

About USC



 University of the
Sunshine Coast
The best of both worlds

Quality degrees



USC offers more than 100 undergraduate and postgraduate study programs in business and information technology; communication and design; education; health; humanities and social sciences; and science and engineering.

Degrees can include elective courses and specialisations across a range of disciplines. Entrepreneurship or sustainability can be studied as part of most degree programs.

Academic programs are designed with industry to meet regional needs and often include opportunities for work experience, internships and practical industry-based projects.

Excellence in learning and teaching



USC has a proud record of achievement in learning and teaching, consistently rating 5 stars* for teaching quality, and winning more than its share of citations from the Australian Learning and Teaching Council. Students and graduates regularly remark on the quality of their experiences and the personal nature of the teaching and support they receive.

** Good Universities Guide*

Faculties:



Arts and Social
Sciences



Business



Science, Health
and Education



Sunshine Coast lifestyle



The University's location on Queensland's Sunshine Coast offers many lifestyle benefits including beautiful beaches and stunning hinterland, a warm climate, and a relaxed and friendly community.

The campus is located 90km north of Brisbane, Queensland's capital. Travel to campus is easy with quick access to

the Bruce Highway and Sunshine Coast motorway. On-campus parking is free. A bus interchange is located on campus, and pedestrian and cycle paths connect the University to surrounding suburbs.

Award-winning, sustainable campus

USC's campus at Sippy Downs features modern, distinctive architecture and environmentally sensitive design, and has been recognised with more than 30 awards in planning, architecture and construction.

The campus is fully equipped with cafés, an art gallery, award-winning library, bookshop, 24-hour computer laboratories, lecture theatres, and high-tech teaching spaces, including science and sports laboratories. The sports precinct includes an international-standard athletics track and an indoor sports stadium with gymnasium. Bordered by Mooloolah River National Park, the University grounds provide sanctuary for native wildlife, including wild kangaroos.



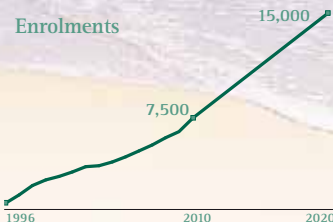
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Students at USC can complete a quality degree while enjoying the relaxed Sunshine Coast lifestyle. Students benefit from a friendly and supportive campus environment, ready access to highly qualified teaching staff who believe in the value of face-to-face learning, modern technology and wide study choices.



USC is Australia's newest and fastest-growing public university.

Founded in 1994 and enrolling its first 500 students in 1996, it is the only greenfield public university established in Australia since the early 1970s. Now with 7,500 students, USC is a major Sunshine Coast asset with annual revenue of around \$120 million.



■ Student support



USC students benefit from a friendly and supportive approach and ready access to highly qualified teaching staff. A full range of support services assists students to overcome challenges to study and many USC students are from identified equity groups. Close

to half of undergraduate students are the first in their family to attend university. Each year, more than 600 undergraduate students receive financial support from scholarships and bursaries worth almost \$2 million.



■ Global opportunities



Many USC students complete part of their degree at partner universities around the world through USC's award-winning Global Opportunities program. At the same time, about 12 percent of students come from other countries to study at USC. These international experiences help students develop networks and friendships that can last a lifetime.

■ Encouraging innovation

The Innovation Centre supports local knowledge-based businesses and helps motivated students and graduates to start businesses. Mentoring, and regular networking events give students and graduates an edge in their entrepreneurial ventures.

■ Research and discovery



USC undertakes research of international, national and local significance. Broad themes of sustainability and regional engagement underpin the University's research focus. Areas of strength include applied genetics in primary production, regional sustainability and health. Recent notable successes have included tuna breeding in captivity (collaborative research) and climate change adaptation projects. A number of USC graduates return to USC to pursue postgraduate studies and research.

■ Serving the region

The Sunshine Coast is one of Australia's fastest growing regions and the University plays a vital role in the development of the community.

The University directly contributes hundreds of millions of dollars each year to the local economy through students, staff, alumni and direct institutional spending. USC is a major employer on the Sunshine Coast, with more than 660 staff. Strong partnerships with industry and work-integrated learning placements link local businesses with approximately 700 students each semester.



An annual community events program and the art gallery bring world-class speakers, entertainment and culture for community enjoyment. Health and sports facilities, including the sports stadium and psychology clinic, support local health and recreation. USC provides life-long personal and professional development opportunities, with links to the University of the Third Age extending these opportunities to all generations.

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Mission: To be the major catalyst for the innovative and sustainable economic, cultural and educational advancement of the region, through the pursuit of international standards in teaching, research and engagement.