



# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE

2020

Your guide  
to study at  
USC Sunshine  
Coast



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# Welcome

## to the University of the Sunshine Coast



At USC, we believe the best outcomes are achieved when students have access to both the academic services they require and the support services that build skills, confidence and commitment.

Our students learn from the most highly awarded teaching and support staff in the nation, and benefit from flexible entry pathways, industry relevant degrees and excellent study facilities.

Every year our graduates rate their experiences and the support they receive at USC very highly, and our alumni are making their mark both locally and globally.

If you need any more information about USC, or your study options, please contact us.

We look forward to meeting you.

Professor Greg Hill  
Vice-Chancellor and President

#### An international student is a person who:

- is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen, an Australian Permanent Resident or a permanent humanitarian visa holder
- is enrolled in, or intends to enrol in, a study program with an Australian higher education provider
- holds a visa that has appropriate study rights

#### An international student visa holder:

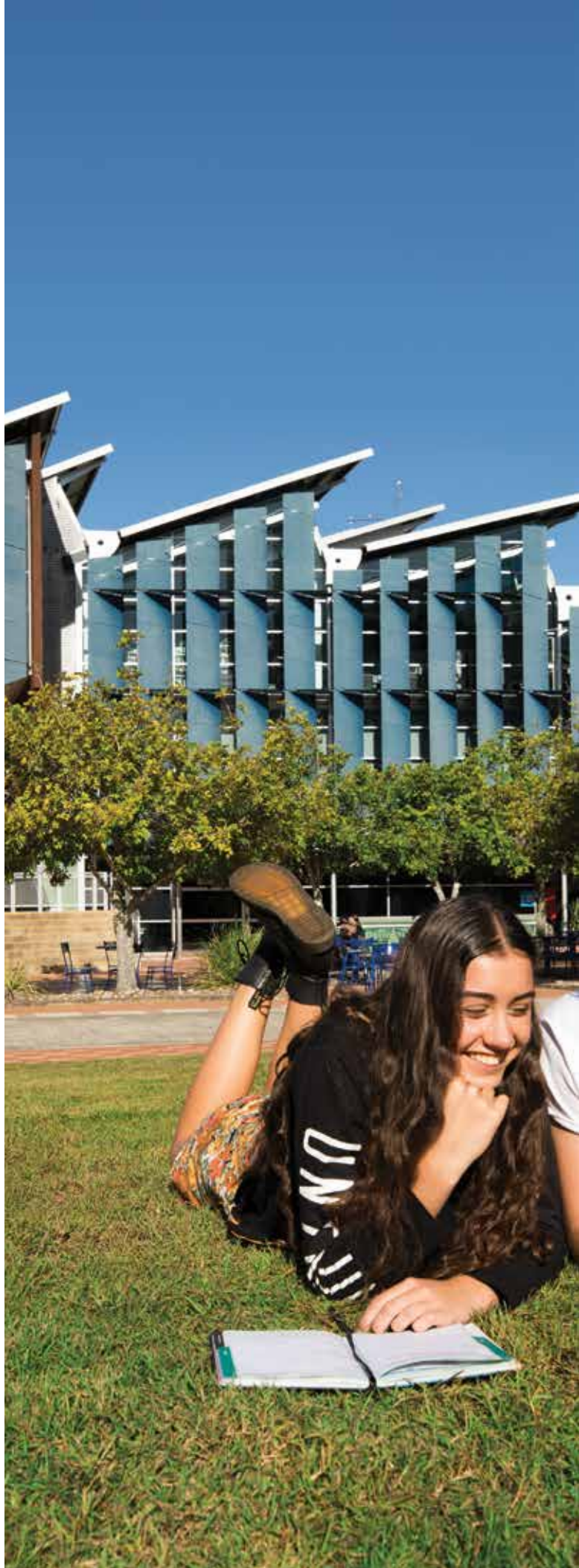
- is an international student who holds a Student visa issued by the Department of Home Affairs. Student visa holders should be aware of the *ESOS Act 2000* and the *National Code*, which registered providers offering CRICOS registered programs to international student visa holders need to adhere to.



The University of the Sunshine Coast acknowledges the Gubbi Gubbi people as the traditional custodians of the land on which the Sippy Downs campus stands, and recognises the strength, resilience and capacity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in this land.

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# USC Sunshine Coast

The University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) is an Australian public university. USC's main campus\* is located in Sippy Downs on Queensland's Sunshine Coast.

Set in the sunny state of Queensland on Australia's east coast, the Sunshine Coast is a destination of endless beaches, lush rainforests, and expansive hinterlands. Located only a short one-hour drive north of the state's capital, Brisbane, it is home to the architecturally diverse USC Sunshine Coast campus – a campus renowned for its environmentally-sustainable approach.

The campus sits on a 100-hectare designated wildlife reserve, which provides sanctuary to native Australian wildlife, including the resident Eastern Grey Kangaroos, reptiles, and birds.

USC students receive a high quality educational experience, while enjoying the relaxed lifestyle that the Sunshine Coast offers.

Our students benefit from a friendly and supportive campus environment, access to highly qualified teaching staff, personal attention, and modern technology and facilities.

At USC Sunshine Coast, you will become one of the locals in no time and enjoy making friends with Australians, while also meeting students from around the world. The friendships, experiences and memories you make at USC are sure to last a lifetime.

If you are looking to study abroad, either for a short period or for your entire degree, USC Sunshine Coast has something to offer you.

You can choose from a range of programs and disciplines:

- undergraduate – associate and bachelor degrees
- postgraduate – master and research degrees
- Study Abroad – one semester or full-year options
- diploma – one-year programs
- English language programs – 10- to 30-week options



\* 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](http://usc.edu.au/explore/usc-locations)



# Queensland's

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.

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**WORLD HERITAGE AREAS:**  
Including Fraser Island and the Great Barrier Reef



**200**

**NATIONAL PARKS:**  
Explore the natural diversity of Queensland from rainforests to our famous beaches

**7-8**

**HOURS OF SUNSHINE:**  
On average per day in the South East region



**3**

**MILLION PEOPLE:**  
Living in the South East Queensland region, with all the benefits of a metropolitan area – shopping, food, culture, theatres, museums and nightlife



**30**

**THOUSAND YEARS OF HISTORY:**  
Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures are among some of the oldest in the world and Queensland offers plenty of opportunities to experience their history and traditional practices



**7**

**THOUSAND KILOMETRES OF COASTLINE:**

Take part in some of Australia's favourite pastimes, participating in water sports such as surfing, paddleboarding and kite surfing



# Sunshine Coast

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 319,000\* 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.

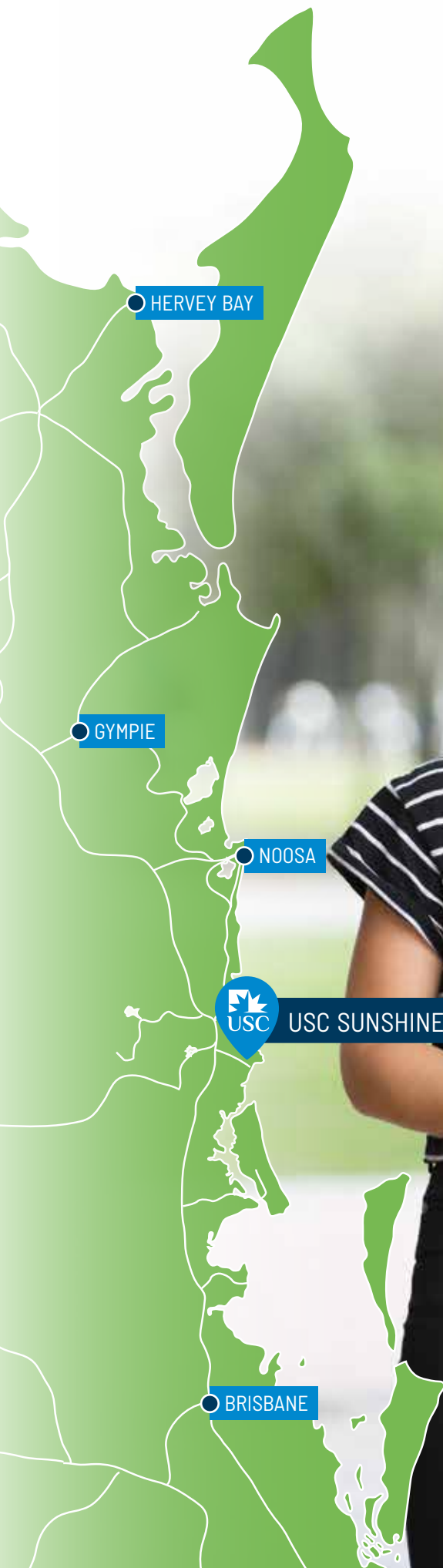
Road trip north to the Great Barrier Reef, or take a flight to Sydney or Melbourne from the Sunshine Coast's local airport.

\* Estimated resident population ERP 2018.  
Source: [profile.id.com.au/sunshine-coast/population-estimate](http://profile.id.com.au/sunshine-coast/population-estimate)



# Why choose USC Sunshine Coast

At USC Sunshine Coast, you will become one of the locals in no time and enjoy making friends with Australians, while also meeting students from around the world. The friendships, experiences and memories you make at USC are sure to last a lifetime.





Serenity Falls, Buderim

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.

Here are some good reasons for choosing USC:

**FIVE-STAR EDUCATION**

USC has been awarded five stars for Teaching Quality, Overall Experience, Student Support, Learning Resources, Skills Development and Social Equity.\*

**FIVE-STAR STUDENT SATISFACTION**

USC is rated one of the top universities in Australia for the overall quality of their educational experience.\*\*

**FLEXIBLE DEGREE OPTIONS**

USC students can plan study pathways to meet their individual goals or gain credit from previous studies.

**FREE ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT**

USC offers English for Academic Study (EAS) support if English is not your first language.

**ACADEMIC SKILLS ASSISTANCE**

USC provides ongoing access to individual consultations, workshops and online self-help resources.

**AUSTRALIAN LIFESTYLE**

USC is a great place to meet Australian students and experience the Australian way of life.



Noosa, Sunshine Coast



South Bank, Brisbane



Gympie, Wide Bay-Burnett



Hervey Bay, Fraser Coast

**QUICK FACTS** (from USC SUNSHINE COAST)

Established ..... 1996  
 Type of institution ..... public university  
 Student population ..... 13,700+  
 Domestic (Australian) students ..... 90 percent



\* Good Universities Guide 2019.

\*\* Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT) 2018.

# USC SUNSHINE COAST



## On campus

The USC Sunshine Coast campus features modern, distinctive architecture and environmentally sensitive design. The 100-hectare campus borders the Mooloolah River National Park and is fully equipped with cafes, an art gallery, award-winning library, bookshop, 24-hour computer laboratories, lecture theatres, and high-tech teaching spaces.

The sports precinct includes an international-standard athletics track, an indoor sports stadium with gymnasium, and an Olympic-standard swimming pool.

### USC offers plenty of study options across its eight schools:

- USC Business School
- School of Creative Industries
- School of Education
- School of Health and Sport Sciences
- School of Law and Criminology
- School of Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine
- School of Science and Engineering
- School of Social Sciences

### Adventure at your doorstep:

- 15-minute drive to Mooloolaba's beautiful beaches
- 25-minute drive to the luscious Sunshine Coast hinterland
- 30-minute drive to the Sunshine Coast airport to explore Australia and Oceania
- One-hour drive to the state's capital, Brisbane, and its international airport





# Accommodation

## Privately owned accommodation providers

There are three privately owned accommodation complexes located only a short walk from USC, using pathways linked to the campus.

UniCentral, Varsity Apartments and The Village all 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.\*

The Village offers a range of accommodation options, with differing prices, from a room in a two or three bedroom apartment to boarding house-style accommodation.

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](http://unicentral.net.au)

**VARSITY APARTMENTS**  
[varsityapartments.com.au](http://varsityapartments.com.au)

**THE VILLAGE**  
[thevillage.net.au](http://thevillage.net.au)

\* Facilities vary – check websites for details.



# SUPPORT

## WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

The decision to study at university can be daunting, but knowing you're going to be supported through the entire process should reassure you that you're making the right choice.



USC has a variety of support services\* available. From academic and careers support, through to counselling and other student services, you'll have the confidence and assistance you need to give you the best chance to succeed in your studies.



### Academic and study support

USC offers a range of learning resources and support, including online advice, one-to-one support and academic skills workshops.



### Careers and employment

Arm yourself with the information and advice you need to get your career heading in the right direction.



### Health and wellbeing

Take care of yourself while you're studying with USC's range of health and wellbeing services.



### English for Academic Study

USC provides a free, four-part informal module specifically designed for international students from a non-English speaking background with minimum entry level English skills.



### Student Success Network

USC has an active network of student groups and support services to help you settle into your studies and make the most of your university experience.



### Counselling

A free, confidential counselling service with a qualified psychologist is available to all students.



### Disability and equity

If your studies are affected by a disability, learning disorder, injury or illness, AccessAbility Services can provide assistance, advocacy and academic support.

\* Student support services may vary across USC campuses. Check individual study locations for more information [usc.edu.au/explore/usc-locations](https://usc.edu.au/explore/usc-locations)

## Student Guild

The Student Guild at USC Sunshine Coast runs a community kitchen, has a second-hand textbook hub, keeps an accommodation register, organises events and trips, provides sports equipment free of charge and funding for USC student clubs and societies. The Guild is run by student volunteers, with the aim of contributing to student life across USC.



# ORIENTATION

## WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO USC IN PERSON

Orientation at USC is held during the week before the start of each semester on campus and is a mixture of workshops to help you settle in to your studies and fun activities where you can meet other students and explore the local area. Separate orientations are held at other campuses during Orientation Week, and these dates are available closer to the time. You can familiarise yourself with the campus, student support services, academic expectations and requirements.

Each USC location has its own Orientation which often includes live music, entertainment, information about USC's sporting teams and interest groups and other activities. These events are a great way to make new friends and begin your Australian study experience.

The academic support services include workshops on topics such as assignment writing, library tutorials and new semester study essentials.

For details of the Orientation schedule including activities, times and dates, visit [usc.edu.au/orientation](https://usc.edu.au/orientation)

### International Welcome Day

International students are also invited to attend the International Welcome Day. This is held on the weekend prior to Orientation week at USC Sunshine Coast. The day includes a bus tour to local areas, guided walks with current USC students and an Aussie BBQ on campus.

### Student Success Network

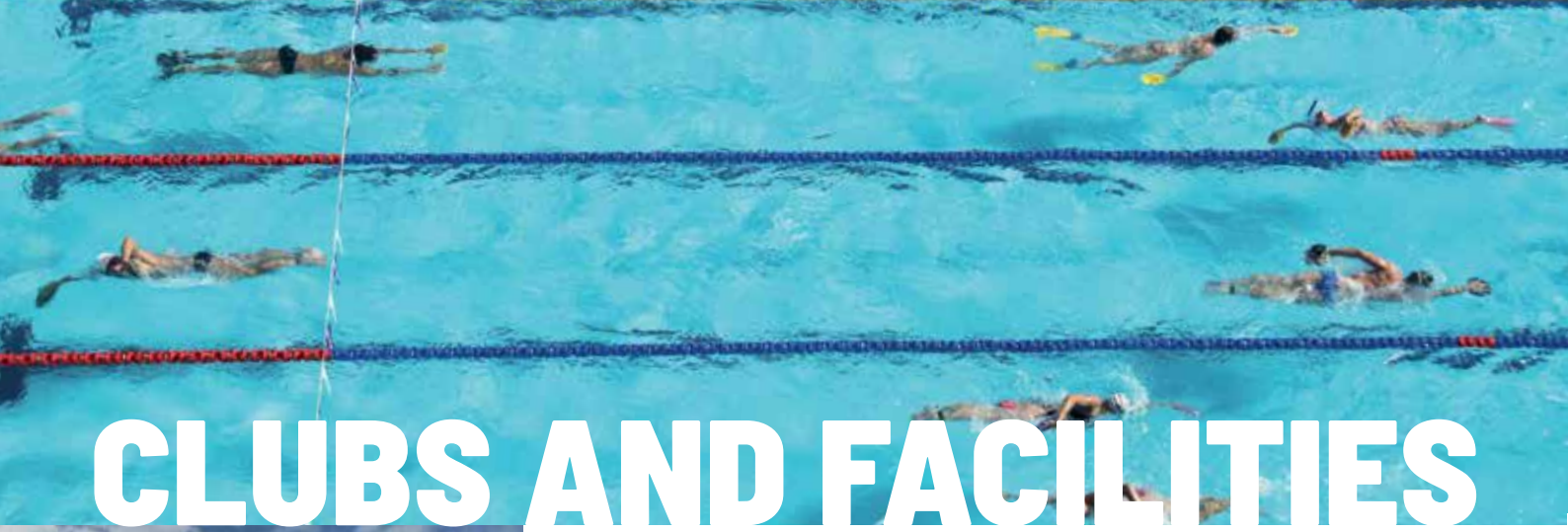
To help you get settled into your studies, you can connect with current students through the Student Success Network.

This Network is made up of trained students who are involved in a range of activities from academic and social connections to program specific support.

They respect your privacy, maintain confidentiality and can:

- meet with you on campus during your first few weeks to answer any questions and see how you're settling in
- be a familiar face on campus and someone to talk to when you're not sure who to ask
- answer questions and refer you to various services
- connect you to social or study groups relevant to your discipline
- provide a supportive environment where students can connect with other students to share ideas, experiences, challenges and advice

Connect with the Student Success Network at [usc.edu.au/studentsuccess](https://usc.edu.au/studentsuccess)



# CLUBS AND FACILITIES



## USC SPORT

USC Sport provides first-class facilities, programs and services for students.

### SPORT FACILITIES

- an Olympic-standard 50m 10-lane heated swimming pool
- a gym with modern equipment and classes including yoga, Zumba and boxfit
- a A\$10 million indoor sports stadium, which accommodates more than 3,000 spectators and has multiple sports fields including netball, basketball, volleyball, badminton and futsal
- an international-standard athletics track, plus athletics equipment for hire
- multi-purpose playing fields, for rugby, soccer and AFL

### SOCIAL SPORT

If you don't want to join a sports team, but enjoy playing team sports, USC sport organises social sport programs. You can turn up and get involved in sports like futsal, dodgeball, basketball or soccer.

A range of Sunshine Coast sporting groups also use USC facilities for training and fixtures, which could include athletics, basketball, rugby, volleyball, futsal, netball, wheelchair basketball and roller derby.

[usc.edu.au/sport/sport-and-fitness/social-sport](http://usc.edu.au/sport/sport-and-fitness/social-sport)

### UNIVERSITY GAMES

University sport events provide a great opportunity to represent your university and meet people from all over Australia. USC Sport sends sporting teams to University Games events each year in a number of sports. Teams representing the University compete as the USC Spartans. To be eligible you must be an enrolled student.

[usc.edu.au/university-games](http://usc.edu.au/university-games)

### USC ACTIVATE

USC Activate is an outdoor activity and adventure sports club for USC students. The club is involved in activities like hiking, surfing, paddle boarding, SCUBA diving, mountain biking, rock climbing and canoeing. The club is open to all USC students, and prides itself on openness, acceptance and friendship.

[uscactivate.wildapricot.org](http://uscactivate.wildapricot.org)

### ENACTUS

Enactus University of the Sunshine (USC) is a non-profit community based organisation that uses the power of entrepreneurship to create a positive change in the local and international community. Whether you are studying business, arts, science, history, sports or anything in between you can get involved with Enactus USC.

### OTHER CLUBS

There are other clubs based on campus, including the USC Chorale and USC Singers (choir), the USC Quidditch league, USC Boardgamers, Mooloolaba Knights' Lacrosse team and USC Spartan Touch (touch football).

[usc.edu.au/clubs-and-societies](http://usc.edu.au/clubs-and-societies)



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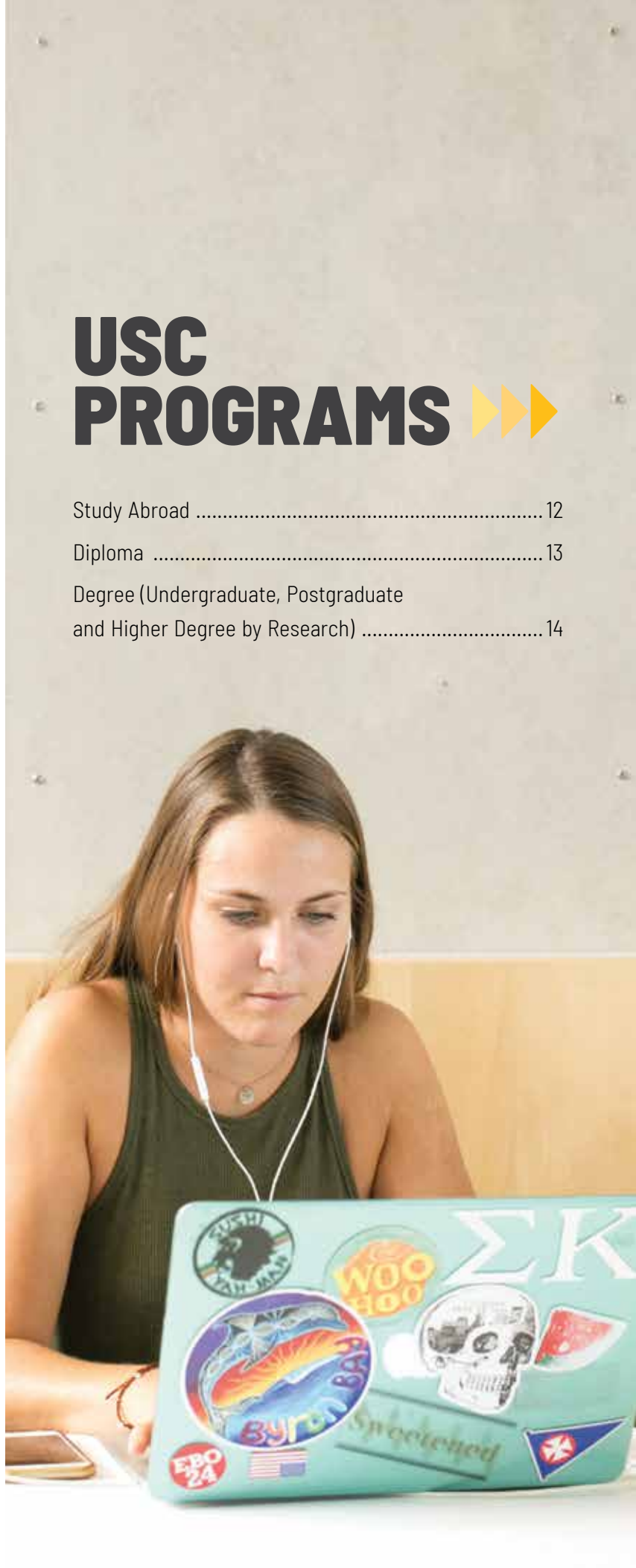
## 2020 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Semester 1, 2020	24 February–19 June
Orientation	17–21 February
Semester 2 begins	24 February
Census date	16 March
Mid-semester break	13–17 April
Exam preparation	1–5 June
Exams	8–19 June
Semester 2 ends	19 June
Semester 2, 2020	20 July–13 November
Orientation	13–17 July
Semester 2 begins	20 July
Census date	10 August
Mid-semester break	28 September–2 October
Exam preparation	26–30 October
Exams	2–13 November
Semester 2 ends	13 November

### Trimester-based programs

Some postgraduate coursework programs operate on a trimester basis, with the year divided into three trimesters. Orientation is organised in the week prior to the commencement of each trimester.

Second trimester, 2019	22 July–25 October 2019
Third trimester, 2019/2020	4 November 2019–14 February 2020
First trimester, 2020	24 February–29 May 2020
Second trimester, 2020	20 July–23 October 2020
Third trimester, 2020/2021	2 November 2020–12 February 2021





# STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

USC's Study Abroad program allows you to study at USC for one or two semesters, where you can enjoy an exceptional international and intercultural education experience.

If you are currently studying at a university or college, you can earn credit\*\* for the courses you study at USC towards your home degree. You can have an international study experience without extending the time it takes to complete your studies.

If you are a secondary school graduate, you will have the opportunity to gain international experience before starting your degree.

Study Abroad students generally study four courses per semester, which equates to approximately 30 ECTS or 15-18 US credit points.\*\* For a full range of courses, visit [usc.edu.au/studyabroad](http://usc.edu.au/studyabroad)

## FLEXIBILITY TO PLAN YOUR STUDIES

This program is a great option if you have just finished high school and want to study abroad without committing to a degree program. It is also a good option if you are currently enrolled at an overseas institution and only want to study abroad for a short time, while possibly earning credit towards your home degree.

This program is available as a one semester (four months) option, or two semesters (one year) option.

## TAKE CLASSES WITH THE LOCALS

You will be able to choose three or four courses (36 or 48 units) from USC's extensive course catalogue. The courses on offer are taken directly from within USC's undergraduate programs, which means you have the opportunity to take classes with the locals and you will have a wide range of study disciplines to choose from.

## AN ACADEMIC AND CULTURAL ADVENTURE

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.

Australian culture is certainly on offer at USC Sunshine Coast. Located in the sunny state of Queensland on Australia's east coast and only a short one-hour drive north of the state's capital, Brisbane – the Sunshine Coast is a destination of endless beaches, lush rainforests, and expansive hinterlands. It is home to the architecturally diverse USC Sunshine Coast campus – a campus renowned for its environmentally sustainable approach.

## MEMORIES TO LAST A LIFETIME

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The friendships, experiences and memories you make at USC are sure to last a lifetime.

### LOCATION

USC Sunshine Coast (Sippy Downs)

### CRICOS CODES

Study Abroad ..... 026639B  
 Study Abroad (full year) ..... 056828D

### COMMENCES

Semester 1 or Semester 2

### DURATION

One semester/trimester†  
 or two semesters (full year)

**Note:** Enrolment in trimesters is only available to Study Abroad postgraduate students and upon request/course availability.

### ESTIMATED TOTAL TUITION FEE\* (based on 2020 rates)

Study Abroad (undergraduate)  
 per semester ..... A\$11,100  
 Study Abroad (postgraduate)  
 per semester ..... A\$13,300

\* Refer to page 28 for further information regarding tuition fees.

\*\* Credit transfer (including credit weighting) towards your home degree is based on your home institution's approval

† Subject to availability and meeting course pre-requisites.

# DIPLOMA PROGRAMS

Are you looking to study abroad for one<sup>#</sup> or two semesters, and want to receive an Australian qualification while you study? If your answer is yes, then one of USC's diploma programs may be the program for you!

USC offers six diploma programs. USC's diplomas are recognised one-year (96 units) Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) award programs.

These programs are a great option if you have just finished high school and want to study abroad without committing to a three- or four-year degree program. They are also a good option if you are currently enrolled at an overseas institution and only want to study abroad for a short time, while possibly earning an AQF qualification to use towards your home degree<sup>\*\*</sup>.

## COURSE FLEXIBILITY WHILE STUDYING AMONG THE LOCALS

To be eligible to graduate from this program, you are required to successfully complete eight courses (96 units) over two semesters.

Each semester you will be required to enrol in four courses (or 48 units) from USC's extensive course catalogue.

The courses on offer are taken directly from within several of USC's undergraduate programs, which means you have the opportunity to enrol in classes with the locals, while having the flexibility to choose your preferred courses.

## GRADUATE WITH AN AWARD AND CELEBRATE YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Students who successfully complete a USC diploma program are eligible to:

- graduate with an (AQF) diploma
- participate in the USC Graduation ceremony, and/or
- participate in the International Ceremony of Completion

## APPLY FOR CREDIT AND COMPLETE YOUR PROGRAM IN ONE SEMESTER<sup>#</sup>

USC offers eligible students the opportunity to apply for their preferred diploma with up to 50 percent credit transfer<sup>#</sup>, 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



### LOCATION

USC Sunshine Coast (Sippy Downs)

### CRICOS CODES

Diploma in Business .....	084894F
Diploma in Communication .....	084895E
Diploma in Criminology and Justice .....	0100425
Diploma in General Studies .....	084896D
Diploma in Outdoor Environmental Studies .....	088627D
Diploma in Social Science .....	084897C
Diploma in Sport and Fitness .....	088628C

### COMMENCES

Semester 1 or Semester 2

### DURATION

Two semesters (full year)

### ESTIMATED TOTAL TUITION FEE\* (based on 2020 rates)

Diploma in Business .....	A\$22,600
Diploma in Communication .....	A\$22,600
Diploma in Criminology and Justice .....	A\$22,600
Diploma in General Studies .....	A\$22,600
Diploma in Outdoor Environmental Studies .....	A\$24,000
Diploma in Social Science .....	A\$22,600
Diploma in Sport and Fitness .....	A\$22,600

\* Refer to page 28 for further information regarding tuition fees.

\*\* Subject to home institution approval.

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

## WHY CHOOSE A USC DEGREE?

### FIVE-STAR RATINGS FROM GRADUATES

We're one of Australia's highest-rated public universities for teaching quality, overall student experience, learning resources, student support, skills development and social equity\*. Our graduates have also told us that the quality of teaching and the personalised attention they receive makes all the difference to their overall satisfaction and the skills they gain from study.

### FLEXIBLE LEARNING

Learn whichever way works best for you with multiple campus locations, blended learning modes and staff-to-student ratios that give you inclusive, personalised support.

### WORK AND OVERSEAS STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

USC networks and partnerships provide you with opportunities for work placements and overseas study.

### CUTTING-EDGE TEACHING

As a USC student you'll learn from educational leaders who are committed to student-centred learning. You'll also be surrounded by innovative learning facilities, many of which are the first of their kind in education.

### WORLD-CLASS RESEARCH

USC's international reputation for research is growing every year with 26 research fields now rated at world standard or above. This means that you'll be learning from frontrunners in your field in an environment where you're surrounded by people at the leading edge of discovery.

\* Good Universities Guide 2019.

# DEGREE PROGRAMS

USC's degree programs prepare you for your future career.

## AREAS OF STUDY:

BUSINESS, IT AND TOURISM

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES, DESIGN AND COMMUNICATION

EDUCATION

ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

HEALTH, NURSING AND SPORT SCIENCES

HUMANITIES, PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY





PROGRAM	PROGRAM LENGTH	INDICATIVE ANNUAL FEE*	ESTIMATED TOTAL TUITION FEE**	CRICOS CODE
Diploma in General Studies	1 year	A\$22,600	A\$22,600	084896D

## BUSINESS, IT AND TOURISM

Diploma in Business	1 year	A\$22,600	A\$22,600	084894F
Associate Degree in Business	2 years	A\$24,000	A\$48,000	064623F
Bachelor of Business	3 years	A\$24,000	A\$72,000	022807A
Bachelor of Business (Honours)	1 year	A\$26,000	A\$26,000	028849J
Bachelor of Business (Human Resource Management)	3 years	A\$24,000	A\$72,000	076977C
Bachelor of Business (International Business)	3 years	A\$24,000	A\$72,000	028845B
Bachelor of Business (Management)	3 years	A\$24,000	A\$72,000	028847M
Bachelor of Business (Marketing)	3 years	A\$24,000	A\$72,000	028846A
Bachelor of Business (Tourism, Leisure and Event Management)	3 years	A\$24,000	A\$72,000	066415J
Bachelor of Business / Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)	4 years	A\$24,000	A\$96,000	065673K
Bachelor of Business / Bachelor of Science	4 years	A\$26,000	A\$104,000	022809K
Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)	3 years	A\$24,000	A\$72,000	076978B
Bachelor of Commerce (Honours)	1 year	A\$26,000	A\$26,000	075467M
Bachelor of Information and Communications Technology	3 years	A\$24,000	A\$72,000	048930F

## CREATIVE INDUSTRIES, DESIGN AND COMMUNICATION

Diploma in Communication	1 year	A\$22,600	A\$22,600	084895E
Bachelor of Communication	3 years	A\$24,000	A\$72,000	058396G
Bachelor of Communication (Honours)	1 year	A\$26,000	A\$26,000	096506B
Bachelor of Communication (Journalism)	3 years	A\$24,000	A\$72,000	098463C
Bachelor of Communication (Professional Communication)	3 years	A\$24,000	A\$72,000	098458M
Bachelor of Communication (Social Media)	3 years	A\$24,000	A\$72,000	098457A
Bachelor of Creative Industries	3 years	A\$24,000	A\$72,000	080099K
Bachelor of Creative Industries (Honours)	1 year	A\$26,000	A\$26,000	096507A
Bachelor of Creative Industries (Creative Writing and Publishing)	3 years	A\$24,000	A\$72,000	098464B
Bachelor of Creative Industries (Screen Media)	3 years	A\$24,000	A\$72,000	098460F
Bachelor of Creative Industries (Theatre and Performance)	3 years	A\$24,000	A\$72,000	098459K
Bachelor of Design	3 years	A\$24,000	A\$72,000	064651B
Bachelor of Design (Game Design)	3 years	A\$24,000	A\$72,000	098465A
Bachelor of Design (Interactive and UX Design)	3 years	A\$24,000	A\$72,000	098462D
Bachelor of Design (Visual Communication)	3 years	A\$24,000	A\$72,000	098461E

\* Indicative annual fee. | \*\* Estimated total tuition fee. | Refer to page 28 for more information on tuition fees.

## USC SUNSHINE COAST: UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

As an international student at USC, you can choose from a wide variety of undergraduate degree programs. USC's flexible degree structures let you create a program to suit your needs and career ambitions. Our combined degrees give you knowledge and skills in two different but complementary areas.

Detailed information about individual programs including intakes, can be found at [usc.edu.au/international](http://usc.edu.au/international)

## USC SUNSHINE COAST: UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

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PROGRAM	PROGRAM LENGTH	INDICATIVE ANNUAL FEE*	ESTIMATED TOTAL TUITION FEE**	CRICOS CODE
<b>EDUCATION</b>				
<i>Diploma in Outdoor Environmental Studies</i>	1 year	A\$24,000	A\$24,000	088627D
<i>Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)</i>	4 years	A\$24,000	A\$96,000	077419C
<i>Bachelor of Education (Secondary) / Bachelor of Arts</i>	4 years	A\$24,000	A\$96,000	082693J
<i>Bachelor of Education (Secondary) / Bachelor of Recreation and Outdoor Environmental Studies</i>	4 years	A\$25,600	A\$102,400	088624G
<i>Bachelor of Education (Secondary) / Bachelor of Science</i>	4 years	A\$26,000	A\$104,000	082694G
<i>Bachelor of Primary Education</i>	4 years	A\$24,000	A\$96,000	073277M
<i>Bachelor of Recreation and Outdoor Environmental Studies</i>	3 years	A\$25,600	A\$76,800	094768G
<b>ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE</b>				
<i>Associate Degree in Science</i>	2 years	A\$28,000	A\$56,000	064652A
<i>Bachelor of Animal Ecology</i>	3 years	A\$28,000	A\$84,000	085714G
<i>Bachelor of Animal Ecology / Bachelor of Business (Tourism, Leisure and Event Management)</i>	4 years	A\$26,000	A\$104,000	096268M
<i>Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Science</i>	4 years	A\$26,000	A\$104,000	022808M
<i>Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) (Honours)</i>	4 years	A\$29,600	A\$118,400	078425G
<i>Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) (Honours) / Bachelor of Environmental Science</i>	5 years	A\$29,600	A\$148,000	085715F
<i>Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical) (Honours)</i>	4 years	A\$29,600	A\$118,400	090700D
<i>Bachelor of Environmental Management</i>	3 years	A\$28,000	A\$84,000	088625F
<i>Bachelor of Environmental Science</i>	3 years	A\$28,000	A\$84,000	066283E
<i>Bachelor of Science</i>	3 years	A\$28,000	A\$84,000	022804D
<i>Bachelor of Science (Honours)</i>	1 year	A\$28,000	A\$28,000	028850E
<b>HEALTH, NURSING AND SPORT SCIENCES</b>				
<i>Diploma in Sport and Fitness</i>	1 year	A\$22,600	A\$22,600	088628C
<i>Bachelor of Biomedical Science</i>	3 years	A\$28,000	A\$84,000	066285C
<i>Bachelor of Clinical Exercise Physiology</i>	4 years	A\$27,800	A\$111,200	098401F
<i>Bachelor of Health Science</i>	3 years	A\$25,000	A\$75,000	088888E
<i>Bachelor of Nursing Science</i>	3 years	A\$28,400	A\$85,200	078086M
<i>Bachelor of Nursing Science (Graduate Entry)</i>	2.3 years	A\$28,400	A\$58,575	072637M
<i>Bachelor of Nutrition</i>	3 years	A\$25,000	A\$75,000	061658G
<i>Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours)</i>	4 years	A\$27,400	A\$109,600	077418D
<i>Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science</i>	3 years	A\$28,000	A\$84,000	066289K
<i>Bachelor of Sports Studies</i>	3 years	A\$27,800	A\$83,400	088626E

\* Indicative annual fee. | \*\* Estimated total tuition fee. | Refer to page 28 for more information on tuition fees.

PROGRAM	PROGRAM LENGTH	INDICATIVE ANNUAL FEE*	ESTIMATED TOTAL TUITION FEE**	CRICOS CODE
<b>HUMANITIES, PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE</b>				
<i>Diploma in Social Sciences</i>	1 year	A\$22,600	A\$22,600	084897C
<i>Bachelor of Arts</i>	3 years	A\$24,000	A\$72,000	022806B
<i>Bachelor of Arts (Honours)</i>	1 year	A\$26,000	A\$26,000	026637D
<i>Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Business</i>	4 years	A\$24,000	A\$96,000	022805C
<i>Bachelor of Counselling</i>	3 years	A\$24,400	A\$73,200	074094K
<i>Bachelor of Counselling / Bachelor of Human Services</i>	4 years	A\$24,400	A\$97,600	096001E
<i>Bachelor of Human Services</i>	3 years	A\$24,400	A\$73,200	057534K
<i>Bachelor of International Studies</i>	3 years	A\$24,000	A\$72,000	074096G
<i>Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)</i>	4 years	A\$26,400	A\$105,600	090558E
<i>Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology)</i>	3 years	A\$26,000	A\$78,000	063008D
<i>Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology) (Honours)</i>	1 year	A\$26,400	A\$26,400	063009C
<i>Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology) / Bachelor of Counselling</i>	4 years	A\$26,000	A\$104,000	096000F
<i>Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology) / Bachelor of Criminology and Justice</i>	4 years	A\$25,000	A\$100,000	088621K
<i>Bachelor of Social Work</i>	4 years	A\$25,000	A\$100,000	062654D
<i>Bachelor of Social Work / Bachelor of Criminology and Justice</i>	5 years	A\$25,000	A\$125,000	088622J
<i>Bachelor of Urban Design and Town Planning (Honours)</i>	4 years	A\$24,000	A\$96,000	095999F
<b>LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY</b>				
<i>Diploma in Criminology and Justice</i>	1 year	A\$22,600	A\$22,600	0100425
<i>Bachelor of Criminology and Justice</i>	3 years	A\$24,000	A\$72,000	059490A
<i>Bachelor of Criminology and Justice (Honours)</i>	1 year	A\$26,000	A\$26,000	0100647
<i>Bachelor of Laws</i>	4 years	A\$24,000	A\$96,000	080426M
<i>Bachelor of Laws (Graduate entry)</i>	3 years	A\$24,000	A\$72,000	080427K
<i>Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Arts</i>	5 years	A\$24,000	A\$120,000	081022A
<i>Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Business</i>	5 years	A\$24,000	A\$120,000	081023M
<i>Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)</i>	5 years	A\$24,000	A\$120,000	081024K
<i>Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Communication (Journalism)</i>	5 years	A\$24,000	A\$120,000	098467K
<i>Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Creative Industries (Creative Writing and Publishing)</i>	5 years	A\$24,000	A\$120,000	098466M
<i>Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Criminology and Justice</i>	5 years	A\$24,000	A\$120,000	088619D
<i>Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Environmental Management</i>	5 years	A\$26,000	A\$130,000	092874K
<i>Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Science</i>	5 years	A\$26,000	A\$130,000	094767G

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## PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION OF USC PROGRAMS

Some of USC's programs are accredited or recognised by professional bodies in Australia.

Professional recognition may afford graduates automatic membership of a professional body or allow graduates to apply for membership.

In some cases, membership of a professional body requires meeting criteria in addition to a higher education qualification. For example, you may need to demonstrate a specific level of English language proficiency or hours of work experience.

To practice in certain professions, membership of the relevant professional body is required. Some key things to keep in mind are:

- you should investigate the requirements for membership of professional bodies relevant to your degree program.
- you should confirm with any relevant overseas (or Australian professional body that your USC qualification will entitle you to work in your intended profession, and what other criteria you might be required to meet).

You can find information about USC degrees and professional recognition on individual program information pages at [usc.edu.au/internationalprograms](http://usc.edu.au/internationalprograms)

## USC SUNSHINE COAST: POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS

USC's postgraduate programs can enhance your previous degree, offer a change in direction, or create a new beginning. Whether you are refreshing your knowledge, advancing in your field, or discovering the joy of further learning, a USC postgraduate program opens a world of opportunities. Detailed information about individual programs can be found at [usc.edu.au/international](http://usc.edu.au/international)

PROGRAM	PROGRAM LENGTH	INDICATIVE ANNUAL FEE*	ESTIMATED TOTAL TUITION FEE**	CRICOS CODE
<b>BUSINESS, IT AND TOURISM</b>				
<i>Graduate Certificate in Business Administration</i>	6 months	A\$27,400	A\$13,700	067674D
<i>Graduate Certificate in Business Research</i>	6 months	A\$27,400	A\$13,700	099037B
<i>Graduate Certificate in Education Research</i>	6 months	A\$26,200	A\$13,100	099395B
<i>Graduate Certificate in Management</i>	6 months	A\$27,400	A\$13,700	065611B
<i>Graduate Diploma in Business Administration</i>	1 year	A\$27,400	A\$27,400	067675C
<i>Master of Business Administration</i>	1.5 years	A\$27,400	A\$41,100	066777E
<i>Master of Business Administration (Extended)</i>	2 years	A\$27,400	A\$54,800	088886G
<i>Master of Business Administration / Master of International Business</i>	2 years	A\$27,400	A\$54,800	088887F
<i>Master of International Business</i>	1.5 years	A\$27,400	A\$41,100	077420K
<i>Master of Management</i>	2 years	A\$27,400	A\$54,800	082695G
<b>CREATIVE INDUSTRIES, DESIGN AND COMMUNICATION</b>				
<i>Master of Professional Practice (Creative Writing)</i>	1.5 years	A\$28,000	A\$42,000	088623G
<b>EDUCATION</b>				
<i>Graduate Certificate in Education</i>	6 months	A\$26,200	A\$13,100	081795M
<i>Master of Teaching (Primary)</i>	2 years	A\$27,000	A\$54,000	096250K
<i>Master of Teaching (Secondary)</i>	2 years	A\$27,000	A\$54,000	094769F
<b>HEALTH, NURSING AND SPORT SCIENCES</b>				
<i>Master of Nursing (Clinical Leadership)</i>	1.5 years	A\$28,400	A\$42,600	080425A
<b>HUMANITIES, PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE</b>				
<i>Master of Counselling</i>	2 years	A\$25,400	A\$50,800	079913F
<i>Master of International Development</i>	2 years	A\$24,600	A\$49,200	084892G
<i>Master of Professional Psychology<sup>†</sup></i>	1 year	A\$28,400	A\$28,400	084975E
<i>Master of Psychology (Clinical)<sup>†</sup></i>	2 years	A\$29,400	A\$58,800	070701B
<i>Master of Social Work (Qualifying)</i>	2 years	A\$25,400	A\$50,800	073869J

\* Indicative annual fee. | \*\* Estimated total tuition fee. | Refer to page 28 for more information on tuition fees.

† Study location is USC Thompson Institute.

PROGRAM	PROGRAM LENGTH	INDICATIVE ANNUAL FEE*	ESTIMATED TOTAL TUITION FEE**	CRICOS CODE
<i>Master of Arts</i>	2 years	A\$29,000	A\$58,000	026642C
<i>Master of Business by Research</i>	2 years	A\$29,000	A\$58,000	065370C
<i>Master of Climate Change Adaptation by Research</i>	2 years	A\$29,000	A\$58,000	063014F
<i>Master of Creative Arts</i>	2 years	A\$29,000	A\$58,000	041913C
<i>Master of Education by Research</i>	2 years	A\$29,000	A\$58,000	072639J
<i>Master of Regional Planning by Research</i>	2 years	A\$29,000	A\$58,000	070697D
<i>Master of Science</i>	2 years	A\$29,000	A\$58,000	026640J
<i>Master of Social Work by Research</i>	2 years	A\$29,000	A\$58,000	0100246
<i>Master of Sport and Exercise Science by Research</i>	2 years	A\$29,000	A\$58,000	097013D
<i>Master of Sports Nutrition by Research</i>	2 years	A\$29,000	A\$58,000	066893A
<i>Doctor of Creative Arts</i>	3 years	A\$29,000	A\$87,000	041914G
<i>Doctor of Philosophy</i>	3 years	A\$29,000	A\$87,000	076976D

## CREDIT TRANSFER

You may be able to gain credit towards your USC program if you have previously completed some tertiary study. Depending on your prior qualifications or studies, you may be able to complete a USC bachelor degree in as little as two semesters (one academic year).

As well as study at undergraduate and postgraduate level, USC also recognises study completed at associate degree or diploma level for credit transfer, such as:

- French – BTS or DUT
- Denmark – Academy Profession (AP) Degree
- Sweden – Högskoleexamen
- USA – Associate Degree

If you are currently studying, you may be able to credit the study completed at USC towards your home qualification, meaning you could graduate with two qualifications in the same time period.

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) DIPLOMA

Your IB Diploma could earn you up to four courses (a full semester) of credit towards a USC bachelor degree. The credit you gain is determined by the IB Diploma subjects you completed and your choice of USC degree program. You can apply for credit transfer at the time of submitting your application form to USC International.

To assist us in determining what credit can be awarded, where available include course outlines of courses you have already completed as supporting documentation with your application.

## USC SUNSHINE COAST: HIGHER DEGREE BY RESEARCH PROGRAMS

A Higher Degree by Research (HDR) is a supervised research program that requires original research in an area that both interests you and is of broader significance to the University and the community. Research masters degrees require you to make a significant contribution of merit through advanced research, study and the production of a work in a scholarly branch of learning, while doctoral degrees expect you to make a substantial original contribution to knowledge through your research. Detailed information about individual programs can be found at [usc.edu.au/international](http://usc.edu.au/international)

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# RESEARCH

USC is in a period of rapid research development and growth, building research capacity, productivity and output. In 2018 the Australian Research Council ranked USC above or well above world standard in seventeen key research areas and equal to world standard in nine others\*.



## Accident Research

The Centre for Human Factors and Sociotechnical Systems examines high impact research into how and why accidents happen and how to prevent them.

Additionally, the Adolescent Risk Research Unit looks at improving teen safety – particularly on the road. This brings together experts from various disciplines to conduct collaborative research on issues impacting safety and productivity.



## Animal and Marine Ecology

USC's Animal Research Centre focusses on innovative solutions to health problems that are of significance to wildlife conservation and sustainability. ARC research brings together experts in genetics, molecular biology, microbiology, immunology, epidemiology and ecology.

Marine and Coastal Ecology is also an emerging research strength at USC with world-leading researchers in the areas of deep sea biology, marine climate-change ecology and the environmental impacts of human activities on coastal ecosystems.



## Aquaculture and Agriculture

Explores genetics, ecology, genomics and physiology and their interactions. The GeneCology Research Centre brings together an interdisciplinary team of scientists whose research examines the sustainable production of aquaculture, horticulture and forestry systems and biodiversity conservation.

Additionally, the Sustainable Tropical Aquaculture Industries research is developing this area and industry-based livelihoods, including pearl oysters and sea cucumbers in the Pacific, South-East Asia and Northern Australia.



## Creative Humanities

The Engage Research Cluster uses innovative collaborative approaches in research to develop technologies such as computer games, social networking sites, apps and interactive experiences to find solutions to social issues. Experts from disciplines include: information technology, game design, mental and public health, social sciences, planning, art and design, education, engineering and business.

Arts Research in Creative Humanities encompasses the creation of original creative works and research into the creative industries and creative processes. The Transcultural and Indigenous Pedagogies Research Group will build upon the existing work of the USC Indigenous Studies Research Theme.

\* 2018 Excellence in Research for Australia report by the Australian Research Council.



## Medical and Health Science

Research in the field of medical and health science is thriving at USC. The Sunshine Coast region is currently experiencing massive growth in health services with more than \$2 billion investment in health and hospital care currently underway, including the new Sunshine Coast University Hospital.

Innovative research at USC is currently in the following fields: Cluster for Health Improvement, Inflammation and Healing Research Cluster, Nursing and Midwifery Cluster for Research Excellence, Sport and Exercise Science Research and Nutrition and Dietetics.



## Forestry Research

The Forest Industries Research Centre (FIRC) is focused on issues that relate to the forestry value chain, and the economic and environmental sustainability of forest industries. Research areas include, forest resource improvement and establishment, forest and health management, processing, utilisation, harvest and haulage.

The Tropical Forests and People Research Centre (TFPCC) focuses on smallholder and community-based forestry in tropical and subtropical regions and countries in which individuals and communities create and manage forests for a mix of economic, social and environmental reasons.



## Sustainability and Environment

The Sustainability Research Centre's core focus is aligned with social, behavioural and economic sciences and can be applied to a range of sustainability issues such as climate change adaptation, natural resource management and cultural resilience and vulnerability.

Additionally, USC is conducting sustainability research in two other key areas: Indigenous Studies Research Theme, which focuses on the cultures, histories, rights, interests, knowledges and perspectives of Indigenous peoples throughout the world, and Stormwater Research Group (SWRC) aims to develop a nationally and internationally recognised centre of excellence for research in the area of stormwater management.

# PATHWAYS

## to tertiary study

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

USC offers English for Academic Purposes (EAP) programs at four levels: pre-intermediate, intermediate, upper intermediate and advanced.

The EAP programs are excellent preparation for further study and where completed at the appropriate level, can meet English language requirements for most of USC's undergraduate and postgraduate programs.

Our programs offer:

- skills to participate in seminars and lectures
- essay writing
- assessment includes assignments, reading and listening tests and an oral presentation
- use of University facilities and resources
- IELTS exam preparation
- a certificate on course completion (if satisfactorily attended)

#### ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES (EAP)

**LOCATION:** USC Sunshine Coast (Sippy Downs)

**CRICOS CODE:** 059941A

**DURATION:** 10 weeks (25 hours per week, 250 hours per program)

**PROGRAM FEE:** A\$4,700 per program\*

**APPLICATION FEE:** A\$250\*

ACADEMIC LEVEL	PATHWAY**	PROGRAM DATES
EAP F Pre-Intermediate	Successful completion will meet entry requirements for EAP 1.	8 June–14 August 2020
EAP 1 Intermediate	Successful completion will meet entry requirements for EAP 2.	3 February–10 April 2020 24 August–30 October 2020
EAP 2 Upper Intermediate	Successful completion will meet entry requirements for most undergraduate and postgraduate programs.	3 February–10 April 2020 20 April–26 June 2020 24 August–30 October 2020 9 November 2020–29 January 2021 (Holiday break: 21 December 2020–3 January 2021)
EAP 3 Advanced	Successful completion will meet entry requirements for most undergraduate, and some postgraduate programs including those with higher-than-standard entry requirements including Bachelor of Nursing, Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry), Bachelor of Occupational Therapy, Bachelor of Engineering (Civil)(Honours) and the Master of Social Work (Qualifying).	20 April–26 June 2020 9 November 2020–29 January 2021 (Holiday break: 21 December 2020–3 January 2021)

\* Refer to page 28 for additional information regarding tuition fees.

\*\* Refer to the USC English Language Requirements on pages 24–26 for details of what is considered successful completion for your chosen program.







## TERTIARY PREPARATION PATHWAY

**LOCATION:** USC Sunshine Coast (Sippy Downs)

**CRICOS CODE:** 058561K

**COMMENCES:** Semester 1 or 2

**DURATION:** One semester

**2020 SEMESTER FEE:** A\$10,400\*

The Tertiary Preparation Pathway (TPP) equips you with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in undergraduate degree studies. TPP provides a pathway to most USC undergraduate degree programs if you do not meet our academic admission requirements.

Courses completed through TPP cannot be used as credit towards a USC degree program.

Students study four courses over one semester from the following:

- TPP101 Academic Skills for Success (compulsory)

*PLUS*

- three courses from: Digital Futures; Chemistry; Mathematics; Statistics; Introduction to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Societies; Australian Society and Identity; An Introduction to Working within the Community; Biology; Business Study Skills and Mathematical Methods for Science and Engineering.

## POSTGRADUATE QUALIFYING PATHWAY

**LOCATION:** USC Sunshine Coast (Sippy Downs)

**CRICOS CODE:** 096508M

**COMMENCES:** Semester 1 or 2

**DURATION:** One semester

**2020 SEMESTER FEE:** A\$11,400\*

The Postgraduate Qualifying Pathway is for students who require or would benefit from additional undergraduate study in English before entry to a USC postgraduate coursework qualification.

This non-award pathway is part of a packaged offer with a USC masters degree, and is available to specifically identified students.

Students complete 48 units (four courses), which are determined by the discipline focus of the masters degree in which enrolment is sought (eg business, education, health, information and communication technology, or social science), and by course availability in the semester of study.

\* Refer to page 28 for additional information regarding tuition fees.

\*\* Refer to the USC English Language Requirements on pages 24–26 for details of what is considered successful completion for your chosen program.



# Entry requirements

At USC students need to meet USC program requirements:

- ➔ be at least 18 at the commencement of their USC study
- ➔ meet the program:
  - English language requirements
  - Academic admission requirements

Additionally, students who are going to apply for a Student visa in Australia will also be assessed as to whether they meet the Department of Home Affairs' requirement of being considered a Genuine Temporary Entrant.

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

### English language programs

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#### ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES (EAP) F

One of the following (or equivalent as approved by USC International on a case-by-case basis):

- overall Academic IELTS score of 4.5 (with minimum of 4.5 in each subtest), or Paper based TOEFL 485 TWE 3, or
- internet based TOEFL (IBT) 55 (with minimum score of 13 for writing), or
- Pearson Test of English (PTE) 36 (with no communicative score less than 36)

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#### ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES (EAP) 1

One of the following (or equivalent as approved by USC International on a case-by-case basis):

- overall IELTS score of 5.0 (with a minimum of 5.0 in each subtest), or
- internet based TOEFL (IBT) 40 (writing score no lower than 15), or
- Pearson Test of English (PTE) minimum 36 (with no communicative score less than 36)

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#### ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES (EAP) 2

One of the following (or equivalent as approved by USC International on a case-by-case basis):

- successful completion of EAP1, or
- overall IELTS score of 5.5 (with a minimum of 5.5 in each subtest), or
- internet based TOEFL (IBT) 52 (writing score no lower than 18), or
- Pearson Test of English (PTE) minimum 42 (with no communicative score less than 42)

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#### ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES (EAP) 3

One of the following (or equivalent as approved by USC International on a case-by-case basis):

- successful completion of EAP 2 with an overall score of 70 (with a minimum of 70 in each subtest), or
- overall IELTS score of 6.5 (with a minimum of 6.0 in each subtest), or
- internet based TOEFL (IBT) 85 (writing score no lower than 21 and all other skills areas above 18), or
- Pearson Test of English (PTE) 58 (with no communicative score less than 50)



## MEETING ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

At USC, all lectures and tutorials are delivered in English. If English is not your first language, you need to meet the minimum English language requirements for your chosen program.

The following information provides a guide for the ways in which you may demonstrate English language proficiency and the minimum achievement levels for most USC programs. Some USC programs have different English language requirements, which are detailed on our website.

For the most current information on individual program requirements, review Tables 1 and 2 at [usc.edu.au/Englishlanguagereqs](http://usc.edu.au/Englishlanguagereqs)

If you do not meet our English language requirements, you may like to consider USC's English language programs.

We also accept some country specific qualifications, for example:

- DAAD certificate
- Danish Upper Secondary School
- GCE Advanced level
- Swedish Upper Secondary School

English language requirements are correct at the time of publishing, however you should check our current entry requirements available on the USC website.

For more information about the types of qualification accepted and the required level to meet English language requirements, visit [usc.edu.au/Englishlanguagereqs](http://usc.edu.au/Englishlanguagereqs)

## Standard English language requirements

TEST OR OTHER PREPARATION	TPP PROGRAM	UNDERGRADUATE (INCLUDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDY ABROAD)	POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK (INCLUDING HONOURS AND POSTGRADUATE STUDY ABROAD)	HIGHER DEGREES BY RESEARCH (INCLUDING MASTER BY RESEARCH AND DOCTORAL DEGREES)
<b>IELTS (Academic)</b>	Overall score of 6.0 with minimum 5.5 in each subtest	Overall score of 6.0 with minimum 5.5 in each subtest	Overall score of 6.5 with minimum 6.0 in each subtest	Overall score of 6.5 with minimum 6.0 in each subtest
<b>TOEFL: Internet-based</b>	Overall score of 76 with minimum score of 18 for writing	Overall score of 76 with minimum score of 18 for writing	Overall score of 85 with minimum score of 21 for writing	Overall score of 85 with minimum score of 21 for writing
<b>Pearson Test of English</b>	Overall score of 50 with no communicative score less than 50	Overall score of 50 with no communicative score less than 50	Overall score of 58 with no communicative score less than 54	Overall score of 58 with no communicative score less than 54
<b>English for Academic Purposes (EAP) 2</b>	Successful completion minimum overall score of 65 percent	Successful completion with a minimum grade of 65 percent	Successful completion with a minimum grade of 70 percent	Successful completion with a minimum grade of 70 percent
<b>English for Academic Purposes (EAP) 3</b>	Successful completion minimum overall score of 60 percent	Successful completion with a minimum overall score of 60 percent	Successful completion with a minimum grade of 65 percent	–
<b>Language of Instruction English (LOI) can be considered on a case by case basis</b>	–	Minimum one-year full-time tertiary study, or one-year full-time other post-secondary study, or two-years full-time secondary study, successfully completed in last five years in one of the following countries: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom and United States of America	Minimum two-year full-time tertiary study, or two-year full-time other post-secondary study, successfully completed in the last five years in one of the of the following countries: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom and United States of America	Minimum two-years full-time tertiary (university level) study successfully completed in the last five years in one of the of following countries: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom and United States of America

**Note:** For English language requirements for non-standard programs refer to Table 2 [usc.edu.au/Englishlanguagereqs](http://usc.edu.au/Englishlanguagereqs)

# Academic admission requirements

You can use the table below as a general guide to USC's academic admission requirements. For more detail, refer to [usc.edu.au/internationaladmissionrequirements](https://usc.edu.au/internationaladmissionrequirements)

PROGRAM OF STUDY AT USC	ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
English language programs	There are no academic admission requirements for entry into our English language programs, however if you intend to pathway into a Study Abroad, undergraduate or postgraduate degree then you will need to meet the academic admission requirements for that program.
Study Abroad	<p><i>Undergraduate</i> applicants should have successfully completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least one semester of study at a recognised tertiary institution, OR</li> <li>• Senior secondary school studies at a similar level to Australian Year 12.</li> </ul> <p><i>Postgraduate</i> applicants should have successfully completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a bachelor level qualification at a recognised tertiary institution.</li> </ul> <p>If you are currently enrolled at an accredited tertiary institution, you should check with your home institution regarding credit transfer for courses studied at USC, prior to commencing your Study Abroad program.</p> <p>For more information, visit <a href="https://usc.edu.au/studyabroad">usc.edu.au/studyabroad</a></p>
Undergraduate programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A minimum level of education comparable to successful completion of Australian Year 12, with good grades</li> <li>• Further studies, for example, a semester or more at college or university, can also be considered for entry and may give you credit towards a degree</li> </ul> <p>For a general guide to country-specific academic entry requirements, visit <a href="https://usc.edu.au/internationalundergradrequirements">usc.edu.au/internationalundergradrequirements</a></p> <p>Academic requirements differ between undergraduate (graduate entry) programs. For specific requirements, visit the individual program pages on the USC website.</p>
Honours programs	<p>Academic requirements differ between programs, but generally you will need to demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful completion of an undergraduate degree, or equivalent, with a high level of achievement in the intended area of honours study</li> </ul> <p>For individual program descriptions and academic requirements, visit <a href="https://usc.edu.au/internationalundergradrequirements">usc.edu.au/internationalundergradrequirements</a></p>
Postgraduate coursework programs	<p>Academic requirements differ between programs.</p> <p>For individual program descriptions and academic requirements, visit <a href="https://usc.edu.au/internationalpostgradrequirements">usc.edu.au/internationalpostgradrequirements</a></p>
Higher degrees by research	<p>Academic requirements differ between programs, but generally you will need to demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bachelor (undergraduate) degree (comparable to an Australian bachelor degree) with at least second-class honours, division one from a recognised higher education institution</li> </ul> <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A suitable research proposal and the availability of supervision and resources to support the proposed research topic</li> </ul> <p>Applicants who have completed a bachelor degree and have achieved, by subsequent work and study, a standard equivalent to at least second-class honours, division one may also be considered.</p> <p>In exceptional cases, applications may be considered on the basis of other evidence of general and professional qualifications as approved by the Research Degree Committee.</p> <p>For individual program descriptions and academic requirements, visit <a href="https://usc.edu.au/internationalHDRrequirements">usc.edu.au/internationalHDRrequirements</a></p>

# How to apply

The following steps will enable you to apply and enrol at USC.

# 1

## Choose your program and review the program fees

Explore USC's programs in this guide, or visit [usc.edu.au/internationalprograms](http://usc.edu.au/internationalprograms) to find a program that suits your study and career goals.

You will also find step-by-step instructions and further information at [usc.edu.au/internationalapply](http://usc.edu.au/internationalapply)

If you need help with the process, or have any questions, email [international@usc.edu.au](mailto:international@usc.edu.au)

If you would like additional assistance with your application, you may like to apply through one of our representatives [usc.edu.au/internationalreps](http://usc.edu.au/internationalreps)

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

# 2

## Check entry requirements

Check the admission and English language requirements for your chosen program. An overview is available in this guide, or visit [usc.edu.au/internationaladmissionrequirements](http://usc.edu.au/internationaladmissionrequirements)

This will help you decide if you need further study or to take an English language test before starting your degree program. If you are unsure whether you will meet USC's requirements, please submit an application for USC International to assess.

There is no application fee for USC programs (excluding English language programs).

# 3

## Apply for admission

### 1. COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION FORM

### 2. APPLY FOR ACADEMIC CREDIT TRANSFER

You may be eligible for academic credit transfer on the basis of prior studies. To apply, use the form available at [usc.edu.au/internationalcredit](http://usc.edu.au/internationalcredit)

### 3. GATHER YOUR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

You must provide evidence of the qualifications that will meet the entry requirements of the program you have selected.

Ensure all documents are certified copies, signed and stamped by a witnessing or government authority (or an approved USC representative if you are applying through a representative)

### 4. SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

**HOW:** Scan and email or post your completed application form and supporting documentation, including application for academic credit transfer (if applicable), to USC International.

**WHEN:** USC accepts applications for most programs at any time of the year. However, you should try to submit your application as early as possible to allow you time to apply and be granted a visa which allows study in Australia.

# 4

## What happens next?

You will normally receive an email, acknowledging your application, within 48 hours. An offer is usually made within 72 hours. It may take longer if academic credit needs to be assessed, or your application is incomplete. Delays will occur, if you do not include all required supporting documentation.

### YOUR OFFER

Once your application has been assessed, and your eligibility for the program confirmed, you will receive an offer. If you have applied for academic credit transfer, you will also receive advice about any credit awarded.

# Important information

## FEES, LIVING AND OTHER COSTS

### Tuition fees

Semester tuition fees are based on 2020 tuition fees and a standard full-time enrolment in a semester of 48 units. The enrolment load for individual programs may vary. Students pay fees based on their program and enrolment load in a USC teaching period\*. Check individual program pages for study load details.

Tuition fees are reviewed each calendar year. The fee you must pay for a given teaching period (eg semester/trimester) is that which has been approved by USC for the calendar year within which the teaching period commences. Any increase in tuition fees from one calendar year to the next will be no more than seven percent.

All prices quoted are in Australian dollars (A\$).

Refer to the Student Fees and Charges Policy and associated procedure: [usc.edu.au/internationalprograms](https://usc.edu.au/internationalprograms)

### Course-related costs

As a general guide, allow A\$400 per semester for new textbooks. Second-hand textbooks are often available at reduced prices.

Some courses require additional materials, for example laboratory coats (from A\$28) or art supplies.

Students taking design courses should allow an additional A\$60 to A\$100 per semester for materials and printing costs.

English language program students are loaned textbooks for the duration of their course.

### Living costs

You'll need around A\$390 per week to live comfortably on the Sunshine Coast. This does not include airfares to Australia, visa applications, health cover and tuition fees. Allow more if you have a spouse or dependant(s) accompanying you.

For more information, visit [usc.edu.au/living-costs](https://usc.edu.au/living-costs) or [studyinaustralia.gov.au/global/live-in-australia/living-costs](https://studyinaustralia.gov.au/global/live-in-australia/living-costs)

### Education for school-aged children

Students with school-aged children have numerous education options. For more information, visit:

- Public schools: [education.qld.gov.au/schools-educators/school-types](https://education.qld.gov.au/schools-educators/school-types)
- Private schools: [privateschoolsguide.com/queensland-private-schools](https://privateschoolsguide.com/queensland-private-schools)
- Independent schools: [isq.qld.edu.au](https://isq.qld.edu.au)

Fees apply at private and public (government) schools. Allow at least A\$8,000 per year per child for school fees.



### EDUCATION SERVICES FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS (ESOS) FRAMEWORK

The ESOS Act and National Code ensure international students in Australia get the education they desire.

To access the National Code of Practice 2018, or for a description of the ESOS framework for students, visit [internationaleducation.gov.au/regulatory-information](https://internationaleducation.gov.au/regulatory-information)

\* Some programs have set program fees regardless of enrolment load.

## OVERSEAS STUDENT HEALTH COVER (OSHC)

OSHC is health insurance to assist international students meet the costs of medical and hospital care that they may need while in Australia. The Department of Home Affairs requires overseas students to maintain OSHC for the duration of the time they are in Australia.

USC can organise visa length OSHC cover for you, with our preferred provider Allianz Global Assistance, or you can arrange your own OSHC with an alternative provider.

For students with an OSHC policy from Allianz Global Assistance, there is a representative available on our Sippy Downs campus to assist with claims and answer any OSHC enquiries you may have.

Costs for OSHC vary depending on the type and length of cover you choose. Fees can range from \$376 for one semester to \$2,138 over three years for a single cover policy.\*\*

## VISAS

If you're not an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or an Australian permanent resident, you'll need a visa that has study rights before you can enter Australia and undertake study.

If you intend to study in a program that is longer than three months, you will normally need a Student visa.

If you hold or are going to apply for a visa other than this, contact the Department of Home Affairs for advice regarding your eligibility to study.

To find out what type of visa you need and how to apply, visit:

- Department of Home Affairs (DOHA) [homeaffairs.gov.au](http://homeaffairs.gov.au)

For advice or assistance with your application for a visa to study in Australia, you can contact a registered migration agent to assist you:

- Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA) [mara.gov.au](http://mara.gov.au)

## Simplified Student Visa Framework (SSVF)

Under the SSVF:

- all international students will now apply for a single Student visa (subclass 500), regardless of their chosen course of study
- all international students will be required to apply for their student visa online
- an immigration risk framework will be used to guide the evidence of English language and financial capacity that a student needs to provide with their visa application.



## WORKING IN AUSTRALIA

Student visa holders are normally allowed to work up to 40 hours per fortnight during semester and full-time during semester breaks.

Students undertaking Higher Degrees by Research have unlimited work rights.

For more information, visit [homeaffairs.gov.au](http://homeaffairs.gov.au)

Students must familiarise themselves with important policy information, including when they will be eligible for a refund and the circumstances in which they can defer, cancel or suspend their study.

[usc.edu.au/learn/international-students/while-you-are-studying](http://usc.edu.au/learn/international-students/while-you-are-studying)

\*\* Information pertaining to fees is correct at the time of publication.



**Established:** 1996

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**Type of institution:** Public university

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**Student population:** 13,700+  
(90 percent Australian students)

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**Location:** Sippy Downs, Sunshine Coast, Australia

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**Sunshine Coast population:** 319,000+



### Contact USC International

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 Online: [usc.edu.au/international](http://usc.edu.au/international)  
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