



Exchange Fact Sheet 2025



Fast Facts

In the top 1% of universities in the World



3 subjects ranked in the top 50 globally and 7 in the top 100



More than 45,000 Students from 114 countries



Only 15Km away from the Sydney Central Business District



The only university in Australia with its own metro station



Academic Dates

Semester Dates	Session 1, 2025	Session 2, 2025
Orientation Week	17 - 21 February, 2025	21 - 25 July, 2025
Session Dates (including exam period)	19 February – 27 June, 2025	28 July – 28 November, 2025
Nomination Deadline (for partners)	15 October, 2024	15 April, 2025
Application Deadline (for students)	31 October, 2024	30 April, 2025

Nominations and Applications

Nomination Procedure (for Partner Institutions)

Please nominate your students through our [Nomination Form](#). The following documents must be attached to each nomination:

1. Academic transcripts

The minimum academic entry requirement is a [Weighted Average Mark \(WAM\)](#) of:

- Non-Law students = 60
- Law students = 65

Please attach your student's most up-to-date transcript including the following information:

- The degree name. If this information is not included in your institution's transcript template, please provide a letter indicating the name of the degree and academic level.
- Credit value for each subject

Nominating Postgraduate Students: for students coming on postgraduate exchange, please provide the following documents:

- Most up-to-date postgraduate transcript
- Undergraduate final transcript and degree award

2. Proof of English language proficiency (if applicable)

Please provide one of the following options:

a. English Language Proficiency Letter

Applicants from a limited number of Exchange partner universities may provide a letter from their institution as evidence of their English proficiency. The following information must be included in the letter:

- The student is proficient at the B2+ level according to the Common European Framework of Languages.
- If the student has a higher English level, please indicate that the student has "at least a B2+ level".
- The student is currently studying at the partner institution.
- The student is coming to Macquarie University for a short-term exchange program.

b. English Language Tests

The minimum English entry requirement that applies to most undergraduate or postgraduate courses is:

- IELTS Academic: 6.5 overall with 6.0 in each band
- TOEFL iBT: 83 overall, R: 13, W:21, L: 12, S:18
Only for tests taken from 5 May 2024, these results are valid for Australian visa purposes. Otherwise, any TOEFL iBT tests undertaken between 26 July 2023 to 4 May 2024 will not be accepted. See the [English language visa requirements page](#).
- PTE Academic: 58 overall, minimum 52 in each band
- Cambridge English (C1A or C2P): 180 overall, 169 in each band
- Occupational English Test (OET): R: C+, W: C+, L: C/C+, S: C/C+

Please note:

- Some academic programs have specific entry requirements higher than the minimum. Refer to our [English Requirements page](#) for more information.
- All English language test scores must be less than two years old at the date of course commencement at Macquarie.

c. Qualification with English as the Language of Instruction

The University may accept as meeting English proficiency requirements:

- Recognised qualifications from specified English-speaking countries or regions where English was the language of instruction; or
- Qualifications from specific countries with English as an approved subject.

To see which qualifications are accepted and their validity period, please visit the [English Requirements page](#) > [How Can I Demonstrate My Proficiency in English?](#) > [Qualification with English as the Language of Instruction](#).






Application Procedure (for Students)

After your home university has nominated you for an exchange program with us, you will be able to [apply direct to Macquarie University](#).

As part of the application via our [StudyLink Portal](#), you must upload the following:

- Copy of your passport
- Academic transcripts: Official academic transcripts of current degree as well as Undergraduate Degree if applying for the Postgraduate Exchange program. If the transcript is in a language other than English, you must provide [a certified English translation](#).
- Proof of English proficiency as stated on our [English Language Requirements page](#)
- Please visit our [Exchange Application Steps page](#) for more information.

Key Information and Resources

 OSHC (Overseas Student Health Cover)	<p>As an international student, you must take out OSHC as a condition of your student visa. Visit our OSHC page for more information.</p> <p>Make sure to carefully read the Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) Fact Sheet provided by the Department of Health and Aged Care to understand what OSHC is, how it works and key facts.</p>
 Travelling to Australia	<p>You will need to apply for a student visa (subclass 500) to study in Australia. Visit our Student Visa Conditions page for general information.</p> <p>Macquarie University is not able to provide visa advice. Please check the resources available on the Department of Home Affairs website for information on how to apply for a visa and reach out to them for any questions.</p>
 Accommodation	<p>There are university-operated accommodation and off- campus accommodation options available. Students are responsible for finding and booking their own accommodation. Visit our Accommodation page to learn more about these options.</p>
 Academic Dates	<p>Visit the Calendar of Dates page for information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class commencement and end dates• Last enrol date and teaching census• Last withdrawal without fail date• Recess dates• Exam period• Results publication date
 Choosing your units	<p>Please explore our Course Handbook and Unit Guide to pre-select your units for your upcoming exchange program.</p> <p>Unit Guide: information about staff contacts, learning outcomes, assessment tasks, delivery and resources.</p> <p>Course Handbook: unit overview, level, offerings, pre-requisites, learning outcomes, assessments, learning and teaching activities.</p>

You can select and study units from any of our faculties. While selecting the units, you must consider the following:

- Units are offered in the enrolled semesters:
 - Session 1: February to June, OR
 - Session 2: July – December
- Students cannot enrol in units that are not offered at their level of study (i.e. Undergraduate students can only enrol in undergraduate units. Postgraduate students can only enrol in postgraduate units).
 - Undergraduate level (UG) = 1000, 2000 and 3000 level units
 - Postgraduate level (PG) = 6000, 8000 and 9000 level
- You must ensure that you have met the academic equivalent pre-requisites at your home university for the units you want to enrol in.
- You must have approval from your home university to enrol in the units you choose.

Postgraduate students: Please note that 6000 level units are foundational units which might have been covered in your undergraduate degree in the same field.



Restricted Units

Check the [list of restricted units](#) to see which units are not available to Exchange students.

Note: Postgraduate Psychology units are not available to incoming exchange students.



Programs with Special Entry Requirements

Postgraduate Law School: Students must have completed 180 ECTS to be admitted to the postgraduate exchange Law program. Students can study 8000- level units.

Bachelor of Clinical Science: Admission to units in this degree is not guaranteed and is subject to a cap.

Please send the unit request approval before applying to the program to:

- Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences
E: MMS.coursesupport@mq.edu.au



Enrolment Considerations






Enrolment Requirements

- Students can select to study between 3 to 4 units (30 – 40 credit points) for each exchange session. Students cannot enrol in fewer units to comply with their visa requirements.
- Students can study up to one-third of the units online (i.e., 1 unit).

Prerequisite waivers


If you wish to select units with a pre-requisite (as outlined in the [Course Handbook](#)) you must first be approved for pre-requisite waivers for those units. If they do not have pre-requisites, you do not have to submit a waiver. More information about pre-requisite waivers can be found on our [Unit Waivers](#) page and in the following resources:



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prerequisite Waiver Request Procedure Document• Prerequisite Waiver Process Video Tutorial <p>Make sure to submit your requests before the deadline. Visit the Application Process page for details.</p>
 Grading System and Transcripts	<p>Visit our Grading System page for information on WAM (Weighted Average Mark) and its corresponding numerical equivalent.</p> <p>Digital transcripts will be released via My eEquals. Visit the My eEquals page to learn how you can access your official transcript and share it with your home institution.</p> <p>If a hard copy of the academic transcript is required, reach out to the Student Mobility Team at exchange.studyabroad@mq.edu.au.</p>
 GLP (Global Leadership Program)	<p>The Global Leadership Program (GLP) is an international leadership program open to students at no additional cost. The GLP is designed to help you to become active and engaged global citizen by engaging in interactive workshops, participating in community activities and immersive practical experiences.</p> <p>Take part in the GLP Program and complete a Global Leadership Certificate.</p>
 Academic Support	<p>The Writing Centre provides a variety of services and resources to help you with your academic performance while you are on your exchange program at Macquarie:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Workshop on academic writing, integrating evidence, avoiding plagiarism and study skills• Online resources on StudyWISE on academic writing and example assessments• Online and face-to-face appointments for help with assessment writing• Feedback on your draft assignments through Studiosity• English discussion groups and resources to improve your English skills
 Accessibility Services	<p>If you need extra support due to a health condition, you can access our accessibility services to help you with your study life while at Macquarie.</p> <p>Please visit our Accessibility Services page to learn more about options available to you.</p>
 Campus Support System	<p>Macquarie offers several personal support services that students can reach at any time.</p> <p>Learn about our Student Support Services System.</p>

More About Studying at Macquarie




 Watch our 'You to the Power of us' video

 Watch our 'Campus Tour' video

 Take our virtual facility tours

 Learn about our campus facilities

 Check the Macquarie University website

 Check the Exchange Program page

 Check our Study Abroad and Exchange FAQs page



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