

Inbound study abroad and exchange 2025

Australian Catholic University (ACU) offers various global learning programs for students from partner universities and direct applicants, to study for a semester or a year at one of our seven campuses in Australia, and our ACU Rome Campus in Italy.

acu.edu.au/international-partners

OUR UNIVERSITY

- Top 2% of all universities worldwide¹
- Top 10 Catholic universities²
- 32,000+ students
- 200+ international partners
- Over 4,100 international students from more than 96 countries.

PROGRAMS

Our ACU Global Learning **semester programs** include:

- Exchange at ACU
- Study Abroad at ACU
- English + Study Abroad at ACU
- Study Abroad + Community Engagement

CAMPUSES

Students can study at any ACU campus³ in Australia, or in Rome, Italy. The most popular destinations are Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney.

Explore our campuses to find the right location for you.

ACADEMIC DATES

Semester 1, 2025

Orientation week: 24 - 28 February

Semester dates: 3 March - 29 June

Exam period: 9 - 29 June

Semester 2, 2025

Orientation week: 28 July - 1 August

Semester dates: 4 August - 30 November

Exam period: 10 - 30 November

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible, students must meet the following entry requirements:

- Completion of one full year of study at university level with satisfactory grades (U.S. 2.5 GPA or higher).
- **English language proficiency** equivalent to IELTS 6.0 for undergraduate or 6.5 for postgraduate applicants.

EXCHANGE NOMINATIONS

Partner institutions, please complete the **ACU Inbound Nomination Form** for each student you wish to nominate.

Upon receiving your nomination(s), ACU will be in contact to confirm.

Application guidelines will be sent directly to the nominated students, and ACU will copy in the contact at the partner university.

To check exchange balances, contact globallearning.inbound@acu.edu.au

Note: ACU does not have nomination deadlines.

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

To apply, students must submit the following documents:

- Copy of official academic transcript
- Copy of personal information page of passport
- English proficiency results (if applicable)
- Personal statement

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Students are required to submit applications by the deadlines below and allow time to obtain a student visa.

Semester 1 (February to June):
apply by 15 November

Semester 2 (July to November):
apply by 15 May



APPLICATION PROCESS

If you are looking to start your Australian study adventure, we're here to help. We've broken down the application process into four easy steps.

1. **Request nomination from your home university.***
2. **Check you meet academic entry and English language requirements.**
3. **Choose campus and units to study.**
4. **Apply to ACU.**

To apply, visit: acu.edu.au/international-students/study-abroad-and-exchange/how-to-apply

* Only applicable to students from official ACU exchange partners.

ACU COURSE HANDBOOK

Students have the flexibility to choose courses from various study areas across our four faculties. However, it's important to keep in mind that not all units are available on every campus. Additionally, students must meet the prerequisite requirements for the courses they wish to study.

Unit requests: Students must request, in their application, at least 6 ACU units to study at their preferred campus; to allow for availability and time table changes.

Refer to the **ACU Handbook** for unit outlines (syllabi).

Study level: Undergraduate and postgraduate.

Language of instruction: English.

Restricted courses: Midwifery, Occupational Therapy and Paramedicine.

Study load: A standard full-time study load is 3 to 4 units (30 to 40 credit points) per semester. Students must comply with student visa requirements:

- Enrol in a minimum of 30CP
- Only enrol in 10CP of online study.

Typically, 10CP at ACU is equivalent to:

- 3 to 4 U.S. credit hours
- 7.5 ECTS.

STUDENT VISA REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to hold a valid Australian visa for the duration of their study in Australia and can apply as soon as a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) is issued from ACU. Most study abroad and exchange students will apply for a Student

Visa (subclass 500) Non-Award Sector; however before applying for any visa, it is important to fully understand the type and the conditions of each visa.

Visit **applying for your student visa** to find out more.

ARRIVING AND LIVING IN AUSTRALIA

Students can access information and services related to health insurance, campus safety, public transport, banking, and more via our **website**.

The cost of living in Australia will vary depending on your lifestyle and personal requirements. Refer to Study Australia's **Cost of Living Calculator**.

ACCOMMODATION

Living in ACU student accommodation is a great way to get the most of your university experience. Students will experience community living in an inclusive and supportive environment with students from Australia and the world. **ACU student accommodation** offers fully secured, 24-hour support, WiFi and on-site facilities including laundry and recreation rooms.

Private housing options include:

- **Semester in Australia** (SiA)
- **Australian Home Stay Network**
- Independent student accommodation providers, eg UniLodge, Scape, Urbanest
- Private rentals.

Visit **finding somewhere to live** for more detailed information.

STUDY ABROAD + COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Make a meaningful impact and develop a deeper understanding of Australian communities while studying abroad and earning credit towards your degree.

ENGLISH + STUDY ABROAD

Develop your English to meet the entry requirements for the study abroad program or simply improve your English before beginning your academic semester. Study at ACU Melbourne or Sydney English Language Centre for 5 to 20 weeks. Choose from General English, IELTS preparation or English for Academic Purposes, followed by a study abroad semester.

Notes:

1 *Times Higher Education* World University Rankings 2024. Percentage calculated as ACU's world rank as a proportion of the total number of universities in the world: International Handbook of Universities 2019, Palgrave MacMillan

2 Based on International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU) members ranked on Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2024

3 Blacktown Campus not available.

TUITION

YEAR	TUITION	STUDY ABROAD 30CP	STUDY ABROAD 40CP	JULY SCHOOL 10CP
2025	Per semester	AU\$7,971	AU\$10,628	AU\$2,657
	For ACU international partners	AU\$6,377	AU\$8,502	AU\$2,126

CONTACT US

For partnership and agreement matters, contact: ACUinternational.relations@acu.edu.au

To learn more about ACU Global Learning programs, partners and students can book a **Chat with ACU** session.



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