INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE

2020

Your guide to study at USC

usc.edu.au/international
Welcome to the University of the Sunshine Coast

At USC, we believe the best outcomes are achieved when students have access to both the academic services they require and the support services that build skills, confidence and commitment.

Our students learn from the most highly awarded teaching and support staff in the nation, and benefit from flexible entry pathways, industry relevant degrees and excellent study facilities.

Every year our graduates rate their experiences and the support they receive at USC very highly, and our alumni are making their mark both locally and globally.

If you need any more information about USC, or your study options, please contact us.

We look forward to meeting you.

Professor Greg Hill
Vice-Chancellor and President

An international student is a person who:
• is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen, an Australian Permanent Resident or a permanent humanitarian visa holder
• is enrolled in, or intends to enrol in, a study program with an Australian higher education provider
• holds a visa that has appropriate study rights

An international student visa holder:
• is an international student who holds a Student visa issued by the Department of Home Affairs. Student visa holders should be aware of the ESOS Act 2000 and the National Code, which registered providers offering CRICOS registered programs to international student visa holders need to adhere to.

The University of the Sunshine Coast acknowledges the Gubbi Gubbi people as the traditional custodians of the land on which the Sippy Downs campus stands, and recognises the strength, resilience and capacity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in this land.

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All prices are in Australian dollars.

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University of the Sunshine Coast (USC)

At USC every student matters to us, which is why we’re rated one of Australia’s best universities for overall student experience.

No matter what kind of future you’re looking for, you can find it at USC. Our programs offer the choice and flexibility you need to get started on any career goal.

USC programs include a strong focus on the core skills you’ll need in the future workplace. No matter what you study, you’ll learn to communicate well, solve problems and think creatively.

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

If you are looking to study abroad, either for a short period or for your entire degree, USC has something to offer you at study locations across coastal South East Queensland:

• USC Sunshine Coast
• USC SouthBank
• USC Caboolture
• USC Fraser Coast
• USC Gympie
• USC Moreton Bay

USC Fraser Coast
K’gari Research and Learning Centre (Fraser Island)

USC Gympie
Sunshine Coast Mind & Neuroscience – Thompson Institute

USC Sunshine Coast

USC Caboolture

USC Moreton Bay (2020)

USC SouthBank
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.

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**WORLD HERITAGE AREAS:**
Including Fraser Island and the Great Barrier Reef

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**MILLION PEOPLE:**
Living in the South East Queensland region, with all the benefits of a metropolitan area – shopping, food, culture, theatres, museums and nightlife

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**WORLD HERITAGE AREAS:**
Including Fraser Island and the Great Barrier Reef

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**HOURS OF SUNSHINE:**
On average per day in the South East region

**30**

**THOUSAND YEARS OF HISTORY:**
Australia’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures are among some of the oldest in the world and Queensland offers plenty of opportunities to experience their history and traditional practices

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**THOUSAND KILOMETRES OF COASTLINE:**
Take part in some of Australia’s favourite pastimes, participating in water sports such as surfing, paddleboarding and kite surfing
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.

Here are some good reasons for choosing USC:

**FIVE-STAR EDUCATION**
USC has been awarded five stars for Teaching Quality, Overall Experience, Student Support, Learning Resources, Skills Development and Social Equity.*

**FIVE-STAR STUDENT SATISFACTION**
USC is rated one of the top universities in Australia for the overall quality of their educational experience.**

**FLEXIBLE DEGREE OPTIONS**
USC students can plan study pathways to meet their individual goals or gain credit from previous studies.

**FREE ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT**
USC offers English for Academic Study (EAS) support if English is not your first language.

**ACADEMIC SKILLS ASSISTANCE**
USC provides ongoing access to individual consultations, workshops and online self-help resources.

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** Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT) 2018.

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**USC QUICK FACTS**
- Established: 1996
- Type of institution: public university
- Student population: 17,800+
- Campuses: 6
STUDY LOCATIONS

USC Sunshine Coast

Choose from more than 100 undergraduate programs and study in some of Australia’s most innovative learning and visualisation facilities.

The campus includes the 3D CAVE2™ visualisation studio, simulated nursing and paramedic labs, specialised computer, science, manufacturing and design labs, nationally accredited sport science labs, and a range of interactive digital learning spaces.

- 90 Sippy Downs Drive, Sippy Downs
- A short walk from three private student accommodation complexes
- Free and paid student parking
- Regular Translink bus services to and from campus. Free USC Express Shuttle service between some USC study locations and major transport hubs during teaching weeks.
- Secure bike stations with parking, lockers, repair kits, showers and toilet facilities
- Cafes and bookshop
- High Performance Sport Precinct with pool, gym, athletics track and USC stadium, home to the Sunshine Coast Lightning netball team

Take a virtual tour of our Sunshine Coast campus usc.edu.au/tour

USC SouthBank

A vibrant and personalised study experience in the heart of the city.

Facilities include quiet study areas, a student commons and kitchen, a 24-hour computer lab, and IT and library services.

- Full degree programs in business, accounting, and tourism, leisure and event management
- 52 Merivale Street, South Brisbane
- 10 min walk to Brisbane CBD
- Close to three private student accommodation complexes
- Paid parking options a short walk away
- Easily accessible by public transport, including bus, train and CityCat ferry
- Accessible via bikeways and shared paths, with a Bike Hub on campus
All USC students have access to all of USC’s services and facilities. For a full list of services and facilities, visit usc.edu.au/support

We’re also creating unique learning environments and opportunities for our students to contribute to new knowledge, at locations like the Sunshine Coast Health Institute, Sunshine Coast Mind and Neuroscience-Thompson Institute, and USC’s Kgari Research and Learning Centre.
USC has a variety of support services* available. From academic and careers support, through to counselling and other student services, you’ll have the confidence and assistance you need to give you the best chance to succeed in your studies.

**Academic and study support**
USC offers a range of learning resources and support, including online advice, one-to-one support and academic skills workshops.

**Careers and employment**
Arm yourself with the information and advice you need to get your career heading in the right direction.

**Health and wellbeing**
Take care of yourself while you’re studying with USC’s range of health and wellbeing services.

**English for Academic Study**
USC provides a free, four-part informal module specifically designed for international students from a non-English speaking background with minimum entry level English skills.

**Student Success Network**
USC has an active network of student groups and support services to help you settle into your studies and make the most of your university experience.

**Counselling**
A free, confidential counselling service with a qualified psychologist is available to all students.

**Disability and equity**
If your studies are affected by a disability, learning disorder, injury or illness, AccessAbility Services can provide assistance, advocacy and academic support.

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* Student support services may vary across USC campuses. Check individual study locations for more information [usc.edu.au/explore/usc-locations](http://usc.edu.au/explore/usc-locations)

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**Student Guild**

The Student Guild at USC Sunshine Coast runs a community kitchen, has a secondhand textbook hub, keeps an accommodation register, organises events and trips, provides sports equipment free of charge and funding for USC student clubs and societies. The Guild is run by student volunteers, with the aim of contributing to student life across USC.
ORIENTATION

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO USC IN PERSON

Orientation at USC is held during the week before the start of each semester on campus and is a mixture of workshops to help you settle in to your studies and fun activities where you can meet other students and explore the local area. Separate orientations are held at other campuses during Orientation Week, and these dates are available closer to the time. You can familiarise yourself with the campus, student support services, academic expectations and requirements.

Each USC location has its own Orientation which often includes live music, entertainment, information about USC’s sporting teams and interest groups and other activities. These events are a great way to make new friends and begin your Australian study experience.

The academic support services include workshops on topics such as assignment writing, library tutorials and new semester study essentials.

For details of the Orientation schedule including activities, times and dates, visit usc.edu.au/orientation

International Welcome Day

International students are also invited to attend the International Welcome Day. This is held on the weekend prior to Orientation week at USC Sunshine Coast. The day includes a bus tour to local areas, guided walks with current USC students and an Aussie BBQ on campus.

Student Success Network

To help you get settled into your studies, you can connect with current students through the Student Success Network.

This Network is made up of trained students who are involved in a range of activities from academic and social connections to program specific support.

They respect your privacy, maintain confidentiality and can:

• meet with you on campus during your first few weeks to answer any questions and see how you’re settling in
• be a familiar face on campus and someone to talk to when you’re not sure who to ask
• answer questions and refer you to various services
• connect you to social or study groups relevant to your discipline
• provide a supportive environment where students can connect with other students to share ideas, experiences, challenges and advice

Connect with the Student Success Network at usc.edu.au/studentsuccess
STUDY OVERSEAS

You don't have to choose between uni and travel. Spend one or two semesters abroad at one of USC’s partner institutions, or take the opportunity to complete a placement or internship overseas.

WHY STUDY OVERSEAS?

- Improve your language skills
- Explore a new culture
- Gain valuable life skills
- Broaden your career options
- Enhance your employability
- Establish a global network of friends
- Gain credit towards your degree

My trip kicked off with an awesome Eurail experience around Europe. By train, I travelled to many countries including Austria, Slovakia, Croatia, Germany, Belgium, France and Italy.

While studying at Masaryk University, there were lots of subjects to choose from that involved learning about Czech lifestyle and culture, and allowing me to gain credit towards my degree.

I booked my plane ticket to the other side of the world to study at Masaryk University in the Czech Republic.

My time abroad gave me a new perspective on the world. I watched the seasons change and experienced a white Christmas. I learnt about new cultures and discovered more about my own, and made friends all around the globe.

From watching the snow fall in Cesky Krumlov, visiting the Christmas markets in Krakow, to relaxing in the Budapest thermal baths, ice skating, to snow skiing, mountain hiking and exploring old cities, studying abroad well and truly exceeded my expectations.

Breanna Fraser – USC student who studied in the Czech Republic
Choosing USC was a no brainer as I have an aunt who graduated from USC and she told me about its level of excellence.

Now I am based at the USC SouthBank campus. My campus is in the heart of Brisbane itself in the city. South Bank is the entertainment hub for the Brisbane CBD with various well-known spots including the famous Wheel of Brisbane and Brisbane river that runs through the city.

Upon my arrival at USC in 2019 to study the two-year Master of Professional Accounting, I found USC to be astoundingly superior to my former university in Africa. The facilities are exceptional. The study experience has been good, simple and direct.

At USC there are sometimes less than 30 students in a class, which enables proper interaction between students and lecturers, and gives a personal experience to the learning environment.

Traveling to Brisbane, Australia was a great experience for me as I had never left the African continent. It was and still is a great eye-opening experience to see the world from a different perspective.

Clemence Mataruse (Zimbabwe)
USC SouthBank: Master of Professional Accounting

In 2016 I decided to leave Norway and come to USC and Australia to study a Bachelor of Animal Ecology.

I have always been interested in animals and nature and thought this degree would be a good fit. Now, 3 years later and about to graduate, I do not regret my decision. My teachers have been amazing, I have learned and experienced so much through my courses.

The degree focuses on animals, their environment and conservation, and equips you with valuable skills and qualities. Whale watching, bird counting, running spiders and geckos, swimming with turtles and rays are only some of the things I have done through studying Animal Ecology.

Field trips have taken me to places like Fraser Island and Heron Island, and I have been introduced to a lot of cool research. Because of this, I decided to stay at USC another year to do my Honours degree. I am excited to see where it takes me!

Tina Haagensen (Norway)
USC Sunshine Coast: Bachelor of Animal Ecology and Bachelor of Science (Honours)

My name is Sara and I’m from Iran. I’m studying the Master of Information and Communications Technology (MICT) at USC SouthBank.

I decided to study MICT at USC SouthBank because of the wide range of specialisations available. I recommend future students follow their enthusiasm when choosing a subject, have a look at the list of courses for their chosen subject, and read the course outlines.

I have benefited from the interactive teaching style here at USC, since my lectures are not just presentations. The assessments are also designed in a way that helps students to comprehend the course modules deeply.

I am happy with my decision to study at USC SouthBank because of the friendly staff, my new friends and the opportunity to experience an international education.

Sara Hajari (Iran)
USC SouthBank: Master of Information and Communications Technology
USC Sunshine Coast
90 Sippy Downs Drive, Sippy Downs QLD | usc.edu.au/maps

USC Sunshine Coast is home to some of the most innovative learning and visualisation facilities in Australia.

Campus facilities include a $37m Engineering Learning Hub with 3D CAVE2™ visualisation studio, simulated nursing and paramedic labs, specialised computer, science, manufacturing and design labs, nationally accredited sport science labs, and a range of interactive digital learning spaces.

Students have access to the award-winning USC Library and Art Gallery, modern teaching and study spaces, a community garden, the Co-op Bookshop, and a space for multi-faith prayer and quiet reflection.

USC Sunshine Coast also includes a High Performance Sport Precinct with Olympic-standard swimming pool, fully equipped gym and the 3,000-seat USC Stadium, which is home to the Sunshine Coast Lightning netball team.

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

Private accommodation providers

Many international and Australian students live in one of the three privately-owned, fully-furnished accommodation complexes that are conveniently located next to the University.

UniCentral, Varsity Apartments and The Village all offer modern self-contained accommodation in resort-style complexes and are all linked by a pathway to the campus, which is an easy three-minute walk away.

You can book directly through the private accommodation providers’ websites. Once you have signed a lease, it can be difficult and expensive to change your accommodation, so it is important you understand the terms and conditions of your lease arrangement.

On departure, you will have to pay for any damage to your room/apartment, and you risk eviction if you do not follow the accommodation provider’s rules.

If you have any problems with your accommodation, ask the managers for assistance.
The Village
Tel: +61 7 5430 2500 | thevillage.net.au

The Village offers two and three bedroom share villas, some with private garages attached. Each apartment is furnished and has a shared living room, kitchen and laundry facilities. Each private bedroom includes a double bed, some with a private bathroom, telephone, study desk and chair, internet connection and a free intercom system.

Facilities include:
• three pools including a four-lane 25-metre lap pool
• a flood-lit tennis court / basketball court
• outdoor recreational areas and barbecues
• secure gated complex with on-site managers and night security

UniCentral
Tel: +61 7 5373 0000 | unicentral.net.au

UniCentral offers four-share accommodation in modern, self-contained apartments. Each unit has a shared lounge, kitchen and laundry facilities, and a courtyard or balcony. Each private bedroom includes a double bed, bathroom, telephone, study desk and chair, internet connection, free USC intranet, and an intercom system.

Facilities include:
• six-lane, 25-metre swimming pool
• flood-lit tennis/basketball court
• outdoor recreational area and barbecues
• recreational pavilion with pool tables, table tennis, cable TV, DVD, stereo and more
• on-site managers and night security

Varsity Apartments
Tel: +61 7 5450 2000
varsityapartments.com.au

Varsity Apartments is a four-star, resort-style property. All apartments are self-contained with shared lounge and cooking facilities. Each bedroom has a private bathroom, double bed, telephone line and internet access. The apartments are fully furnished. The complex has on-site managers.

Facilities include:
• complimentary satellite television
• lap pool and resort-style swimming pool with spa
• beach volleyball, basketball and tennis courts
• gymnasium
• barbecue areas
• coin-operated laundry and linen hire

Varsity apartments also offers short-term accommodation for students for a minimum of two night stays at competitive rates (subject to availability).

Homestay accommodation
Living with an Australian family gives you the opportunity to experience Australian culture and speak English on a daily basis.

The Australian Homestay Network offers standards-based accommodation, with specially trained hosts, as an introduction to living in Australia.

For details, costs and applications, visit homestaynetwork.org

Other accommodation
USC is close to suburbs and towns where off-campus accommodation is easy to find.

If you would like to rent your own house, apartment, townhouse or flat, real estate agents and private providers advertise on the following websites:
• domain.com.au
• realestate.com.au
• easyroommate.com.au
• flatmates.com.au

The USC Student Guild frequently updates the off-campus Accommodation Register with a list of private rooms for rent. For more information, visit uscstudentguild.org.au

Finding the right place could take some time, so you should book temporary accommodation before arriving.

Sunshine Coast weather and seasons

- **Summer**
  - December to February
  - 18–35°C
  - Hot, humid and stormy
- **Autumn**
  - March to May
  - 16–27°C
  - Becoming cooler
- **Winter**
  - June to August
  - 8–21°C
  - Becoming cooler
- **Spring**
  - September to November
  - 14–27°C
  - Becoming warmer
USC SouthBank

Only a 10-minute walk from the Brisbane CBD, USC SouthBank offers a vibrant and personalised study experience in the heart of the city. USC SouthBank is located in the South Bank Parklands, Brisbane’s premier lifestyle and cultural precinct.

The campus is a short walk from the Queensland Art Gallery, the State Library, the Queensland Performing Arts Centre and the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

USC SouthBank offers all USC student services, including academic and study support, library and IT services, counselling, health and wellbeing support, Indigenous Services and more.

Campus facilities include quiet study areas, a student commons and kitchen, a 24-hour computer lab, IT and library services, and a space for prayer and quiet reflection.

Getting around Brisbane

Getting around Brisbane is easy, with well-connected and plentiful public transport options available, including rail, bus and the CityCat (ferry) servicing locations all over the city.

TransLink provides timetables, route maps and predicted travel times for bus, ferry and train services, allowing you to move easily plan your travel by public transport throughout the city.

For more information, visit translink.com.au
ACCOMMODATION

Most students in Brisbane live in rental accommodation, like a unit, apartment, townhouse or house.

There are also private providers around Brisbane who offer student accommodation.

There are privately-owned student accommodation providers in Brisbane who mainly offer accommodation to students in shared apartment complexes.

Private accommodation providers

Iglu Student
Purpose-built for student living, Iglu offers fully-furnished rooms, lots of study and social spaces all in a safe and supportive environment with access to 24-hour onsite support. Iglu Brisbane City and Iglu Kelvin Grove are both conveniently located to our SouthBank campus.

You can choose to share with others in multi-bedroom apartment, with your own secure bedroom and private or shared bathroom and personal study area. Each apartment has a fully-equipped kitchen and furnished living area. Alternatively, you can live on your own in a studio or one bedroom apartment with fully equipped kitchenette and private bathroom.

For more information, visit iglu.com.au

Student One
Accommodating up to 687 students, Student One on Adelaide Street offers spacious, fully furnished and airconditioned studios and apartments within a prime city centre location, giving residents immediate transport links to every major university, college and language school in Brisbane.

In addition to excellent quality accommodation all residents at Student One enjoy access to free high-speed wired and wireless internet, numerous relaxation and study areas, entertainment and gaming facilities, communal kitchen, dining and outdoor BBQ areas. All this while being only minutes from world-class shopping, entertainment, parklands and dining precincts.

For more information, visit studentone.com

Urbanest SouthBank
Urbanest is private accommodation located next to the South Bank education precinct.

The complex has a range of accommodation options, from shared rooms to ensuite rooms in shared apartments. Other facilities include:

- 24/7 onsite team
- Large outdoor courtyard with a BBQ and large communal kitchen
- Fully equipped gym
- Social areas, and big screen TV and games room
- Onsite laundry

For more information, visit urbanest.com.au

Homestay accommodation
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The Australian Homestay Network offers standards-based accommodation, with specially trained hosts, as an introduction to living in Australia.

For details, costs and applications, visit homestaynetwork.org/usc-students

Other accommodation
USC SouthBank’s central location makes off-campus accommodation easy to find.

If you would like to rent your own house, apartment, townhouse or flat, real estate agents and private providers advertise on the following websites:

- domain.com.au
- realestate.com.au
- easyroommate.com.au
- flatmates.com.au

For more information, visit iglu.com.au

Brisbane weather and seasons

- **Summer**
  - December to February
  - 22–35°C
  - Hot, humid and stormy

- **Autumn**
  - March to May
  - 16–20°C
  - Becoming cooler

- **Winter**
  - June to August
  - 10–24°C
  - Becoming cooler

- **Spring**
  - September to November
  - 14–30°C
  - Becoming warmer
USC Caboolture
80–106 Tallon Street, Caboolture Qld | usc.edu.au/maps

USC Caboolture is located just a few minutes from the Caboolture train station.
The campus is approximately a 35-minute drive south of the USC Sunshine Coast campus and a 50-minute drive north of Brisbane.

USC Caboolture offers a hands-on campus experience. The campus includes collaborative learning spaces, interactive technologies, computer labs, student common rooms, sporting facilities, a campus library, and the Health Learning and Simulation Centre, where nursing students build practical skills and work with industry-standard equipment in a simulated hospital environment.

USC Caboolture offers all USC student services, including academic and study support, library and IT services, counselling, health and wellbeing support, Indigenous Services and more.

Getting around Caboolture
A free shuttle service is offered for all USC students and staff travelling between the USC Caboolture campus and the Caboolture train station.
The campus is a 20 minute walk from the Caboolture train station which is also serviced by the Caboolture Bus Lines. The urban services are part of the Translink network.

For bus timetables and to plan your journey, visit translink.com.au

Caboolture campus has plenty of free on-site parking available for students.
The University provides express shuttle buses between the Caboolture campus and the USC Sunshine Coast campus.
For more information and timetables, visit usc.edu.au/express

ACCOMMODATION
Some students choose to live in one of the private accommodation providers situated near the USC Sunshine Coast and USC SouthBank campuses (see pages 10-11 and 12-13).
Alternatively, USC Caboolture is close to suburbs and towns where off-campus accommodation is easy to find.

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• realestate.com.au
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Caboolture weather and seasons

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USC Fraser Coast is located in the heart of Hervey Bay, approximately 2.5 hours north of the USC Sunshine Coast campus by car and with easy access to USC’s K’gari Research and Learning Centre (Fraser Island).

The campus is in the central business district, a short walk from local shops and cafes and a few minutes’ drive to quiet bayside beaches.

Campus facilities include interactive learning technologies, simulated nursing wards, specialist science laboratories, a student library, a Makerspace, collaborative study areas and computer labs.

USC Fraser Coast offers all USC student services, including academic and study support, library and IT services, counselling, health and wellbeing support, Indigenous Services and more.

**Getting around Hervey Bay**
Wide Bay Transit buses link the campus with all major shopping centres and suburbs of Hervey Bay and Maryborough.

USC Fraser Coast is easily accessible by car and bicycle, with ample parking.

**ACCOMMODATION**
USC Fraser Coast is close to suburbs and towns where off-campus accommodation is easy to find.

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- domain.com.au
- realestate.com.au
- easyroommate.com.au
- flatmates.com.au

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**Hervey Bay weather and seasons**

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USC Gympie is located in beautiful natural surrounds and connects to USC Sunshine Coast via a daily shuttle bus.

The campus is approximately an hour’s drive north of the USC Sunshine Coast campus.

The Gympie region is ideally situated only two hours from Brisbane and 30 minutes from Noosa. It is on the doorstep of the World Heritage listed Fraser Island and Great Barrier Reef and is home to an abundance of state and national parks and part of the Great Sandy Biosphere.

The population of the Gympie region is approximately 50,000 people.

Campus facilities include interactive learning technologies, collaborative study areas and computer labs.

USC Gympie offers all USC student services, including academic and study support, library and IT services, counselling, health and wellbeing support, Indigenous Services and more.

Getting around Gympie
Public transport via bus in the Gympie area is provided by Polleys and operates between the hours of 8am and 5pm Monday to Friday with some routes providing services on weekends. For route information and bus timetables, visit polleys.com.au

Queensland Rail runs two train services daily between Gympie, the Sunshine Coast and Brisbane. For more information, visit translink.com.au

The University provides express shuttle buses between the Gympie campus (via Cooroy) and the USC Sunshine Coast campus. For more information and timetables, visit usc.edu.au/express

ACCOMMODATION
There are currently no student accommodation providers based in Gympie. USC Gympie is close to suburbs and towns where off-campus accommodation is easy to find.

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Gympie weather and seasons

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March to May
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Becoming cooler

**Winter**
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10–24°C
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14–30°C
Becoming warmer
From Semester 2, 2020, the campus will offer world-class study opportunities with 35 programs to choose from, including business, engineering, nursing, education and psychology. New programs will be added in 2021 and 2022.

**STAGE ONE – OPENS IN 2020**

Designed by award-winning architects, the Stage 1 foundation building includes:

- A flexible 480-seat capacity lecture theatre for teaching and community events
- $10 million worth of state-of-the-art technology
- Nursing simulation labs
- Engineering labs
- Makerspace
- Library facilities
- A core commitment to renewable energy

This is the first stage in a planned 10.5-hectare university precinct that will form the heart of Moreton Bay’s vibrant civic, cultural and educational precinct expected to be completed in 2036.

**CONNECT TO BRISBANE**

Travel from USC Moreton Bay to the heart of Brisbane in 30 minutes by direct train connection. USC Moreton Bay is right next to the Petrie train station, making it easy to get to campus.
2020 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Semester 1, 2020  24 February–19 June
Orientation     17–21 February
Semester 2 begins 24 February
Census date     16 March
Mid-semester break 13–17 April
Exam preparation 1–5 June
Exams          8–19 June
Semester 2 ends 19 June

Semester 2, 2020  20 July–13 November
Orientation     13–17 July
Semester 2 begins 20 July
Census date     10 August
Mid-semester break 28 September–2 October
Exam preparation 26–30 October
Exams          2–13 November
Semester 2 ends 13 November

Trimester-based programs
Some postgraduate coursework programs operate on a trimester basis, with the year divided into three trimesters. Orientation is organised in the week prior to the commencement of each trimester.

Second trimester, 2019  22 July–25 October 2019
First trimester, 2020  24 February–29 May 2020
Second trimester, 2020  20 July–23 October 2020
Third trimester, 2020/2021  2 November 2020–12 February 2021

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STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

USC’s Study Abroad program allows you to study at USC for one or two semesters, where you can enjoy an exceptional international and intercultural education experience.

If you are currently studying at a university or college, you can earn credit** for the courses you study at USC towards your home degree. You can have an international study experience without extending the time it takes to complete your studies.

If you are a secondary school graduate, you will have the opportunity to gain international experience before starting your degree.

Study Abroad students generally study four courses per semester, which equates to approximately 30 ECTS or 15-18 US credit points.** For a full range of courses, visit usc.edu.au/studyabroad

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.

LOCATION
USC Sunshine Coast (Sippy Downs)

CRICOS CODES
Study Abroad ................................................... 026639B
Study Abroad (full year) .................. 056828D

COMMENCES
Semester 1 or Semester 2

DURATION
One semester/trimester* or two semesters (full year)

Note: Enrollment in trimesters is only available to Study Abroad postgraduate students and upon request/course availability.

ESTIMATED TOTAL TUITION FEE* (based on 2020 rates)
Study Abroad (undergraduate) per semester ................................................... A$11,100
Study Abroad (postgraduate) per semester ................................................... A$13,300

* Refer to page 36 for further information regarding tuition fees.
** Credit transfer (including credit weighting) towards your home degree is based on your home institution’s approval
† Subject to availability and meeting course pre-requisites.
DIPLOMA PROGRAMS

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 (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

° Refer to page 36 for further information regarding tuition fees.
** Subject to home institution approval.
# To be eligible, students with recognised prior tertiary studies must apply for and receive credit transfer.

LOCATION
USC Sunshine Coast (Sippy Downs)

CRICOS CODES
Diploma in Business ............................................084894F
Diploma in Communication ........................................084889E
Diploma in Criminology and Justice ............................0100425
Diploma in General Studies ....................................084896D
Diploma in Outdoor Environmental Studies .......................088627D
Diploma in Social Science ........................................084897C
Diploma in Sport and Fitness ....................................088628C

COMMENCES
Semester 1 or Semester 2

DURATION
Two semesters (full year)

ESTIMATED TOTAL TUITION FEE* (based on 2020 rates)
Diploma in Business ............................................A$22,600
Diploma in Communication ........................................A$22,600
Diploma in Criminology and Justice ............................A$22,600
Diploma in General Studies ....................................A$22,600
Diploma in Outdoor Environmental Studies .......................A$24,000
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Diploma in Sport and Fitness ....................................A$22,600

* Refer to page 36 for further information regarding tuition fees.
# Subject to home institution approval.
° To be eligible, students with recognised prior tertiary studies must apply for and receive credit transfer.
DEGREE PROGRAMS

USC’s degree programs prepare you for your future career.

AREAS OF STUDY:

- BUSINESS, IT AND TOURISM
- CREATIVE INDUSTRIES, DESIGN AND COMMUNICATION
- EDUCATION
- ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE
- HEALTH, NURSING AND SPORT SCIENCES
- HUMANITIES, PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE
- LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY

WHY CHOOSE A USC DEGREE?

FIVE-STAR RATINGS FROM GRADUATES

We’re one of Australia’s highest-rated public universities for teaching quality, overall student experience, learning resources, student support, skills development and social equity*. Our graduates have also told us that the quality of teaching and the personalised attention they receive makes all the difference to their overall satisfaction and the skills they gain from study.

FLEXIBLE LEARNING

Learn whichever way works best for you with multiple campus locations, blended learning modes and staff-to-student ratios that give you inclusive, personalised support.

WORK AND OVERSEAS STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

USC networks and partnerships provide you with opportunities for work placements and overseas study.

CUTTING-EDGE TEACHING

As a USC student you’ll learn from educational leaders who are committed to student-centred learning. You’ll also be surrounded by innovative learning facilities, many of which are the first of their kind in education.

WORLD-CLASS RESEARCH

USC’s international reputation for research is growing every year with 26 research fields now rated at world standard or above. This means that you’ll be learning from frontrunners in your field in an environment where you’re surrounded by people at the leading edge of discovery.

**UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS**

As an international student at USC, you can choose from a wide variety of undergraduate degree programs. USC’s flexible degree structures let you create a program to suit your needs and career ambitions. Our combined degrees give you knowledge and skills in two different but complementary areas.

Detailed information about individual programs including intakes, can be found at usc.edu.au/international

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## UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

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**POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS**

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† Study location is USC Thompson Institute.
HIGHER DEGREE BY RESEARCH PROGRAMS

A Higher Degree by Research (HDR) is a supervised research program that requires original research in an area that both interests you and is of broader significance to the University and the community. Research masters degrees require you to make a significant contribution of merit through advanced research, study and the production of a work in a scholarly branch of learning, while doctoral degrees expect you to make a substantial original contribution to knowledge through your research. Detailed information about individual programs can be found at usc.edu.au/international

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*Indicative annual fee  | **Estimated total tuition fee  | # Program available from Semester 2, 2020  | Refer to page 36 for more information on tuition fees.
CREDIT TRANSFER
You may be able to gain credit towards your USC program if you have previously completed some tertiary study. Depending on your prior qualifications or studies, you may be able to complete a USC bachelor degree in as little as two semesters (one academic year).

As well as study at undergraduate and postgraduate level, USC also recognises study completed at associate degree or diploma level for credit transfer, such as:

- French – BTS or DUT
- Denmark – Academy Profession (AP) Degree
- Sweden – Högskoleexamen
- USA – Associate Degree

If you are currently studying, you may be able to credit the study completed at USC towards your home qualification, meaning you could graduate with two qualifications in the same time period.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) DIPLOMA
Your IB Diploma could earn you up to four courses (a full semester) of credit towards a USC bachelor degree. The credit you gain is determined by the IB Diploma subjects you completed and your choice of USC degree program. You can apply for credit transfer at the time of submitting your application form to USC International.

To assist us in determining what credit can be awarded, where available include course outlines of courses you have already completed as supporting documentation with your application.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION OF USC PROGRAMS

Some of USC’s programs are accredited or recognised by professional bodies in Australia.

Professional recognition may afford graduates automatic membership of a professional body or allow graduates to apply for membership.

In some cases, membership of a professional body requires meeting criteria in addition to a higher education qualification. For example, you may need to demonstrate a specific level of English language proficiency or hours of work experience.

To practice in certain professions, membership of the relevant professional body is required. Some key things to keep in mind are:

- you should investigate the requirements for membership of professional bodies relevant to your degree program.
- you should confirm with any relevant overseas (or Australian professional body that your USC qualification will entitle you to work in your intended profession, and what other criteria you might be required to meet).

You can find information about USC degrees and professional recognition on individual program information pages at usc.edu.au/internationalprograms
RESEARCH

USC is in a period of rapid research development and growth, building research capacity, productivity and output. In 2018 the Australian Research Council ranked USC above or well above world standard in seventeen key research areas and equal to world standard in nine others*.

Accident Research
The Centre for Human Factors and Sociotechnical Systems examines high impact research into how and why accidents happen and how to prevent them.

Additionally, the Adolescent Risk Research Unit looks at improving teen safety – particularly on the road. This brings together experts from various disciplines to conduct collaborative research on issues impacting safety and productivity.

Animal and Marine Ecology
USC’s Animal Research Centre focusses on innovative solutions to health problems that are of significance to wildlife conservation and sustainability. ARC research brings together experts in genetics, molecular biology, microbiology, immunology, epidemiology and ecology.

Marine and Coastal Ecology is also an emerging research strength at USC with world-leading researchers in the areas of deep sea biology, marine climate-change ecology and the environmental impacts of human activities on coastal ecosystems.

Aquaculture and Agriculture
Explores genetics, ecology, genomics and physiology and their interactions. The GeneCology Research Centre brings together an interdisciplinary team of scientists whose research examines the sustainable production of aquaculture, horticulture and forestry systems and biodiversity conservation.

Additionally, the Sustainable Tropical Aquaculture Industries research is developing this area and industry-based livelihoods, including pearl oysters and sea cucumbers in the Pacific, South-East Asia and Northern Australia.

Creative Humanities
The Engage Research Cluster uses innovative collaborative approaches in research to develop technologies such as computer games, social networking sites, apps and interactive experiences to find solutions to social issues. Experts from disciplines include: information technology, game design, mental and public health, social sciences, planning, art and design, education, engineering and business.

Arts Research in Creative Humanities encompasses the creation of original creative works and research into the creative industries and creative processes. The Transcultural and Indigenous Pedagogies Research Group will build upon the existing work of the USC Indigenous Studies Research Theme.

* 2018 Excellence in Research for Australia report by the Australian Research Council.
Medical and Health Science

Research in the field of medical and health science is thriving at USC. The Sunshine Coast region is currently experiencing massive growth in health services with more than $2 billion investment in health and hospital care currently underway, including the new Sunshine Coast University Hospital.

Innovative research at USC is currently in the following fields: Cluster for Health Improvement, Inflammation and Healing Research Cluster, Nursing and Midwifery Cluster for Research Excellence, Sport and Exercise Science Research and Nutrition and Dietetics.

Forestry Research

The Forest Industries Research Centre (FIRC) is focused on issues that relate to the forestry value chain, and the economic and environmental sustainability of forest industries. Research areas include, forest resource improvement and establishment, forest and health management, processing, utilisation, harvest and haulage.

The Tropical Forests and People Research Centre (TFPCC) focuses on smallholder and community-based forestry in tropical and subtropical regions and countries in which individuals and communities create and manage forests for a mix of economic, social and environmental reasons.

Sustainability and Environment

The Sustainability Research Centre’s core focus is aligned with social, behavioural and economic sciences and can be applied to a range of sustainability issues such as climate change adaptation, natural resource management and cultural resilience and vulnerability.

Additionally, USC is conducting sustainability research in two other key areas: Indigenous Studies Research Theme, which focuses on the cultures, histories, rights, interests, knowledges and perspectives of Indigenous peoples throughout the world, and Stormwater Research Group (SWRG) aims to develop a nationally and internationally recognised centre of excellence for research in the area of stormwater management.
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

USC offers English for Academic Purposes (EAP) programs at four levels: pre-intermediate, intermediate, upper intermediate and advanced.

The EAP programs are excellent preparation for further study and where completed at the appropriate level, can meet English language requirements for most of USC’s undergraduate and postgraduate programs.

Our programs offer:
• skills to participate in seminars and lectures
• essay writing
• assessment includes assignments, reading and listening tests and an oral presentation
• use of University facilities and resources
• IELTS exam preparation
• a certificate on course completion (if satisfactorily attended)

ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES (EAP)

locations: USC Sunshine Coast (Sippy Downs) and USC SouthBank
CRICOS CODE: 059941A
DURATION: 10 weeks (25 hours per week, 250 hours per program)
PROGRAM FEE: A$4,700 per program
APPLICATION FEE: A$250

Academic Level | Pathways** | Program Dates — USC Sunshine Coast | Program Dates — USC SouthBank
---|---|---|---
EAP F | Pre-Intermediate | Successful completion will meet entry requirements for EAP 1. | 8 June–14 August 2020
EAP 1 | Intermediate | Successful completion will meet entry requirements for EAP 2. | 3 February–10 April 2020
 | | | 24 August–30 October 2020
EAP 2 | Upper Intermediate | Successful completion will meet entry requirements for most undergraduate and postgraduate programs. | 3 February–10 April 2020
 | | | 20 April–26 June 2020
 | | | 20 April–26 June 2020
 | | | 24 August–30 October 2020
 | | | 20 April–26 June 2020
 | | | 9 November 2020–29 January 2021
 | | | (Holiday break: 21 December 2020–3 January 2021)
EAP 3 | Advanced | Successful completion will meet entry requirements for most undergraduate, and some postgraduate programs including those with higher-than-standard entry requirements including Bachelor of Nursing, Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry), Bachelor of Occupational Therapy, Bachelor of Engineering (Civil)(Honours) and the Master of Social Work (Qualifying). | 20 April–26 June 2020
 | | | 20 April–26 June 2020
 | | | 9 November 2020–29 January 2021
 | | | (Holiday break: 21 December 2020–3 January 2021)

* Refer to page 36 for additional information regarding tuition fees.
** Refer to the USC English Language Requirements on pages 30–32 for details of what is considered successful completion for your chosen program.
TERTIARY PREPARATION PATHWAY

LOCATION: USC Sunshine Coast (Sippy Downs)
CRICOS CODE: 01595d
COMMENCES: Semester 1 or 2
DURATION: One semester
2020 SEMESTER FEE: A$10,400*

The Tertiary Preparation Pathway (TPP) equips you with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in undergraduate degree studies. TPP provides a pathway to most USC undergraduate degree programs if you do not meet our academic admission requirements.

Courses completed through TPP cannot be used as credit towards a USC degree program.

Students study four courses over one semester from the following:

• TPP101 Academic Skills for Success (compulsory)

PLUS

• three courses from: Digital Futures; Chemistry; Mathematics; Statistics; Introduction to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Societies; Australian Society and Identity; An Introduction to Working within the Community; Biology; Business Study Skills and Mathematical Methods for Science and Engineering.

POSTGRADUATE QUALIFYING PATHWAY

LOCATION: USC Sunshine Coast (Sippy Downs) and USC SouthBank
CRICOS CODE: 096508M
COMMENCES: Semester 1 or 2
DURATION: One semester
2020 SEMESTER FEE: A$11,400*

The Postgraduate Qualifying Pathway is for students who require or would benefit from additional undergraduate study in English before entry to a USC postgraduate coursework qualification.

This non-award pathway is part of a packaged offer with a USC masters degree, and is available to specifically identified students.

Students complete 48 units (four courses), which are determined by the discipline focus of the masters degree in which enrolment is sought (eg business, education, health, information and communication technology, or social science), and by course availability in the semester of study.
Entry requirements

At USC students need to meet USC program requirements:
- be at least 18 at the commencement of their USC study
- meet the program:
  - English language requirements
  - Academic admission requirements

Additionally, students who are going to apply for a Student visa in Australia will also be assessed as to whether they meet the Department of Home Affairs’ requirement of being considered a Genuine Temporary Entrant.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

English language programs

ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES (EAP) F
One of the following (or equivalent as approved by USC International on a case-by-case basis):
- overall Academic IELTS score of 4.5 (with minimum of 4.5 in each subtest), or Paper based TOEFL 485 TWE 3, or
- internet based TOEFL (IBT) 55 (with minimum score of 13 for writing), or
- Pearson Test of English (PTE) 36 (with no communicative score less than 36)

ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES (EAP) 1
One of the following (or equivalent as approved by USC International on a case-by-case basis):
- overall IELTS score of 5.0 (with a minimum of 5.0 in each subtest), or
- internet based TOEFL (IBT) 40 (writing score no lower than 15), or
- Pearson Test of English (PTE) minimum 36 (with no communicative score less than 36)

ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES (EAP) 2
One of the following (or equivalent as approved by USC International on a case-by-case basis):
- successful completion of EAP 1, or
- overall IELTS score of 5.5 (with a minimum of 5.5 in each subtest), or
- internet based TOEFL (IBT) 52 (writing score no lower than 18), or
- Pearson Test of English (PTE) minimum 42 (with no communicative score less than 42)

ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES (EAP) 3
One of the following (or equivalent as approved by USC International on a case-by-case basis):
- successful completion of EAP 2 with an overall score of 70 (with a minimum of 70 in each subtest), or
- overall IELTS score of 6.5 (with a minimum of 6.0 in each subtest), or
- internet based TOEFL (IBT) 85 (writing score no lower than 21 and all other skills areas above 18), or
- Pearson Test of English (PTE) 58 (with no communicative score less than 50)
MEETING ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

At USC, all lectures and tutorials are delivered in English. If English is not your first language, you need to meet the minimum English language requirements for your chosen program.

The following information provides a guide for the ways in which you may demonstrate English language proficiency and the minimum achievement levels for most USC programs. Some USC programs have different English language requirements, which are detailed on our website.

For the most current information on individual program requirements, review Tables 1 and 2 at usc.edu.au/Englishlanguagereqs

If you do not meet our English language requirements, you may like to consider USC’s English language programs.

We also accept some country specific qualifications, for example:

- DAAD certificate
- Danish Upper Secondary School
- CCE Advanced level
- Swedish Upper Secondary School

English language requirements are correct at the time of publishing, however you should check our current entry requirements available on the USC website.

For more information about the types of qualification accepted and the required level to meet English language requirements, visit usc.edu.au/Englishlanguagereqs

Standard English language requirements

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Note: For English language requirements for non-standard programs refer to Table 2 usc.edu.au/Englishlanguagereqs
Academic admission requirements

You can use the table below as a general guide to USC's academic admission requirements. For more detail, refer to usc.edu.au/internationaladmissionrequirements

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<td>There are no academic admission requirements for entry into our English language programs, however if you intend to pathway into a Study Abroad, undergraduate or postgraduate degree then you will need to meet the academic admission requirements for that program.</td>
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| Study Abroad                  | **Undergraduate** applicants should have successfully completed:  
                             • At least one semester of study at a recognised tertiary institution,  
                             OR  
                             • Senior secondary school studies at a similar level to Australian Year 12.  
                             **Postgraduate** applicants should have successfully completed:  
                             • a bachelor level qualification at a recognised tertiary institution.  
                             If you are currently enrolled at an accredited tertiary institution, you should check with your home institution regarding credit transfer for courses studied at USC, prior to commencing your Study Abroad program.  
                             For more information, visit usc.edu.au/studyabroad |
| Undergraduate programs        | • A minimum level of education comparable to successful completion of Australian Year 12, with good grades  
                             • Further studies, for example, a semester or more at college or university, can also be considered for entry and may give you credit towards a degree  
                             For a general guide to country-specific academic entry requirements, visit usc.edu.au/internationalundergradrequirements  
                             Academic requirements differ between undergraduate (graduate entry) programs. For specific requirements, visit the individual program pages on the USC website. |
| Honours programs              | Academic requirements differ between programs, but generally you will need to demonstrate:  
                             • Successful completion of an undergraduate degree, or equivalent, with a high level of achievement in the intended area of honours study  
                             For individual program descriptions and academic requirements, visit usc.edu.au/internationalundergradrequirements |
| Postgraduate coursework programs | Academic requirements differ between programs. For individual program descriptions and academic requirements, visit usc.edu.au/internationalpostgradrequirements |
| Higher degrees by research    | Academic requirements differ between programs, but generally you will need to demonstrate:  
                             • A bachelor (undergraduate) degree (comparable to an Australian bachelor degree) with at least second-class honours, division one from a recognised higher education institution  
                             AND  
                             • A suitable research proposal and the availability of supervision and resources to support the proposed research topic  
                             Applicants who have completed a bachelor degree and have achieved, by subsequent work and study, a standard equivalent to at least second-class honours, division one may also be considered.  
                             In exceptional cases, applications may be considered on the basis of other evidence of general and professional qualifications as approved by the Research Degree Committee.  
                             For individual program descriptions and academic requirements, visit usc.edu.au/internationalHDRrequirements |
How to apply

The following steps will enable you to apply and enrol at USC.

1. Choose your program and review the program fees

Explore USC’s programs in this guide, or visit usc.edu.au/internationalprograms to find a program that suits your study and career goals.

Check the admission and English language requirements for your chosen program. An overview is available in this guide, or visit usc.edu.au/internationaladmissionrequirements

This will help you decide if you need further study or to take an English language test before starting your degree program. If you are unsure whether you will meet USC’s requirements, please submit an application for USC International to assess.

There is no application fee for USC programs (excluding English language programs).

2. Check entry requirements

You will normally receive an email, acknowledging your application, within 48 hours. An offer is usually made within 72 hours. It may take longer if academic credit needs to be assessed, or your application is incomplete. Delays will occur, if you do not include all required supporting documentation.

YOUR OFFER

Once your application has been assessed, and your eligibility for the program confirmed, you will receive an offer. If you have applied for academic credit transfer, you will also receive advice about any credit awarded.

3. Apply for admission

1. COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION FORM

2. APPLY FOR ACADEMIC CREDIT TRANSFER

You may be eligible for academic credit transfer on the basis of prior studies. To apply, use the form available at usc.edu.au/internationalcredit

3. GATHER YOUR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

You must provide evidence of the qualifications that will meet the entry requirements of the program you have selected.

Ensure all documents are certified copies, signed and stamped by a witnessing or government authority (or an approved USC representative if you are applying through a representative)

4. SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

HOW: Scan and email or post your completed application form and supporting documentation, including application for academic credit transfer (if applicable), to USC International.

WHEN: USC accepts applications for most programs at any time of the year. However, you should try to submit your application as early as possible to allow you time to apply and be granted a visa which allows study in Australia.

If you need help with the process, or have any questions, email international@usc.edu.au

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 are applying via one of USC’s partner institutions, please visit your home international office to assist you with submitting your USC application.

You will also find step-by-step instructions and further information at usc.edu.au/internationalapply
FEES, LIVING AND OTHER COSTS

Tuition fees
Semester tuition fees are based on 2020 tuition fees and a standard full-time enrolment in a semester of 48 units. The enrolment load for individual programs may vary. Students pay fees based on their program and enrolment load in a USC teaching period*. Check individual program pages for study load details.

Tuition fees are reviewed each calendar year. The fee you must pay for a given teaching period (eg semester/trimester) is that which has been approved by USC for the calendar year within which the teaching period commences. Any increase in tuition fees from one calendar year to the next will be no more than seven percent.

All prices quoted are in Australian dollars (A$).

Refer to the Student Fees and Charges Policy and associated procedure: usc.edu.au/internationalprograms

Course-related costs
As a general guide, allow A$400 per semester for new textbooks. Second-hand textbooks are often available at reduced prices.

Some courses require additional materials, for example laboratory coats (from A$28) or art supplies.

Students taking design courses should allow an additional A$60 to A$100 per semester for materials and printing costs.

English language program students are loaned textbooks for the duration of their course.

Living costs
You'll need around A$390 per week to live comfortably on the Sunshine Coast. This does not include airfares to Australia, visa applications, health cover and tuition fees. Allow more if you have a spouse or dependant(s) accompanying you.

For more information, visit usc.edu.au/living-costs or studyinaustralia.gov.au/global/live-in-australia/living-costs

Education for school-aged children
Students with school-aged children have numerous education options. For more information, visit:

- Public schools: education.qld.gov.au/schools-educators/school-types
- Private schools: privateschoolsguide.com/queensland-private-schools
- Independent schools: isq.qld.edu.au

Fees apply at private and public (government) schools. Allow at least A$8,000 per year per child for school fees.

EDUCATION SERVICES FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS (ESOS) FRAMEWORK

The ESOS Act and National Code ensure international students in Australia get the education they desire.

To access the National Code of Practice 2018, or for a description of the ESOS framework for students, visit internationaleducation.gov.au/regulatory-information

* Some programs have set program fees regardless of enrolment load.
OVERSEAS STUDENT HEALTH COVER (OSHC)

OSHC is health insurance to assist international students meet the costs of medical and hospital care that they may need while in Australia. The Department of Home Affairs requires overseas students to maintain OSHC for the duration of the time they are in Australia.

USC can organise visa length OSHC cover for you, with our preferred provider Allianz Global Assistance, or you can arrange your own OSHC with an alternative provider.

For students with an OSHC policy from Allianz Global Assistance, there is a representative available on our Sippy Downs campus to assist with claims and answer any OSHC enquiries you may have.

Costs for OSHC vary depending on the type and length of cover you choose. Fees can range from $376 for one semester to $2,138 over three years for a single cover policy.**

VISAS

If you're not an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or an Australian permanent resident, you'll need a visa that has study rights before you can enter Australia and undertake study.

If you intend to study in a program that is longer than three months, you will normally need a Student visa.

If you hold or are going to apply for a visa other than this, contact the Department of Home Affairs for advice regarding your eligibility to study.

To find out what type of visa you need and how to apply, visit:
- Department of Home Affairs (DOHA) homeaffairs.gov.au
- Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA) mara.gov.au

Simplified Student Visa Framework (SSVF)

Under the SSVF:
- all international students will now apply for a single Student visa (subclass 500), regardless of their chosen course of study
- all international students will be required to apply for their student visa online
- an immigration risk framework will be used to guide the evidence of English language and financial capacity that a student needs to provide with their visa application.

WORKING IN AUSTRALIA

Student visa holders are normally allowed to work up to 40 hours per fortnight during semester and full-time during semester breaks.

Students undertaking Higher Degrees by Research have unlimited work rights.

For more information, visit homeaffairs.gov.au

Students must familiarise themselves with important policy information, including when they will be eligible for a refund and the circumstances in which they can defer, cancel or suspend their study.

usc.edu.au/learn/international-students/while-you-are-studying

** Information pertaining to fees is correct at the time of publication.
Established: 1996
Type of institution: Public university
Student population: 17,800+ (90 percent Australian students)
Locations:
- USC Sunshine Coast (pictured)
- USC SouthBank
- USC Caboolture
- USC Moreton Bay (opens 2020)
- USC Gympie
- USC Fraser Coast

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