Curtin University

STUDY ABROAD AND STUDENT EXCHANGE

Education, experience and adventure in Western Australia

Make tomorrow better.

curtin.edu/studyabroad
Embank on an adventure at Curtin University. Gain an international perspective, learn about yourself and the world and have the study experience of a lifetime.

Curtin University’s Study Abroad and Student Exchange programs offer exciting opportunities to undertake university level studies in Perth, Western Australia.

The broad range of courses and Curtin’s international reputation for excellence in teaching and research will add a valuable dimension to your education. Our international focus has resulted in Curtin being ranked the 26th most international university in the world, and the second in Australia, according to the Times Higher Education list of the top 200 most international universities in 2016.

Home to more than 53,000 students, including 16,000 international students – the third-largest international student population of any Australian university – Curtin is widely recognised for the practical and applied nature of its courses. In combination with relevant theory, the industry-linked courses aim to provide graduates with the skills essential to reaching great academic and professional heights.

We also have a lively campus life that will ensure your stay in Perth is social and enjoyable. By opening yourself up to the world, the world will open up for you. The experiences and qualifications you will gain at Curtin will give your home degree a global edge and equip you with the skills you need to make your tomorrow better. We invite you to come to Curtin and experience what may be the most rewarding educational experience of your life.

“I am very thankful to be studying at Curtin because it allows me to meet wonderful people from all around the world and be immersed in the rich culture of Australia.”

Gretchen Mull, USA
CHOOSING CURTIN

As Western Australia’s largest and most multicultural university, Curtin offers internationally recognised degrees that focus on combining theory and practical skills to make tomorrow better.

EXPERIENCE CURTIN

By studying at Curtin, you can add value to your home degree and gain a competitive edge. In today’s global world, employers seek graduates with an international perspective, and the cross-cultural skills you will learn from the experience will become an invaluable professional asset.

By taking up the challenge of moving to a new country, you will broaden your perspective, be inspired and make lifelong friends from around the world.

CURTIN OFFERS YOU:

- **Flexibility**: choose a pre-approved study package or design your own.
- **More experience**: gain a competitive advantage by broadening your cross-cultural skills and understanding.
- **Opportunities**: meet staff and students from around the globe.
- **Support**: counselling services and programs to make your time at Curtin enjoyable and productive.

Visit [international.curtin.edu.au](http://international.curtin.edu.au) for more information.

FAST FACTS

Our main campus is in Perth, Western Australia, but we have other campuses in Singapore and Malaysia.

Ranked in the top two per cent of universities worldwide in the prestigious Academic Ranking of World Universities 2015

Ranked 23rd for universities under the age of 50 in the QS World University Rankings 2015

“The campus offers everything one needs, from working quietly in the library to relaxing in the sun. There is a broad choice of classes, which has given me the chance to study subjects I would not be able to take at my home university. There are additional courses on academic writing or on job applications, as well as social events. For a longer break from studying, Perth offers many things to do and beautiful places to see. So there is really everything needed to learn a lot during my studies, gain more intercultural experience and enjoy many leisure activities.”

Nicole Held, Germany
LEARNING REINVENTED

Curtin provides excellent facilities across all faculties, including:

- **CURTIN ENGINEERING PAVILION COMPLEX**
  AUD$32 million centre for engineering education and research.

- **CURTIN RESOURCES AND CHEMISTRY PRECINCT**
  AUD$116 million precinct that provides advanced research and chemistry laboratory facilities.

- **CBS TRADING ROOM**
  The only stock market trading room at any Western Australian university.

- **SIMULATED HOSPITAL WARD**
  Capable of supporting augmented reality and virtual reality simulations.

- **THE AGENCY**
  A digital marketing facility featuring a social media command centre.

- **FILM AND TELEVISION STUDIO**
  Features a fleet of HD broadcast-quality equipment and industry-standard digital systems for post-production (editing and sound mixing).
BOOMING CITY ON THE MOVE
Perth has been growing exponentially in the last decade with an array of new bar and restaurant scenes, sporting facilities, parks and shopping centres.

EXPLORE THE OUTBACK
Western Australia is four times the size of Texas and covers one-third of Australia. The real Aussie outback is at your doorstep to explore.

AMAZING BEACHES AND WEATHER
Perth is famed for its brilliant blue skies, white sandy beaches and warm climate – in fact, it is the sunniest capital city of all of Australia!

GATEWAY TO ASIA
Due to Perth’s proximity to Asia, you can also experience cultures in the Asia-Pacific region by taking side trips to locations such as Bali, Thailand or Cambodia during the semester breaks.

ABOUT PERTH
Study in Western Australia’s capital – one of the world’s top 10 most liveable cities*. 

*The Economist Intelligence Unit 2015
STUDENT EXCHANGE OR STUDY ABROAD?

With two exchange programs available for students interested in studying at Curtin, there’s sure to be one to suit your needs.

Your choice of program will depend on your institution’s affiliation with Curtin. If you are currently enrolled at one of Curtin’s partner institutions, you’re eligible for Student Exchange. If you are not a student of an approved partner institution, you can still study at Curtin as a Study Abroad student.

STUDENT EXCHANGE

Running for either one or two semesters, Curtin’s agreement with your university means you don’t need to pay tuition fees to Curtin – just continue paying your fees to your home institution as normal.

You are responsible for covering any costs associated with your exchange, including (but not limited to) accommodation, living expenses, airfares and other travel expenses, student visa and compulsory student health insurance.

STUDY ABROAD

The Study Abroad program is similar to the Student Exchange program, the main difference being that you pay your tuition fees direct to Curtin rather than your home institution. You don’t need to be a student of a partner institution, but you must be studying at a recognised education institution abroad to be eligible.

You can choose to study for one or two semesters, and the units you study at Curtin will be credited to your home degree if approved by your home university. As with Student Exchange, you will be required to meet all other costs associated with your exchange. Applications are open year-round.

Find out more about these programs at curtin.edu/studyabroad.

“After my first couple of weeks, I went to visit Caversham Wildlife Park. During this day, I had my first encounter with Australian wildlife. Words cannot explain how excited I was to finally be able to see a kangaroo in person. I also conquered my fear of snakes and held one for the first time, and have been lucky enough to explore Rottnest Island, multiple gorgeous beaches and Perth city life.

“My decision to study abroad has to be one of the best decisions I’ve ever made. It was my first time travelling by myself and the entire thought of being alone in a completely different country was intimidating. My worries were soon calmed when I met other international students who had the same concerns and ended up becoming like sisters to me.”

Erica McNaughton, USA
LEARN ABOUT

Accounting and taxation
Agribusiness
Architecture
Astronomy
Australia and Indigenous studies
Biology and lab medicine
Business management
Computer science
Creative writing
Design
Drama
Education
Engineering
Environmental science
Event management
Exercise and sport science
Fashion design
Finance and banking
Health care
Information technology
Journalism
Law and legal studies
Marine science
Marketing
Media and mass communications
Nutrition
Photography
Psychology
Social work and sociology
Urban and regional planning
There are several units (subjects) at Curtin that give you a glimpse into Australia’s history, environment, lifestyle, topical issues and relationship with the Asia-Pacific region.

- **(ASIA1000) Australia and Asia Transformed:** delve into the formation of Australia as a nation, its engagement with the region and contemporary regional and international problems.
- **(HERI2002) Australian Studies:** learn about Australia’s historical and cultural background, government and politics, attitudes and values, law, media, language, popular culture and current affairs.
- **(ANTH1001) Global Change in Australia and its Region:** examine globalisation and its impact upon social and cultural identities in Australia and Asia.
- **(PUBH2000) Health Care Systems in Australia:** study the systems for prevention and treatment of ill health in Australia, and learn about regulation, governance, policy and funding.
- **(INDS2001) Indigenous Australian Land and Environments:** investigate the physical and spiritual relationship between Indigenous Australians and the land and water, including traditional and contemporary use of land and water, the Native Title Act 1993 and associated cultural, economic, social and political issues.
- **(INDS1000) Introduction to Indigenous Australians:** study the cultural, historical and social conditions and major issues that shape the lives of Indigenous Australians.
- **(ZOOL2001) Marine Biodiversity:** learn about the taxonomy (scientific classification) of Australian marine life, and how to measure biodiversity using traditional and modern methods.
- **(MGMT2010) Sustainable Tourism Management:** examine the tourism system in Australia and overseas with specific reference to the concept of sustainability.
- **(HIST2000) Twentieth Century Australia:** learn about the history of Australia from the late 19th century to the 20th century, and examine major events, individuals and circumstances that have shaped modern Australia.

These are just a few of the thousands of units on offer at Curtin. You can study units from nearly all of our disciplines. Please be aware that some units may have limitations or quotas. You can search through all of our units at [handbook.curtin.edu.au/unitSearch](http://handbook.curtin.edu.au/unitSearch).
To make your time at Curtin as enjoyable and productive as possible, we have a range of services, support programs and facilities designed to enhance your career prospects, lifestyle, learning and wellbeing.

**SERVICES**
Curtin offers students a wealth of support services designed to make university life comfortable, fun and safe. The Student Exchange Office is specifically designed to directly support international students who are studying at Curtin on the Study Abroad or Student Exchange programs. Among Curtin’s other services are Student Central, counselling services, disability services, health services and multi-faith services, including chaplaincy and prayer rooms. The Student Guild takes care of the social aspect of university life, offering a range of clubs, events and activities. Curtin also devotes considerable resources to maintaining campus security, with 24-hour patrols, after-hours escort services and a campus courtesy bus.

**FACILITIES**
Curtin has a wide range of facilities that make student life more convenient and productive. Lifestyle facilities include an on-campus bank branch, food outlets, hairdresser, newsagent, travel agent and tavern, while academic facilities such as Robertson Library, campus-wide wireless internet and computer labs support your learning experience. Other facilities include Curtin Stadium, the University’s sport and recreation complex; the Bentley Campus bus station, one of Perth’s busiest bus terminals; and the John Curtin Gallery.

**BUDDY PROGRAM**
The Curtin Buddy Program provides on-campus support for incoming Study Abroad and Exchange students, offering a social network of local students and an introduction to Perth and its surrounds. Your buddy – a student already studying at Curtin – will be expected to establish a relationship with you before you depart from your home country, making the transition to Curtin a little easier in knowing there’s at least one familiar face on campus.

**FAST FACTS**
- More than 110 registered clubs and societies
- 12 different food outlets plus pop-up food trucks
- Close to local shopping centres
ACCOMMODATION AND LIVING

At Curtin, the sense of camaraderie among international students is apparent and the shared experience of living and learning abroad can create strong friendships.

HOUSING SERVICES

Our Housing Services team can help you find a place to live. Curtin has on-campus accommodation for 1,175 students, as well as an extensive database of off-campus and private accommodation options. The Housing Services Office can provide advice and support around your needs and preferences.

ON-CAMPUS OPTIONS

By choosing on-campus accommodation, you can enjoy meeting and interacting with people from all over the world and have the convenience of supermarkets, shops, restaurants, cafes and a post office all within walking distance.

On-campus accommodation is self-catered and fully furnished. It generally comprises:
- single study-bedrooms with a shared facilities such as kitchens and bathrooms
- six to eight students per unit
- free Curtin Stadium gym membership
- smart TV and free wi-fi
- beach and volleyball courts
- tutorial and study rooms
- coin-operated laundry facilities.

Residence life is also a key aspect to on-campus living at Curtin. Curtin provides 24-hour security seven days a week so you will live in a safe and friendly multicultural environment. Our housing staff organise many events, including barbecues, themed parties, cultural events and sporting competitions. We encourage you to get to know the staff members who work at the residence and join the organised social activities.

OFF-CAMPUS OPTIONS

A range of accommodation options to suit different budgets are available in the suburbs surrounding our campus and around Perth. Curtin’s Housing Services Office keeps a register of people in established households looking to share with others. A free and impartial tenancy advice service is also available with regard to rental issues. Whatever your needs and budget, the Housing Services Office will do their best to assist you.

For more information about housing accommodation options, visit housing.curtin.edu.au.

SUGGESTED WEEKLY BUDGET

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Note: this table is to be used as a guide only. Your living expenses will depend on your individual needs and interests.
We offer a range of services to help you get involved with the Curtin community and experience Western Australia.

CURTIN EXPERIENCES

Curtin Experiences offers Curtin students a wide range of activities and excursions every semester. This is particularly exciting for Study Abroad and Exchange students, since all of the organisation and logistics are done for you. Past activities have included kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, sailing, martial arts, boot camp and camping trips around Western Australia.

[link](life.curtin.edu.au/curtin-stadium/curtin-experiences)

CURTIN VOLUNTEERS

Curtin Volunteers, or CV!, is a student-driven hub whose mission is to provide volunteering and leadership opportunities that enhance the student experience and benefit communities across Perth and rural and remote Western Australia. CV! plays a key role in getting international students involved in both university and community life during their time at Curtin. Their programs will enrich your experience by providing opportunities that enhance classroom learning, develop skills and build networks. You can take part in ongoing and one-off activities, which span a broad range of interests including health, youth, environment, culture and communication and remote and Indigenous.

[link](life.curtin.edu.au/leadership-and-community/cv.htm)
Sport and recreation are integral to the student experience at Curtin.

**WHAT WE OFFER**

Curtin has everything you need when it comes to sport:

- a gymnasium, women’s gym, large group fitness area and indoor cycling studio
- several large playing fields
- a hireable multipurpose indoor sports hall with three courts and retractable seating for more than 2,000 spectators
- hireable outdoor sports courts
- exercise physiology services and specialised health programs
- extensive Curtin student social sport competitions
- more than 20 clubs competing in sports such as American football, Australian rules football, badminton, fencing, football (soccer), karate, netball, rowing, rugby and ultimate frisbee
- the first university disc golf course in Australia.

**THE ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

We also offer an innovative support program for aspiring and elite athletes seeking to develop their skills. The Athlete Development Program is available to international students upon application and links athletes to a range of programs and services including participation in local competition, representative intervarsity competition, access to training facilities and rehabilitation services.


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**FAST FACTS**

Study Abroad and Exchange students who choose on-campus accommodation receive a free Curtin Stadium gym membership.

The Curtin Stadium won several 2010 and 2011 Western Australian architectural awards and has been highly commended internationally in 2011 by the Asia-Pacific Property Award for its impressive interior and exterior design.
ENGLISH PREPARATION COURSES

If you don’t meet our minimum entry requirements for English competency, you may complete one of our English preparation courses.

Curtin’s English preparation courses will develop your language skills and can help you demonstrate English competence for entry into the Curtin Study Abroad or Student Exchange programs. Our pathways are flexible and will be tailored for you based on your current language level.

During your time as a student studying one of these courses, you will have the same access to the University’s facilities and services. Visit english.curtin.edu.au.

HOW TO APPLY AND ACCEPT YOUR OFFER

Discover if you’re eligible, then apply for a place at Curtin.

ELIGIBILITY

Curtin welcomes applications from students from a wide range of educational backgrounds. The majority of our international students are currently enrolled in a bachelor or master degree at their home university. The only requirement for Curtin’s Study Abroad and Student Exchange program is meeting Curtin University’s general eligibility requirements: you must be at least 18 years old, have an academic record in good standing and achieve Curtin’s minimum English requirements.

HOW TO APPLY

You may apply to study at Curtin for one or two semesters (approximately six months or one year).

To ensure you can obtain a study visa in time, you must submit your application by our application deadlines. Find out more at curtin.edu/studyabroad.

YOUR OFFER

After Curtin has assessed and processed your application, you will be advised of an outcome via email. If you are accepted, you will receive an offer on a “not-for-degree” basis as a Study Abroad or Exchange student.

As soon as you receive this offer, you must accept it and pay any relevant fees. You will then be sent a Confirmation of Enrolment, which you will use to obtain a visa to study in Australia. You will also be emailed pre-departure and arrival information.
PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Everything you need to know to get ready for your adventure.

VISA REQUIREMENTS
All students coming to Australia require a study visa. After you apply, we will provide you with step-by-step instructions on how to obtain your study visa.

WORK ALLOWANCES
Your student visa allows you to work up to 40 hours per fortnight during semester and full-time during Non-teaching weeks. You should not rely on money you earn in Australia to support you during your time here. If you require support, there may be grants and loans available from your home university or government.

OVERSEAS STUDENT HEALTH COVER
The Australian Government requires all international students to obtain Overseas Student Health Cover (OHSC). After you apply, we will provide you with information on where and how you can obtain appropriate level cover to meet this requirement.

KEY SEMESTER DATES

2016
Semester 2 (Fall)

- Housing move in*: 18 July
- Recommended arrival date*: 20 or 21 July
- University Orientation Week (“O-Week”): 25 to 29 July
- Start day (first day of classes): 1 August
- Non-teaching week #1: 29 August to 2 September
- Non-teaching week #2: 26 to 30 September
- Final exam dates: 14 to 25 November
- First day to leave*: 27 November
- Housing contract end date*: 5 December

Note
- * This is the first date of the semester. Curtin Housing contract will start paying for their Curtin Housing on this day regardless of the day they arrive. Students can arrange to arrive earlier than their Curtin Housing begins and pay extra pro-rata.
- # Curtin Study Abroad recommends this arrival date and hopes the majority of students arrive on this date. We believe that if students arrive too early without any activities planned and without other new students arriving they may get homesick. Students can arrive on the date which suits them best, but they must arrive at least by the Sunday before the start of University Orientation Week.
- # Students should not schedule their return flight before this date as they may have an exam on the last exam date for the semester.

2017
Semester 1 (Spring)

- Housing move in*: 15 February
- Recommended arrival date*: 10 or 16 February
- University Orientation Week (“O-Week”): 20 to 25 February
- Start day (first day of classes): 27 February
- Non-teaching week #1: 10 to 17 April
- Non-teaching week #2: 17 to 21 April
- Final exam dates: 12 to 23 June
- First day to leave*: 25 June
- Housing contract end date*: 3 July

2017
Semester 2 (Fall)

- Housing move in*: 12 July
- Recommended arrival date*: 19 or 20 July
- University Orientation Week (“O-Week”): 24 to 28 July
- Start day (first day of classes): 27 July
- Non-teaching week #1: 28 August to 4 September
- Non-teaching week #2: 25 to 29 September
- Final exam dates: 13 to 24 November
- First day to leave*: 26 November
- Housing contract end date*: 5 December