The connections you make during an international education experience last a lifetime. Building relationships and exchanging knowledge with people and communities across the globe is necessary to solve the challenges facing our world today.

Studying overseas is key to developing your cultural competence. Learn to communicate and interact with people from a variety of backgrounds by experiencing a different way of life. The opportunity to gain insight into another nation’s people and history is invaluable on your path to becoming a global citizen.

At the University of Sydney, you can undertake a range of international experiences to enhance your personal, academic and professional development. From just one subject to a full year, you are sure to find the right fit for your needs at a world-class institution. Here, you have the support you need to diversify your university experience and achieve your full potential.

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A world of opportunity

Professor Tyrone Carlin
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Registrar)
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International exchange enables you to graduate with a truly global perspective. Combine study and travel and make the world your campus.

**Personal growth and development**

International exchange provides you with a unique opportunity to not only see the world, but to develop self-confidence, independence, and cross-cultural understanding, as well as improve your interpersonal, communication and practical skills.

“The incredible journey of being immersed in a new community, culture and locale, and realising by the end of your experience, that you have become a part of that community – this is what I appreciated most about my exchange program.”

**Mitchell Stewart**

Bachelor of Arts, University of Stirling, UK
The social aspect of exchange is something you can’t afford to miss. Living overseas, backed by a reputable exchange program, is the most incredibly encouraging opportunity. You bond and grow with others in a way you never knew possible and make friendships that will probably last your lifetime.

**Will Sayer**
Bachelor of Engineering, Lunds Universitet, Sweden

“Going on exchange is the most rewarding experience – it not only opens you to many different cultures and their way of thinking, but it allows you to see the beauty in the world. People carry their stories with them, no matter where they go and you realise how much you don’t know – it’s simultaneously the feeling of both closeness and vastness with the world.”

**Janet Jin**
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws, University of California San Diego, USA

The University of California San Diego, USA
Image credit: ucsdnews.ucsd.edu
Gain academic advantage

Adding an international dimension to your studies adds value to your degree. Studying under a different educational system will take you out of your comfort zone and help you to develop a range of new learning techniques. You’ll return home with a renewed focus, resulting in improved academic performance.

By studying at an internationally recognised institution that is leading research and teaching in your area of interest, you will greatly enhance your academic opportunities.

“Being accepted for an exchange program in La Rochelle, France was a great reward for working so hard on my French skills at university. I started with textbook knowledge and was surprised at how much more I could learn by living and breathing the culture.”

April Morley
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Commerce, La Rochelle, France
“Studying psychology classes in German was one of the biggest challenges of my university experience and absolutely brutal for the first few weeks. But after a month in Munich when I realised I could buy health insurance, haggle with the bureaucracy for a residence permit, and argue fluently with a dodgy restaurant vendor, all in German, it made it all worthwhile! Swimming in the Isar, relaxing in the English Gardens or in a beer garden while soaking up the beautiful Bavarian culture was one of the most incredible experiences I’ve ever had. I strongly encourage everyone to push their comfort zones to discover new languages and cultures!”

Brian Xiong  
Bachelor of Commerce (Liberal Studies), Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Germany
Get the professional edge

New doors can open following an exchange experience. Create career opportunities by networking with other students, academics and professional organisations. Graduates with international study experience have greater knowledge and capacity for cultural sensitivity and are better able to build relationships and conduct business with a variety of cultures.

Former exchange students from the University of Sydney have attended UN conferences in The Hague, undertaken research with NASA, and obtained employment with Google, to name a few.

“I was lucky enough to get into the Qantas IT Graduate Program. There were 20 positions on offer, with a staggering 5000 applicants. My exchange was one of the deciding factors in how I differentiated myself from the rest of the field.”

Stephen Boardman
BA Informatics, Albert-Ludwigs Universität, Germany
Discover
How does exchange work?

The University of Sydney signs formal exchange partnerships with like-minded institutions around the world.

You can spend a few weeks, one semester, or a full year overseas studying faculty-approved units of study. These results are credited towards your course at the University of Sydney upon satisfactory completion of your exchange.

As an exchange student you remain enrolled full time at the University of Sydney while you are away and continue to pay your usual tuition fees. A student from your host institution does the same in reverse, and the result is an exchange of students and places.

Myth – Going on exchange means I’ll take longer to finish my degree.

Fact – You remain enrolled at the University of Sydney during your exchange and receive credit for your studies. There is no reason for an exchange to delay the completion of your course requirements.

Where can I study?

The University of Sydney has more than 250 exchange partners in 41 countries; more than 100 of which are listed among the top 200 universities in the world (Times Higher Education World Ranking 2015-2016). With so much choice, it can be difficult to know where to start.

On the Sydney Abroad brochure pages, you can search by location or institution name, and filter your search results by ranking, level of study, language of instruction and subject areas.

– sydney-au-sa.terradotta.com

Pull up a list of partners that offer accounting in English, for example, and in addition to more than 70 partners across the US and UK, you’ll see opportunities you may never have thought existed, from South Korea to Singapore, Italy to Iceland.
Are all partner institutions available to me?

Some of our partnerships are university-wide, covering the majority of academic disciplines. Other agreements are discipline-specific and only open to certain faculties or departments. Search for partnerships within your faculty under ‘Agreement Scope’.

The Sydney College of the Arts, Sydney Law School, and the Master of Management (CEMS) manage their own exchange agreements specific to their faculty or course. Consult their websites for application information.

- sydney.edu.au/sca/current-students/exchange
- sydney.edu.au/law/about/international/cooperation_agreements.shtml
- sydney.edu.au/business/mmgt/cems/cems_masters_in_international_management

Some partnerships are exclusive to undergraduate or postgraduate students. Check the availability of your desired partner institution under ‘Program Details’ on the brochure page.

Myth – My options are limited because I can’t speak another language.

Fact – Many of our partners in non-English speaking countries offer units in English. Find out what’s available on our brochure pages.

- sydney-au-sa.terradotta.com (use the Advanced Search to look for programs offered in English)

“It’s absolutely wonderful, and difficult and interesting, and different and similar, and there’s no way you can prepare for it. Once you’ve tried (to whatever extent you want), just sit back and enjoy every part of the experience that you can.”

Sarah Whillier
Bachelor of Arts, University of Edinburgh
Making your choice

Give yourself the best chance of being allocated a place when you apply for exchange by selecting five preferences. When short-listing your preferred institutions, consider the following:

- availability of suitable subjects for your course and level of study
- language of instruction
- competition for places
- how much it will cost
- scholarships and loans available
- lifestyle opportunities
- what you hope to get out of the experience – for example, studying under the leaders in your field, professional networking opportunities, improved language proficiency, cultural immersion, travel opportunities or something else.

You can research and find comparison information about subjects, languages, housing, cost of living and lifestyle at each partner institution on our brochure pages.

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The best exchange destinations are not always the most obvious. After consulting the brochure pages, you can also seek advice from the team at Sydney Abroad. Exchange Advisers have responsibility for different regions of the world and can offer helpful and targeted information, including:

- potential issues with your application
- advice about special criteria that may affect your plans
- availability of specific subject areas or competition for limited places.

Competitive destinations

Certain partners, particularly highly-ranked universities in the US and UK, are extremely competitive, and places can only be offered to a small percentage of applicants. When assessing applications, we take into account your academic average, faculty endorsement, statement of purpose and study plan, to ensure that you’ll be a good fit and have the most rewarding exchange experience.

If you choose to apply for one of these partners, be sure to include less competitive destinations among your preferences to maximise the possibility of being offered a place on exchange.

Myth – You need a high WAM to go to competitive destinations.

Fact – Your WAM is not the sole factor in deciding where you will be offered a place. We take into account your whole application – your statement of purpose and eligibility for chosen subjects at your preferred universities to find the best fit.

“A don’t be afraid to go somewhere different! Although the most popular exchange locations in America are places such as LA and New York, studying in a small college town such as Chapel Hill has definitely been the experience of a lifetime. Everything feels like you’re watching a live American college film with all the basketball and football games, and everyone welcomes you with their ‘southern hospitality’... without realising it, the word ‘y’al’ is engrained in your everyday speech and you feel proud to be called a ‘Tar Heel!’

Amanda Liu
Bachelor of Education, UNC Chapel Hill, US
How long is the program?

You can normally choose to complete either one or two semesters of your course overseas, although some universities set a defined period. One semester limits may also apply at popular destinations. There are also short-term summer and winter exchanges at certain destinations for specific academic disciplines.

Short-term study options

If you can’t commit to a full semester or year-long exchange, are uncertain about embarking on a long trip overseas, or you just want to squeeze in another international experience, a short-term exchange could be for you.

− sydney.edu.au/study/overseas-exchange/short-term-overseas-programs.html

This program allows you to study for two to six weeks during either the summer or winter break at one of our exchange partner institutions and, in most cases, receive credit towards your University of Sydney course. Disciplines currently offered include some languages, humanities, business, law, health sciences, agriculture, education and science.

When can I go?

Like the University of Sydney, most partner institutions have a two semester system, although some have three terms or four quarters. Information about the teaching periods is available under the ‘Academic Information’ tab on the brochure pages.

− sydney-au-sa.terradotta.com

What about Canada?

It’s important to note there is only one deadline per year for most Canadian institutions; you need to submit your application in Semester 2, 2016 for Semester 2, 2017 and Semester 1, 2018.

This table will help you match your exchange semester.

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It is best to apply approximately nine months in advance of your trip. For example: apply in Semester 1, 2016 to go in Semester 1, 2017.
“There’s nothing like catching a 90 minute bus to one of the best ski resorts in the world on the afternoon after an exam, spending a couple of days skiing and snowboarding with some of your best new friends, and making it back to uni in time for your next exam. Whistler and UBC, you were amazing.”

Clare Austin
Bachelor of Applied Science, University of British Columbia, Canada
Study
Language of instruction

You can choose to study in an English-speaking country, however, many institutions offer a large range of courses in English even when it is not the native language of the country.

Options in English
You can study in English at one of our many partners across the world. See page 16 for details.

In-country study is the best way to immerse yourself in a foreign language and push past the intermediate-level plateau. If you wish to study with local students in a foreign language on exchange, you will need to demonstrate proficiency in this language by achieving a credit average (65 percent) or higher over three semesters in the target language. Language and culture classes designed specifically for exchange students may be available at some partner institutions. Priority placement is given to language majors.
## Our partners

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*Information current as of September 2015*
“Exchange is not so much about the classes or the credits, as it is about sitting along the Danube on Margitsziget Island with a Hungarian, a German, a French Canadian, a Brazilian, a Mexican, a Dutchwoman and someone from Greece – watching the sun go down and realising that literally, the world is all around you.”

Dora Yu
Bachelor Commerce/Bachelor of Arts, Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary
A short-term program in the summer or winter period is a great opportunity to see the world during your studies, and there are many options. The following pages show just a sample of our range.

We offer both tuition-waiver (exchange) and fee-paying Study Abroad short-term programs during the semester breaks. More programs are added regularly.


For the most up-to-date information, contact Sydney Abroad:
sydney.abroad@sydney.edu.au
+61 2 8627 8322

The United States Studies Centre runs several short-term programs to the US. Visit its website for more information.

- ussc.edu.au/study-abroad-internships

There are also a range of faculty-run short-term programs. Contact your faculty for more information about these options.
January

**Colombia**
Fancy combining the best coffee in the world with a touch of salsa and merengue? The Universidad de La Sabana offers you the opportunity to participate in short-term courses in its Latin American Studies Program. Students from various disciplines can choose from a wide range of academic courses taught in English. The four-week program gives you the chance to study in South America while learning the language and experiencing the culture in one of Latin America’s most diverse countries: Colombia.

− [www.unisabana.edu.co/unidades/internacional/latin-american-studies-program](http://www.unisabana.edu.co/unidades/internacional/latin-american-studies-program)

**Denmark**
The Aarhus Business and Social Science Winter School at Aarhus University offers the course ‘Danish and European Business in a Global Perspective’ as well as a social program including a tour of historical Aarhus and traditional Danish food tasting over a two-week period. So grab a Carlsberg in one hand and some roast pork in the other and join in the fun.

− [bss.au.dk/education/international-students/exchange-students/winterschool/theprogramme](http://bss.au.dk/education/international-students/exchange-students/winterschool/theprogramme)

**Germany and Belgium**
As the song goes, ‘If you want people to like you, learn German’. The Munich International Summer University at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität offers a four-week European Studies program in English with a German class for beginners. Warum nicht?

− [www.australia-misu.de/en](http://www.australia-misu.de/en)

**Korea**
Hit the ski fields before jumping in the hot springs. Yonsei University offers a six-week Winter Abroad program at its Sinchon campus for international students who would like to enjoy winter in Seoul. The winter program is composed of two separate three-week sessions, with intensive morning coursework and unique afternoon Korean language and Taekwondo classes.

− [winter.yonsei.ac.kr/contents.asp?mid=m01_01](http://winter.yonsei.ac.kr/contents.asp?mid=m01_01)

**Norway**
If you are a third-year psychology student, you have the opportunity to study at the University of Bergen for six weeks over the Australian summer break. You will complete one elective unit towards your degree while socialising with Norwegian and other international students.

**Sweden**
Umeå University in Sweden offers undergraduate Faculty of Education and Social Work students the opportunity to take ‘Teaching and Learning in an International Context’ over five weeks during the Australian summer break. This may be your once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the aurora borealis first hand.


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3/ Urban Art in Bogota, Colombia
4/ Korean village in the winter
July

Canada
Gain critical North American perspectives on issues of global importance at the International Summer Program for Visiting Undergraduates at McGill University. Spend a month in the heart of Montreal at Desautels Faculty of Management, and in your free time, soak up the sun at a terasse, catch one of the many summer festivals or cruise down the St Lawrence River on a kayak.

- [www.mcgill.ca/desautels/programs/international-summer](http://www.mcgill.ca/desautels/programs/international-summer)

China
It’s the world’s fastest growing economy. The Antai Global Summer School, held by Antai College of Economics and Management at Shanghai Jiao Tong University, is a three-week program for students interested in learning Chinese culture and business dynamics in China.

- [www.summerschool.sjtu.edu.cn](http://www.summerschool.sjtu.edu.cn)

The Tsinghua PBCSF Summer Program is a two-week program designed to give you a comprehensive understanding of China’s financial markets. Lectures will be provided by a combination of Tsinghua faculties, policymakers from the government and industry elites with extensive experience at top financial entities.

- [summer.pbcsf.tsinghua.edu.cn/program.html](http://summer.pbcsf.tsinghua.edu.cn/program.html)

Hong Kong
The International Summer School at the Chinese University of Hong Kong is a five-week summer program commencing in late June. You can enrol in Business, China Studies, Chinese Medicine, Engineering, Environmental Studies, Humanities and Social Sciences, in addition to a language (Putonghua and Cantonese).

- [www.osp.cuhk.edu.hk/iss/programme](http://www.osp.cuhk.edu.hk/iss/programme)

Italy
Little more than an hour from Venice, the Università degli Studi di Udine offers the Italian Summer Course. Spend three weeks immersing yourself in the language, culture and cuisine of Italy. Did somebody say gelato?

- [www.uea.ac.uk/study/international/international-summer-school](http://www.uea.ac.uk/study/international/international-summer-school)

Mexico
Improve your Spanish, discover pre-Colombian Mexican cultures and explore ancient archaeological sites over four weeks in the south of Mexico at Tecnológico de Monterrey’s International Summer School in Chiapas.

- [sitios.itesm.mx/vi/StudyinMexico/CHS/PI_CHS.pdf](http://sitios.itesm.mx/vi/StudyinMexico/CHS/PI_CHS.pdf)

Singapore
The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the National University of Singapore offers FASStrack Asia: The Summer School, a five-week program where you can study up to two modules in Asian Studies, Japanese, Korean, Sociology, Economics, Geography or Political Science.

- [www.fas.nus.edu.sg/fasstrack](http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/fasstrack)

United Kingdom
Follow in the footsteps of Booker Prize winning novelist Ian McEwan and actor Jack Davenport, both alumni of the University of East Anglia. The International Summer School at the University of East Anglia in Norwich offers a wide variety of programs over four weeks, including English Literature, Creative Writing, Digital Animation, International Business, and Law.

- [www.uea.ac.uk/study/international/international-summer-school](http://www.uea.ac.uk/study/international/international-summer-school)
“Chasing the sunrise in the Arctic circle at midday with a team of dogs, after a night spent being mesmerised by the Aurora Borealis dancing across the night sky ... what an amazing experience and one I will remember fondly for the rest of my life.”

Jeri Gallagher
Bachelor of Health Sciences, Universitetet i Bergen, Norway
Study
Costs and fees

While on exchange, you do not pay tuition fees to your host institution, but you are responsible for all other costs, including airline tickets, accommodation, living expenses and extra travel.

Prior to departure, we recommend that you set aside A$10,000–$14,000 per semester to cover the cost of your exchange.

A guide to living costs at your destination is available under the ‘Living’ tab on the brochure page for each partner institution.

- sydney-au-sa.terradotta.com

Funding

Centrelink, an Australian government loan scheme and several scholarship options are available specifically for students selected to participate in the International Exchange Program. Eligible students can continue to receive Centrelink benefits while studying full-time overseas.


Grants

In partnership with the Australian Government, we offer a variety of funding opportunities through the New Colombo Plan or Endeavour grants.

- sydney.edu.au/study/finances-fees-costs/financial-assistance/australian-mobility-grants.html

OS-HELP loans

OS-HELP is a loan available to eligible Australian students enrolled in a Commonwealth supported place who have been approved to undertake some of their study overseas for credit. Learn more online:


In 2016, you can take out up to $6470 for non-Asian destinations, and $7764 for studies in Asia. If you’re studying an Asian language, you can request an additional $1035 to fund your study in preparation for your exchange.

If you are on a two-semester exchange, you may request a second OS-HELP loan. Strict eligibility criteria and conditions apply.
“For some people, spreading their wings and taking flight is a dream. The way I see it, going on exchange was like learning how to fly, and doing it at Imperial was like learning how to fly in an F16 – absolutely exhilarating and awesome.”

Gobinath Pillai Rajarathnam
Bachelor of Engineering, Imperial College London, UK

Scholarships
Sydney Abroad provides around 350 International Exchange Scholarships annually for nominated exchange students.

- sydney.edu.au/scholarships/current/exchange.shtml

These scholarships are awarded on academic merit. Most nominated exchange applicants will automatically be considered, however, students who receive guaranteed funding to support their exchange are not eligible for these scholarships. This includes postgraduate research, Master of Management (CEMS) and Bachelor of Arts (Languages) students.

Students can only receive one scholarship per exchange and are not eligible for a second scholarship if they extend their one-semester exchange into a two-semester one.

There are also scholarship opportunities offered by faculties as well as external groups such as community organisations, exchange partner institutions and foreign governments. Application forms for these scholarships are supplied (unless otherwise indicated) once the University of Sydney has nominated you to the host institution.
Study
Getting credit for your exchange

Will exchange fit in my degree?
Most courses allow you to participate in the International Exchange Program, but with some it can be more difficult to arrange. This depends on the requirements of individual faculties at the University of Sydney as well as conditions set by the partner institutions. Learn more:

- sydney.edu.au/study/overseas-exchange/what-can-you-study.html

Planning early is the best way to ensure you will be able to go on exchange. If you are concerned about fitting a period of exchange study into your course, speak to your Course Coordinator for more information.

Some courses require you to undertake an overseas experience. These include the Bachelor of Arts (Languages), Bachelor of International and Global Studies, and the Masters of Management (CEMS).

- sydney.edu.au/arts/languages
- sydney.edu.au/arts/current_students/undergraduate/international_and_global_studies.shtml
- sydney.edu.au/business/mmgt/cems

Preparing your study plan
The availability of subjects at our partner institutions is a crucial factor in choosing your preferences. You can check the suitability of overseas subjects by exploring online handbooks on partner websites via the Sydney Abroad brochure pages.

- sydney-au-sa.terradotta.com

This information is included in your Academic Study Plans, which form part of your International Exchange Application. You can then use this information to complete your official Academic Approval for Nominated Exchange Student Forms to confirm your final credit approval.

- sydney.edu.au/study/student-administration/student-exchange-administration-and-forms.html

Enrolment
During your exchange, you remain enrolled at the University of Sydney while concurrently enrolling overseas at the host institution. Your exact enrolment will be based upon the official Academic Approval Form signed by your faculty, showing which overseas courses you will be taking for credit, and their University of Sydney equivalents.

At the University of Sydney you will normally be enrolled in generic exchange units of study (e.g. BIOL2553 Biology Exchange; HSTY2085 History Exchange), meaning you do not have to find a direct match for University of Sydney subjects at your host institution.
Using electives to plan your exchange

Enrolling in generic exchange units gives you the freedom to study a range of units which might not be available at Sydney and which may diversify your degree.

Due to enrolment quotas and other restrictions, the availability of overseas subjects cannot be guaranteed and studying elective units on exchange will provide more flexibility. In some faculties, such as Business and Law, you are required to take electives on exchange. Plan early in order to save electives for your exchange and seek advice from a Course Coordinator about the best way to do this.

“I wanted to experience studying in another country and still be able to get credit towards my Sydney Uni degree. I also wanted to immerse myself in another culture and adopt its traditions and customs. Going on exchange is the best opportunity to do this. The people from around the world that you get to meet are unbeatable.”

Katrina Norton-Knight
Bachelor of Arts (Media and Communications), Universitet i Oslo, Norway

Credit transfer

The subjects you enrol in overseas will not appear on your University of Sydney transcript. Upon return from exchange, your faculty will use your official overseas transcript and any other required documentation, to credit your results towards your University of Sydney course.

Exchange results are not normally counted in your Weighted Average Mark (WAM) or Annual Average Mark (AAM). All generic exchange units of study will appear on your Sydney transcript as a result of ‘SR’ (Satisfied Requirements).

You can request a copy of your overseas transcript from your host institution to keep as part of your academic record and for your career portfolio or résumé.
Apply
Eligibility requirements

“There is nothing quite like a Boston blizzard - and I survived five! My exchange was important, not just because I learned so much about myself, worked really hard and made lifelong friends, but also because I am now invincible to any weather condition! The snow’s as tall as me? Bring it. I lived in Boston.”

Emma Balfour
Bachelor of International and Global Studies, Northeastern University, US
The following eligibility criteria is used to assess applications for semester or year-long exchange:

- **All students** need to have a credit average (65 percent or higher) in their current course of study, including the most recent semester. Applications are assessed after end of semester results are known. Students must also have 24 credit points remaining in their degree for each semester they intend to be on exchange.

- **Undergraduates** must have completed a full-time year of study (48 credit points) in the course they plan enrol in while on exchange. This means that you can apply in your second semester of study if you will complete 48 units by the end of the semester.

- **Postgraduate coursework students** need to have passed a full-time semester (18-24 credit points) in the course they plan to be enrolled in while on exchange (exceptions may apply to Architecture, Music and Visual Arts students).

- **Postgraduate research students** need written support from their local research supervisor and faculty, as well as written confirmation from an academic within the host university confirming they will supervise the research project for the duration of the exchange.

- **Transfer students** need to complete at least one full-time semester (24 credit points) at Sydney before being eligible for exchange.

- **Language students** need to have passed at least three semesters of that language at a credit average, and provide at least one academic reference from the language department.

- **International students** are eligible to go on exchange to destinations outside their home country. While on exchange, you still need to comply with Department of Immigration and Border Protection obligations (www.border.gov.au/Trav/Stud/More/Visa-conditions/visa-conditions-students), including the compliance requirements of your Australian student visa, although you may be able to obtain a credit to your Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) while you are overseas.

- **Dual nationals** may be ineligible to study as exchange students in countries for which they hold citizenship. Dual citizens may wish to consult an Exchange Adviser for more information.

For more information about eligibility criteria for exchange, see our website.

- sydney.edu.au/study/overseas-exchange/eligibility-for-exchange.html

**Other requirements**

Faculties and host institutions may also impose further conditions that affect your eligibility and selection for exchange. Consult an Exchange Adviser to check whether these extra requirements impact on your application.
## Apply

### The process

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| 10-11 months prior to departure | 2. Attend a general and/or region-specific information session:  
|                    |   - Exchange Information Sessions are held weekly during semester. All students must attend one to commence their planning. These sessions will introduce you to the program, eligibility criteria and discuss costs and scholarships. Information about various destinations will also be highlighted. See the schedule on our Facebook page. (www.facebook.com/Sydney.Uni.Abroad). |
| 10 months prior to departure | 3. Begin narrowing down countries and regions with the help of our brochure pages (sydney-au-sa.terradotta.com). |
| 10 months prior to departure | 4. Register to access the online application. |
| 10 months prior to departure | 5. Research your options and choose five partner institutions in order of preference. |
| 10 months prior to departure | 6. Meet an exchange adviser at one of our drop-in sessions. |
| 9 months prior to departure | 7. Log in and submit your application by the deadline. This includes:  
|                    |   - study plans for each of your five preferences  
|                    |   - a Statement of Purpose  
|                    |   - faculty endorsement. |
| 7-8 months prior to departure | 8. Once your results become available for the semester in which you are applying, your application will be assessed. |
| 6-7 months prior to departure | 9. If eligible, you will receive a nomination to one of our exchange partner institutions. |
| 5-7 months prior to departure | 10. Complete the host institution application. While you are waiting on acceptance from your host institution, which could take up to three months, you should undertake final preparations:  
|                    |   - obtain Academic Approvals from your home faculty for the units of study you plan to take on exchange  
|                    |   - ensure your passport is valid for at least six months after your return  
|                    |   - research the information and documentation required to apply for your visa  
|                    |   - look into accommodation and housing arrangements. |
| 2-4 months prior to departure | 11. Receive your acceptance from the host institution. |
| As soon as you receive your acceptance | 12. Book airline tickets, secure your visa and finalise your travel plans. |
“Immerse yourself in all opportunities presented to you. Ceilidh? Yes! Hike Arthur’s Seat? Go clubbing on the cowgate? Coffee with your lecturer? Gallery visit? Ghost tour? Spontaneous trip to IKEA? Yes! Not everything will be your cup of tea, but sometimes my best moments on exchange took place when I wasn’t even aware they were about to happen. Everyone is in the same boat and it’s comforting to know that.”

Rebecca Georgiades
Bachelor of Arts, University of Edinburgh
Go
Pre-departure

In the semester prior to your exchange, Sydney Abroad holds a Pre-Departure Session to help you finalise and prepare for a successful exchange. We’ll give you:

- practical tips on planning to leave Australia (visas, accommodation, insurance)
- health, safety and security advice
- advice on administrative requirements (enrolment, credit transfer)
- practical tips on living overseas
- methods to assist you in adapting to your new social and academic environment, and tips on how to manage expectations.

Recently returned exchange students and currently enrolled international exchange students will also be there to share their experiences with you.

“Leaving class on Friday afternoon and boarding a train to Switzerland for the weekend. Or perhaps Vienna. Or perhaps this weekend I’ll go to France and try that restaurant in Strasbourg I’ve heard so much about!”

Stephen Boardman
Bachelor of Arts (Informatics) Information Systems and German, Albert-Ludwigs Universität Freiburg, Germany
Important considerations

Accommodation
Information about accommodation at your destination is available on the Sydney Abroad brochure pages under the 'Living' tab for each partner institution.

- sydney-au-sa.terradotta.com

Some universities offer on-campus accommodation in shared rooms or dormitories, either with local students or with other international students, while others offer accommodation close to campus through affiliated private organisations.

Applications are essential and these can be submitted as part of the host institution general application process. If you require off-campus housing, your host institution can guide you through the process.

Visas
Check your visa requirements early, as some countries have long processing times, especially if you are not travelling with an Australian passport. Detailed information about visas is provided on the brochure pages under the ‘Useful Information’ tab for each partner institution.

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Insurance
Adequate travel, health and third party liability insurance are vital requirements for any exchange.

- sydney.edu.au/audit_risk/insurance/travel/student.shtml

The University of Sydney automatically provides travel insurance (including a health and medical component) to all outbound exchange students who are participating in approved ‘university business’, at no extra cost to the student. Exchange studies which have been approved by your faculty and are credited towards your course, fall under this definition. Our insurance has restrictions and limitations. You are responsible for assessing these, and deciding whether you need to buy additional insurance cover to suit your overall travel requirements.

Some host institutions, especially in Canada and the US, require you to purchase their mandatory health insurance as part of your enrolment. You will be informed of these details as part of the acceptance process.


In some countries, Medicare has negotiated reciprocal health arrangements that you may be able to access. However, these only provide basic medical cover.


With all insurance policies it is important that you review all fine print carefully and ensure you understand all the conditions and procedures for claims, including excess payments.

- smartraveller.gov.au/travel_insurance.html

Centrelink
Eligible students can continue to receive Centrelink benefits while studying full time overseas. We can provide you with a letter confirming that your overseas study will contribute towards your course at the University of Sydney.


Safety and security on exchange
It is important that you are mindful of ensuring your ongoing safety and security while overseas.

Visit the Australian Government’s Smart Traveller website (www.smartraveller.gov.au) for important information on:

- passports and visas
- destination-specific travel advice
- topical travel tips such as insurance, dual nationality, voting while overseas, and so on
- registering your presence with an Australian Embassy overseas.
You’re back. Now what?
Stay involved

Your exchange experience doesn’t have to end just because you’ve returned home. We provide various ways for you to continue being involved once you’re back.

Volunteer
There are many ways for you to share your experience with future exchange students. We invite returned exchange students to pass on their wisdom at information sessions, Open Day, the Exchange Fair and at our Pre-Departure Session.

Mates abroad
Become a mentor to incoming Study Abroad and Exchange students with the Mates Abroad Program. Build social networks and foster international friendships by providing local knowledge and a valuable insight into Australian culture, using the five-point mentoring plan. This involves:

- Meeting and connecting with your mates pre-arrival, via email, phone or social media
- Arrival help and support in the first few weeks of life in Sydney
- Travelling together on a mode of Sydney transport
- Experiencing something quintessentially ‘Australian’ together
- Sharing your friendship by inviting the international mates to meet more local students.

“I had an incredible exchange experience thanks to the many friends I made in the US. However I know it’s not easy for many people to just step off a plane into a completely new world. Being a Mates Abroad Mentor is important to me in providing exchange students with the best possible opportunities and experiences at the University of Sydney.”

Shahar Merom
Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison, US
Mates Abroad Mentor 2015
Careers workshop

Run by the University’s Careers Centre (sydney.edu.au/careers), these workshops will help you learn to showcase your experiences and new skills to set yourself apart from other graduates in the marketplace.

Throughout the workshop, you’ll have the opportunity to:

- reflect on and share your experiences with other exchange students
- identify the skills, knowledge and personal attributes gained and demonstrated during your exchange experience
- review the impact that your exchange experience may have on your future career decisions and goals
- get tips on how to articulate your exchange experiences to future employers, including transferable employability skills and intercultural competency.
Important dates
Exchange program deadlines

There are two sets of deadlines each semester for the exchange program run by Sydney Abroad.

**To go on exchange in Semester 1, 2017:**
- Register to access the online application, by the end of May 2016
  sydney.edu.au/study/overseas-exchange/how-to-apply.html
- Submit your application by the end of June 2016

**To go on exchange in Semester 2, 2017:**
- Register to access the online application, by the end of September 2016.
- Submit your application by the end of October 2016.

**Important notes**
- Some institutions in Canada, France, Japan and the United Kingdom only take applications once a year. Speak to an Exchange Adviser to ensure you do not miss the relevant deadline.
- Consult the relevant departmental coordinator for the deadlines for faculty-run programs.
If you read only one thing, read this.

Your journey in life is as unique as you are. Studying overseas can open doors and experiences that may not exist for you back home.

An international exchange gives you the opportunity to forge your own path. You can take just one or two subjects on one of our short-term programs, go for a whole semester or even a year to personalise your uni experience and graduate with a truly global perspective.

This guide provides the key information you need to apply, but the next step is up to you.

To learn more, come and see us in person at the Student Centre, Level 3, Jane Foss Russell Building, call our helpline or visit our website.