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About
International House is home to a diverse and vibrant community of scholars. We aim to foster a culture of international understanding and friendship by inviting students from as many different countries, regions, customs and faculties as possible to join us as residents.
Country profile:
Semester 2 2017

200 residents representing over 40 countries.
Your experience

Diverse by design
Diversity is at the core of who we are and how we operate. Over 40 countries are represented in our close-knit community of 200 residents.

Networks of support
We have dedicated student mentors, senior residents, academic support tutors, community relations advisers and on-site staff to offer you support.

Lifelong connections
Our 6,000-strong alumni community stretches across the globe, with many citing International House as the impetus for their global careers.

Real-world opportunities
Ever wanted to work from home? You will have the opportunity to apply for in-house paid and volunteer positions while living with us.
“Moving to Sydney has given me a new experience of my country; moving to IH has given me a new experience of the world.”

Sam Naylor
Australia
Program
Our residential life program is what sets us apart as a community of global citizens.

It’s what makes us more than accommodation, and will make you more than a guest. Developed by our residents with support from a dedicated team of staff, our program will provide you with opportunities to develop social, cultural, and international leadership skills. As an International House resident, you will be invited to take part in:
- Global Leadership Program
- Academic Support Program
- Public talks
- Faculty Dinner
- Food Fair
- Intramural Sports and Arts
- International Night
- Candlelight Dinner

Academic Tutorial Program
Complimentary academic support is available for most subjects at the University. Tutoring takes place on a weekly basis and is conducted by senior residents or external tutors who have achieved excellent results in their fields of study.

Global Leadership Program
Launched in 2015, the mission of our Global Leadership Program is to promote global leadership potential through the development of self-awareness and cross-cultural competencies, and a commitment to the service of others. As the most culturally diverse and inclusive community on campus, we are in a unique position to prepare you for the challenges of leading in an increasingly global and connected environment. Notable speakers in the program have included Samah Hadid and The Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG.
International House Members’ Association (IHMA)
IHMA is an elected group of current residents who act on behalf of the wider student body at International House. Positions within IHMA include president, treasurer, secretary, social coordinator, food coordinator, sports coordinator, photographer and environment officer. This student-led group organises a series of events throughout the year and meets regularly with office staff to provide feedback on the living environment in the House.

Sydney University International House Alumni Association (SUIHAA)
Your connection with International House doesn’t end when you leave. All residents gain membership to SUIHAA, an active community of 6,000 former residents from around the world.

“At International House I don’t feel like I have to be conformed to a certain stereotype. It’s really up to you what you want to do and people respect that. You are what you are.”

Anar Kothary
Singapore
Support
Moving out of home isn’t easy.

Adjusting to university life, especially in a new country, can be difficult. Our support systems have been developed over the past 50 years with this transition in mind. You will spend your first week taking part in a compulsory orientation program designed for you to have fun, meet friends and access the information you need to settle in at the most diverse community on campus.

After a few meals in our dining room you will find the hardest part about your new living environment is remembering the names of the people you’re meeting.

We also employ residents in the following positions to offer support and assistance when required:
- Senior residents
- Floor mentors
- Community relationship advisers
All single rooms are fully furnished and include a bed, desk, wardrobe, mirror, fan and heater. Unlimited wi-fi, three meals a day, room cleaning, bed linen and utilities are included in your rent.

- **145 single rooms** (approximately 3m x 3m) with a single bed, wardrobe, desk, internet connection and communal bathroom facilities.
- **15 twin share rooms** to be shared by either two males or two females. Room consists of two single beds, two wardrobes, two desks, internet connection, communal bathroom facilities.
- **2 partial ensuite rooms** with a double bed, wardrobe, desk and internet connection. These rooms have a toilet and washbasin facility available inside the room.
- **8 full ensuite rooms** with a double bed, wardrobe, desk, internet connection and bar fridge. These rooms have a toilet, washbasin and shower facility inside the room.
- **15 self-catered units** including studios, one-bedroom and two-bedroom options. These units are reserved for family groups and postgraduate students.

“In my understanding, diversity is key to breaking down barriers of ignorance. There is something about living with others from different backgrounds which instils a refreshing and enlightening way to learn more about one another in an accepting and thought-provoking way.”

**Stefanie Chan**
Hong Kong
Food

Full-time study is hard enough without housework.

We think the time you save shopping, cooking and cleaning is better spent relaxing and connecting with new friends over good food. Three times a day, seven days a week, our residents gather together to chat, laugh, discuss current affairs — and eat.

We cater for a diverse community of residents and meals are designed to be as international as possible. A typical day could see you waking up to a hot, continental breakfast before class, lasagne for lunch between lectures, and Chilean roast for dinner (see sample menu). We also cater for vegetarians — and that doesn’t mean non-stop tofu!

Special dietary requirements are available on request. Fruit and tea/coffee facilities are available 24/7. All meat from the servery is halal.

“I come from Mauritius, my little island in the sun. I have 40 years of experience in the kitchen, and have been in Australia since 2007. I am the head chef at International House, The University of Sydney. The unique reason I enjoy cooking at International House is because of the diversity of cuisine. I feel like cooking for the students is just like cooking for a big family!”

Richard Herisson (Chef)
Mauritius
### Sample menu

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<td><strong>Breakfast</strong></td>
<td>Hot and continental breakfast served daily</td>
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<td><strong>Lunch</strong></td>
<td>Chicken dumplings with rice noodles</td>
<td>Fish cocktails, calamari rings &amp; fries</td>
<td>Assorted salads</td>
<td>Laksa</td>
<td>Fried rice</td>
<td>Chicken or salmon patty burgers with sweet potato wedges</td>
<td>Lasagne</td>
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<td><strong>Dinner option 1</strong></td>
<td>Thai style BBQ seafood with stir-fried vegetables</td>
<td>Grilled chicken breast fillets with lemon sauce &amp; steamed mixed vegetables</td>
<td>Sweet &amp; sour pork with stir-fried vegetables &amp; rice</td>
<td>Roast lamb with baked vegetables</td>
<td>Bacon &amp; mushroom linguine with steamed baby carrots and grilled zucchini</td>
<td>Chilean roast chicken chat potatoes in garlic butter, sweet potato &amp; bok choy</td>
<td>Veal schnitzel with mushroom sauce &amp; stir-fried vegetables</td>
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<td><strong>Dinner option 2</strong></td>
<td>Marinated falafel with stir-fried vegetables</td>
<td>Grilled beef steak with pepper sauce &amp; steamed mixed vegetables</td>
<td>Honey soy and garlic beef stir-fry with stir-fried vegetables &amp; rice</td>
<td>Miso pan fried fish with soy &amp; sesame seed with baked vegetables</td>
<td>Paprika chicken thigh pieces with rice &amp; steamed baby carrots &amp; grilled zucchini</td>
<td>Seafood curry &amp; rice with bok choy</td>
<td>Paneer chicken makkan with rice &amp; stir-fried vegetables</td>
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<td><strong>Vegetarian</strong></td>
<td>Bok choy, mushroom &amp; tofu stir-fry</td>
<td>Grilled eggplant with pepper sauce &amp; steamed vegetables</td>
<td>Sweet &amp; sour tofu with stir-fried vegetables &amp; rice</td>
<td>Pumpkin and ricotta patties with baked vegetables</td>
<td>Tomato, okra mushroom and tofu linguine</td>
<td>Chickpeas curry &amp; rice with bok choy</td>
<td>Paneer makkan with rice &amp; stir-fried vegetable</td>
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Facilities

We have a range of facilities for exclusive use of residents and guests.

Access to these facilities is available 24/7. You can visit our website to take a virtual tour through the House, otherwise we can take you on an in-person tour from 9am–5pm weekdays.
Fees

All catered accommodation fees include:
- 21 meals per week
- Unlimited wi-fi
- Furnished bedroom with desk, cupboard, heater and fan
- Fortnightly room and linen cleaning
- Formal dinners and access to International House events
- Global Leadership Program
- Academic Support Program
- Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness Membership (includes access to swimming pool)
- Participation in Intramural Sport and Arts competitions
- International House jersey and welcome pack
- Storage room access

Catered contract terms are 40 weeks, although exceptions can be made for exchange students studying for one semester. Residents are welcome to book additional weeks during the summer vacation period. Self-catered accommodation is offered on a 12-month basis.

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<td><strong>Application fee</strong> (non-refundable)</td>
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<td><strong>Registration fee</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Members association</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Catered room deposit</strong></td>
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(wholly or partially refundable after departure)

| Self-catered room deposit               | 4 weeks rent         |

(wholly or partially refundable after departure)

Residential fees

**Term 1, 2018** Saturday 24 February to Friday 13 July (inclusive) (20 weeks)

**Term 2, 2018** Saturday 14 July to Friday 30 November (inclusive) (20 weeks)

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<th>Room type</th>
<th>New residents</th>
<th>Returns &gt; 2 terms</th>
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<td>Twin share with shared bathroom</td>
<td>$415</td>
<td>$8,300</td>
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<td>Single with shared bathroom</td>
<td>$532</td>
<td>$10,640</td>
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<td>C Room — single with partial ensuite</td>
<td>$548</td>
<td>$10,960</td>
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<td>D Room — single with full ensuite</td>
<td>$560</td>
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### Self-catered units (Maze building) 2018

**Compulsory fees**

1 January to 31 December — residential agreement (52 weeks). Paid four weeks in advance.

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<th>Unit type</th>
<th>Per week</th>
<th>Per 4 weeks</th>
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<td>Studio Maze unit</td>
<td>$438</td>
<td>$1,752</td>
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<td>One bedroom Maze unit</td>
<td>$480</td>
<td>$1,920</td>
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<td>Two bedroom Maze unit</td>
<td>$660</td>
<td>$2,640</td>
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All fees and charges are subject to change. Please visit our website for the most up to date fees.

### Optional fees

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<td>Car park — residents and visitors</td>
<td>$25 per day/$75 per week then $15 per day thereafter</td>
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<td>Resident car park</td>
<td>$200 per 6 months* (motorbike $100), $400 per year (motorbike $200)</td>
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<td>Guest meal ticket</td>
<td>$15 per meal</td>
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<td>Log cabin — residents</td>
<td>No fee (donations welcome)</td>
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<td>Log cabin (weekend) — Alumni and non residents</td>
<td>$150 per booking up to 3 nights (Fri, Sat, Sun) and $70 for each additional night</td>
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<td>Log cabin (weekday) — Alumni and non residents</td>
<td>Minimum charge $140 up to 3 nights (Mon to Thurs) and $70 for each additional night</td>
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<tr>
<td>Log cabin (weekday) — Alumni and non residents</td>
<td>Minimum charge $130 up to 3 nights (Mon to Thurs) and $60 for each additional night</td>
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*Please note: * Residential car park includes a weekly parking pass for visiting guests. 

All fees and charges are subject to change. Please visit our website for the most up to date fees.
Applications
We are seeking residents who are engaging, progressive and genuinely passionate about international understanding and friendship.

Our focus is on maintaining a culturally diverse and friendly community in which you can reach your potential. For this reason, we don’t operate on a ‘first-come-first served’ model. This is also why our application process is more rigorous than other accommodation providers. We interview all applicants who apply for a place at International House, and if you are successful, you will be among students who share a similar outlook to your own: outgoing, curious and motivated.

Applications are open all year. Semester 1 applications are assessed from September to January, Semester 2 applications are assessed from April to June.

Application process:
1. To apply the applicant must be enrolled or waiting for acceptance to the University of Sydney.
2. A completed application must be submitted to the House by filling the online application and paying the AU$100 application fee by credit card. This is non-refundable.
3. Once received, your application will be acknowledged by a confirmation email. Your application will be assessed and suitable applicants will receive a request for an interview with the Director or Deputy Director during the interview rounds. The interview can be conducted in person, over the phone or through Skype.
4. Applicants who are successful will then be sent an offer. This will include information regarding the Residential Agreement and Acceptance Fees.
5. The applicant will then need to accept the offer by returning the signed Residential Agreement and Acceptance Fees to the House by the deadline. This is a legally binding document setting out the conditions and obligations attached to residence.
FAQs

Is International House open to Australian students? The majority of residents at International House are Australian. One of our founding premises is that a group of hosts (in our case Australians students) are on hand to welcome international students.

How many bathrooms are on each floor? Each floor of International House has one gender-neutral bathroom facility consisting of three toilets and three showers. Elkin Wing has facilities throughout.

Is Orientation Week compulsory? Orientation Week is compulsory for all new residents. We use this time to familiarise residents with the House by conducting workshops, tours, games and events.

How many people live on each floor? The main building has 8 floors with approximately 15 residents on each. The Maze Apartments, which are reserved for postgraduate residents, have three floors.

Can my friends or family visit me? If you are staying in a single room you can have one guest for up to three nights. The guest fee is $50 per night, which includes all meals. Please let us know in advance so we can set up a spare bed.

What happens if my application is successful and I’m offered a room at International House? If you are offered a place, you will receive a residential agreement by email. It is essential that the information in your application form is current and accurate for us to be able to notify you without delay. Upon receiving your residential agreement, you will be required to sign one copy and send it back, complete the online acceptance process and pay your initial fees online, and send IH your arrival information.

I struggle with English. Will I fit in? You will be among many other students from non-English speaking backgrounds, and there is a good chance at least one of our residents will speak your language.

Is International House religious? We are a secular institution and respect our residents’ religious beliefs and support their right to practice them.

Can I visit International House before I apply? Yes. We can take you on a tour of all the facilities, introduce you to staff and current residents and show you a room. If you’re unable to visit, please take a look at the virtual tour on our website.

Can I visit International House religious? We are owned and operated by the University of Sydney.

Can I stay over the semester break? We offer summer accommodation to residents and external visitors and groups. This accommodation is normally self-catered.