

Inbound study abroad and exchange 2025/2026

Australian Catholic University (ACU) offers various global learning programs for students from partner universities and direct applicants, to study for a semester or a year at one of our six campuses in Australia, and our ACU Rome Campus in Italy.

acu.edu.au/study-abroad-and-exchange

OUR UNIVERSITY

- Top 100 young universities worldwide¹
- Top 10 Catholic universities²
- 32,000+ students
- 200+ international partners

GLOBAL PROGRAMS

ACU's Global Learning **inbound programs** allow students to study for one semester or a year and include:

- Exchange at ACU
- Study Abroad at ACU
- Study Abroad + Community Engagement

OUR CAMPUSES

Students can study at any ACU campus* in Australia, or in Rome, Italy - depending on the program.

The most popular destinations are Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney; **choose your ACU campus.**

*Blacktown campus is not available.

ACADEMIC DATES

Semester 2, 2025

Orientation week: 28 Jul – 1 Aug

Semester commences: 4 Aug

Semester break: 29 Sep – 5 Oct

Semester concludes: 7 Nov

Exam period: 10 – 30 Nov

Semester 1, 2026

Orientation week: 23 – 27 Feb

Semester commences: 2 Mar

Semester break: 6 – 12 Apr

Semester concludes: 5 Jun

Exam period: 8 – 28 Jun

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students must meet the following eligibility:

- be at least 18 years old
- have an above average overall GPA (equivalent to 4.5 on ACU's 7.0 scale)
- Postgraduate students must have successfully completed the equivalent of an Australian Bachelors Degree
- **English language proficiency** (equivalent to IELTS 6.0 for undergraduate students or 6.5 for postgraduate students).

EXCHANGE NOMINATIONS

Please complete the **ACU inbound nomination form** for each student you wish to nominate.

ACU will contact to confirm nominations and then send application guidelines directly to nominated students (and cc partner institution).

ACU does not have nomination deadlines. To check exchange balances, contact globallearning.inbound@acu.edu.au

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

To apply, students must submit the following documents:

- Copy of official academic transcript
- Copy of personal information page of passport
- English proficiency results (if applicable)
- Personal statement

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Students are required to submit applications by the deadlines below and allow time to obtain a student visa.

Semester 1 (February to June):
apply by 15 November

Semester 2 (July to November):
apply by 15 May



APPLICATION PROCESS

1. **Check you meet ACU entry requirements.**
2. **Choose an ACU campus and units to study.**
3. **Submit an application online.** Exchange students must request nomination from their home university.
4. **Accept and pay.** Study abroad students required to pay tuition fees.
5. **Apply for student visa.**
6. **Prepare for your studies.**

To apply, visit: acu.edu.au/international-students/study-abroad-and-exchange/how-to-apply

STUDY OPTIONS AT ACU

Students have the flexibility to enrol in units from various study areas across ACU's four faculties. Whether they're fulfilling core requirements or exploring electives, they can choose the units that are right for them.

Study level: Undergraduate and postgraduate

Language of instruction: English

Unit requirements: prerequisite requirements (if applicable) must be met prior to enrolment.

Restricted study areas: Midwifery, Occupational Therapy, Paramedicine, Speech Pathology and Psychology (postgraduate).

See the ACU Handbook [ACU Handbook](#) for unit outlines (syllabi).

ENROLLMENT AT ACU

Students must request, in their application, at least six ACU units to study at their preferred campus. The unit options will allow for availability and timetable changes.

A standard full-time study load is three to four units (30CP to 40CP). Typically 10CP at ACU is equivalent to 7.5 ECTS or 3-4 U.S. credits. Those who hold a student visa can only complete one 10CP course via online study.

ACU will process each students enrolment and provide an enrolment report, prior to Orientation.

Visit [Study options at ACU](#).

STUDENT VISA

Students are required to hold a valid Australian visa for the duration of their studies and can apply once a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) is issued by ACU, at time of acceptance. Generally, study abroad and exchange students apply for a Student Visa (500) Non-Award. To explore visa options refer to [the Department of Home Affairs](#).

ARRIVING AND LIVING IN AUSTRALIA

ACU hosts pre-arrival webinars to prepare students to study at ACU and also provides pre-arrival information at time of acceptance.

Cost of living: Depending on a students lifestyle and budget, cost of living will vary. This [cost of living calculator](#) is a great resource to help you prepare.

OSHC: Students are required to have Overseas Student Health Cover for the duration of their student visa. Evidence of health insurance is required for a student visa to be issued. Further information on health insurance can be found at:

www.acu.edu.au/oshc

Airport pickup: Study Abroad and Exchange students are offered complimentary airport pickup when they arrive in Australia. Each student is required to submit an airport pickup request to receive an Uber voucher valued at AU\$75, valid for 6-months from date of issue. Further information will be provided at time of acceptance.

ACCOMMODATION

ACU offers off-campus housing, as well as exclusive offers with external student housing providers. Students will experience community living in an inclusive and supportive environment with students from Australia and the world.

Find out more about [ACU accommodation](#).

STUDY ABROAD + COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Engagement at ACU, allows students to make a meaningful impact on the community and put their new skills into practice by combining their learning abroad study with community volunteering. Students go beyond the Australian tourist sights to develop a deeper understanding of Australian society, and gain real-world experience.

Students can earn credit towards their degree by enrolling in various ACU units; for example:

BIPX202 - Community Engagement: [Building Strengths and Capabilities](#)

Notes:

1 *Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2024*

2 Based on International Federation of Catholic Universities members ranked on Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2025

TUITION

YEAR	TUITION	STUDY ABROAD 30CP	STUDY ABROAD 40CP	SINGLE UNIT 10CP
2025	Per semester	AU\$7,965	AU\$10,620	AU\$2,655
	For ACU international partners	AU\$6,372	AU\$8,496	AU\$2,124

CONTACT US

For partnership and agreement matters, contact: ACUinternational.relations@acu.edu.au

To learn more about ACU Global Learning programs, partners and students can book a [Chat with ACU](#) session.



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