality educational experience, while enjoying the relaxed lifestyle that the Sunshine Coast offers. Our students benefit from a friendly and supportive campus environment, access to highly qualified teaching staff, personal attention, and modern technology and facilities.

Study abroad at USC

Are you thinking about studying abroad for one or two semesters? If your answer is yes, then USC has two options for you:

OPTION 1: Study Abroad Program ▶ refer to page 3

OPTION 2: Diploma programs ▶ refer to page 5

* USC has a number of study locations in addition to USC Sunshine Coast, which are also located in the South East Queensland region. For more information on these locations, visit usc.edu.au/explore/usc-locations



ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2020[#]

SEMESTER 1 – SPRING 2020

17–21 February	Orientation
24 February	Classes commence
13–17 April	Mid-semester break
8–19 June	Exam period

SEMESTER 2 – FALL 2020

13–17 July	Orientation
20 July	Classes commence
28 September–2 October	Mid-semester break
2–13 November	Exam period

[#]These dates are correct at time of publication. However, the University reserves the right to make changes where necessary.

OPTION 1 Study Abroad Program

USC's Study Abroad Program is a short semester-based program, allowing you the flexibility to study three or four courses (36 or 48 units) throughout the semester.

Flexibility to plan your studies

This program is a great option if you have just finished high school and want to study abroad without committing to a degree program. It is also a good option if you are currently enrolled at an overseas institution and only want to study abroad for a short time, while possibly earning credit towards your home degree.

This program is available as a one semester (four months) option, or two semesters (one year) option.

Take classes with the locals

You will be able to choose three or four courses (36 or 48 units) from USC's extensive course catalogue. The courses on offer are taken directly from within USC's undergraduate programs, which means you have the opportunity to take classes with the locals and you will have a wide range of study disciplines to choose from.

An academic and cultural adventure

Studying abroad not only provides life-changing opportunities, but it is also an academic and cultural adventure – an adventure that allows you to move across the globe, and continue to undertake your academic studies, while fully immersing yourself in Australian culture.

Australian culture is certainly on offer at USC Sunshine Coast. Located in the sunny state of Queensland on Australia's east coast and only a short one-hour drive north of the state's capital, Brisbane – the Sunshine Coast is a destination of endless beaches, lush rainforests, and expansive hinterlands. It is home to the architecturally diverse USC Sunshine Coast campus – a campus renowned for its environmentally-sustainable approach.

Memories to last a lifetime

At USC Sunshine Coast, you will become one of the locals in no time and enjoy making friends with Australians, while also meeting students from around the world. The friendships, experiences and memories you make at USC are sure to last a lifetime.

CRICOS CODE

Study Abroad 026639B

Study Abroad (Full Year) 056828D

STUDY LOCATION: Sunshine Coast

COMMENCE: Semester 1 or Semester 2

PROGRAM LENGTH (FULL-TIME)

One semester/trimester¹ or two semesters (full year)

ESTIMATED TOTAL TUITION FEE

Please liaise with your home institution regarding the tuition fees

¹Enrolment in trimesters is only available to Study Abroad postgraduate students and upon request/course availability.



BUSINESS, IT AND TOURISM

- Accounting
- Marketing
- Financial Planning
- Human Resource Management
- Information Systems
- International Business
- Management
- Marketing Research
- Tourism, Leisure and Event Management

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES, DESIGN AND COMMUNICATION

- Communication
- Computer-Based Design
- Creative Industries
- Creative Writing
- Design and Communication
- Journalism
- Public Relations

EDUCATION

- Early Childhood Education
- Primary Education
- Secondary Education

ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

- Environmental Science
- Engineering and Science

HEALTH, NURSING AND SPORT SCIENCES

- Biomedical Sciences
- Sports and Exercise Science
- Environmental Health Science
- Health Promotion
- Nursing
- Nutrition
- Occupational Therapy
- Psychology

HUMANITIES, PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Counselling
- Human Services
- International Studies
- Justice and Legal Studies
- Regional and Urban Planning
- Social Science
- Social Work

LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY

- Laws
- Criminology and Justice

What will I study?

Study Abroad students are eligible to undertake four courses (48 units) per semester and can choose from a wide range of disciplines. For a full list of courses available with the Study Abroad program visit usc.edu.au/SACourses

How to choose your courses

- Read through the Study Abroad course list: usc.edu.au/SACourses
- There are two main course-choice lists:
 - Semester 1 (February – June)
 - Semester 2 (July – November)
- Choose the relevant semester and review each course to see which are of interest to you
- When you apply to USC, nominate the four courses that you wish to undertake via the Study Abroad application form

The standard course load for this program per semester is four courses (48 units).

We recommend you choose more courses at the point of application to be prepared for possible timetable clashes.

Study Abroad course approval

Requesting course approval from USC is easy! When we receive your completed application with your nominated courses, we will assess your eligibility and let you know by email which courses have been approved.

Remember, any course that is on the pre-approval list has already been approved by USC and you do not require further approval from us prior to enrolment.

For students applying via their home institution

If you are currently enrolled at a tertiary institution, you need to check with your home institution about the possibility of credit transfer for courses studied at USC.

Choose your courses and have them approved by USC and your home institution before you arrive.

Information for students interested in postgraduate study abroad

USC offers a limited number of postgraduate level courses to students who are currently enrolled in a master-level program at their institution or who have completed their undergraduate studies.

For more information and a course list contact USC International.



OPTION 2 Diploma program at USC

Are you looking to study abroad for one[#] or two semesters, and want to receive an Australian qualification while you study? If your answer is yes, then one of USC's diploma programs may be the program for you!

USC offers six diploma programs. USC's diplomas are recognised one-year (96 units) Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) award programs. These programs are a great option if you have just finished high school and want to study abroad without committing to a three- or four-year degree program. They are also a good option if you are currently enrolled at an overseas institution and only want to study abroad for a short time, while possibly earning an AQF qualification to use towards your home degree**.

Course flexibility while studying among the locals

To be eligible to graduate from this program, you are required to successfully complete eight courses (96 units) over two semesters. Each semester you will be required to enrol in four courses (or 48 units) from USC's extensive course catalogue.

The courses on offer are taken directly from within several of USC's undergraduate programs, which means you have the opportunity to enrol in classes with the locals, while having the flexibility to choose your preferred courses.

Graduate with an award and celebrate your achievements

Students who successfully complete a USC diploma program are eligible to:

- Graduate with an (AQF) diploma
- Participate in the USC Graduation ceremony, and/or
- Participate in the International Ceremony of Completion

Apply for credit and complete your program in one semester[#]

USC offers eligible students the opportunity to apply for their preferred diploma with up to 50 percent credit transfer[#], which means students could complete the program in one semester.

- Students can apply for credit for up to four courses (48 units)
- If four courses of credit transfer are granted, students will be required to successfully complete the remaining four courses (48 units) at USC to graduate
- Eligibility of credit transfer can only be assessed once an application has been received

** Subject to home institution approval.

To be eligible, students with recognised prior tertiary studies must apply for and receive credit transfer.

CRICOS CODE

Diploma in Business (084894F)
Diploma in Communication (084895E)
Diploma in General Studies (084896D)
Diploma in Outdoor Environmental Studies (088627D)
Diploma in Social Science (084897C)
Diploma in Sport and Fitness (088628C)

STUDY LOCATION: Sunshine Coast

COMMENCE: Semester 1 or Semester 2

PROGRAM LENGTH (FULL-TIME)

Two semesters (full year)

ESTIMATED TOTAL TUITION FEE

Please liaise with your home institution regarding the tuition fees.



Martine Langer (Denmark)
Diploma in Sport and Fitness

"I went to USC in my gap year to improve my English and meet new people from other countries.

The Diploma in Sport and Fitness gave me the opportunity to choose the courses that I found the most interesting.

Many of my courses had physical activity involved and took place in the outdoors, which meant I could enjoy the Australian sun, play games/sport or explore the Australian nature during class."



Accommodation

Privately owned accommodation complexes

There are two privately owned accommodation complexes located only a short walk from USC, using pathways linked to the campus. UniCentral and Varsity Apartments offer modern self-contained accommodation in resort-style complexes. At Varsity Apartments and UniCentral, the fully furnished apartments have four private bedrooms with a communal kitchen and living area. Bedrooms have their own private bathroom, with a shower, toilet and wash basin.*

When you're not studying, you can take a swim in the pool, play on the beach volleyball, tennis or basketball courts, enjoy a barbecue with friends or make use of the games room with free access to pay TV.* The complexes also have either resident managers, a staff member on site or night time security to assist you during your stay.

Other accommodation

You can also rent your own apartment, share an apartment with others or stay with a homestay family. For more details on accommodation options visit the USC website: usc.edu.au/accommodation

For more information about these accommodation options, contact:

UNICENTRAL
unicentral.net.au

VARSITY APARTMENTS
varsityapartments.com.au

*Facilities vary. Check websites for details.

Transport

The Sunshine Coast is also an ideal base for exploring Australia's big cities, the Outback or the tropics. Brisbane, the capital of Queensland, is approximately one hour away by car, and there are public transport connections from our Sunshine Coast campus.

Public transport

Public bus services operate between USC's bus interchange and coastal communities, giving you access to local beaches, shopping centres, restaurants and the nightlife of the Sunshine Coast. From USC's bus interchange, you can use an integrated bus and rail service to travel to Brisbane.

Airport connections

The University is less than 30 minutes by car from the Sunshine Coast Airport and around 60 minutes from Brisbane international and domestic airports. Airport transfers can be arranged upon request with local providers (charges apply).

Sunshine Coast Airport has direct flights to Sydney (1.5 hours), Melbourne (2.5 hours) and New Zealand (three hours).

Brisbane has both domestic and international airports, meaning you have easy access to explore Australia and overseas!



Queensland's Sunshine Coast

The state of Queensland is renowned for its warm climate, pristine beaches, tropical rainforests, and access to the Great Barrier Reef. It also boasts vibrant cities and some of Australia's favourite coastal towns, including Noosa.

The Sunshine Coast encompasses Queensland's best qualities and offers many lifestyle benefits, including beautiful beaches and stunning hinterland, a warm climate, and a relaxed and friendly community. Approximately 312,000* people call the Sunshine Coast their home, making it the third most populous region in Queensland. It is one of Australia's premier beach destinations and there is something to do for everyone.

SURF

Learn to surf, paddle or kite board, or sit back and enjoy the laid-back beach lifestyle the Sunshine Coast has to offer.

*Estimated resident population ERP 2018
profile.id.com.au/sunshine-coast/population-estimate

HIKE

Explore the Sunshine Coast hinterland, hike one of our popular mountains, visit waterfalls or go on a walk through subtropical rainforests.

SHOP

Go shopping along the esplanade at one of the many boutique shops, or take in a movie, and shop to your heart's content at one of the Sunshine Coast's modern shopping malls.

UNWIND

Enjoy a coffee or cold drink at one of the many cafes or restaurants, and experience Australia's famous cafe and coffee culture. Or listen to some live music and dance the night away at one of the local nightlife venues.

EXPLORE

The Sunshine Coast is also an ideal base for exploring Australia's big cities, the legendary Outback or the tropics. Road trip north to the Great Barrier Reef, or take a flight to Sydney or Melbourne from the Sunshine Coast's local airport.



Why choose USC

- ★ Five-star education** and high student satisfaction†
- ★ Wide range of study options
- ★ Excellent academic and student support services
- ★ Authentic Australian experience, with 90 percent of USC students coming from Australia
- ★ Modern campus with world-class facilities
- ★ Resort-style student accommodation located next to campus
- ★ Ideal location for exploring all Australia has to offer

** Good Universities Guide 2019. † Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT) 2016.



HOW TO APPLY

You can find step-by-step instructions, entry requirements and important information at usc.edu.au/internationalapply

- If you are applying via one of USC's partner institutions, please visit your home institution's international office to assist you with submitting your USC application.
- If you would like additional assistance with your application, you may like to apply through one of our representatives usc.edu.au/internationalreps
- If you need help with the process, or have any questions, email study@usc.edu.au





Established:	1996
Type of institution:	Public university
Student population:	17,800+
Study areas:	Arts, Business, Law, Science, Health, Education and Engineering
Location:	Sippy Downs, Sunshine Coast, Australia
Sunshine Coast population:	312,000+



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