

2012 Study Guide



University of the
Sunshine Coast
Queensland, Australia



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The best of both worlds

www.usc.edu.au/international



University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) offers the best of both worlds - excellent education and a wonderful lifestyle.

USC is known for its excellent student experience, first-class support services, professional teaching staff and high-quality programs.

Located just north of Brisbane on the Sunshine Coast, the 100-hectare campus has award-winning architecture and is an official wildlife reserve.

USC is Australia's most modern and fastest-growing public university. With almost 8,000 students and excellent educational and sporting facilities, it offers a unique Australian campus experience in a great location.

Study Abroad, undergraduate and postgraduate programs are available in Business, Communication & Design, Education, Engineering, Health, Humanities, Sciences and Social Sciences.

Study Abroad

The Study Abroad program (1 or 2 semesters) allows you to study courses from a range of disciplines at USC.

It provides you with the opportunity to experience Australian lifestyle while studying on a university campus and adds an international perspective to your home qualification.

The Study Abroad program allows you to:

- Earn credit towards your home degree
- Choose from a wide range of courses
- Pre-register your courses online before you arrive
- Utilise excellent academic support services
- Receive a Study Abroad Certificate upon successful completion

Undergraduate Study

USC's undergraduate programs aim at giving you the skills to start a successful career or profession in your area of interest.

Bachelor programs are usually 3 years of full-time study (4 years in some programs). There are also Associate Degrees in Business, Science and Arts (2 years).

Postgraduate Study

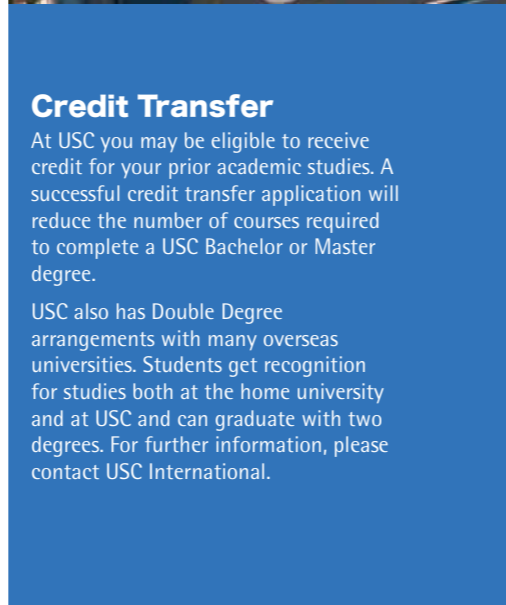
USC also offers a wide range of postgraduate coursework programs (e.g. Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and Master by coursework) as well as higher degrees by research (e.g. Master and PhD).

Academic English

USC offers Academic English language programs (10-20 weeks), which are excellent preparation for university studies.

Programs are offered at an intermediate or upper intermediate level and develop your reading, writing, listening and speaking skills so that you can succeed in your further studies.

Upon successful completion of the Advanced Academic English program (DEEP 2), you will satisfy the minimum English language requirement for entry into USC's Study Abroad program, some undergraduate and postgraduate programs.



Why study at USC

- ✓ Quality educational experience
- ✓ 5 star rating for teaching quality (Good Universities Guide 2011)
- ✓ A wide range of academic programs on a modern campus with excellent facilities
- ✓ Free Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)*
- ✓ UniClub and Student Support Services
- ✓ Easy Access to Coast centres and Brisbane – Bus terminal on campus
- ✓ Excellent student accommodation next to campus

Educational Experience

USC offers a wide range of study opportunities with degrees at both undergraduate and postgraduate level. With credit transfer and recognition of prior studies you may also be eligible to complete your degree in a shorter time period.

USC campus

The University's 100-hectare campus is located in the heart of the Sunshine Coast. Distinctively designed, the award-winning buildings include cafeterias, an art gallery, an expansive library, bookshop, 24-hour computer labs, as well as lecture theatres and teaching spaces. Wifi is also available throughout the campus. Wildlife, including eastern grey kangaroos, roam freely around the grounds.

At USC you can enjoy a true Australian campus experience where around 90% of the students are Australian.

USC has a major transport hub on campus, so it is easy to travel by public transport to the beaches and coastal towns or connect to the rail service to Brisbane.

Sport and Recreation

The USC Sports Precinct is centred around the Health and Sport Centre and adjoining indoor sports stadium.

Facilities include:

- fitness centre and gymnasium
- sports stadium (netball, basketball, volleyball, badminton and futsal)
- Olympic-standard athletics track
- sports fields (rugby and soccer) as well as outdoor hardcourts (tennis, basketball and netball)
- Olympic-size swimming pool
- UniClub: The UniClub is a great place to study, meet friends or relax between classes. It is also the centre for all university clubs and societies and a good place to find out what is happening on and around campus.

Value

USC's tuition fees cover many extra costs that may be charged at other universities. USC does not charge capital and development levies, lab fees or internet and technology fees. There are no application or administration fees for the Study Abroad, undergraduate or postgraduate programs.

FREE OVERSEAS HEALTH COVER INSURANCE (OSHC)*
USC provides free, single cover OSHC and also does the insurance paperwork for you.



Five star ranking by the Good Universities Guide

USC is Queensland's top-ranking public university for teaching quality and graduate satisfaction* as well as being ranked 1st in Australia for student safety.†

International Student Services

Our specialised International Student Services provide you with valuable help and support before your arrival and throughout your studies at USC.

Once you arrive, you will have access to:

- a comprehensive orientation program
- learning support and study skills workshops including individual consultations and support
- free English language support in the first semester if English is not your native language
- friendly staff who are happy to help you
- confidential counselling and other support services

Lifestyle

High-quality student accommodation is conveniently located next to USC. Each student has his/her own private bedroom and bathroom with shared access to modern kitchen and living areas. Facilities include swimming pools, tennis courts and other sporting and recreational facilities.

The USC campus is located on the Sunshine Coast, an area famous for its climate, beaches and relaxed outdoor lifestyle. There are good reasons why people like to live, work and study on the Sunshine Coast!

Brisbane is only one hour away by car and Sydney or Melbourne are easily reached by budget airlines with direct flights from the Sunshine Coast airport or from Brisbane airport.

* Good Universities Guide 2011
 † 2010 Graduate International Student Barometer
 * Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) is compulsory for all students in Australia on a student visa. Free OSHC is only offered with USC's preferred provider. Excludes Exchange and Academic English programs.



Study at USC

Study Abroad

You can select from a comprehensive range of courses and design your program to suit your own individual requirements and those of your home university.

EARN CREDIT TOWARDS YOUR HOME DEGREE

Ask your home university for approval for your studies at USC and then transfer the course credits you earn at USC towards your home degree.

CHOOSE COURSES FROM ACROSS ALL FACULTIES

At USC you can choose from a range of courses from the following discipline areas: Biomedical Sciences, Business, Communication, Design, Engineering, Education, Environmental Sciences, Health and Sports Sciences, Humanities, Information Technology and Social Sciences.

ENROL IN COURSES WITHOUT PRE-REQUISITES

A pre-requisite is an academic requirement (usually another course or grade) that proves a level of knowledge before you are allowed to register in a course.

At USC we have a number of courses which do not require pre-requisites. When you choose one of these courses in your study plan it makes the process very simple. Courses without pre-requisites are available across most disciplines.

If you choose a course which does require a pre-requisite, we help you with the process when you apply and ensure that you have the best chance of gaining acceptance for your chosen course.

PRE-REGISTER IN YOUR COURSES PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

At USC you have the advantage of registering online with the first round of Australian students. This allows you to select your timetable prior to arrival and helps you get the best class schedule possible.

Undergraduate

A Bachelor degree from USC provides you with the skills and knowledge to start a successful career or profession.

Bachelor programs are usually 3 years of full-time study (4 years in some programs). There are also Associate Degrees in Business, Science and Arts (2 years). You can also use your prior studies to apply for credit transfer and you may be eligible to finish your USC degree earlier.

BUSINESS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Applied Marketing
Commerce (Accounting and Financial Planning)
Human Resource Management
Information Systems
International Business
Management
Marketing Research
Tourism, Leisure & Event Management

COMMUNICATION & DESIGN

Communication
Computer-Based Design
Creative Writing
Design and Communication
Journalism
Public Relations

EDUCATION

Primary Education
Secondary Education

HEALTH

Biomedical Sciences
Sports & Exercise Science
Environmental Health Science
Health Promotion
Nursing
Nutrition
Occupational Therapy
Psychology

HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCE

Counselling
Human Services
International Studies
Justice & Legal Studies
Regional & Urban Planning
Social Science
Social Work

SCIENCE

Environmental Science
Science

Postgraduate

Postgraduate programs can enhance your previous degree or offer a change in career thereby opening up new opportunities.

You can also use your prior studies to apply for credit transfer and you may be eligible to finish your USC degree earlier.

Coursework programs are offered at Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Master level in the following areas:

- Communication
- Creative Writing
- Public Relations
- Journalism
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Education
- Climate Change Adaptation
- Health Promotion
- Mental Health Nursing
- TESOL Education
- Business Administration
- International Business
- Professional Accounting

USC also offers a range of research programs leading to Master and PhD qualifications. For further information please contact USC International.

CREDIT TRANSFER

At USC you may be eligible to receive credit for your prior academic studies. A successful credit transfer application will reduce the number of courses required to complete a USC Bachelor or Master degree.



Academic English

USC's Academic English programs are excellent preparation for further studies. You are taught by experienced, qualified teachers who specialise in Academic English and IELTS Preparation.

Studying Academic English on a NEAS accredited university campus gives you the opportunity to experience campus life as well as access to university facilities, resources and student clubs.

Academic English Intermediate and Upper Intermediate programs are offered in 10 week, full-time modules (25 hours per week) and offer a certificate of attendance upon course completion.

DIRECT ENTRY ENGLISH PATHWAY (DEEP) STAGE 1 IELTS PREPARATION (INTERMEDIATE)

Entry requirements:

Overall IELTS score of 5.0 (with a minimum of 5.0 in each subtest) *or*
Paper based TOEFL 500 TWE 3 *or*
Internet based TOEFL (IBT) 59 or equivalent

Our intermediate programs offer:

- skills to participate in seminars and lectures
- essay writing
- assignments, reading and listening tests and oral presentations
- IELTS exam preparation

DIRECT ENTRY ENGLISH PATHWAY (DEEP) STAGE 2 IELTS PREPARATION (UPPER INTERMEDIATE)

Entry requirements:

Overall IELTS score of 5.5 (with a minimum of 5.5 in each subtest) *or*
Paper based TOEFL 525 TWE 3.5 *or*
Internet based TOEFL (IBT) 69 or equivalent

Our upper intermediate programs offer:

- academic skills and study strategies
- university style assessment items
- assignments, reading and listening tests and oral presentations
- opportunities to experience a variety of lectures at USC
- IELTS Exam preparation

All English language students are required to complete a comprehensive test on arrival, even if English test results have been supplied. Successful completion of DEEP Stage 2 will satisfy the minimum English language requirement for entry into USC's Study Abroad program, some undergraduate and postgraduate programs.

Estimated fees are based on 2012 approved fees and are subject to change. For up-to-date information refer to: www.usc.edu.au/international
* Academic and English language requirements and application process: www.usc.edu.au/international
* Some Postgraduate programs are session based
* Representatives: www.usc.edu.au/students/international/usc-representatives/

ACADEMIC CALENDAR AND TUITION FEES*

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM

CRICOS Code 059941A
Program dates 2011-2012
DEEP STAGE 1 / IELTS PREPARATION (10 WEEKS)
31 October 2011 - 27 January 2012
30 January-6 April
16 April-22 June
30 July-5 October
15 October-21 December

DEEP STAGE 2 / IELTS PREPARATION (10 WEEKS)
31 October 2011 - 27 January 2012
16 April-22 June
15 October-21 December

FEES PER WEEK:† AUD\$330

STUDY ABROAD CRICOS Code 026639B UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE*

Semester dates 2012

SEMESTER 1

20 February - 22 June
Orientation 13-17 February

SEMESTER 2

23 July - 23 November
Orientation 16-20 July

ESTIMATED TUITION FEES PER SEMESTER*

Study Abroad: AUD\$8,600
Undergraduate: AUD\$8,600 - \$10,000
Postgraduate: AUD\$8,600 - \$11,500

BUSINESS POSTGRADUATE

MASTER OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS (MIB)
CRICOS Code 069960D

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA)
CRICOS Code 066777E

SESSION DATES 2012

9 January - 20 April
30 April - 17 August
27 August - 7 December

FEES PER PROGRAM*

MIB: AUD\$21,000 (2 sessions)
MBA: AUD\$31,500 (3 sessions)

HOW TO APPLY TO USC





Accommodation

High-quality student apartments are located next to the campus, only a short walk away. Local shopping centres and other services are also within walking distance. The beach is a 10-minute drive or 20-minute bus ride from USC's transport hub.

As well as access to the excellent facilities on the apartment complexes, you also have the chance to meet and make friends with Australian and other international students.



The privately-owned UniCentral and Varsity Apartments offer:

- Modern, resort-style accommodation
- A secure environment
- On-site managers

Each 4-bedroom apartment has a:

- Fully-equipped kitchen
- Furnished living area

Each bedroom has:

- A study area
- Private ensuite (shower and toilet)
- Telephone and internet connections

The apartment complexes have*:

- Swimming pools
- Basketball, tennis and beach volleyball courts
- Games rooms and a gym

*Facilities vary.

For more information, please check:

UniCentral: www.unicentral.net.au

Varsity Apartments: www.varsityapartments.com.au

OTHER ACCOMMODATION

There is also the possibility to rent your own apartment, share an apartment with others or stay with a Homestay family. Contact us for more information.



Transport

Public bus services operate between USC's bus interchange and coastal communities, giving you access to local beaches, shopping centres, restaurants, clubs and the nightlife of the Sunshine Coast.

From USC's bus interchange you can use an integrated bus and rail service (via Landsborough Station) to travel to Brisbane.

The University is less than 30 minutes by car from the Sunshine Coast Airport and around 60 minutes from Brisbane International and Domestic Airports. Airport transfers can be arranged upon request. (Charges apply.)



Photo: Robert Wallace, Tourism NSW

Location and lifestyle



The Sunshine Coast is one of Australia's fastest-growing regions. Living up to its name, it offers a warm climate year-round, with some of Australia's most beautiful white sandy beaches and stunning hinterland scenery.

There are great shops, cafés, restaurants and night life and you'll find plenty of healthy and fun activities on offer. For a great weekend away, Queensland's capital city of Brisbane is just over an hour's drive south.

USC's Sippy Downs campus is centrally located to all the Sunshine Coast has to offer:

- **Fun attractions** — Australia Zoo, the Big Kart Track, UnderWater World, Ettamogah Pub, Aussie World, the Ginger Factory
- **Dining out** — cafés, restaurants, surf clubs, wineries, pubs, cooking schools
- **Shopping** — weekend markets, Sunshine Plaza, Hastings Street Noosa, Mooloolaba Esplanade, Montville, Caloundra
- **Nightlife** — clubs and pubs in Mooloolaba, Noosa, Caloundra, Buderim
- **Sporting clubs** — surf lifesaving, rugby union, soccer, rugby league, netball, cricket, athletics
- **Outdoor activities** — swimming, scuba dive the ex-HMAS Brisbane, bush walking, four-wheel driving, kayaking, cycling, fishing, whale watching, surfing, boating, golf
- **Day trips** — the Hinterland, Fraser Island, Great Sandy National Park, Noosa National Park, Sunshine Coast gallery trail, Mary Valley Rattler, Glass House Mountains
- **Big events** — Noosa Festival of Surfing, Woodford Folk Festival, National Music Muster, Noosa Jazz Festival, Mooloolaba Triathlon, Rally Queensland, Caloundra Racing Carnival

See Australia

The Sunshine Coast is an ideal base for exploring Australia. You can easily visit Australia's big cities, the Outback or Tropics.

Hervey Bay, Australia's premier whale watching destination and gateway to the incredible Fraser Island, is only 2.5 hours from the Sunshine Coast. From Hervey Bay, you can also visit the Great Barrier Reef on Lady Elliot Island.

Sunshine Coast Airport has 5-6 daily flights directly to Sydney (1.20 hours) and 3-4 Melbourne (2.20 hours) on budget airlines Jetstar and VirginAustralia:

www.jetstar.com.au

www.virginaustralia.com.au

From Brisbane Airport you can go almost anywhere—it is your gateway to Australia and the world, and it is only one hour by car from USC.



Why come to USC?

- Quality educational experience
- 5 star rating for teaching quality (Good Universities Guide 2011)



- Modern campus with excellent facilities
- Excellent accommodation next to campus
- Great study and living environment
- Close to the beautiful beaches of the Sunshine Coast
- Only 90 kilometres (55 miles) from Brisbane
- Good air links to Sydney and Melbourne



Sunshine Coast Population	■ 350,000+
Type of University	■ Public
Faculties	■ Arts and Business ■ Science, Health and Education
On-campus enrolments	■ Total: 7800+ students ■ International: 800+ students
Top source regions	■ North America, Europe and Scandinavia

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SPORTS PRECINCT

STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

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