



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY



**STUDY ABROAD  
AND EXCHANGE  
GUIDE**

# SIX CAMPUSES, FIVE CITIES, ONE GREAT EXPERIENCE

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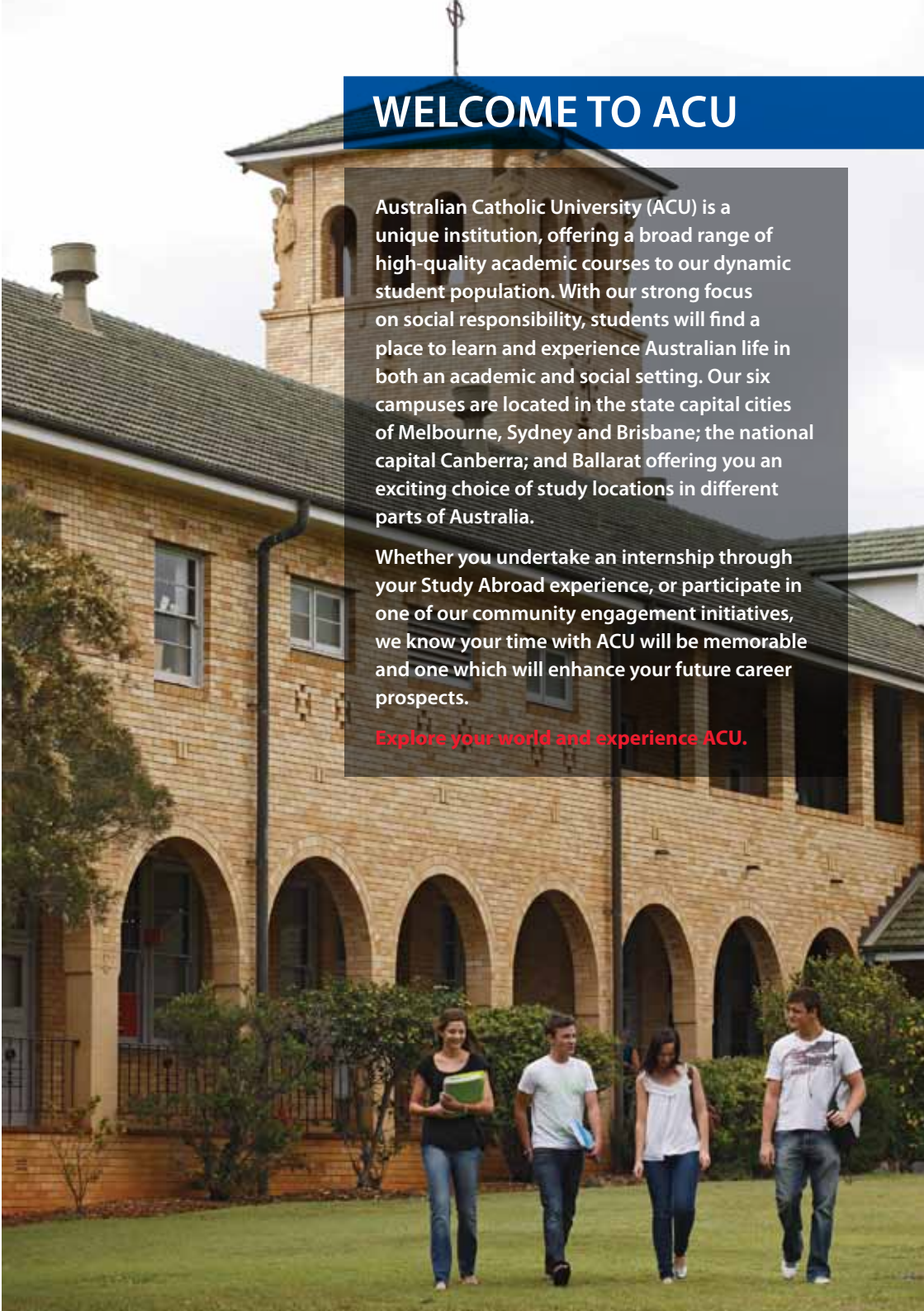
	ACU SEMESTER 1 – Northern Hemisphere (Spring)	ACU SEMESTER 2 – Northern Hemisphere (Autumn/ Fall)
Orientation	Mid-February	Mid-July
Semester (teaching weeks)	February-June	July- October
Vacation week	April	September
Exams	June	November
APPLICATION DEADLINES		
ACU Semester 1	ACU Semester 2	
November 15	May 15	

# WELCOME TO ACU

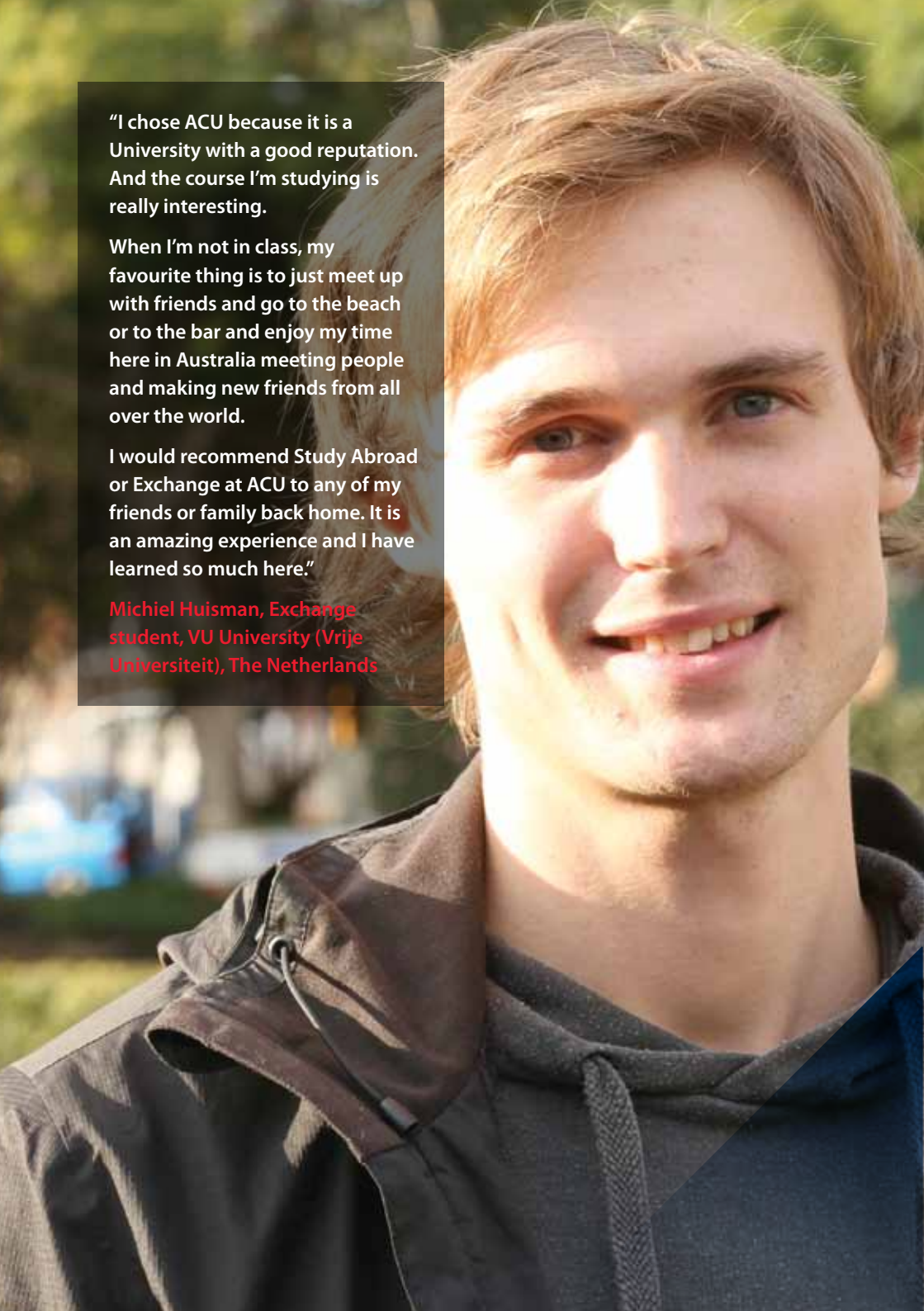
Australian Catholic University (ACU) is a unique institution, offering a broad range of high-quality academic courses to our dynamic student population. With our strong focus on social responsibility, students will find a place to learn and experience Australian life in both an academic and social setting. Our six campuses are located in the state capital cities of Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane; the national capital Canberra; and Ballarat offering you an exciting choice of study locations in different parts of Australia.

Whether you undertake an internship through your Study Abroad experience, or participate in one of our community engagement initiatives, we know your time with ACU will be memorable and one which will enhance your future career prospects.

**Explore your world and experience ACU.**





A close-up portrait of a young man with light brown hair and blue eyes, smiling slightly. He is wearing a dark grey hoodie under a brown jacket. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green foliage and a blue car in the distance. A semi-transparent dark grey box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing white text.

"I chose ACU because it is a University with a good reputation. And the course I'm studying is really interesting.

When I'm not in class, my favourite thing is to just meet up with friends and go to the beach or to the bar and enjoy my time here in Australia meeting people and making new friends from all over the world.

I would recommend Study Abroad or Exchange at ACU to any of my friends or family back home. It is an amazing experience and I have learned so much here."

**Michiel Huisman, Exchange student, VU University (Vrije Universiteit), The Netherlands**

# ABOUT AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

ACU is an Australian government-funded, public university open to students of all beliefs, nationalities and cultures. We offer a wide range of courses in our six faculties - **Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Theology and Philosophy, Health Sciences and Law**<sup>1</sup>. With six campuses in Australia, each one is small enough to allow for a close working relationship between students and teachers, with smaller classes enabling academic staff to give individual attention to students. Students undertaking more than one semester of study with us may study each semester at a different campus, provided the selected units are available.

Our history is built on 155 years of tradition in educational excellence. In 1857, religious orders in Australia first began training teachers and nurses and started building ACU's foundations. The birth of ACU as the modern university it is today took place in 1991, when most of Australia's Catholic higher education institutions merged to form one national Catholic university.

ACU students enjoy our friendly campuses with easy access to lecturers and outstanding student support services. Study areas in the Study Abroad Program include a great range of exciting field trips and practical components that offer you an experience and insight into the Australian lifestyle, culture and environment.

ACU prides itself on the high quality academic and support services provided to its students and conducts its activities in accordance with the Education Services for Overseas Students Act (ESOS) 2000:

**[http://aei.dest.gov.au/sectors/international\\_education/default.htm](http://aei.dest.gov.au/sectors/international_education/default.htm)**

## The ACU advantage

- Choice of six campuses  
- Brisbane, Sydney (2), Canberra, Melbourne, Ballarat
- More than 24,000 students from over 85 countries
- Strong ethics content in courses
- High course completion rates
- Opportunity to take classes in all six faculties: Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Theology and Philosophy, Law and Health Sciences
- A strong international focus with over 100 partner institutions across 25 countries
- Low student to staff ratio
- Competitive Study Abroad fees
- Option of transferring between campuses for students studying one year at ACU

*1. Our new Faculty of Law opens in 2013.*

# OUR CAMPUSES

Each of our six campuses offers students the opportunity to experience a different aspect of Australian culture and environment.

**24,000**  
students in total

**13%**  
international students  
(intl.)

**85+**  
nationalities

**30+**  
areas of study

**Brisbane, QLD**  
**Mcauley at Banyo**  
4,540 Students (8% intl.)

**Sydney, NSW**  
**North Sydney**  
**(Mackillop)**  
3,649 Students (40% intl.)

**Sydney, NSW**  
**Strathfield**  
**(Mount St Mary)**  
5,299 Students (3% intl.)

**Canberra, ACT**  
**(Signadou)**  
955 Students (2.5% intl.)

**Melbourne, VIC**  
**(St Patrick's)**  
7,252 Students (12% intl.)

**Ballarat, VIC**  
**(Aquinas)**  
1,014 Students (1% intl.)

## Distances (aproximates)

BALLARAT	1,800 km	970 km	750 km	110 km	
MELBOURNE	1,700 km	880 km	660 km		110 km
CANBERRA	1,200 km	290 km		660 km	750 km
SYDNEY (CBD)	930 km		290 km	880 km	970 km
BRISBANE		930 km	1,200 km	1,700 km	1,800 km
BRISBANE	SYDNEY	CANBERRA	MELBOURNE	BALLARAT	

NORTH SYDNEY	5 km	20 km	
STRATHFIELD	15 km		20 km
SYDNEY CBD		15 km	5 km
SYDNEY CBD	STRATHFIELD	NORTH SYDNEY	

# ACU CANBERRA

## CAMPUS – SIGNADOU

City population - 350,000

ACU student population - 955

(including 24 international students)

Canberra, the national capital, is an international city with more than 70 diplomatic missions. For students, Canberra provides excellent facilities for study including access to the National Library, the largest in Australia. For bicycling enthusiasts, Canberra's well-planned bike paths make this a great way to get around. Canberra has warm, dry summers and cold winters.

Conveniently located only five kilometres from the city centre and well-served by public transport, Signadou is one of ACU's smaller campuses. With approximately 55 friendly staff on site, students thrive in an intimate, welcoming campus environment. Campus facilities include a swimming pool, canteen, computer labs and a chapel.



# ACU BALLARAT

## CAMPUS – AQUINAS

City population - 96,000

ACU student population -

1,014 (including 6 international students)

Ballarat is a picturesque rural town located in the Central Highlands Region of Victoria, approximately 110 kilometres north-west of Melbourne (75-minute drive). It is one of Victoria's most popular provincial destinations for those who want to experience regional Australia at its best. Ballarat has a safe and peaceful environment, an informal and friendly local community, and a cosmopolitan atmosphere with some wonderful restaurants and cafes, a thriving arts scene and many festivals and events to celebrate local wine, food, history and music. What marks the town, though, is its rich historical heritage – everywhere you go, you will find stunning architecture, heritage-listed buildings, wide streets and magnificent statues. Ballarat has a similar climate to Melbourne with slightly cooler temperatures in winter. The campus, which is set in beautiful gardens, is near the commercial centre of Ballarat and within easy reach of facilities. The delightful old buildings and majestic trees on campus reflect the history of the town and provide a tranquil setting for learning. The small campus is a cheerful place for students to meet, study and socialise. With over 900 students, the campus offers quality teaching facilities including simulated nursing labs, computer labs, library, canteen, visual art rooms, gallery, bookshop and gym as well as dedicated student accommodation.





**City population -**  
over 5.5 million



**Population of NSW -**  
over 7 million

# SYDNEY

Photographer: Hamilton Lund, Destination NSW





Sydney, the state capital of New South Wales, is Australia's largest and oldest city. A much sought-after destination, Sydney has everything going for it – fantastic weather, beautiful landscape, interesting neighbourhoods and impressive architecture. If this is not enough, the city is also the economic powerhouse of Australia; it is Australia's largest financial centre and home to the Australian Stock Exchange.

Best known through pictures and photographs for its stunning harbour spanned by an equally impressive bridge, the dazzling Opera House, nearby mountains, golden beaches with plenty of surf and plenty of great restaurants, bars and nightlife, Sydney is Australia's international darling. It is the home of one of the world's most diverse societies, all of whom come together to create a rich fabric of cultural life. Be it Chinese newspapers, Lebanese restaurants, Greek Orthodox churches or English and Irish traditions – in Sydney you will find it all.

Sydney has a strong outdoor culture as well as a vibrant arts culture with world-class galleries, theatre, dance and, of course, the Sydney Opera House.

## Climate

- ▲ Lies within the temperate zone and enjoys a moderate climate unlike other parts of Australia – neither too hot nor too cold.
- ▲ Enjoys more than 300 sunny days in a year and an average annual rainfall of approximately 1,210 mm.

SEASONS		Max. temp. °C (°F)	Min. temp. °C (°F)
	SUMMER Dec–Feb	26.1 (79)	19.2 (67)
	AUTUMN Mar–May	23.1 (74)	15.3 (60)
	WINTER June–Aug	18.1 (65)	9.4 (49)
	SPRING Sep–Nov	22.6 (73)	14.2 (58)

Source: Bureau of Meteorology.  
Data reflects average temperatures recorded from 1981–2010.





## ACU NORTH SYDNEY

### CAMPUS - MACKILLOP

**ACU student population** - 3,649  
(including 1,450 international students)

A five-minute train ride over the famous Sydney Harbour Bridge from Sydney's city centre, the campus is conveniently located in the North Sydney business precinct. North Sydney campus life is centred around a large outdoor courtyard and student recreational area where students congregate between classes. The campus is small, multicultural and friendly, and is accessible by excellent bus and train services.



## ACU STRATHFIELD (SYDNEY)

### CAMPUS - MOUNT ST MARY

**ACU student population** - 5,299  
(including 179 international students)

Situated in one of the older, established suburbs in Sydney, the Strathfield campus is located 15 kilometres west of the Sydney city centre. It is only a 20-minute train ride from the city centre, and an eight-minute trip on the ACU shuttle bus from Strathfield train station. Historic buildings and beautifully landscaped grounds make an attractive and stimulating place to study. Rugby and soccer ovals, a cricket pitch and a central lawn provide a common meeting space and an area for student activities all year around.





### City population -

over 4 million



### Population of Victoria -

over 5 million

# MELBOURNE





Melbourne, the state capital of Victoria, is a rich and culturally vibrant city. Recent surveys have established that approximately 40 per cent of Melbourne's population was born outside of Australia in more than 130 other countries. The ethnic diversity of Melbourne's population greatly influences the lifestyle of people living here.

Be it cuisine, shopping, the arts or outdoor life, there is plenty to occupy yourself with. Melbourne is famous for an inexhaustible variety of restaurants and cafes that will satisfy every taste and fit any pocket. Boutique stores line the city and suburban streets, defining the original character of the city. The juxtaposition of stunning architecture, from traditional Victorian to funky post-modern, emulates Melbourne's character as a true 'melting pot'. Theatres, art galleries, museums, street artists, clubs, literary events, interest-groups and festivals give the city a vibrant creative scene.

Parks and gardens create a soothing sense of space. 'Melburnians' love to commute by trams that criss-cross the city, while cycling is equally popular (and healthy!)

### Climate

- Known for having four seasons in one day, weather can vary from a wet morning to a sunny afternoon and mild evening. Melbourne has warm dry summers and cool wet winters.

SEASONS		Max. temp. °C (°F)	Min. temp. °C (°F)
	SUMMER Dec-Feb	25.3 (78)	13.2 (58)
	AUTUMN Mar-May	20.3 (69)	10.4 (51)
	WINTER June-Aug	13.7 (57)	5.9 (43)
	SPRING Sep-Nov	19.3 (67)	8.6 (47)

Source: Bureau of Meteorology.  
Data reflects average temperatures recorded from 1981–2010.



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Photographer: Greg Bartley, Tourism VIC



## ACU MELBOURNE

### CAMPUS – ST PATRICK'S

**ACU student population** - 7,252 (including 889 international students)

ACU's Melbourne campus is conveniently located on the fringe of Melbourne's Central Business District (CBD). It is a short walk from the popular and bustling Brunswick Street and Smith Street, known best for their cafes, shops and art galleries. Some of Melbourne's finest parks, gardens and recreational facilities are also within easy walking distance of the campus. The main campus building is a multi-storey complex that has been completely renovated to provide students and staff with purpose-built facilities. It is a modern, compact study environment that bustles with activity throughout the week. A new \$75 million building opens at the Melbourne Campus at the end of 2012. Aiming for a 6 Green Star Energy rating, the National Centre for Health and Wellbeing will incorporate rainwater harvesting and wind turbines as part of ACU's environmentally sustainable initiatives. It will also include state-of-the-art learning facilities, a gym, bookshop, chapel, student centre and rooftop garden.





**City population -**  
over 2 million



**Population of Queensland -**  
over 4.5 million





# BRISBANE

Brisbane is Australia's fastest-growing city and the state capital of Queensland. As with the rest of Queensland, Brisbane is well known for its coastline and sunny blue skies. The city's climate lends itself to a cosmopolitan outdoor lifestyle. From parklands and botanical gardens to a relaxed and friendly city with shopping centres, art galleries and restaurants, it has something for everyone.

Brisbane is near the coast and close to the world-famous Surfers Paradise stretch of coastland. Living in Queensland means you are not far away from the world's most lush rainforests and stunning tropical reefs including the Great Barrier Reef.

## Climate

- Warm year round, with an annual average of eight hours of sunshine each day and an average of 245 clear sunny days each year.
- Thunderstorms common from November to March: average rainfall of about 1,400mm annually, majority of which falls in the summer.

SEASONS		Max. temp. °C (°F)	Min. temp. °C (°F)
	SUMMER Dec–Feb	29.8 (86)	21 (70)
	AUTUMN Mar–May	26.8 (80)	16.9 (62)
	WINTER June–Aug	22.3 (72)	10.5 (51)
	SPRING Sep–Nov	26.7 (80)	16.1 (61)

Source: Bureau of Meteorology.  
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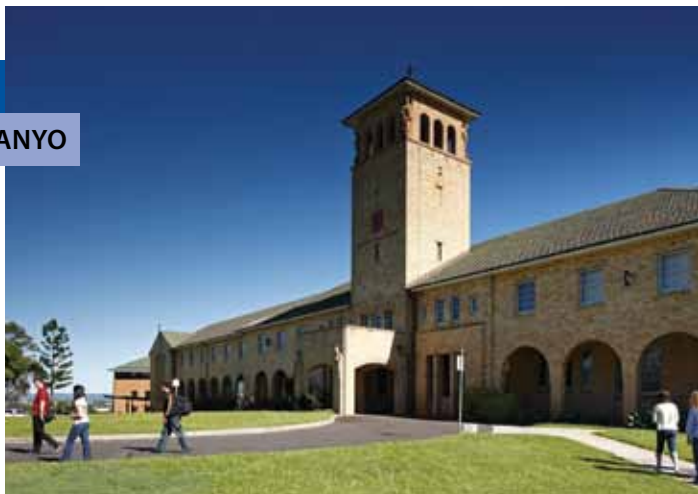
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# ACU BRISBANE

## CAMPUS – MCAULEY AT BANYO

**ACU student population** - 4,540  
(including 365 international students)

Situated in the northern suburb of Banyo, the ACU campus is set on 40 hectares of beautifully landscaped grounds and historic buildings and located just 12 kilometres from the centre of Brisbane and one kilometre from the Banyo train station. The campus is on the site of the former Pius XII Provincial Seminary, with its history extending back to 1863. The campus is easily accessible by public transport and by the ACU shuttle bus which is free to all students.





# LIVING IN AUSTRALIA

Photo: Campus Living Villages ®



Photo: Semester in Australia



## Accommodation

As the Australian Catholic University is situated across five different cities there are various housing options available to suit different lifestyles and budgets.

Housing options include:

- Rental accommodation: private/shared and temporary
- Homestay
- Student accommodation

### Rental accommodation (private/ shared and temporary)

#### Temporary housing

(e.g. hostel - should be booked prior to departure): It is a good idea to book a short

term accommodation option for your arrival in Australia, particularly for the first one to two weeks. This option allows you to have housing on arrival and the opportunity to search for permanent accommodation once you have actually arrived in Australia.

For a list of short term housing (hostels) visit:  
**[www.acu.edu.au/international/59561](http://www.acu.edu.au/international/59561)**

#### Private/shared housing

(not recommended to book prior to departure): You should budget approximately AU\$120 - \$300 per week to rent a property shared with others. Utilities and food are not included in this estimate. Obviously rental prices vary depending on location. You may choose to live in private rental

accommodation near your campus or in the city, depending on budget. Specialised student apartment accommodation is available near most campuses.

We do not recommend securing private or shared accommodation before arriving in Australia as it is best to view each property in person. Photos can often be quite misleading, and it is a good idea to also look at public transport options that are available in the area.

More information on private/shared accommodation will be provided to students once accepted into the program.

## Homestay

Homestay offers international students the opportunity to live with a local family while studying in Australia. It is available from a few weeks to many months. By living with an Australian family you will get a closer understanding of Australian life. If you wish to obtain Homestay accommodation, please inform the Study Abroad and Exchange Coordinator when you apply for the program.

You will have a bedroom (linen provided), a place to study, and access to a bathroom, kitchen and other facilities in the home.

- The cost is approximately AU\$250-\$300 per week.
- Includes two meals on weekdays (breakfast and dinner) and three meals on weekends (breakfast, lunch and dinner).
- Includes basic furniture.
- Thirty to 60 minutes by public transport from the University.
- Minimum stay is four weeks and maximum stay up to one year.

To book a homestay, please go to the following website:

**[www.homestaynetwork.org/public](http://www.homestaynetwork.org/public)**

You will find frequently asked questions via the following link:

**[www.homestaynetwork.org/public/student-faqs](http://www.homestaynetwork.org/public/student-faqs)**

## Student accommodation

Specialised student apartment accommodation is available near most campuses. This option may require large, one-off payments but usually includes all fees such as utility bills and, in many cases, WIFI access.

Semester in Australia (SiA) –

**[www.semesterinaustralia.com](http://www.semesterinaustralia.com)**

is an example of specialised student accommodation. SiA provides housing and support services in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne, especially for students only in Australia for study abroad (semester/year) programs. The service provides accommodation, local support, includes most of your utilities, and can also provide arrival assistance.

Your ACU Coordinator will provide details regarding housing options at the campus you have selected once you have been accepted into the program. As a rule of thumb, always seek advice when arranging accommodation overseas.

For more information please visit our accommodation webpage:

**[www.acu.edu.au/international/59561](http://www.acu.edu.au/international/59561)**

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## Living costs

COSTS PER WEEK	
	Cost
Accommodation	\$120-300+
Food	\$50-90+
Transport	\$15-40+
Extras	\$50-80+
Total (average of \$430 week per person)	\$355-510/week
Yearly total	\$18,460 - 26,520

All costs are in Australian dollars and can vary greatly depending on location. They are a guide only.

Students are also advised to allow for on average, \$400 per semester for books or supplies.

All costs are approximate and subject to change. Rent is based on sharing a privately rented house. Initial expenses for the first few weeks for temporary accommodation will be higher than above until students find suitable permanent accommodation.

Students will also need to budget for Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) and living costs. Some units may also require the purchase of additional items (eg. uniforms for nursing courses).

## Overseas Student Health Cover

The Australian government requires all international student visa holders and their dependants to obtain health insurance for the duration of their visas.

**Please note:** You do not need Overseas Student Health Cover if you are:

- a Norwegian student covered by the Norwegian National Insurance Scheme
- a Swedish student covered by the National Board of Student Aid or by Kammarkollegiet
- a Belgian student covered under the Reciprocal Health Care Agreement with Australia
- not a student visa holder.

**[www.immi.gov.au/students/health-insurance.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/students/health-insurance.htm)**





Visa length cover must be paid with the first semester's tuition fee. OSHC covers 85 per cent of the Government-scheduled fees for private doctors, pathology and x-rays. Students must make up the shortfall.

**Please note:** OSHC will not cover any pre-existing conditions (ie those which existed within 18 months before the student began study).

The University's preferred OSHC provider is Allianz Global Assistance:

**[www.oshcallianzassistance.com.au](http://www.oshcallianzassistance.com.au)**

## Student Visas

Students must apply for student visas prior to arriving in Australia. Once accepted into the program and all required payments have been made, ACU will provide you with an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment allowing you to apply for your student visa.


For more information on how to apply and what other visa types might be suitable for you, please contact your nearest Consulate, Australian Embassy or High Commission which you can find at **[www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)**

## Employment

Under Australian immigration regulations, international students with a student visa may work up to 40 hours per fortnight during the semester and full-time during university vacation. Students will have permission to work automatically as this is included with their student visa and they can seek employment after commencing classes at ACU.

For further information on working in Australia see **[www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)**

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"Many of the people I met were through the international student outings hosted by ACU Mates and during international orientation week. That time provided a great opportunity to socialise with other international students going through the same cultural change experience.

I built up friendly relationships with the international student coordinators and met other Australian students through my classes and began branching out my own network of friends.

Successfully completing my course is a huge confidence boost as well as a rich experience."

**Martin Harrison from South Africa, Study Abroad student in 2012**

# SUPPORT SERVICES

ACU provides comprehensive support services to all students to help them make the most of their time at university and to ensure their studies are successful.

These services include:

- ✦ pre-departure guide
- ✦ accommodation information
- ✦ airport pick up service (on request)
- ✦ international student orientation program\*
- ✦ personal support and advice.

## General support services

All students have access to the following services which are provided on each of the six ACU campuses:

- ✦ academic support
- ✦ accommodation assistance
- ✦ multi-faith chaplaincy and quiet rooms
- ✦ counselling
- ✦ disability resources office
- ✦ careers and employment service.

## On campus facilities

On campus facilities include:

- ✦ library
- ✦ computer laboratories, email and internet accounts
- ✦ easy access to banking, EFTPOS facilities and ATM
- ✦ entertainment venues
- ✦ food outlets
- ✦ bookshops
- ✦ sport and recreation facilities.

## Student life, recreation and sporting services

Each of our campuses has a student association that provides students with the opportunity to participate in organising on campus events and social activities as well as national events. Students who participate in national events such as University Games, are given the opportunity to travel interstate to other campuses.

The ACU Sport and Recreation Office engages with volunteer students on each campus to assist with the coordination of events. The Office is responsible for the overall student participation in sport and recreation programs to develop students' general health and physical well-being.

**\*Please note:** All students are required to attend orientation as specified in their letter of offer



# ACADEMIC INFORMATION

The Study Abroad and Exchange program at ACU is flexible, allowing you to enrol in units from different areas of study, enhancing your academic experience even more. Whether they are core classes or electives, you can select what's right for you. All study abroad and exchange students must be enrolled as a full-time student for the length of their program. Students undertaking a full year of study must successfully complete their

first semester in order to continue with their second semester. These regulations are detailed in the yearly handbook, accessible via: [www.acu.edu.au/142401](http://www.acu.edu.au/142401)

At ACU a normal full-time load is four units (40 credit points). Enrolment in more than four units will attract additional fees. The minimum allowable enrolment for students is three units (30 credit points).

## Terminology

ACADEMIC TERMINOLOGY		
Course	The program of study	e.g. Bachelor of Business
Unit	The individual unit of study taken as part of a course. Sometimes referred to as class, subject or module	e.g. MKTG100 - Principles of Marketing





### Sample comparison of credit points system:

ACU	ECTS	USA
1 Unit = 10 credit points	7.5 credits	3-4 credit hours

### Official transcript of results

At the completion of your semester or year abroad, a transcript is automatically issued by the University and includes details of grades achieved.

### Explanation of grades

Student performance in scheduled units is recorded using the following system:

ACU GRADE	RANGE OF MARKS
High Distinction (HD)	85 - 100%
Distinction (D)	75 - 84%
Credit (C)	65 - 74%
Pass (P)	50 - 64%
Fail (F)	0 - 49%



## Study and assessment methods

Methods at Australian universities may differ from those in other countries. Tertiary study is largely autonomous and students are encouraged to develop independent thoughts and ideas. At the same time some units may require group presentations or submissions as part of assessment.

At ACU, students must attend lectures, tutorial classes and seminars, sit for examinations, and undertake practical and field trips as prescribed. (Field trips may incur additional costs above already paid tuition fees).

## Academic progress

A student's enrolment in a course may be deferred, suspended or cancelled in accordance with University regulations. These regulations are detailed in the yearly handbook, accessible via:

**[www.acu.edu.au/142401](http://www.acu.edu.au/142401)**

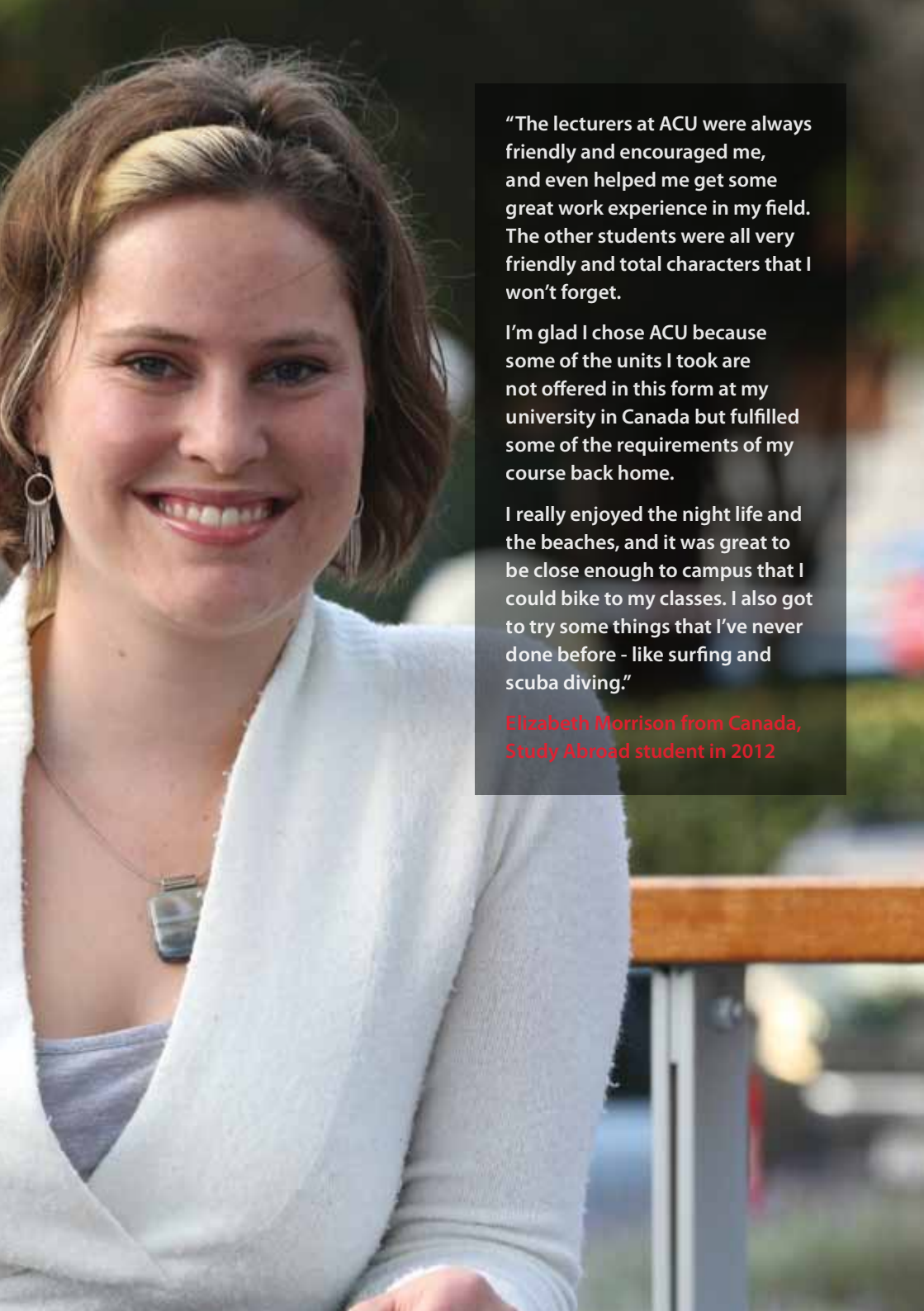


## Finding the right unit for you

Looking for and finding the right unit for you can be a difficult and time consuming process. Be patient! It does take time to review any University Handbook but we are here to help. Please review our unit selection guide on our Study Abroad and Exchange website:

**[www.acu.edu.au/international/59577](http://www.acu.edu.au/international/59577)**

See page 30 for the different study areas at ACU.



"The lecturers at ACU were always friendly and encouraged me, and even helped me get some great work experience in my field. The other students were all very friendly and total characters that I won't forget.

I'm glad I chose ACU because some of the units I took are not offered in this form at my university in Canada but fulfilled some of the requirements of my course back home.

I really enjoyed the night life and the beaches, and it was great to be close enough to campus that I could bike to my classes. I also got to try some things that I've never done before - like surfing and scuba diving."

**Elizabeth Morrison from Canada,  
Study Abroad student in 2012**

# ACU STUDY OPTIONS

Whether you are studying at ACU for one or two semesters, we will be able to provide you with the right program to suit your academic needs. All programs are for academic credit with official ACU transcripts provided to you after the completion of your studies.

## More information

Please refer to our website for further information on tuition costs and entry requirements for our Study Abroad and Exchange courses:

**[www.acu.edu.au/international/59577](http://www.acu.edu.au/international/59577)**

For more information about the different courses and fees of our English Preparation courses please visit:

**[www.acu.edu.au/international/316244](http://www.acu.edu.au/international/316244)**

## OPTION 1

### STUDENT EXCHANGE

- ✦ Open to students who are enrolled at their home university and whose university is an official exchange partner of ACU. Students must be enrolled full time and pay tuition fees only to their home university (ACU tuition fees do not apply).
- ✦ Applications are submitted on your behalf by your home university once your exchange placement has been approved.

## OPTION 2

### STUDY ABROAD

- ✦ Open to all students wishing to undertake one or two semesters of study at ACU. Students must be from a recognised university or college.
- ✦ Students must be enrolled full time and are subject to ACU Study Abroad tuition fees per semester.
- ✦ Applications are submitted directly to ACU or through one of our partner institutions or official Study Abroad Agents.





## OPTION 3

### STUDY ABROAD +

Unlike our standard Study Abroad program, Study Abroad + allows students to add either a community engagement or internship placement to their academic studies.

- + Internship: Brisbane campus only
- + Community engagement: Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne campus
- ✦ Open to all students wishing to undertake one or two semesters of study at ACU. Students must be from a recognised university or college.
- ✦ Students must be enrolled full time and are subject to ACU Study Abroad tuition fees per semester- no extra fees apply for the community engagement or internship component.
- ✦ Applications are submitted directly to ACU or through one of our partner institutions or official Study Abroad Agents.
- ✦ Study Abroad plus community engagement unit combines three weeks of lectures and a 90 hour placement in a not-for-profit community organisation while also being enrolled in two to three academic units.
- ✦ Study Abroad plus internship combination allows you to enrol in two to three academic units while also taking a 120 hour-professional internship at a local company.
- ✦ Both the internship and community engagement units are for credit and will appear on the official ACU transcript.

## OPTION 4

### ENGLISH PREPARATION

- ✦ Open to students who do not meet the English eligibility requirements for the Study Abroad and Exchange program or for students who simply want to improve their English before beginning their academic semester.
- ✦ Courses include General English, IELTS Preparation and English for Academic Purposes.
- ✦ Most programs run for 12 to 24 weeks but the length of the course can vary depending on your English proficiency.
- ✦ Students can choose this as a stand alone program or undertake it prior to a standard Study Abroad semester.



# APPLYING TO ACU



## Fees

Exchange students coming to ACU will participate in an established exchange arrangement with an overseas university and are subject to their home institutions' tuition fees. If you are unsure whether your university has an exchange with ACU, please contact your university's International office for more information.

Study Abroad students pay tuition fees directly to ACU for the semester or year they wish to study in Australia. Unlike exchange students, study abroad students

can come through either established study abroad partners or non-affiliated institutions.

ACU Study Abroad fees are among the most competitive in Australia and are set at the one annual rate regardless of whether you are studying undergraduate or postgraduate units or units across various disciplines.

For current ACU fees please refer to the Schedule of Tuition Fees:

**[www.acu.edu.au/international/59750](http://www.acu.edu.au/international/59750)**



## Entry requirements

Students from all countries are welcome to apply to the ACU Study Abroad Program. Entry requirements are based on your educational background and English language proficiency. It is also a good idea to speak to your Academic Coordinator at your home institution to ensure that units studied at ACU can be credited back to your course if required.

### General requirements:

- ✦ Completion of one full year of study at university level with satisfactory grades.

## English language requirements

### For undergraduate study:

- ✦ IELTS: 6.0; 6.0 for Writing and Speaking; 5.5 for Reading and Listening
- ✦ TOEFL IBT: 79; 22 for Writing
- ✦ TOEFL PBT: 550; 59 for Writing
- ✦ TOEFL CBT: 213; 25 for Writing
- ✦ ACU English Language Test: C
- ✦ Pearson Test of English (PTE): result of 54 with a minimum of 50 in writing and speaking and a minimum of 42 in reading and listening.

### For postgraduate study:

- ✦ IELTS: 6.5; 6.0 in all sections
- ✦ TOEFL IBT: 90; 25 for Writing
- ✦ TOEFL PBT: 577; 62 for Writing
- ✦ TOEFL CBT: 233; 26 for Writing
- ✦ ACU English Language Test: B
- ✦ Pearson Test of English (PTE): result of 61 with a minimum of 50 in all sections.

For more information on the English Language requirements please visit:

**[www.acu.edu.au/international/316244](http://www.acu.edu.au/international/316244)**

## Application deadlines

**Semester 1** – November 15

**Semester 2** – May 15

A close-up photograph of a young woman with a gentle smile, looking through the eyepiece of a microscope. She is wearing a light blue hijab with a delicate floral pattern in shades of pink, red, and yellow. Her white lab coat is visible over her shoulders. The background is softly blurred, suggesting a laboratory setting. A dark blue banner with white text is positioned in the upper left corner of the image.

# APPLICATION STEP BY STEP GUIDE



## 1 Study Abroad or Exchange?

Are you applying as a study abroad or exchange student?

## 2 Discuss the Study Abroad program with your home university

Consult with your home university to understand the application and credit requirements of studying abroad. Students from exchange partner universities will also need approval to participate in the exchange.

## 3 Choose campus and units

Review information in the guide and website to select the appropriate ACU campus and study plan for your program in Australia.

## 4 Apply to ACU

You can apply to the study abroad program online at:  
[www.acu.edu.au/iapply](http://www.acu.edu.au/iapply)

## 5 Letter of Offer and acceptance

The University will assess your application and if you are successful, will issue an electronic Letter of Offer. This offer letter may come via your Study Abroad Representative at your home university. The Letter of Offer will include specific advice given by the Course Coordinator on unit selection or availability. The average timeframe to process applications is one to two weeks.

## 6 Confirmation of Enrolment

Upon receipt of fees and signed acceptance, the University will issue an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE). This will allow you to apply for a Student Visa online

## 7 Apply for Student Visa

Apply for a Student Visa online or from the nearest Australian High Commission, Consulate, Embassy or Diplomatic Post. Once your student visa has been approved you should finalise your travel arrangements.

## 8 Pre-departure

The Study Abroad and Exchange Coordinator will send you a Pre-Departure Guide, and provide information regarding accommodation, airport reception and orientation activities. At this stage, ACU will also pre-enrol you in three to four of the pre-approved units listed on your signed acceptance.

## 9 Arrival and orientation

Arrive in Australia and attend our orientation activities which are compulsory for all students. You will be issued with your student ID and be able to finalise your enrolment.

**We look forward to welcoming you!**

## What can I study?

Studying abroad at ACU offers you a fabulous range of units to choose from. Students have the opportunity to take classes from any of our six faculties\* provided they meet of all the necessary pre-requisites.

Each campus is different with not all study areas offered on each campus.

Please note that classes are subject to change and unit availability may vary each semester

\*Our new Faculty of Law opens in 2013 in Melbourne and 2104 in North Sydney.

## Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Australian Studies	BRIS		STRAT	
Communication	BRIS	MELB	STRAT	
Computing			STRAT	
Counselling	BRIS	MELB	STRAT	
Drama	BRIS	MELB	STRAT	
Environmental Science				N SYD
Economics			STRAT	
Family Studies		MELB		
Geography			STRAT	
Gender Studies	BRIS			
Global Studies		MELB	STRAT	
History	BRIS	MELB	STRAT	
International Development		MELB	STRAT	
Leisure Studies	BRIS			
Literature	BRIS	MELB	STRAT	
Mathematics		MELB	STRAT	
Media		MELB		
Music	BRIS	MELB		
Politics		MELB		
Psychology	BRIS	MELB	STRAT	
Science Studies		MELB		
Sociology	BRIS	MELB	STRAT	
Technology			STRAT	
Visual Arts	BRIS	MELB	STRAT	
Youth Work		MELB		

The Faculty of Arts and Sciences offers students a range of highly regarded programs taught by dedicated, well-qualified staff, who are committed to student-centred teaching and the pursuit of academic excellence.

**"... fantastic high educational environment and facilities."**

Man Pan Leong, Bachelor of Visual Arts and Design

## Faculty of Business

Accounting	BRIS	MELB		N SYD
Financial Services				N SYD
Business Administration	BRIS	MELB		N SYD
Commercial Law		MELB		N SYD
Human Resource Management	BRIS	MELB		N SYD
Business Information Systems				N SYD
Marketing	BRIS	MELB		N SYD

The Faculty offers a diverse range of business courses. Our programs are designed to equip you with the business and leadership skills required for the changing demands of the contemporary business environment.

**"All the staff who work on the campus are friendly and always ready to help. What surprised me the most was that my lecturers were calling me by my first name!"**

Marion Vernet, France, Faculty of Business Graduate

## Faculty of Education

Teaching	BRIS	MELB	STRAT		CAN	BALL
Early Childhood			STRAT		CAN	BALL

Our mission is to empower learning and teaching communities to engage in intellectual debate, research, knowledge transfer and innovation to create an equitable society. We pride ourselves on providing quality learning, teaching, professional development and research opportunities.

**"I have not only gained essential knowledge for teaching but also had lots of fun with my classmates and participated in various activities."**

Hilary Yao, Master of Teaching

## Faculty of Law

Law		MELB		N SYD	
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Our new Faculty of Law will start offering courses in 2013 in our Melbourne Campus and 2014 in North Sydney. ACU's law program ensures that graduates are well grounded in the areas of law relevant to legal practice. Recognising the role lawyers can play in international commerce and diplomacy, our law units also have a distinctive international flavour.

The units Study Abroad and Exchange students will be able to choose as part of their course are currently under review.

## Faculty of Theology and Philosophy

Theological Studies	BRIS	MELB	STRAT		CAN	BALL
Study of Religions	BRIS	MELB	STRAT		CAN	BALL
Philosophy	BRIS	MELB	STRAT		CAN	BALL

We take great pride in the quality of our teaching and our courses. Our goal is to foster a love for the academic disciplines of Theology and Philosophy, but also to provide professional and executive education for current and aspiring leaders.

**"All the lecturers that I have met are experts in their fields and they really know how to teach. I have enjoyed my study of Theology at ACU."**

Chukwudi Chinenye Chinaka, Bachelor of Theology

## Faculty of Health Sciences

Nursing	BRIS	MELB		N SYD	CAN	BALL
Exercise Science	BRIS	MELB	STRAT			

We have a vision to be recognised for outstanding courses that supply caring, prepared and qualified graduates. All students have field and clinical experience that is supervised by specially qualified practitioners

**"ACU creates a relaxing atmosphere to study and provides help with nursing practice in local hospitals."**

Rouslan Izmailov, Bachelor of Nursing

## ACU English Language Centres

English for Academic Purposes	BRIS	MELB	N SYD
IELTS Test Preparation	BRIS	MELB	N SYD
General English		MELB	N SYD
English for the Workplace	BRIS		

ACU has accredited English Language Centres in Melbourne, North Sydney and Brisbane. All ELICOS courses are taught on campus and students have access to all University facilities, including library and wifi.

**"The teachers are very friendly. They teach us not only English but also how to do a presentation, how to write an academic essay, how to tackle an assignment - I'm very happy"**

Jahed Khan, English for Academic Purposes

## KEY

BALLARAT = BALL

BRISBANE = BRIS

CANBERRA = CAN

MELBOURNE = MELB

NORTH SYDNEY = N SYD

STRATHFIELD = STRAT

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