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SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS

Several of VU’s partner universities and non-partner universities offer short programs of 2-6 weeks which can be credited towards your VU degree and completed in your university breaks. Additionally there are opportunities to complete internships and placements.

STUDY TOURS

Study tours are arranged by many of VU’s Colleges and they normally range from 2-3 weeks.

WHERE CAN I GO?

There are over 100 different universities to choose from including universities in North America, South America, Asia, Europe and the UK.

Visit the Study Overseas website for a full list: www.vu.edu.au/study-overseas.

“Travel changes you – it should change you. You take something with you. Hopefully, you leave something good behind.”

BROCK FORDHAM
Bachelor of Sport and Recreation Management/Bachelor of Business Management
CANADA

“Studying in Vietnam gave new meaning to all of my ambitions. I feel inspired to create my future.”

RHIANNON CANAWAY
Bachelor of Arts, Hanoi University
VIETNAM
“Studying abroad gave me the opportunity to learn about different cultures and other languages, network with international professionals, and make lifelong friends from all over the globe. It is an invaluable experience, and worth every single second.”

EYLUL TOP
Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)
The Hague University of Applied Sciences
THE NETHERLANDS

“Life begins at the end of your comfort zone. I can’t emphasise enough how incredible this once in a lifetime experience is. The people you meet, the places you see; everything you do is an adventure.”

STEPHANIE BIRONTE
Bachelor of Education
Florida International University
USA

GENERAL INFORMATION

COSTS AND FEES
It’s estimated you will need between AUD$6,000—$13,000 per semester, however this will vary depending on your destination, lifestyle and exploration plans. Expenses to include in your budget:

- Accommodation
- Travel (airfares, passport)
- Visa fees (if applicable)
- Health Insurance (if required by the host institution)
- Textbooks
- Living expenses (food, leisure etc)

TUITION
You will incur tuition fees from VU for a full-time study load, however you will not be required to pay any tuition fee to your host university.

INSURANCE
Students are covered by the VU corporate travel and health insurance policy for up to 365 days. Further insurance details are available on the Study Overseas website.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
To be eligible to take part in the exchange program you need:

- To be currently enrolled in a full bachelor or masters program
- To have achieved a minimum credit average (60%)
- To have successfully completed at least one year of full-time study (48 credit points) at VU by the time you depart for your exchange
- Approval from your College

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

GOVERNMENT GRANTS
Federal Government grants may be available for semester exchanges, short term programs, study tours and placements. These vary from year to year. For details please refer to the Study Overseas website.

CENTRELINK
If you currently receive financial assistance from Centrelink (Austudy, Abstudy, Youth Allowance) you may be eligible to continue receiving this payment whilst abroad.

OVERSEAS HIGHER EDUCATION LOAN PROGRAM (OS-HELP) LOANS
OS-HELP is a federal government loan scheme offered to eligible undergraduate and postgraduate students who want to study overseas. For current loan amounts, please refer to the Study Assist website (www.studyassist.gov.au). Conditions apply. Please note: This is not available to international students.

VU STUDY OVERSEAS GRANTS
You may be eligible for a Study Overseas Grant. Conditions apply. Refer to the Study Overseas website for further details.
HOW TO APPLY

YOU MUST APPLY THROUGH THE VICTORIA ABROAD OFFICE. YOU CANNOT APPLY DIRECTLY TO THE HOST UNIVERSITY.

STEP 1: CHOOSE YOUR PREFERRED DESTINATION
- Check the list of available exchange partners on the website
- Attend an information session. There are several run each semester
- Do some research, talk to people and decide which destination is best for you
- Talk to a Course Coordinator and arrange a study plan for your degree
- For further advice contact Victoria Abroad office staff

STEP 2: APPLY TO VICTORIA ABROAD STUDY OVERSEAS PROGRAM
Return the Victoria Abroad application form and required supporting documentation to the Victoria Abroad office via email by the required application deadline

STEP 3: SELECTION
- In the weeks following the application deadline you will receive notification of the outcome of your application
- If successful, complete your host university’s application form. The Victoria Abroad team will help you with this and liaise with the host university
- Host university assessment may take up to 8 weeks and sometimes longer. Whilst waiting for your official acceptance you can do some research about accommodation, visas, costs, etc

STEP 4: OFFER ACCEPTANCE
- Receive your official offer from your host university. Sign and return it indicating your acceptance of the offer (if applicable). The offer package will include forms and information regarding accommodation, visas, health checks, etc

STEP 5: GET READY TO GO!
- Apply for your visa (if required)
- Book travel and accommodation
- Organise travel and health insurance (if applicable)
- Organise your finances (e.g. OS-Help, Centrelink payments)
- Consult the pre-departure guide to make sure you have done all the necessary things
- Attend all compulsory pre-departure sessions

STEP 6: DEPARTURE
- Leave for your exchange adventure and don’t forget to keep us posted on your adventures!

WANT MORE INFORMATION?
Visit:  www.vu.edu.au/study-overseas
Email: educationabroad@vu.edu.au
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Footscray Park campus
Victoria Abroad Office
Building M, Level 1, Room 109
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