

STUDY ABROAD



YOUR GUIDE TO STUDY AT USC | 2022

USC Sunshine Coast

Studying abroad not only provides life-changing opportunities, but it is also an academic and cultural adventure – an adventure that allows you to move across the globe, and continue to undertake your academic studies, while fully immersing yourself in Australian culture.



USC has a number of study locations in addition to USC Sunshine Coast, which are also located in the South East Queensland region. For more information on these locations, visit usc.edu.au/explore/usc-locations

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At USC Sunshine Coast you will be studying at one of Australia's highest-rated public universities, rated* five stars in key areas of undergraduate student satisfaction – teaching quality, overall experience, learning resources and in student support, skills development and social equity.

Located one hour north of the Queensland state capital Brisbane, the campus is located on a 100 hectare nature reserve, home to Australian wildlife (including our Eastern grey kangaroos) and fauna. Our facilities have been designed with sustainability in mind, with innovative building design and initiatives across the campus to reduce our carbon footprint.

We have nationally-accredited sport facilities, supporting athletes and teams at the highest levels of sporting competition. USC is also home to some of the most advanced learning facilities in Australia.

USC's student population is made up of around 90 percent Australian students, as well as international students from more than 70 countries around the world, providing you with an authentic Australian study experience.

We offer you two different types of study options which lets you fully personalise your study overseas adventure.

*Good Universities Guide Ratings Report 2022.

USC STUDY OPTIONS

USC Diploma and Study Abroad programs allow students to have an overseas study experience for one or two semesters.

If you are enrolled in university study at home, you can explore areas of interest that complement your studies, or try something new.

If you have recently graduated from high school, our Study Abroad program allows you to have a taster of university life and study courses that might be credited toward any future study you do.

With a wide variety of courses and disciplines on offer, you will have the flexibility to design a program that suits your needs.

➔ **OPTION 1:** Diploma program

➔ **OPTION 2:** Study Abroad program



Academic calendar

Semester commencement and finish dates are generally as follows:

SEMESTER 1 (SPRING)

- Classes commence: February
- Exam period: June

SEMESTER 2 (FALL)

- Classes commence: July
- Exam period: November

Exact dates can be found on USC's academic calendars: usc.edu.au/calendars

OPTION 1: Diploma program

Complement your current studies, improve your career prospects and enhance your English language fluency and cross-cultural knowledge.

By choosing USC's Diploma program, on successful completion, you will graduate from USC with a recognised qualification from the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF). Use your overseas study experience to gain an international perspective, a cultural experience and make yourself stand out from the crowd.

If you are eligible, you could earn up to 50 percent credit for prior study and complete the Diploma in one semester.

DIPLOMA PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE IN:

- Animal Ecology
- Business
- Communication
- General Studies
- Outdoor Environmental Studies
- Social Science
- Criminology and Justice

The courses on offer within the Diploma are taken directly from several of USC's undergraduate programs, you will enrol in classes with local students, study at undergraduate Bachelor level and have the flexibility to choose your preferred courses.

COMPLETE YOUR PROGRAM IN ONE SEMESTER

USC offers eligible students the opportunity to apply for their preferred diploma with up to 50 percent credit transfer*, which means students could complete the program in one semester.

- Students can apply for credit for up to four courses (48 units)
- If four courses of credit transfer are granted, students will be required to successfully complete the remaining four courses (48 units) at USC to graduate
- Eligibility of credit transfer can only be assessed once an application has been received

If you are currently enrolled at a tertiary institution, you need to check with your home institution about the possibility of credit transfer for courses studied at USC.

Choose your courses and have them approved by USC and your home institution before you arrive.

CRICOS CODE: Diploma in Animal Ecology (107195F)
Diploma in Criminology and Justice (0100425)
Diploma in Business (084894F)
Diploma in Communication (084895E)
Diploma in General Studies (084896D)
Diploma in Outdoor Environmental Studies (088627D)
Diploma in Social Science (084897C)

STUDY LOCATION: Sunshine Coast

COMMENCE: Semester 1 or Semester 2

PROGRAM LENGTH (FULL-TIME): Two semesters (full year)

* To be eligible, students with recognised prior tertiary studies must apply for and receive credit transfer.

OPTION 2: Study Abroad program

Study Abroad is a one or two semester program, offering students the opportunity to choose courses in a range of disciplines.

You can choose to study either three or four courses per semester (36 or 48 units). The courses are taken from our undergraduate programs, you will have the opportunity to study alongside our Australian and other international students studying toward their USC degrees.

This program is tailored to students who would like an overseas study experience, have the flexibility to pick courses from a diverse course offering and choose their study load (ie three or four courses).

CRICOS CODE: Study Abroad 026639B (3 or 4 course option)
Study Abroad (Full Year) 056828D (6 or 8 course option)

STUDY LOCATION: Sunshine Coast

COMMENCE: Semester 1 or Semester 2

PROGRAM LENGTH (FULL-TIME): One semester or two semesters
(full year)

You will have the opportunity to choose from over 200 courses for your Study Abroad experience. Here's a sample of some of the courses on offer:**

SCS130 INTRODUCTION TO INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIA

Explore significant cultural and historical factors that shaped Australian Indigenous lives since colonial settlement and examines their effects in contemporary Indigenous communities and families.

DES103 FUNDAMENTALS OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Develop your understanding of the fundamentals of photography and visual literacy. You will learn practical and theoretical skills which will aid you in developing an understanding of composition and the basic elements of photography.

SCI113 DISCOVERING SCIENCE

Science and the study of the universe has always inspired awe and fascination. Whether on the grand scale of big ideas, sub atomic scales or the intricate complexities of life, the urge to discover new frontiers drives us as a species. Through lab and field activities this course will spark your curiosity and engage you in the world of scientific inquiry.

CMN204 SOCIAL MEDIA: CONTENT CURATION AND CREATION

This Work Integrated Learning course explores the theoretical basis and its practical application in the curation and creation of digital content for mainstream social media platforms for delivery to a real client. Students will apply this knowledge to the strategic and practical curation and development of social media content for a variety of platforms.

ANM100 ANIMAL ECOLOGY FIELD COURSE

Animal ecologists are passionate, field-orientated scientists, who work in a broad variety of industries across a diverse range of animal groups and ecosystems. This course will introduce you to the discipline of animal ecology and engage you directly in studying animals in some of the unique coastal ecosystems of Australia.

* USC offers a limited number of postgraduate level courses to students who are currently enrolled in a master-level program at their institution or who have completed their undergraduate studies.

For more information and a course list contact the International Office.

** Course availability is subject to change. Some courses may require you to have pre-requisite knowledge to enrol.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Diploma program

Diploma program students can review the courses on offer within the program on the relevant Diploma program page on the USC website. The program structure and available course offerings are listed under the 'Program detail' tab.

Study Abroad program

USC has a Study Abroad course list with all the course options available for Study Abroad students.

- Read through the Study Abroad course list: usc.edu.au/SAcourses
- There are two main course-choice lists:
 - Semester 1 (February–June)
 - Semester 2 (July–November)
- Choose the relevant semester and review each course to see which are of interest to you

Course approval

Requesting course approval from USC is easy!

When we receive your completed application with your nominated courses, we will assess your eligibility and let you know by email which courses have been approved.

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Discipline areas

- Arts and International Studies
- Business and Commerce
- Communication, Design and Creative Industries
- Education
- Environmental Studies
- Law and Criminology
- Medical and Health Sciences
- Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine
- Psychology and Social Sciences
- Science, IT and Engineering
- Sport and Exercise Science



ACCOMMODATION

Privately owned accommodation complexes*

There are two privately owned 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 access to pay TV. The complexes also have either resident managers, a staff member on site or night time security to assist you during your stay.

For more information about these accommodation options, contact:

- UniCentral: unicentral.net.au
- Varsity Apartments: varsityapartments.com.au

*Facilities vary. Check websites for details.

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/accommodation



TRANSPORT

The Sunshine Coast is also an ideal base for exploring Australia's big cities, the Outback or the tropics. Brisbane, 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 (three hours). Brisbane has both domestic and international airports, meaning you have easy access to explore Australia and overseas!

QUEENSLAND'S SUNSHINE COAST



The state of Queensland is renowned for its warm climate, pristine beaches, tropical rainforests, and access to the Great Barrier Reef. It also boasts vibrant cities and some of Australia's favourite coastal towns, including Noosa.

The Sunshine Coast encompasses Queensland's best qualities and offers many lifestyle benefits, including beautiful beaches and stunning hinterland, a warm climate, and a relaxed and friendly community. Approximately 350,000* people call the Sunshine Coast their home, making it the third most populous region in Queensland. It is one of Australia's premier beach destinations and there is something to do for everyone.

SURF: Learn to surf, paddle or kite board, or sit back and enjoy the laid-back beach lifestyle the Sunshine Coast has to offer.

HIKE: Explore the Sunshine Coast hinterland, hike one of our popular mountains, visit waterfalls or go on a walk through subtropical rainforests.

SHOP: Go shopping along the esplanade at one of the many boutique shops, or take in a movie, and shop to your heart's content at one of the Sunshine Coast's modern shopping malls.

UNWIND: Enjoy a coffee or cold drink at one of the many cafes or restaurants, and experience Australia's famous cafe and coffee culture. Or listen to some live music and dance the night away at one of the local nightlife venues.

EXPLORE: The Sunshine Coast is also an ideal base for exploring Australia's big cities, the legendary Outback or the tropics. Road trip north to the Great Barrier Reef, or take a flight to Sydney or Melbourne from the Sunshine Coast's local airport.



WHY CHOOSE USC

- ★ Five stars in key areas of undergraduate student satisfaction – teaching quality, overall experience, learning resources and in student support, skills development and social equity.
- ★ Wide range of study options.
- ★ Excellent academic and student support services.
- ★ Authentic Australian experience, with 90 percent of USC students coming from Australia.
- ★ Modern campus with world-class facilities.
- ★ Resort-style student accommodation located next to campus.
- ★ Ideal location for exploring all Australia has to offer.

* Population growth—forecast SSC sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Experience-Sunshine-Coast/Statistics-and-Maps/Population-Growth

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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.
- If you would like assistance with your application, 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

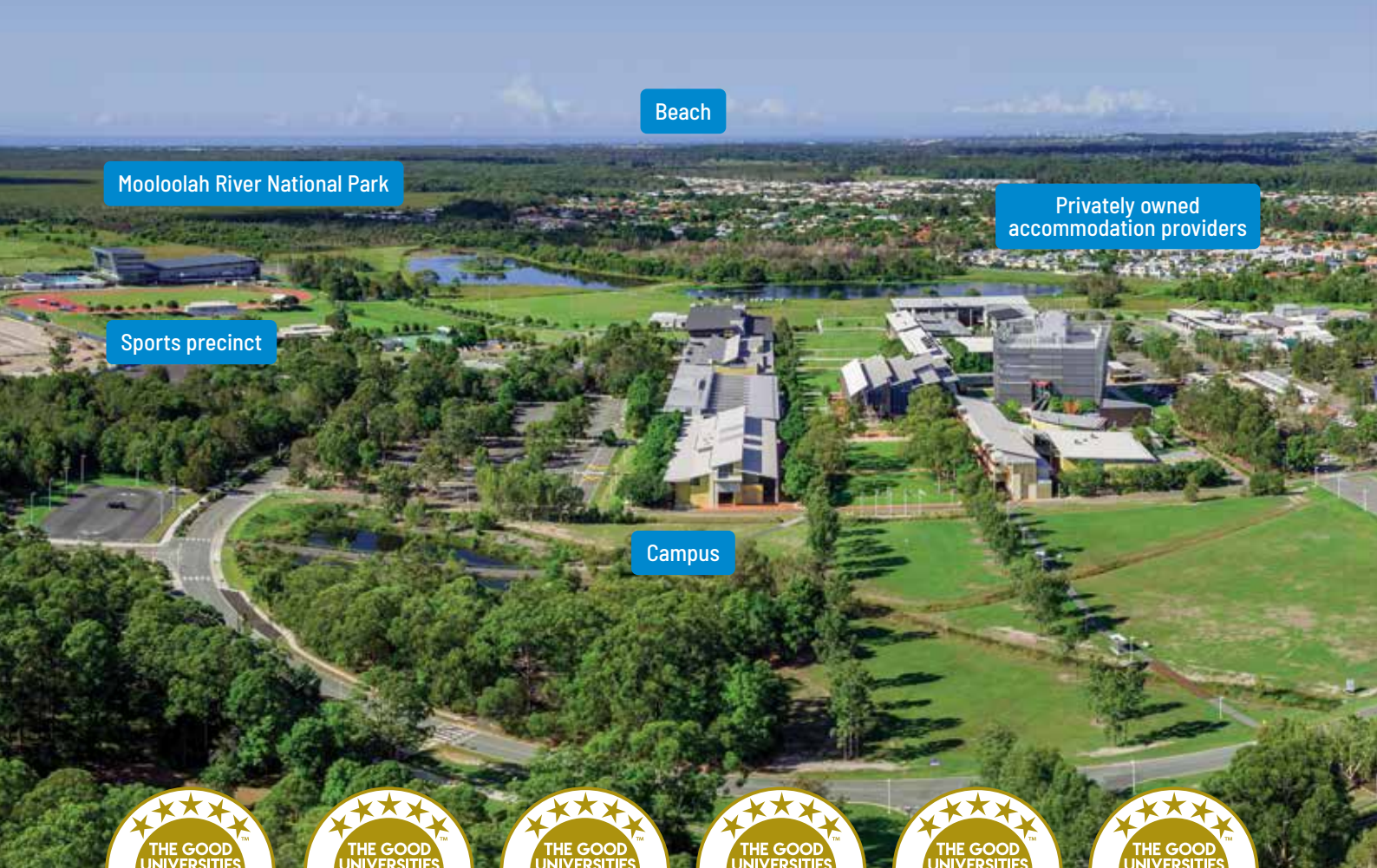
Tuition fees

If you are applying direct or via an agent, you can find our tuition fees for both programs at usc.edu.au/internationalprograms

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Established:	1996
Type of institution:	Public university
Student population:	12500+ USC Sunshine Coast – 2021 full year enrolled headcount
Study areas:	Arts, Business, Law, Science, Health, Education and Engineering
Location:	Sippy Downs, Sunshine Coast, Australia
Sunshine Coast population:	350,000+



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