Business School Exchanges

The Sydney University Business School has an extensive range of Business specific partnerships to support and encourage students to include an exchange experience as part of their course. These faculty-specific partner universities have been targeted as key strategic partners. Most are highly ranked in their field and have world-renowned accreditations such as AACSB (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) and EQIS (European Quality Improvement System) which is the quality assurance arm of the European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD). The University of Sydney also has both accreditations.

Business students are expected to undertake only elective units on exchange so should keep a minimum of one semester’s worth of elective study (24 credit points) aside for the exchange semester. Course structure permitting, students may consider taking studies from other areas of interest outside of Business eg. Arts/ Humanities/Social Science.

Business-Specific vs University-wide Exchange Destinations

Quotas often apply on enrolment into Business units at host universities, especially in Canada and the USA. Business-specific agreements offer easier access to business and commerce units (such as management, marketing, finance and accounting) since Business is the focus of these partnerships. These partnerships are spread throughout Asia, Europe and the Americas. All these programs offer Business courses in English. Some may also offer the opportunity to include language study.

Students may consider University-wide exchange destinations for commerce, business and management, however, many restrictions apply. Partners often limit student enrolment to only one or two business, commerce or management units per the exchange period, which is insufficient for a full semester study load of 24 credit points. Most partners cannot guarantee courses so you will not be assured of obtaining credit towards your Sydney course.

Selecting Destinations and Placement on Exchange

You can find a list of highly recommended exchange universities for business, commerce and management students via the current Exchange Partner List (download at: http://sydney.edu.au/current_students/student_exchange/Partner_List_2013.pdf). Please note postgraduate enrolment is not available at all destinations. The Exchange Partner List will clearly indicate which partners are only open to undergraduate students and which are open to both levels.

Business students are advised to select at least two Business School exchange partners on their application, unless they are focusing on elective study eg: a language, outside of Business.

Opportunities in languages other than English are also available, however, students who major in the language are normally given priority over other majors, unless the destination you have applied to is only open to Business students.

Due to competition for places, successful Business applicants are normally distributed across all available University-wide and faculty-specific destinations, as most host universities are only able to take one or two applicants in this discipline. Therefore, even students with a Distinction average may miss out on their first preference if there are too many applicants of similar or higher average scores.

Before submitting an application, you are advised to attend relevant information sessions and discuss your options with an Exchange Adviser at the International Office and the Business School Exchange Adviser, Mr Diego Rojas (email: diego.rojas@sydney.edu.au).

Faculty exchange scholarships are also available. (http://sydney.edu.au/business/currentstudents/postgraduate/student_administration/scholarships_and_prizes/scholarships_for_current_students)