



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
MELBOURNE

Information for  
students outside  
of Australia

# Exchange and study abroad guide



# Why choose Melbourne

Studying overseas is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to challenge yourself, meet new friends and explore new places. The University of Melbourne is the perfect setting for your overseas experience, with a rich academic and social community set on an outstanding campus in the heart of the city.



# The University of Melbourne at a glance



**#1 in Australia<sup>1</sup>**  
**In the world top 20<sup>2</sup>**



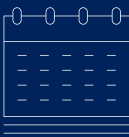
## Broaden your horizons

Gain a new circle of friends and a deeper understanding of the Australian way of life. When you leave, you'll become part of our alumni network — so you can always stay in touch, wherever you are.



## Global curriculum

At Melbourne, you'll access an innovative curriculum that lets you explore current global issues and indigenous perspectives while choosing from a huge range of subjects.



## A different academic year

In Australia our semesters are February to June (Semester 1) and July to December (Semester 2).



## Learn from the best

Learn from expert academics who are changing the world one project at a time. Your lecturers, tutors and mentors will inspire you and prepare you for your career.



## Support

Whatever you need, we'll be with you every step of the way. Connect with our Global Learning team for support and advice.



<sup>1</sup> Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2025

<sup>2</sup> QS World University Rankings 2026

# Your city

Located in the heart of the action, our campuses are the perfect base to explore all Melbourne has to offer.

Wander our famous cobblestone lanes, lined with cafes, bars, and dynamic street art. Check out some live music, or a world-class theatre production. Sample the cuisine at one of our many diverse and multicultural restaurants. Kick around a ball in our lush city parks, or watch the professionals at the iconic MCG.

And when you feel like taking a break from the buzz of the city, regional Victoria is just a short train or bus ride away. Take in our pristine beaches, breathtaking bushwalks, unique culinary experiences and more.



World's 4th Best Student City<sup>1</sup>



Safe, friendly and multicultural



More cafes and restaurants per number of people than any other city in the world.  
More live music venues per capita than any other city in the world<sup>2</sup>



Easy to navigate and get around



Largest city in Australia



Museums, galleries and theatres at your doorstep



Sporting and cultural capital of Australia



Mild, temperate climate

<sup>1</sup> QS Best Student Cities 2025

<sup>2</sup> Melbourne Live Music Census



*"I'm going to miss all of the friends I made here, all of the connections of course but also the city - I love being in Melbourne because it is so international, so open and you get to explore so many different cultures in one city. You are also so close to nature but have all of the city vibes and all of the great restaurants."*

**Vivien**

Exchange student from the University of Zurich

# Your campus life

## The University of Melbourne isn't just in Melbourne, it's part of the city's DNA.

From its earliest days, the University has been a vital contributor to the knowledge, business, innovation and culture of the city of Melbourne. More than a university campus, Melbourne is a vibrant medical precinct, a world-famous artistic community, a thriving start-up network, and an urban and rural research centre feeding the world into the future. Be inspired by your surroundings while playing your part in the continued advancement of this thriving city and beyond.

## Orientation and enrolment

The Orientation and Enrolment program marks the beginning of the University of Melbourne semester. This is the period where you finalise your chosen subjects, become acquainted with the campus and facilities and, most importantly, meet other students. You

can attend workshops and lectures covering topics such as cultural differences, adjusting to a new academic culture and how to explore Australia on a budget.

## Sports and fitness

Choose from 40 sports to play, whether casual lunchtime campus sports, or intervarsity games. We have Sport Programs to suit all levels of interest and abilities from beginners and social sport players through to elite athletes. The elite athlete program provides customised training for eligible students playing at the national or international level.

[go.unimelb.edu.au/r5mp](http://go.unimelb.edu.au/r5mp)

## Parkville

Our Parkville campus is a city within a city – it even has its own postcode. With a

designated Student Precinct, cafes, 12 libraries, gyms, and specialty stores – spread across a mix of historic sandstone buildings and state-of-the-art facilities. The Parkville campus is situated within a renowned knowledge precinct, which includes eight hospitals, many leading research institutes and a wide range of knowledge-based industries.

## Southbank

Our Southbank campus is purpose-built for the creative arts, featuring sound and dance stages, animation studios, cinemas and visual arts studios. Inspiration is never far, with the campus sitting alongside the National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne Theatre Company, Melbourne Recital Centre, the Australian Ballet, Chunky Move dance company, the Arts Centre and the Australian Centre for Contemporary Art.



# Social connections

## Clubs and Societies

There's more to 'uni' than just classes. Make friends and find your fit through hundreds of clubs.

## MUSEX

The Melbourne University Student Exchange Club (MUSEX) is one of the largest and most successful student clubs on campus. Run by students, for students, MUSEX provides

you with easy access to 'locals' and the opportunity to join a range of activities including surf trips, sports matches, dinners and nights out on the town.

## Goin' App

Connect with other study abroad and exchange students before arriving in Melbourne. Our online community is a great opportunity to make friends before you depart for Australia.

## Discover UniMelb

Discover events designed to enhance your university experience, connect you with others and help you feel at home on campus throughout semester.

[students.unimelb.edu.au/student-life/discover-unimelb](http://students.unimelb.edu.au/student-life/discover-unimelb)

# Your studies

The University of Melbourne's exchange and study abroad program is flexible, allowing you to choose undergraduate and graduate subjects from most degrees across our schools and faculties.

## Your subjects

On the exchange and study abroad program you will have access to more than 3,000 subjects. You will take three or four subjects to equal a total credit load of 37.5 to 50 points (a subject = unit of study or course and is usually worth 12.5 credit points). As long as you meet the prerequisite requirements, you can combine these from any area. For example, you could take two subjects in science, one in business and one in arts. Of all the subjects listed in the University Handbook, there are only a few specialist areas that are not open to exchange and study abroad students. These include medicine, dentistry, health sciences, veterinary science and film and television. Some biomedicine and law subjects are also restricted. Refer to our website for details on availability: [go.unimelb.edu.au/6kfr](https://go.unimelb.edu.au/6kfr)

For each subject, you usually attend a combination of large lectures and small group tutorials or laboratory classes. Contact hours vary depending on the subjects you choose, but are usually between 12–18 hours per week in total.

While you may have fewer contact hours than in your home institution, the demands placed on you to learn independently outside the classroom makes the workload equivalent to that which most students experience at home.

**Want to hear what subjects our study abroad and exchange students loved while studying in Melbourne?**

**Visit: [go.unimelb.edu.au/r3tp](https://go.unimelb.edu.au/r3tp)**

## Assessment and grading

Assessment may consist of essays, class or group exercises, case studies, projects, reports, class presentations, or exams. One subject may only require two or three pieces of assessment. In some areas, up to 80 per cent of the assessment may be based on an exam at the end of the semester. Further information on how each subject is assessed can be found in the University Handbook:

[handbook.unimelb.edu.au](https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au)

Official transcripts of your semester's results are automatically sent to your home institution for credit towards your home degree, unless specifically requested otherwise. A Statement of Results can be accessed free of charge at any time during your studies on our student website. How your marks are translated is the responsibility of your home institution. Check with your home institution regarding its policy.

## Study Guide

The What Can I Study guide highlights popular and unique subjects, subjects by study area, research subjects, and internships for academic credit that are available to undergraduate study abroad and exchange students at the University of Melbourne. The University of Melbourne offers more than 1,300 undergraduate subjects available to study abroad and exchange students. Of these, over 500 subjects are 'preapproved' without any prerequisites for enrolment.

[go.unimelb.edu.au/yg2r](https://go.unimelb.edu.au/yg2r)

## Available study areas

### Agriculture, land and food

Agriculture  
Agricultural economics and agribusiness  
Animal science and management  
Biotechnology  
Food science  
Forest ecosystem science  
Genetics and breeding  
Geography  
Landscape management  
Natural resource management  
Plant sciences  
Soil science  
Urban horticulture  
Viticulture and wine technology  
Architecture, design and the built environment  
Architectural history

### Architecture

Design  
Landscape architecture  
Property and construction  
Real estate  
Urban design  
Urban planning and development

### Arts, humanities and social sciences

American studies  
Ancient world studies  
Anthropology  
Archaeology  
Arabic studies  
Art history  
Asian studies  
Cinema and screen studies  
Classics  
Creative writing  
Criminology  
Cultural studies  
Development studies  
English literary studies  
Gender studies  
History  
History and philosophy of science  
Indigenous arts management  
International studies  
Islamic studies  
Jewish studies  
Law and Legal studies  
Linguistics and applied linguistics  
Medieval studies  
Philosophy  
Political science  
Public policy  
Social theory  
Socio-legal studies  
Sociology  
Theatre studies

## Australian & Indigenous studies

Architecture  
Arts and culture  
Australian architecture  
Australian cinema, television and theatre  
Australian environmental studies  
Australian literature  
Australian and Aboriginal art  
Australian media  
Australian and Aboriginal history  
Botany and zoology of Australia  
Business and economics  
Conservation and Australian wildlife  
Contemporary Australian culture, politics and society  
Environments and sustainability  
History  
Indigenous arts management (VCA)  
Indigenous education and culture  
Landscape  
Literature  
Media  
Politics  
Wildlife

## Business and economics

Accounting  
Actuarial studies  
Commerce  
Economics  
Finance  
International business  
Management  
Marketing

## Computer science and information technology

Computer science  
Geomatics  
Informatics  
Information systems  
Software engineering  
Spatial systems  
Telecommunications engineering

## Education

Adult education  
Creativity and learning communities  
Creativity, young people and learning  
Deafness and communication  
Early childhood education  
Elementary education  
Professional practice and school observation  
Secondary education  
Sports coaching: theory and practice<sup>1</sup>  
Understanding knowledge  
Youth, citizenship and identity

## Engineering

Biomedical  
Chemical and biomolecular  
Civil  
Computer science and software  
Electrical and electronic  
(including telecommunications)  
Engineering management  
Environmental  
Geomatics  
Mechanical and manufacturing  
Mechatronics  
Mining

## Environmental studies

Conservation and ecology  
Development technologies  
Ecology  
Energy studies  
Environmental law  
Environmental policy  
Environmental science  
Environmental studies  
Forest ecosystem science  
Surveying  
Water resources management

## Languages

Ancient Egyptian  
Ancient Greek  
Arabic  
Chinese  
English Language  
French  
German  
Hebrew  
Indonesian  
Italian  
Japanese  
Korean  
Latin  
Linguistics  
Russian  
Spanish

## Media communications theory

Asia Pacific media systems  
Creative writing Culture and media  
Editing and publishing  
Global media  
Language and media  
Marketing communications  
Media futures and new technologies  
Media law  
Media, politics and society  
Media studies  
Online communications

## Music

Ensemble performance<sup>2</sup>  
Introductory music subjects  
Music history  
Music language (theory)  
Music performance<sup>3</sup>

## Psychology

Cognitive psychology  
Developmental psychology  
Personality and social psychology  
Quantitative psychology

## Sciences

Agricultural science  
Atmosphere and ocean sciences  
Biochemistry and molecular biology  
Bioengineering systems  
Biotechnology  
Cell and developmental biology  
Chemical systems  
Chemistry  
Civil systems  
Climate and weather  
Ecology and evolutionary biology  
Electrical systems  
Genetics  
Geography  
Geology  
Geomatics  
Human structure and function  
Marine biology  
Mathematical physics  
Mathematics and statistics  
Mechanical systems  
Microbiology, infection and immunology  
Neuroscience  
Pathology  
Pharmacology  
Physics  
Physiology  
Plant science  
Science informatics  
Software systems  
Zoology

## Visual and performing arts

Community cultural development  
Dance  
Fine art  
Production

<sup>1</sup> Single subject only.

<sup>2</sup> Audition required for some ensembles.

<sup>3</sup> Audition required.

# Unique study experiences

Incorporate a unique study experience from a range of subjects with a distinctive Australian theme, or from our interdisciplinary subject offering which may be either complimentary or contrasting to your studies at home therefore broadening your academic competency.

## Broaden your horizons

Our students are encouraged to choose interdisciplinary subjects from outside their core study area. At Melbourne, we call this breadth. Here are just some of the subjects you could choose from.

### Australian Surfing

Combines academic exploration of surfing's history, culture, and science with a unique practical immersion.

**Subject code: UNIB10028**

### Thinking Tools for Wicked Problems

Responding critically and ethically to contemporary issues, whether they be of local, national or global significance, requires one to go beyond the mere discovering of 'facts' and determining of 'truths'. What one does with these 'facts' and 'truths' is equally important. **Subject code: UNIB10019**

### Free Speech and Media Law

Our current laws regarding free speech and media have grown up in an era of mainstream media institutions. Now everyone with access to the internet can record, report and comment on events. How can we regulate of free speech and media without unduly constraining public debate?

**Subject code: BLAW10002**

### Global Cultures

In the era of globalisation, contemporary cultures are increasingly shaped by transnational movements: of humans, commodities, and media, among other things. Global Cultures leads students to explore the human, subjective and cultural dimensions.

**Subject code: CULS30006**

### Going Places – Traveling Smarter

This subject helps you to observe and interpret new environments, identify positive educational, professional and personal opportunities, and report and record reflections and experiences before, during and after travelling. **Subject code: ARTS20002**

### Indigenous Australia

Expand your understandings of Indigenous society by focusing on the diverse knowledges, scholarship, experiences, stories, and concepts of the world's longest continuous culture. **Subject code: INDG10001**

### Indigenous Astronomy

Learn the astronomical knowledge and traditions of contemporary Indigenous cultures around the world, with an emphasis on Australia. **Subject code: PHYC10010**

### Introduction to Climate Change

An introduction to the major topics in climate change, including the scientific basis of the greenhouse effect, the history of Earth's climate, energy options, economics and public policy, the effect of climate change on food, water and health, and the national and international legal frameworks for climate change management.

**Subject code: UNIB10007**

### Making Movies 1

Get an introduction to the roles of the film director, writer and producer and learn about professional film production techniques.

**Subject code: FLTV10010**

### Music Psychology

An exploration of music psychology research including the relationship between music and the brain, as well as music and the body.

**Subject code: MUSI20149**

### Our Planet, Our Health

This interdisciplinary subject will introduce you to the One Health concept, an emerging area of interest in the health professions that considers the interconnectedness of human, animal and environmental health.

**Subject code: UNIB10017**

### Sport, Education and the Media

Focused on sports education, community sport, and the important role the media plays in sport, this subject examines the place and significance of sport in Australia as a form of social education. **Subject code: EDUC20068**

### Stand Up and Be Funny

Develop self-confidence, explore humour and develop skills from working professional comedians in Melbourne's diverse live comedy scene. **Subject code: PERF20001**

### Street Art

From illegally spray-painted stencils to secret exhibitions in abandoned warehouses to exclusive multi-million-dollar art fairs, this subject explores the rise of street art in the contemporary city. Students develop skills in identifying, mapping and designing street art in Melbourne laneways.

**Subject code: CCDP20001**

### Wellbeing, Motivation and Performance

A subject offering teachable skills and pathways for cultivating wellbeing, exploring a variety of disciplines including psychology, social science, education, philosophy, sports science, sociology, and organisational science to support learning.

**Subject code: EDUC10057**

### Ethics and Equity in Health and Medicine

What makes a good health professional? In this subject, students will explore and develop two central skills of health practice beyond technical expertise: ethical understanding and addressing social equity. Students will investigate a range of real-world case studies to generate insights into good healthcare practice. **Subject code: POPH30004**

*"Being a guest here in Australia, only for a few months, I felt like it would be important to be educated on the history and know where I am. Taking that class has really made me appreciate being able to talk about something a little bit different but important."*

**Michael**

Study Abroad student from the University of Southern California, enrolled in Indigenous Australia INDG10001

*"This subject will take you on an exciting and, at times, challenging journey that will enrich your understanding of Indigenous Australia. Together we will explore the dynamic cultural, philosophical, political, and historical elements which shape Indigenous Australia's past and present."*

**Dr Max Brierty**

Subject Coordinator for Indigenous Australia

Senior Lecturer, Indigenous Studies, School of Culture and Communication

## Research projects

Take on a research project and you could collaborate with world-class academic experts. This experience is particularly suited to students planning to move into a higher degree by research, or seeking a career in research industries.

- Research projects require faculty approval
- Science (botany, chemistry, earth sciences, vision science and zoology): SCIE30001
- Biomedical science (anatomy and cell biology, microbiology and immunology, biochemistry and molecular, pathology, pharmacology and physiology): BIOM30003
- Engineering: capstone research projects (check Handbook for information).

- Agricultural and Environmental Sciences: Industry Project - AGRI30005,
- Landscape Ecosystem Project - EVSC30007, Special Studies - AGRI30022

## Learn about Australia

The University offers a range of subjects with an 'Aussie' focus. They're a great way to experience our local culture, flora, wildlife or the environment first hand:

- Agriculture in Australia
- Australian Art
- Australian Film and Television
- Australian Foreign Policy
- Australian Indigenous Politics
- Australia in the Wine World
- Australian Politics
- Australian Wildlife Biology
- Biology of Australian Flora and Fauna
- Controversies in Australian History
- Fire in the Australian Landscape
- Flora of Victoria
- Geology of Southeast Australia
- Indigenous Treaties and Titles
- Language in Aboriginal Australia
- Melbourne: Urban Anthropology in Action
- Race and Racism in Australia
- The Australian Imaginary
- The Making of Melbourne
- Understanding Australian Media
- Writing Australia



*"Having grown up on the beach and been a surf lifesaver, I want to share a love for the surf and show how surfing is the perfect lens for exploring life and society"*

**Professor David M Kennedy,**  
Subject Coordinator for Australian Surfing  
Coastal Geomorphologist - School of Geography, Earth & Atmospheric Sciences

# How to search for subjects

To apply for exchange or study abroad at Melbourne, you'll first need to identify the subjects you wish to study.

## University handbook

You can search all University of Melbourne subjects in the University's online Handbook: [handbook.unimelb.edu.au](http://handbook.unimelb.edu.au)

To find University breadth subjects, type 'UNIB' into the search bar on the Handbook homepage.

If you're not sure what faculty or graduate school your study area fits into, look them up here: [unimelb.edu.au/az/faculties.html](http://unimelb.edu.au/az/faculties.html)

Did you know – a large number of subjects at Melbourne don't have enrolment quotas, meaning you are guaranteed a place in a class.

A small number of subjects are quota subjects and limit the number of students that can enrol. These are usually laboratory, fieldwork, travel, or studio subjects where capacity is limited by facilities or resources such as laboratories, accommodation or studio space. The handbook will specify if enrolment quotas apply to a subject.

## Subject year levels

The first number listed in the subject code indicates the year of the subject:

- Numbers 1–3 indicate the subject is a first, second or third-year subject in a Melbourne undergraduate degree
- Numbers 5–9 indicate a graduate-level subject (not in any particular order)
- Number 4 usually indicates the subject is part of an honours degree (these subjects are not usually open to visiting students).

For example, HORT20012 is a second-year undergraduate subject and BTCH90005 is a graduate-level subject.

### Step 1

The Handbook is Melbourne's searchable database of all courses and subjects. This is the best place to start when looking for subjects to study.

[handbook.unimelb.edu.au](http://handbook.unimelb.edu.au)



### Step 2

In the Search box, type a topic that interests you, such as biology, marketing, or Australia.



### Step 3

It is important to click the 'View advanced fields' hyperlink on the right side of the screen and tick the checkbox to only show subjects that are available to exchange or study abroad students. Then click the 'update results' button.



### Step 4

Click on the subject name to get more detailed information such as prerequisites or corequisites, assessment details, and timetabling. Make sure you have completed the prerequisites to ensure you are eligible to study the subject. Don't forget to click on Further Information to check if the subject is open to exchange and study abroad students.



### Step 5

Laboratory/practicum is sometimes included under the primary subject name and description. Labs are not always offered separately. Review the subject description to learn the percentage of lecture and practicum time.



### Step 6

Confirm the subject will be offered during the semester you plan to be in Melbourne and note the subject name and code, as you will need this for your application. Remember that semester 1 in Melbourne runs from March to June and semester 2 runs from mid-July to mid-November.

# Transition and support

Even though your stay with us may be short, the range of support services we offer will help you adjust to life in Australia and provide you with ongoing assistance when you need it.

## Diversity and Inclusion

The University of Melbourne is committed to building a robust culture of diversity and inclusion among staff, students and the wider community. Together we encourage equity and actively support initiatives and services that promote a safe, respectful and connected community, so that all of us may feel welcome, valued and respected.

[students.unimelb.edu.au/student-support/diversity-and-inclusion](https://students.unimelb.edu.au/student-support/diversity-and-inclusion)



**The University of Melbourne  
welcomes students from  
all over the world.**

45% of our student population are international students from 150+ nationalities.

## Support services

Whatever help you need, the University supports our students through a variety of resources:

- Academic skills
- Advocacy service
- Careers and employment service
- Chaplaincy
- Counselling
- Disability support
- Financial aid and advice
- Health service
- Housing support
- Security service
- Sporting clubs and facilities
- Student Union.

[go.unimelb.edu.au/a22s](https://go.unimelb.edu.au/a22s)

## Sustainability

### Sustainability ranking

Our sustainability impact spans the breadth of our activities as a research, teaching and learning institution. The University of Melbourne is ranked 9th globally and 1st in Australia for sustainability<sup>1</sup>.

### Study sustainability

The Sustainability What Can I Study guide highlights unique subjects relevant to sustainability and the United Nation's Sustainability Development Goals (SDGs).

[tinyurl.com/3a63p57w](https://tinyurl.com/3a63p57w)

### Get involved

Get involved in sustainability while at university by volunteering, joining a club or doing an internship or gain a sustainability credential through the Melbourne Plus program.

[go.unimelb.edu.au/e7bi](https://go.unimelb.edu.au/e7bi)

<sup>1</sup> QS World University rankings 2024



# Your new home

To see current residential fees scan this QR code



The University of Melbourne provides an accommodation offer for all commencing students who are new to Melbourne and apply for university accommodation, subject to availability.

University accommodation is within walking distance of our Parkville campus, with year-round social, academic, wellbeing and sporting activities and a team of professional staff at each site to ease your transition into university life.

We encourage you to apply early to secure your preferred accommodation and room. Commencing Student Cover! enables you to book your preferred accommodation early, knowing you have the option to cancel if circumstances change.

**Little Hall** – designed for your academic success, Little Hall offers premium apartment living close to campus.

**Lisa Belleair House** - surrounded by parklands next to the main campus, find modern apartments with a caring community.

**The Lofts at Melbourne Connect** - dedicated graduate accommodation on campus, built to support your study and career goals.

To find out more visit: [study.unimelb.edu.au/accommodation](http://study.unimelb.edu.au/accommodation)

## Residential colleges

There are ten residential colleges ranging in size from 70–400 students. Two of our colleges, **International House** and **Wilam Hall**, are owned and operated by the University. All colleges provide weekly tutorials to support your learning from residential tutors on site. Meals are provided and there are social clubs, cultural, sporting and leadership programs.

### Explore our ten Colleges:

- International House
- Janet Clarke Hall
- Wilam Hall
- Newman College
- Ormond College
- Queen’s College
- St Hilda’s College
- St Mary’s College
- Trinity College
- University College

To find out more visit: [colleges.unimelb.edu.au](http://colleges.unimelb.edu.au)

## Partner accommodation

UniLodge Lincoln House offers modern dormitory-style living with impeccably designed shared facilities overlooking the city.

Student Village Melbourne have furnished bedrooms with ample workspaces and access to village facilities designed specifically for students.

## Off-campus housing

If you are ready to embrace total independence, you can privately. Our Off-Campus Housing Network is an online resource designed to help you find housemates or rooms to rent and is exclusively for University of Melbourne students. Our Student Accommodation team can provide you with resources and information regarding homestays, hostels and private rentals.

[housing.unimelb.edu.au](http://housing.unimelb.edu.au)

## Accommodation features

The table below provides an overview of accommodation features for a student at the Parkville campus of the University of Melbourne, according to the type of accommodation chosen.

## How to apply

You can submit an application for university housing as soon as you have been nominated for the Exchange and Study Abroad program. To apply, scan the QR code above.

Accommodation type	Distance from campus	Weeks of stay	24/7 security and wellbeing support	Year-round social, academic and career programs	Tutorial programs included	Catering included
Little Hall	400m	Full-year – 52 weeks Semester 1 – 23 weeks Semester 2 – 29 weeks	✓	✓	✓	✗
Lisa Belleair House	1.8km		✓	✓	✗	✗
The Lofts	79m		✓	✓	✗	✗
International House	1.6km	19 and 40 weeks	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wilam Hall	950m		✓	✓	✓	✓
Residential Colleges	400m–1.6km	36-40 weeks	✓	✓	✓	✓
UniLodge Lincoln House	500m	21, 48 and 52 weeks	✓	✓	✗	✗
Student Village Melbourne	650m	26, 48 and 52 weeks	✓	✓	✗	✗
Private and shared rental in metropolitan Melbourne	Within 5.2km	Varies	✗	✗	✗	✗
Homestay	Varies	Varies	✗	✗	✗	Varies

# How much will it cost?

To estimate your budget,  
scan this QR code



You should consider the following expenses when planning to study overseas:

- Tuition fees
- Living costs
- Visa application fee
- Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) – a requirement of the Australian Government
- Personal spending, including travel to and around Australia.

## Tuition fees

### Exchange students

There are no tuition fees payable to the University of Melbourne for students on exchange. The cost of participating in the exchange program is covered by the agreement between your home institution and the University of Melbourne.

### Study abroad students

Study abroad students pay a set fee per semester, which allows you to enrol in three or four subjects. Fees are charged at the published rate for that semester and are charged for each semester you are enrolled. If you enrol in three or more graduate subjects you will be enrolled as a graduate student and charged the graduate study abroad fee.

[go.unimelb.edu.au/d2fr](https://go.unimelb.edu.au/d2fr)

## Housing and living costs

Melbourne offers many lifestyle options to fit many budgets, so it's best to have a plan as to which option will suit you. You might choose to live in the inner suburbs, and walk or cycle to uni. Some students choose to save on rental costs by living further out, in which case they need to think about public transport costs or a car. Substantial savings can be had by sharing accommodation, shopping at Melbourne's famous markets, using our libraries and the student-owned co-ops, and attending free events on campus.

## At a glance



Food and eating out  
\$140–\$280/week



Public transport fares  
\$30–\$60/week



Bills (electricity, gas,  
water and internet)  
\$60–\$80/week



Phone  
\$15–\$30/week



Coffee on campus \$5



Gym membership  
\$79/month



Bike \$150 (Hire: \$3/day)



Car (after purchase)  
\$150–\$260/week

Costs are a guide only. Calculate your budget using the cost of living calculator:  
[studymelbourne.vic.gov.au/living-here/money-and-budgeting/cost-of-living-calculator](https://studymelbourne.vic.gov.au/living-here/money-and-budgeting/cost-of-living-calculator)

# Academic calendar

Semester 1, 2026 (February–June)	
Welcome Day (Compulsory Exchange and Study Abroad Registration)	Friday 20 February
University Orientation (5 days)	Monday 23–Friday 27 February
Semester 1 teaching period (12 weeks)	Monday 2 March–Sunday 31 May
Non-teaching period (semester break) (1 week)	Friday 3–Sunday 12 April
Exam period (3 weeks)	Monday 8–Friday 26 June
Semester 2, 2026 (July–December)	
Welcome Day (Compulsory Exchange and Study Abroad Registration)	Friday 17 July
University Orientation (5 days)	Monday 20–Friday 24 July
Semester 2 teaching period (12 weeks)	Monday 27 July–Sunday 25 October
Non-teaching period (semester break) (1 week)	Monday 28 September–Sunday 4 October
Exam period (3 weeks)	Monday 2–Friday 20 November

Some subjects may be offered outside the above teaching periods. If this is the case, details of the teaching dates can be found in the University Handbook:

[handbook.unimelb.edu.au](https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au)

You should plan to be in Melbourne until the end of the examination period. If you are unable to see the dates for your planned semester abroad you can view the academic calendar for future years at:

[unimelb.edu.au/dates](https://unimelb.edu.au/dates)

# Admissions

## Step 1 What type of student are you?

Determine if you are an exchange or study abroad:

[study.unimelb.edu.au/how-to-apply/international-exchange-and-study-abroad-applications/program-options](https://study.unimelb.edu.au/how-to-apply/international-exchange-and-study-abroad-applications/program-options)



## Step 2 Talk to your home institution

Make sure you consult with your home university regarding its application requirements, deadlines and costs.



## Step 3 Things to remember

Check with an academic advisor at your home university about approving subjects to make sure you will receive credit for subjects taken while in Melbourne. Review the section on faculty-specific requirements or subject prerequisites in the Handbook before listing the subjects on your application. Make sure you understand all associated fees and are aware of any relevant deadlines.

[handbook.unimelb.edu.au](https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au)



## Step 4 Apply online

It will take about 30 minutes to complete your application online. First, obtain your Student ID number by registering online. Save this number and then continue through the online application until you complete the admissions process.

Make sure you download and follow the instructions available on our website, and use our online checklist to make sure you have all the documentation you need to submit your application. Study abroad students can also apply through one of our overseas representatives.

[go.unimelb.edu.au/m2fr](https://go.unimelb.edu.au/m2fr)



## Step 5 Next steps

Once you've submitted your application, you can begin researching housing options, things to do in Melbourne, and meet other students through our social media and blogs.

Once you receive an offer of a place, you will need to accept your offer and pay the relevant fees, before receiving the immigration documents necessary to apply for your visa.

## Academic eligibility

1. You must have completed two semesters of full-time study (equivalent to an Australian bachelor degree) outside Australia at the time of entry to the University of Melbourne
2. You must achieve the minimum in one of the following grading systems or an equivalent:

**Canada:** 3.0 grade point average

**China:** An average of 75 or 4 (liang-hao 'DD')

**Chile:** 5.0 average or 66%

**Europe:** 'C' average in the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)

**Japan:** 70% average or 'C'

**Mexico:** 80% average

**United States:** 3.0 grade point average

**United Kingdom:** 60% average



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## English language requirements

You must also satisfy the University's English language requirements. If you are studying at a university where English is not the language of instruction, you must provide evidence that you have met the University's English language requirements (including original IELTS, TOEFL, Pearson or Cambridge test results if applicable). English language requirements may vary for undergraduate and graduate students, and special arrangements exist for exchange and study abroad students from some countries.

[study.unimelb.edu.au/how-to-apply/english-language-requirements](https://study.unimelb.edu.au/how-to-apply/english-language-requirements)

## How to apply

### Apply online

Exchange and study abroad applications are made online. You are encouraged to discuss your exchange or study abroad plans with an advisor at your home institution before applying. Australian or New Zealand citizens may apply for exchange or study abroad if you meet our admission requirements.

Our study abroad overseas representatives can also assist you in the application process. View a full list of overseas representatives at:

[study.unimelb.edu.au/how-to-apply/find-an-overseas-representative](https://study.unimelb.edu.au/how-to-apply/find-an-overseas-representative)

## Application deadlines

Exchange and Study Abroad	
Semester 1 (February–July):	1 December of the previous year
Semester 2 (July–December):	1 May

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