USC Sunshine Coast

University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) is the place where learning meets lifestyle

Our location

USC’s main campus is based on the Sunshine Coast which is located in South East Queensland, on the east coast of Australia. The Sunshine Coast is one of Australia’s premier destinations with its beautiful beaches, subtropical forests of the hinterland and warm weather year-round. It is the third most populous area in Queensland, with approximately 300,000* residents, and is located only 90km north of the state capital Brisbane.

About USC

USC Sunshine Coast is a modern and fast-growing public university that was established in 1996. The 100-hectare campus is an official wildlife reserve where you might see some of the Eastern Grey Kangaroos that live around campus. With approximately 11,500 students**, USC offers a unique Australian campus experience where around 90 per cent of the students are Australian.

USC is known for its excellent student experience, first-class support services, professional teaching staff and high-quality programs. At USC, you can choose from over 100 degree programs, at undergraduate and postgraduate level, across eight study areas, such as Business, Creative Industries, Education, Engineering, Science, Health, Humanities, Law, Criminology and Justice.

USC aims to have an environmentally sustainable campus and has been recognised for its achievements in sustainability, including environmental initiatives and award-winning building design. USC facilities include modern learning and teaching spaces, various cafés providing a wide range of healthy eating options, an art gallery, a large on campus library and bookshop, and multiple 24-hour computer labs.

The USC Sport Precinct, a AUD$10 million indoor sports stadium, accommodates more than 2,000 spectators and includes a gym, Olympic sized swimming pool, multiple indoor and outdoor sports fields and an athletics track. With nationally accredited facilities, year-round idyllic conditions and dedicated athlete support resources, USC is fast becoming a national leader in high performance sport.

At USC, we value and support outstanding teaching and work hard to create a learning environment in which students have every opportunity to flourish. We provide our students with inclusive, personalised support in conjunction with programs that allow them ample opportunities to engage with their discipline, profession and community.
Why choose USC Sunshine Coast?

A unique Australian experience and lifestyle

USC is a great place to meet Australian students, where around 90 per cent of the student population is Australian. The modern 100-hectare campus is a designated wildlife reserve which is home to Australian wildlife, including kangaroos, and provides a relaxing learning environment for students.

Five-star education and student satisfaction

USC has been ranked as one of the best public universities in Australia for the overall quality of its educational experience for undergraduate students.* USC has also been awarded five stars for teaching quality, overall experience, student support, learning resources and skills development.**

Choose courses from across all study areas

At USC, you can choose a range of courses across study areas, such as Business, Creative Industries, Education, Engineering, Science, Health, Humanities, and Law.

Supportive academic environment

USC’s dedicated and friendly staff offer ongoing assistance, aimed to make the transition to study at USC as easy and enjoyable as possible. Students have access to a comprehensive range of student services, such as an orientation program, academic skills support, counselling services, disability support, health and wellbeing advice and accommodation assistance.

Campus accommodation

There are a variety of high quality accommodation options close to the campus to suit any budget and length of stay.

Cutting-edge technology

USC uses the latest technology, including simulated training environments and practical training. Our 3D simulation and other state-of-the-art facilities are sought after by our students in the sciences, engineering and creative industries programs.

* Source: Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT) 2016
**Source: Good Universities Guide 2018. Overall experience performance rating.

What can I study?

BUSINESS, IT AND TOURISM

- Accounting
- Marketing
- Financial Planning
- Human Resource Management
- Information Systems
- International Business
- Management
- Marketing Research
- Tourism, Leisure and Event Management

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES, DESIGN AND COMMUNICATION

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

EDUCATION

- Early Childhood Education
- Primary Education
- Secondary Education

ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

- Environmental Science
- Engineering and Science

HEALTH, NURSING AND SPORT SCIENCES

- Biomedical Sciences
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- Environmental Health Science
- Health Promotion
- Nursing
- Nutrition
- Occupational Therapy

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- Social Work

LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY

- Laws
- Criminology and Justice
Study Abroad

Experience an Australian lifestyle whilst adding an international perspective to your studies

Popular with students from all over the world, the Study Abroad program offers a great educational experience while living and studying on the beautiful Sunshine Coast. Study Abroad offers you the chance to study at USC for one or two semesters and earn credit towards your home degree. You design your semester to suit your own individual requirements. You can choose from a range of courses from the following subject areas: Business, Creative Industries, Education, Engineering, Science, Health, Humanities, and Law.

- Study Abroad – 1 Semester (026639B)
- Study Abroad – 2 Semesters (056828D)

Credit transfer – Study Abroad

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

Diploma

Complete an Australian University Diploma qualification on the beautiful Sunshine Coast

The Diploma is a great alternative to Study Abroad as you can gain an Australian qualification. USC offers a variety of Diploma programs from disciplines such as Business, Communication, General Studies, Sport and Fitness, Outdoor Environmental Studies and Social Sciences. The USC Diploma is a university qualification under the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) and allows you to study a range of courses at undergraduate level. Studying a USC Diploma can complement your studies, improve your English language fluency and enhance cross-cultural knowledge.

The following Diploma programs are on offer:

- Diploma in Business (084894F)
- Diploma in Communication (084895E)
- Diploma in General Studies (084896D)
- Diploma in Outdoor Environmental Studies (088627D)
- Diploma in Social Science (084897C)
- Diploma in Sport and Fitness (088628C)

Credit transfer – Diploma

The Diploma program is usually completed in two semesters, however with credit transfer (recognition of prior studies), you may also be eligible to complete your USC Diploma in a shortened time period. This means you could graduate with an Australian Diploma qualification after successfully completing only one semester (4 courses) of study at USC.

For further information about the Diploma programs, please visit usc.edu.au/diploma-programs

Academic calendar 2018*

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Enrol in courses prior to arrival

Both the Study Abroad and Diploma programs at USC give you the advantage of selecting and enrolling in your courses online. This allows you to confirm your course selection and helps you get the best class schedule possible prior to arrival.
Campus life ...
Sunshine Coast style...

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usc.edu.au/international | Rise, and shine.

SUNSHINE COAST
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QUEENSLAND
SYDNEY
MELBOURNE
PERTH
DARWIN
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USC’s main campus is located on the Sunshine Coast, an area famous for its warm climate, beaches and relaxed outdoor lifestyle. There are good reasons why people like to live, work and study on the Sunshine Coast!

Take advantage of the outdoor environment year-round with surfing, paddle boarding, kayaking, SCUBA diving, bush walking, rock climbing, cycling, fishing, whale watching or golfing.

Make the most of the Sunshine Coast’s central location by visiting world heritage listed Fraser Island, Australia’s premier whale watching destination Hervey Bay or the world famous Great Barrier Reef.

Explore the natural beauty of our stunning hinterland, swim in waterfalls, hike through mountains and walk through national parks.

Take a day trip to Great Sandy National Park, Noosa National Park and Glass House Mountains or visit one of our local attractions like, Steve Irwin’s famous Australia Zoo, the Big Kart Track, Aussie World theme park, the Ginger Factory and aqua fun parks.

Participate in (or watch) one of our many sporting, music or food events such as Noosa Festival of Surfing, Woodford Folk Festival, Noosa Jazz Festival, Noosa Food and Wine Festival, Mooloolaba Triathlon, or the Sunshine Coast Marathon.

Experience the benefits of living in a metropolitan area, including several large shopping complexes, or experiencing the nightlife of Maroochydore, Mooloolaba, Noosa and Caloundra.

Enjoy the café culture, relaxing and socialising with your friends in one of our many cafés, restaurants, surf clubs, wineries or pubs.

USC Sport

USC Sport provides first class facilities, programs and services for students, on both a social and competitive level. Get involved in sports like athletics, soccer, basketball, rugby, volleyball, futsal, netball, dodgeball, wheelchair basketball and roller derby*. For more information, visit: usc.edu.au/explore/campus/sport-and-fitness

SPORT FACILITIES

- Olympic standard 50m ten-lane heated swimming pool
- International standard athletics track plus athletics equipment for hire*
- Indoor sports stadium, which accommodates more than 2,000 spectators and has multiple indoor sports courts including netball, basketball, volleyball, badminton and futsal
- Multipurpose outdoor playing fields for rugby, soccer and Australian Football League
- Gym with modern equipment and group classes including yoga, Zumba and Boxfit*

UniClub and Student Guild

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 an ideal place to find out what is happening on and around campus. The UniClub is run by the Student Guild which is student volunteer based, with the aim of contributing to student life across USC.

Clubs and Societies*

There are various clubs based on campus, including the USC Quidditch league, USC Boardgamers, Mooloolaba Knights’ Lacrosse team, USC Spartan Touch (touch football), USC Activate (outdoor activity and adventure sports club) and the USC Chorale and USC Singers (choir). Whether you are studying business, arts, science, history, sports or anything in between, you can get involved with our USC social clubs. For more information, visit usc.edu.au/clubs-and-societies

*Sports and equipment may vary. Check websites for details.
Accommodation

USC Sunshine Coast – Sippy Downs

Privately owned student accommodation

There are two privately owned student accommodation complexes located only a short walk from USC, using pathways linked to the campus. UniCentral and Varsity Apartments offer modern self-contained accommodation in resort style complexes. At Varsity Apartments and UniCentral, the fully furnished apartments have four private bedrooms with a communal kitchen and living area. Bedrooms have their own private bathroom, with a shower, toilet and wash basin.*

When you’re not studying, you can take a swim in the pool, play on the beach volleyball, tennis or basketball courts, enjoy a barbecue with friends or make use of the games room with free pay TV.* The complexes also have either resident managers, a staff member on site or night time security to assist you during your stay.

Other accommodation

You can also rent your own apartment, share an apartment with others or stay with a Homestay family. For more details on accommodation options visit the USC website: usc.edu.au

For more information about these accommodation options, contact:

UNICENTRAL
unicentral.net.au

VARSITY APARTMENTS
varsityapartments.com.au

*Facilities vary. Check websites for details.

Transport

The Sunshine Coast is also an ideal base for exploring Australia’s big cities, the Outback or the Tropics. Brisbane city, the capital of Queensland, is approximately one hour away by car, and there are public transport connections from our Sunshine Coast campus.

Public Transport

Public bus services operate between USC’s bus interchange and coastal communities, giving you access to local beaches, shopping centres, restaurants and the nightlife of the Sunshine Coast. From USC’s bus interchange, you can use an integrated bus and rail service to travel to Brisbane.

Airport Connections

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 with local providers (charges apply).

Sunshine Coast Airport has direct flights to Sydney (1.5 hours), Melbourne (2.5 hours) and New Zealand (3 hours).

Brisbane has both domestic and international airports, meaning you have easy access to explore Australia and overseas.
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✔ Five-star education* and high student satisfaction†
✔ Wide range of study options
✔ Excellent academic and student support services
✔ Great campus experience with 90% Australian students
✔ Modern campus with world-class facilities
✔ Resort-style student accommodation located next to campus
✔ Ideal location for exploring all Australia has to offer

How to apply

You can find step-by-step instructions, entry requirements and important information at usc.edu.au/internationalapply

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

✔ 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 need help with the process, or have any questions, email study@usc.edu.au

* Good Universities Guide 2018. † Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT) 2016.