



University of Sydney

Financial requirement

Financial guarantee amount	University of Sydney has no financial requirements for exchange students. The Australian government requires student visa applicants to declare that they have enough money to support themselves whilst in Australia (at least £8,000 per year plus airfare – 2009-10 figures).
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Brief overview of the university

The University of Sydney, founded in 1850, is Australia's first university. The University has seven different teaching campuses spread throughout the Sydney area. The central Camperdown/Darlington campus of the University of Sydney is located approximately 3 kilometres from the heart of the City of Sydney. It is close to Chinatown and Darling Harbour and a 20 minute drive from the nearest ocean beach. Sydney itself is an exciting, cosmopolitan city with a population of 4 million that offers more entertainment, shopping and sightseeing than any other city in Australia.

The University of Sydney is one of the largest in Australia with approximately 47,000 students, 10,000 of whom are international students from countries all over the world. Sydney is the key member of the prestigious Group of Eight universities in Australia. Graduates have included Australian Prime Ministers, Nobel Prize winners, international industrialists and artists. As well as its renowned academic reputation, the University of Sydney boasts excellent student facilities and a fantastic location.

Areas of academic study broadly include Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources; Architecture, Design and Planning; Arts (Humanities); Dentistry; Economics and Business; Education and Social Work; Engineering and Information Technologies; Health Sciences; Law; Medicine; Nursing and Midwifery; Pharmacy; Science; Sydney College of the Arts (Visual Arts), Sydney Conservatorium of Music; and Veterinary Science.

Academic issues

Academic strengths	The University of Sydney has a strong research-based learning and teaching culture. We offer one of the widest ranges of units of study available in Australia covering a diverse range of disciplines in Humanities, Science, Health Sciences and Economics and Business and over 4,000 units of study are available to visiting study abroad and exchange students.
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Restricted/closed Departments	There are few restrictions. A full list of available units of study is accessible on the Unit of Study Database – Accessed via www.usyd.edu.au/fstudent/studyabroad/study/units.shtml
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Units in the following areas of study are not open to Study Abroad or

Exchange students: Dentistry and Medicine.

In addition, the Unit of Study Enrolment Form www.usyd.edu.au/fstudent/studyabroad/apply/apply.shtml that must be completed with the main Exchange Program Application form outlines any additional requirements or restrictions on page 3.

Can I pre-register for classes before arrival?

Yes

If yes, please give details

You are pre-enrolled prior to arrival in Sydney, where possible. Prerequisites are checked, and where units require pre-approval by the academic unit before enrolment, the Study Abroad and Exchange Unit arranges this.

You are then enrolled according to your preferred units of study (subject to approval being granted) up to 24 credit points, but no less than 18 credits. Students who are unable to be enrolled in at least 18 credit points will be required to enrol in person during Orientation. As few units of study have quotas, students are not normally disadvantaged by waiting to enrol in person.

This enrolment process cannot be done on-line and must be done via staff in the Study Abroad and Exchange Unit.

Link/s to detailed subject or course descriptions:

Unit of Study Database – Accessed via www.usyd.edu.au/fstudent/studyabroad/study/units.shtml
Module descriptions: www.usyd.edu.au/courses/

Semester dates

For more information, please go to:

www.usyd.edu.au/future_students/domestic_undergraduate/admissions/semester_dates/index.shtml

Housing

Guaranteed housing?

No

If no, is on campus housing readily available?

There are on-campus housing places for less than 5 percent of the student population. Most students live off-campus in shared housing with other students or at home with family.

Even with the new University Village there is limited University accommodation. It is best to arrive at least 2 weeks before classes start so you can look for accommodation. Shared houses costs from \$120-\$250 per week.

When is housing information sent?

You may review housing information at any time on the website. Application must be made directly to preferred residential colleges.

Link to housing website	International Student Housing: http://www.usyd.edu.au/current_students/accommodation/
Brief details	<p>The University of Sydney is a commuter campus with most students either travelling some distance to reach the campus or living with friends/family nearer to the campus. International students at the University of Sydney can choose to apply for on-campus housing in one of the residential colleges, or choose to live off-campus in shared housing with other students. Detailed information on on-campus and off-campus Accommodation is available on our website at www.usyd.edu.au/fstudent/undergrad/life/ssm/live.shtml.</p> <p>Students interested in on-campus housing, will need to make a direct application to one of our residential colleges. Residential college prefer students who apply for one year of residence from March to December. The University only has on-campus housing for approximately 5 percent of the student population, and thus we are unable to guarantee permanent on-campus accommodation for international students due to heavy competition for the available places.</p> <p>Most students, including exchange and study abroad students, live off-campus in shared housing or private apartments. Students who plan to live off-campus, should arrive in Sydney at least two weeks prior to the Orientation program to ensure enough time to find a place to stay before semester commences. The International Student Support Unit (ISSU) provides an accommodation advising service through the ISSU Housing Officer to assist new students in finding housing off-campus and students are encouraged to use this service once you have arrived in Sydney.</p> <p>In addition to arrangements for permanent accommodation, if students are accepted to study at the University of Sydney, they are invited to use the Temporary Accommodation Service arranged by the International Student Support Unit (ISSU). This service will ensure that they have a place to stay upon arrival in Sydney and until they find permanent accommodation. Even if they have been granted a confirmed place in on-campus accommodation, they may require temporary accommodation prior to moving into their permanent accommodation. Information about costs and the booking requirements for Temporary Accommodation can be found on the ISSU website at www.usyd.edu.au/stuserv/issu/</p>
Allocation process	N/a

Application information

Which month of the year are applications processed?	Applications are processed on a rolling basis as they arrive, however, peak processing periods are October to February and April to June.
Which month of the year do you send out offer letters?	Offer letters are sent approximately 2-3 weeks after the application

Immigration information

Which month of the year do you hope to send immigration	The electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCOE) can be sent as soon as you accept your offer and pays for your Overseas
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documents?	Student Health Cover (OSHC). Turnaround from acceptance is normally within the week.
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Where can I find further information about immigration?	Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) www.immi.gov.au/students/index.htm
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Pre-arrival information

Which is your nearest airport?	Sydney's Kingsford Smith Airport
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Do you offer an airport pick up programme?	No but we participate in a welcome service.
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Brief details	The combined universities of the state of New South Wales provide a reception service called the Meet and Greet Desk to welcome new arrivals at the Sydney International Airport Terminal. The airport arrival booking does not include a pick-up service, but you will receive advice on transport from the Airport Arrival Reception Desk.
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You must supply your arrival date and time at least 3 working days before arrival so we can ensure that someone will be at the Airport Arrival Reception Desk when you arrive.

The University Airport Reception Program operates approximately 6 weeks prior to the start of semester between 6am to 12noon and from 5pm to 11pm daily. Students who arrive before 6am or after 11pm, can seek assistance from the Information Desk. www.usyd.edu.au/stuserv/issu/predep.shtml#notif

Do you have an orientation programme?	Yes
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Is it mandatory?	Yes
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How much does it cost?	Free of charge
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What are the dates?	2012 Semester 2 (July semester) Daily Arrival & Housing Sessions: TBA Orientation & Enrolment: Monday 23 July – TUESDAY 24 July
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Orientation:	Orientation is organised by the International Student Support Services (ISSU) www.usyd.edu.au/stuserv/issu
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Health Insurance

Do you have mandatory health insurance?	Yes
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Brief details	Under Australian Government visa rules, Overseas
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	Student Health Cover (OSHC) must be taken out by all international students
Approximately how much does it cost?	You must have Overseas Student Health Cover and you will need evidence of this before you apply for your visa. Costs: \$210 up to 6 months \$420 for 12 months. Further details can be found on the website: www.oshcworldcare.com.au
Can this be waived by my own policy?	No

Additional costs

Do I have to pay any mandatory costs?	Some courses may have additional charges eg: laboratory costs, materials costs for Art classes, private music instruction for principal study
If yes, please provide details and costs	These costs are charged directly to you by the faculty involved.

General Information

Links to tourist information	www.seesydney.com.au/
Link to the Study Abroad office pages	www.usyd.edu.au/studyabroad

Contact details

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