

**STUDY ABROAD  
AND EXCHANGE**  
International  
Student Guide



**MACQUARIE**  
University  
SYDNEY · AUSTRALIA

**(YOU)<sup>us</sup>**

When your potential is multiplied  
by a university built for collaboration,  
anything can be achieved.

That's **YOU** to the power of *us*.





**“Imagine yourself suddenly escaping everything you know and setting down with a few personal possessions in a new room, with new people, in a new country. Then imagine this space becoming full of memories and life-changing experiences. This was the transition I experienced being on exchange at Macquarie University. It is a place of adventure, friendship and unmatched passion.”**

**Nathan Cole**  
BACHELOR OF ANTHROPOLOGY  
EXCHANGE STUDENT  
UNIVERSITY OF EXETER, UNITED KINGDOM

# The exponential power of (YOU)<sup>US</sup>



**RANKED TOP 130  
IN THE WORLD**

Times Higher Education and  
QS World University Rankings, 2024



**MORE THAN 45,000  
CONNECTED STUDENTS**

from 114 countries



**180+ PARTNER  
UNIVERSITIES**

for student exchange in over  
40 countries worldwide



**7 SUBJECTS RANKED  
IN THE TOP 100**

QS World University Rankings  
by Subject, 2023



**225,000 ALUMNI IN  
OUR INTERNATIONAL  
COMMUNITY**

from 114 countries



**\$1 BILLION INVESTED  
TO CREATE A  
COLLABORATIVE CAMPUS**

with world-class facilities  
and infrastructure

# (YOU)<sup>us</sup> can study in Sydney



If you are looking for a safe and friendly destination offering a dynamic and multicultural experience while you study, look no further than Sydney.

**STUDY IN THE BUSINESS CAPITAL OF AUSTRALIA**

Sydney is home to more global firms than any other Australian city. A gateway to Asian economies, the city houses regional headquarters for more than 500 multinational companies. If you are looking to learn from the best business minds in the world, you have come to the right place.

**EXPERIENCE A LIFESTYLE LIKE NO OTHER**

Impressive beaches, iconic buildings, frequent events, beautiful weather and a thriving sports culture, Sydney has it all! Experience a relaxed lifestyle, visit astounding landscapes and enjoy high living standards in this diverse and cosmopolitan destination.

**IMMERSE YOURSELF IN A MULTICULTURAL POPULATION**

The proportion of Australia's population born overseas was 29.5% in 2022, contributing enormously to the nation's rich cultural diversity. In Sydney, you can experience first hand a multicultural lifestyle through a wide range of spoken and understood languages, international cuisine options and year-round festivals.

\*Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2021 (reference period, 2022)



**TOP 4 MOST LIVEABLE CITIES IN THE WORLD**

The Economist Intelligence Unit, 2023



**TOP 5 SAFEST CITIES IN THE WORLD**

- The Economist Safe Cities Index, 2023



**TOP 10 BEST STUDENT CITIES IN THE WORLD**

QS Best Student Cities, 2023



**8.3 MILLION PEOPLE IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

The most populous state in Australia  
Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2023



**LARGEST STATE ECONOMY IN AUSTRALIA**

Reserve Bank of Australia, 2023

**SYDNEY WEATHER**



SUMMER  
(DEC-FEB)

19-26 °C  
66-78 °F



AUTUMN  
(MAR-MAY)

15-22 °C  
58-72 °F



WINTER  
(JUN-AUG)

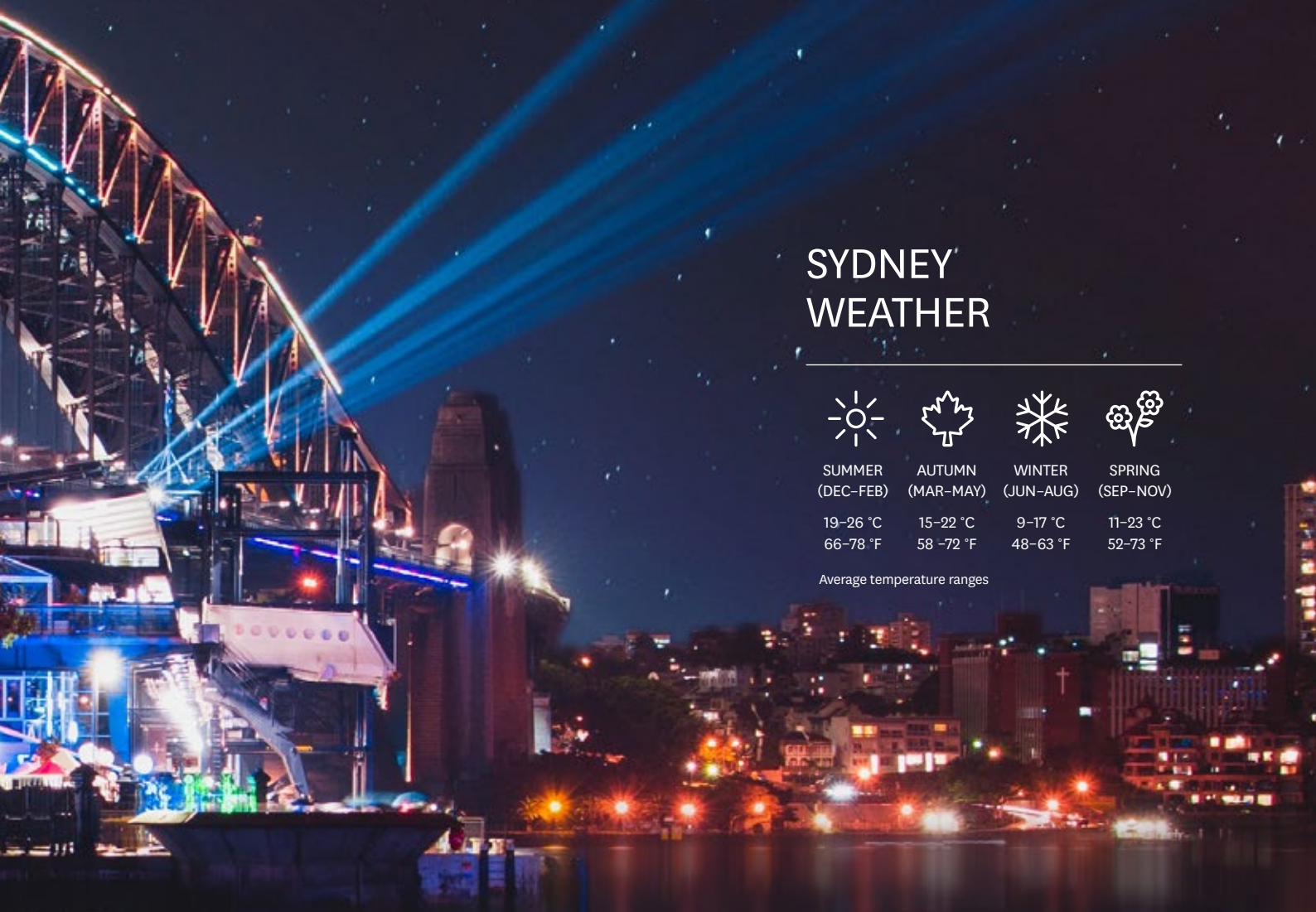
9-17 °C  
48-63 °F



SPRING  
(SEP-NOV)

11-23 °C  
52-73 °F

Average temperature ranges



# A campus built for (YOU)<sup>us</sup>

Our 126-hectare campus is home to more than 45,000 students and 3,000 staff. We have invested more than \$1 billion in our world-leading facilities and infrastructure, so you can thrive in an environment that is inspiring and switched on to the latest digital technologies.



## CENTRAL COURTYARD

Macquarie's Central Courtyard is the heart of the campus. Designed by award-winning design studio Architectus, the buildings serve a variety of functions and deliver modernised social and educational infrastructure.



## LIBRARY

Our state-of-the-art library features millions of academic resources; group and quiet study areas; computers, printers and copiers; presentation practice pods; a café; and Australian-first high-tech robotic cranes that deliver books in minutes.



## MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Australia's first not-for-profit teaching hospital on a university campus. The hospital is part of MQ Health, a fully integrated academic health sciences centre fostering excellence in academic research and industry practice.



**ARTS PRECINCT**

The Arts Precinct provides a transformative learning and research environment for the Faculty of Arts, giving students and researchers enhanced learning facilities and an immersive environment for languages and culture.



**MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY INCUBATOR**

The incubator is a dynamic space where researchers, students, staff and industry partners collaborate to foster innovation and entrepreneurship.

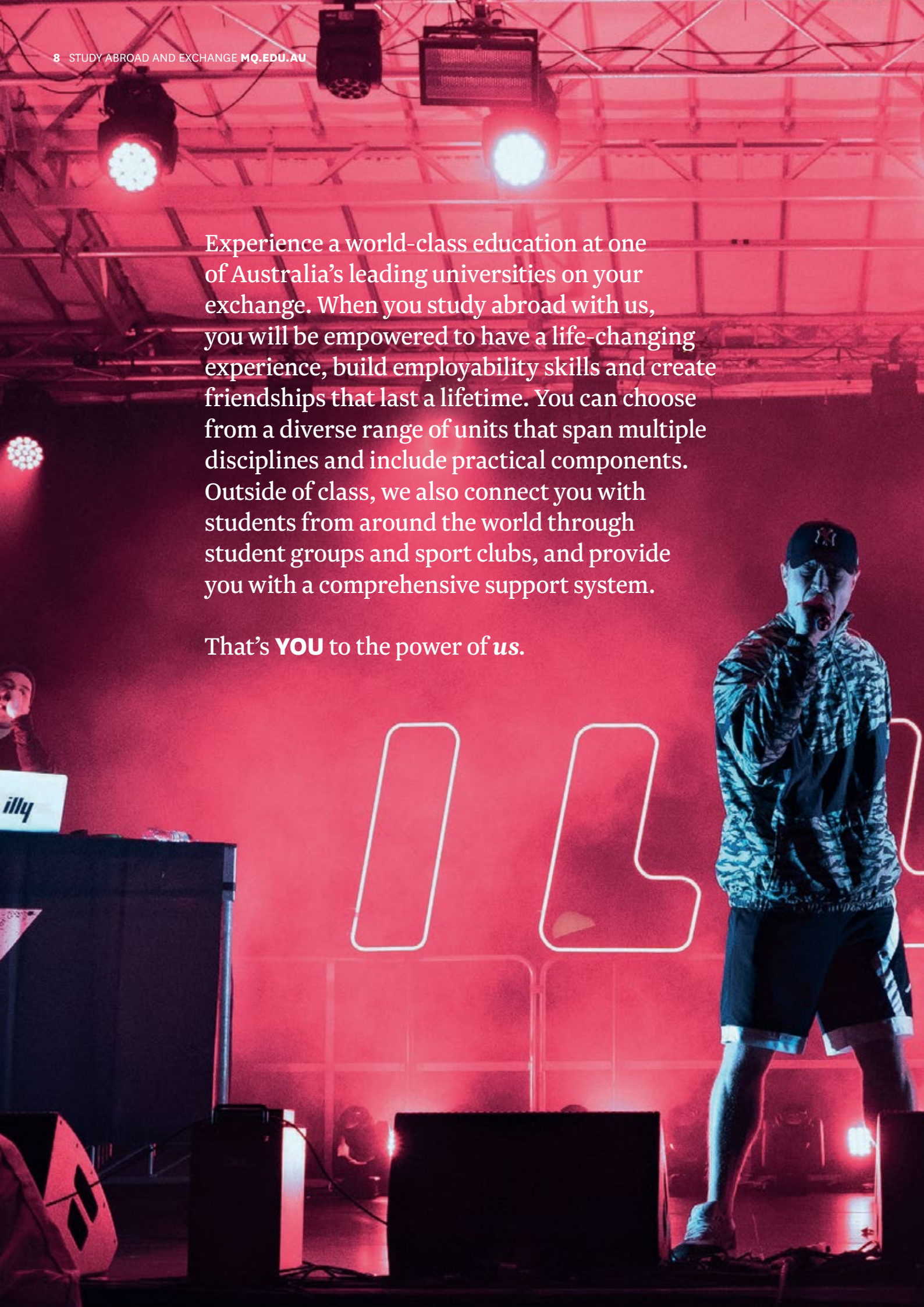


**TRAIN STATION**

Macquarie can be easily accessed by public transport. We have our very own Sydney Metro train station on the corner of Herring Road and University Avenue, which is a two-minute walk to campus.

Experience a world-class education at one of Australia's leading universities on your exchange. When you study abroad with us, you will be empowered to have a life-changing experience, build employability skills and create friendships that last a lifetime. You can choose from a diverse range of units that span multiple disciplines and include practical components. Outside of class, we also connect you with students from around the world through student groups and sport clubs, and provide you with a comprehensive support system.

That's **YOU** to the power of *us*.





# Life-changing experiences designed for (YOU)<sup>us</sup>



# Study Abroad program

Macquarie offers a diverse and flexible Study Abroad program with a wide range of courses and subjects to choose from. You can choose to mix and match from available units to suit your interests and ambitions. You can enrol in the Study Abroad program for one or two sessions at Macquarie.

## **IDEAL FOR YOUR GAP SESSION OR GAP YEAR**

If you're currently not going to university and don't want to commit to a long-term degree, you can still choose to study abroad at Macquarie University. By undertaking a session or two at Macquarie, you can explore different areas of study without tying yourself down to a particular university or degree.

Choose from any of our 1000-level courses for a basic introduction to several interesting subjects.

For more information, visit [coursehandbook.mq.edu.au](https://coursehandbook.mq.edu.au)

## **TUITION FEES**

Study Abroad students are required to pay a fee in advance that includes tuition and administration fees. Please speak to your university, authorised agent or check the Macquarie University website for current fees.



**FIND OUT MORE**  
[mq.edu.au/study-abroad](https://mq.edu.au/study-abroad)

# Exchange program

If you are studying at one of our partner universities, you can choose to spend one or two sessions experiencing a world-class education on our beautiful campus, with support from your home university and Macquarie University.

Macquarie has more than 180 exchange partner universities worldwide. We offer stimulating subjects that will add a unique global edge to your academic transcript, and a beautiful campus environment that brings together students from around the world in one global community.

To check if your university is our partner university, visit [mq.edu.au/study/information-for/international/study-abroad-exchange-and-study-tours/exchange/exchange-partner-universities](https://mq.edu.au/study/information-for/international/study-abroad-exchange-and-study-tours/exchange/exchange-partner-universities)

## TUITION FEES

Exchange students from our Exchange partners do not need to pay tuition fees to Macquarie. Instead, you will pay the standard fees at your home institution.



FIND OUT MORE  
[mq.edu.au/exchange](https://mq.edu.au/exchange)

# Courses made by (YOU)<sup>US</sup>

## ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Ancient history  
Anthropology  
Archaeology  
Cultural and global studies  
English literature  
Environment and society  
Geography  
Indigenous studies  
International relations  
Modern history  
Philosophy  
Politics  
Sociology and social policy  
Urban planning

## BUSINESS

Accounting  
Actuarial studies  
Business administration  
Business analytics  
Commerce  
Economics  
Finance  
Human resources  
International business  
Management  
Marketing

## EDUCATION

Early childhood education  
Educational leadership  
Indigenous education  
Primary education  
Secondary education  
Special and inclusive education  
Teacher professional development  
Teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL)

## ENGINEERING

Civil and environmental engineering  
Civil engineering  
Electrical and electronic engineering  
Mechanical engineering  
Mechatronic engineering

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES

Computer science  
Cyber security  
Data science  
Games design and development  
Information systems  
Software development  
Web and app development

## LANGUAGES AND LINGUISTICS

Ancient languages  
Linguistics  
Modern Languages and Global Cultures  
Teaching English as a second language  
Translation and interpreting

## LAW

Commercial law  
Criminal law  
Environmental law  
Governance  
Human rights and social justice  
International law  
Law and the media  
Public policy and law

## MEDIA, COMMUNICATIONS AND CREATIVE ARTS

Communications  
Creative writing  
Film and screen production  
Interactive design  
Journalism and non-fiction writing  
Media and society  
Music  
Performing arts and entertainment industries  
Podcasting and radio production  
Public relations and social media  
Sound production

## MEDICINE AND HEALTH

Chiropractic  
Community services  
Human sciences  
Medical sciences  
Medicine  
Physiotherapy  
Public health  
Speech and hearing

## PSYCHOLOGY AND COGNITIVE SCIENCE

Cognitive and brain sciences  
Psychology

## SCIENCE

Astronomy and astrophysics  
Biological sciences  
Biotechnology  
Chemistry  
Conservation and sustainability  
Earth and environmental sciences  
Mathematics and statistics  
Molecular sciences  
Physics

## SECURITY, INTELLIGENCE AND CRIMINOLOGY

Counter terrorism  
Criminology  
Cyber security analysis  
Intelligence  
Security, strategic and defence studies



FOR MORE INFORMATION  
AND DETAILS VISIT  
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# (YOU)<sup>us</sup> can learn more about Australia

Choose from some of our most popular units to explore the history and cultures of Australia. Learn about Indigenous Australian culture, current news and political affairs, or the Australian media landscape.

## **INTRODUCING INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIA (ABST1000)**

This unit offers a broad introduction to the history and cultures of Indigenous Australia, presented from an Indigenous standpoint. It provides a thought-provoking and challenging cultural experience of Indigenous Australian history, culture and world-view. It provides a solid theoretical foundation for anyone interested in pursuing further Indigenous studies.

## **AUSTRALIAN POLITICS IN GLOBAL CONTEXT (POIR1010)**

This unit introduces Australian politics through the lens of debates about globalisation. It examines key Australian political institutions, ideologies and contemporary issues. What is globalisation and to what extent has it blurred the boundaries between domestic and foreign policy issues? What is the nature of Australia's key political institutions such as the Constitution, the High Court, federalism and parliament?

## **SYDNEY AND THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN DREAM (GEOP1030)**

How much can we define and understand Sydney through a critical geographic lens? Does the archetypal 'Australian dream' still exist? This unit focuses on methods of counter-mapping Sydney and other cities and explores what a critical geographical mapping to develop a 'People's Guide to Sydney' might comprise of.

## **INTRODUCTION TO MEDIA AND MASS COMMUNICATIONS (MMCC1040)**

This unit addresses the major transformations and continuities in the Australian and global media and communications environment. Interrogating the role of media in everyday life, in both local and global contexts, the unit offers a vital introduction to media and communications studies.



[mq.edu.au/faculty-of-arts/departments-and-schools/  
department-of-indigenous-studies/study-with-us](http://mq.edu.au/faculty-of-arts/departments-and-schools/departments-of-indigenous-studies/study-with-us)



# (YOU)<sup>us</sup> can be a Global Leader



As a Study Abroad or Exchange student, you'll have the opportunity to join Macquarie's Global Leadership Program (GLP). The GLP will provide you with unique opportunities to enhance your study experience by developing important leadership and intercultural skills. You will develop new friendships and grow your networks while becoming part of the Macquarie campus community.

#### **AWARD-WINNING PROGRAM**

Macquarie's GLP has been recognised as Australia's flagship tertiary global leadership program, receiving the prestigious 2017 Institute of International Education award for Innovation in International Education – Internationalising the Campus. In 2018, the GLP received the Community Engagement Award at the NSW International Student Awards. More recently, the GLP received the Progressive Education Delivery Award at the 2019 PIEoneer Awards, which recognise innovation and achievement in the international education industry.

#### **WHEN YOU JOIN THE GLP, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO:**

- easily complete the program over one or two sessions
- choose four workshops (Colloquia) from a variety of topics
- attend free GLP keynote speaker events where you'll hear from senior diplomats, innovators, and leaders.

#### **YOU WILL ALSO ENJOY OPTIONAL EXTRAS INCLUDING:**

- day trips to multicultural areas of Sydney
- a four-day conference in Canberra (Domestic Symposium).

#### **HOW TO JOIN**

Joining or completing the GLP incurs no cost, and there are no assessments or academic entry requirements. Students who complete the program requirements receive a certificate, GLP transcript and reference letter. Some optional activities may incur a subsidised cost and require a competitive application.



#### **FIND OUT MORE**

[students.mq.edu.au/uni-life/leadership/global-leadership-program](https://students.mq.edu.au/uni-life/leadership/global-leadership-program)



# Life customised for (YOU)<sup>us</sup>

University is about much more than graduating with a degree. It's also about awakening your adventurous side and trying new things, creating networks on campus and around the globe and, most importantly, making friendships that last for life.

## VIBRANT AND DYNAMIC STUDENT LIFE

**ORIENTATION** – A week-long orientation program runs the week before classes start. You can find out about student groups, support services and extracurricular programs while meeting new friends from around the world.

**STUDENT CLUBS** – With over 90 student groups and sport clubs to choose from, Macquarie offers ample opportunities to meet new people, experience other cultures, test ideas and develop personal skills.

**COMPETITIVE AND SOCIAL SPORTS** – If you enjoy team sports, competitions run each session and include sports such as basketball, futsal, netball and touch football. Our sport clubs also offer a range of competitive and beginner programs in Australian Football League (AFL), cheerleading, cricket, soccer, skiing and many more.

## COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT AND SERVICES

Studying at university is an exciting time, but adjusting to university life can sometimes be challenging. To support you, Macquarie offers a range of resources and support programs that you can access anytime during your studies.

**MENTORS PROGRAM** – one of Australia's longest-running peer support programs, helping you adjust to university life and find your way around the campus.

[mq.edu.au/mentors](http://mq.edu.au/mentors)

**THE WRITING CENTRE** – free workshops, drop-ins and online resources to help with academic writing, referencing, exam strategies and more.

[students.mq.edu.au/support/study/writing](http://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/writing)

**STUDENT WELLBEING** – offers a comprehensive suite of health and wellbeing support including accessibility, academic, cultural and legal support.

[mq.edu.au/wellbeing](http://mq.edu.au/wellbeing)

**MEDICAL CLINIC** – on-campus general practice (GP) clinic in our own Macquarie teaching hospital offering comprehensive and convenient healthcare services for you during your studies.

[mqhealth.org.au/services/find-a-service/general-practice](http://mqhealth.org.au/services/find-a-service/general-practice)



**FIND OUT MORE**

[students.mq.edu.au/uni-life](http://students.mq.edu.au/uni-life)

# A campus (YOU)<sup>us</sup> can call home

Macquarie University is a campus you can call home. Uni life includes more than study. It is an experience in itself. There is no better way to get the most out of your time at Macquarie than living in our on-campus premium accommodation.







### ON-CAMPUS STUDENT RESIDENCE

Opened in early 2021, our student accommodation is all the buzz around campus. Designed as part of the Central Courtyard precinct, our premium accommodation offers 342 rooms with the option of studio, twin-, four- or six-bedroom apartments.

The University-owned and managed accommodation was created to set you up for success at Macquarie and beyond. Our secure, inclusive and healthy environment brings you the best of all worlds. Enjoy a busy social calendar, make friends from across the world and excel at university with our unparalleled on-site support. Adjacent to campus, Macquarie Centre is Sydney's largest suburban shopping mall with more than 350 stores and services.

### OTHER ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

#### DUNMORE LANG COLLEGE

An all-inclusive college with a strong focus on artistic, recreational and educational pursuits. Full-board options, gym membership and tutoring are included.

#### MORLING RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE

The 100-bed facility, situated next to campus, offers a wide range of affordable accommodation options, from catered to independent living.

#### MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY VILLAGE

Combines independent, apartment-style living with a busy social events calendar and a 24-hour support network. Enjoy living just minutes from class.

#### ROBERT MENZIES COLLEGE

The college offers both self-catered and fully catered accommodation in private, fully furnished study bedrooms with shared bathrooms or private ensuites.

#### PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION

Private off-campus accommodation is offered exclusively to Macquarie students and vetted by Macquarie Accommodation.

### UNDER-18 ACCOMMODATION

#### HOMESTAY

Homestay – living with a family – provides you with your own bedroom, meals and a quiet place to study. Clothes washing and other services may be provided.

#### WHY CHOOSE US?

- Join a diverse and welcoming university community.
- Feel safe in a secure building with a 24/7 on-site service team.
- Enjoy exceptional facilities such as games rooms, communal kitchens, study spaces and fast internet access.
- Meet other students through a fun, vibrant and diverse Residential Life Program.
- Access on-site residential advisers, peer mentors, tutoring options and support workshops.
- Seamlessly transition to an independent lifestyle with our support.



FIND OUT MORE  
[mq.edu.au/accommodation](https://mq.edu.au/accommodation)

# Frequently asked questions

## WHAT ARE THE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS?

You'll need a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of 60 (and 65 for law students) for admission to the Study Abroad program or the Exchange program. Certified transcripts from your home institution/recognised representative are required, along with proof of English proficiency, demonstrated by an Academic IELTS score of 6.5 or its equivalent, and a certified copy of your original and current passport.

## CAN I STUDY AT MACQUARIE IF I AM A POSTGRADUATE STUDENT?

Macquarie University offers stimulating subjects at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. If you have completed your bachelor studies and are currently studying or about to start a master degree, choose from our postgraduate units.

## CAN I JOIN THE STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM IF I AM STILL AT HIGH SCHOOL?

If you're not currently going to university and don't want to commit to a long-term degree, you can enrol in the Study Abroad program at Macquarie. Undertaking a session or two at Macquarie will allow you to explore different areas of study without tying yourself down to a particular university or major.

## HOW DO I RECEIVE CREDIT FOR MY STUDY AT MACQUARIE?

As a general guide, the four-unit program at Macquarie is equivalent to 16 credits (United States) or 30 ECTS (Europe). On completion of your studies at Macquarie, you will be provided with an official transcript of your results. Always check with your home university whether you can transfer credit obtained through the Study Abroad program or the Exchange program towards your degree before applying.

## DO I NEED A VISA?

Yes, a student visa or appropriate alternative is required for your stay in Australia. Macquarie will provide a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) for the student visa application when you accept your offer. For personalised visa information, contact the Australian Department of Home Affairs.

Visit [homeaffairs.gov.au](http://homeaffairs.gov.au)

## DO I NEED HEALTH INSURANCE?

Yes, all international students studying in Australia must have an appropriate level of health insurance for the duration of their studies. For most students, this means taking out Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) with a government-approved provider. Medibank is Macquarie University's chosen provider of OSHC, and we will organise your policy on your behalf.

## CAN I WORK WHILE I AM STUDYING?

As an international student visa holder in Australia, you're entitled to work up to 48 hours per fortnight (two-week period) during academic sessions and unlimited hours during scheduled session breaks. Casual and part-time job opportunities can be found on campus or in the nearby Macquarie Centre shopping complex. The University's Career and Employment Service can provide free assistance with perfecting your résumé and practicing your interview skills.



## QUESTIONS? ASK US ANYTHING...

**MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT MOBILITY TEAM**

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[mq.edu.au/exchange](http://mq.edu.au/exchange)

# How to apply

## STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS

Choose your academic option.

## EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Your home university will nominate you as an exchange student and provide you with the online application link.

### STEP 1: APPLY ONLINE

- Complete the online application form.
- Upload your certified academic transcripts, proof of English language proficiency (if applicable) and certified copy of your current original passport.

### STEP 2: ACCEPT YOUR OFFER

Once we have assessed your application, we'll send you an offer within two weeks. Simply accept your offer and pay your tuition fees (if applicable). You also need to provide a copy of your Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC).

### STEP 3: PLAN YOUR TRAVEL

- Apply for your visa as soon as you receive your Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) from Macquarie.
- Buy your plane tickets and pack your bags once your visa is approved!

### STEP 4: ARRIVE FOR THE ORIENTATION PERIOD

Arrive in time for our orientation program, which is held one week before classes start.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### SESSION 1

**FEBRUARY:** Classes commence

Note: Compulsory orientation and enrolment is held the week before classes commence

**APRIL:** Mid-session break (2 weeks)

**JUNE:** Exam period

✓ **APPLY BY 31 OCTOBER**

### SESSION 2

**JULY:** Classes commence

Note: Compulsory orientation and enrolment is held the week before classes commence

**SEPTEMBER:** Mid-session break (2 weeks)

**NOVEMBER:** Exam period

✓ **APPLY BY 30 APRIL**



Find out more at  
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