

STUDENT EXCHANGE GETTING STARTED



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UNIVERSITY**

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Wanting a change of scenery? Go on exchange and see the world. Live like a local and become immersed in a new culture while studying as part of your VU degree. We have more than 75 partnership agreements globally including institutions located in the USA, the UK, Canada, Mexico, France, Japan and China to choose from.

YOUR EXCHANGE STUDY OPTIONS:

- One Semester
- Two Semesters (Full Academic Year)
- VU faculty study tours
- Independent short programs

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS:

- An overall grade average of credit (60 per cent)
- Completion of at least one year of tertiary study prior to your departure

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OPTIONS:

- VU Travel Grants up to A\$4000
- OS-HELP loan up to A\$5400
- Scholarships from faculty, government and partner universities
- Austudy and Youth Allowance

As a VU exchange student you do not pay tuition fees at the overseas institution, but pay your VU fees for the semester or year of study overseas. Eligible students may also receive Australian Government assistance such as Austudy and the Living Away From Home Allowance.

APPLICATION CLOSING DATES

30 June for Semester 1 the following year

30 November for Semester 2 the following year



"I recommend going on exchange to as many people as possible because the memories you attain are priceless. Good luck to the next batch of exchange students, everyone has a phenomenal time!"

Chris Terzakis
Bachelor of Exercise Science and
Human Movement
University of Western Ontario, Canada
Semester 2, 2008

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STEPS TO GOING ON EXCHANGE

Start planning well ahead of the proposed exchange semester, as the application may take some time.

1. Visit www.vu.edu.au/current-students/student-exchange-program.
2. Go to 'Where Can I Go?' and select 'Partner Institutions', browse our partners and select the one which interests you.
3. Download the information sheet for more specific details on the partner university.
4. Visit the website of your chosen university to find out subject options for your specific degree.
5. Check the language requirements. For non-English speaking countries it is often possible to study your subjects in English while taking the opportunity to learn another language.
6. Contact your Faculty International Officer to discuss your plans:

Faculty of Business & Law	Faculty of Health, Engineering & Science	Faculty of Arts, Education & Human Development
Marion Sammut	Philomena Fernandes	Farrah Itaywi
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7. Talk to your course coordinator about your plans — you will need their approval for your subject choices.
8. Obtain information on financial assistance and eligibility criteria. Refer to the Loans and Funding section at www.vu.edu.au/current-students/student-exchange-program.
9. Complete the Victoria Abroad Outgoing Exchange Application Form (available online from the Student Exchange Program website or from the Victoria Abroad office) and submit it to the Victoria Abroad team (details below) with all the required documents as indicated on the application checklist.

VICTORIA ABROAD TEAM

Once you have done some initial research, if you have any questions contact a representative from the Victoria Abroad Team, a part of Victoria University International (VUI). This team manages the selection and administration process for all university exchange programs.

City Flinders Campus

Victoria University International
Level 3, 301 Flinders Lane
Melbourne 3000
Monday to Friday

Phone: 99191319 or 9919 1471

Footscray Park Campus

Victoria University International
Level 1, Room 109, Building M
Ballarat Rd
Footscray 3011
Wednesday and Thursday during semester

OTHER USEFUL WEBSITES:

General information from the Australian Government - www.studyoverseas.gov.au

Independent and short programs - www.aimoverseas.com.au

Information about OS-HELP loan and government funding - www.goingtouni.gov.au

Australian Exchange Alumni Network - www.axan.com.au

Information on Youth Allowance, Austudy, Abstudy and the Living Away From Home Allowance - www.centrelink.gov.au



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