



# NOTES OF GUIDANCE FOR YOUR EXCHANGE DESTINATION

## University of Melbourne, Australia

### Fast Facts:

<b>Website:</b>	<a href="https://www.unimelb.edu.au">The University of Melbourne, Australia - Australia's best university and one of the world's finest (unimelb.edu.au)</a> <a href="https://www.unimelb.edu.au/international-exchange-and-study-abroad">Applications - International exchange and study abroad (unimelb.edu.au)</a>																
<b>Language of instruction:</b>	English																
<b>Semester dates:</b>	Semester 1: July - November (Semester 2 in Australia) Semester 2: February - June (Semester 1 in Australia)																
<b>Number of students currently enrolled</b>	35, 000																
<b>Academic restrictions at a glance</b> <i>Please note: These are <b>guidelines</b>. It is your responsibility to research whether the partner provides appropriate courses for your degree programme.</i>	There are restrictions on courses for: Business and Economics; Biomedicine; Dentistry; Education; Engineering; Law; Medicine; Nursing; Physiotherapy; Psychology; Fine Art and Music; Veterinary and Agricultural Science.																
<b>General Costs</b> (All costs in AUD)	<p>The university has outlined the cost of living in Melbourne <a href="#">here</a>. They estimate that students will spend between \$425 – \$800 on amenities such as food, phone, transport and entertainment. Note this does not include rent and may differ depending on your personal lifestyle.</p> <p>Other expenditures include:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Visas</td> <td>From \$600</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Insurance</td> <td>From \$630</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Food and eating out</td> <td>\$140 to \$280</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gas and/or electricity</td> <td>\$10 to \$20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Phone and internet</td> <td>\$15 to \$30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Public transport</td> <td>\$30 to \$60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Car (after purchase)</td> <td>\$150 to \$260</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Entertainment</td> <td>\$80 to \$150</td> </tr> </table>	Visas	From \$600	Insurance	From \$630	Food and eating out	\$140 to \$280	Gas and/or electricity	\$10 to \$20	Phone and internet	\$15 to \$30	Public transport	\$30 to \$60	Car (after purchase)	\$150 to \$260	Entertainment	\$80 to \$150
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## About the University

Founded in 1853, the University of Melbourne is a public-spirited institution that makes distinctive contributions to society in research, learning and teaching and engagement. It is consistently ranked among the leading universities in the world, with international rankings of world universities placing it as number 1 in Australia and number 32 in the world (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2020).

The University is like a self-contained village, with its own theatres, art galleries, book shop, sports facilities, sushi bar, coffee lounges, shops, banks, post office, travel agents etc. The inner-city suburb of Carlton, full of shops, cafes and restaurants, is right next door to the main campus. A five minute tram ride will take you to the heart of downtown Melbourne.

With 38% of the population born overseas and 140 cultures represented, Melbourne is extremely multi-cultural and welcoming of people from all backgrounds. With almost all food cuisines catered for, Melbourne's food scene is world class, and boasts more coffee shops per capita than any other city in the world! It is also a safe, fun city.

## What to expect

### Application process

You apply for study exchanges through SWAY. You can find out more about our [study exchange routes here](#), and more about the [application process here](#).

After applying, if you are allocated an exchange place at the University of Melbourne, you will be officially nominated by the International Programmes Team. We will then provide you with your detailed application instructions. **You can ONLY apply to any exchange destination if you have been allocated a place there, and if you are officially nominated by us.**

## Academics

For support with the academic side of your exchange, your best point of contact is your Exchange Coordinator, [found here](#). The Exchange Coordinator is a member of academic staff who will be a key contact throughout your exchange.

<b>Course Load and Credit Load</b>	<p>You are normally <b>required</b> to take whatever constitutes a full academic credit or course load at your host university.</p> <p>The page linked below contains a copy of the <b>International Exchange Credit Requirements</b>. This outlines the number of credits you are required to take at your host institution. There are also more answers to frequently asked questions about the academic side of your exchange.</p> <p><a href="#">Academic matters   The University of Edinburgh</a></p>
<b>Courses</b>	<p>Study Abroad &amp; Exchange students should apply for one of the following four courses only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EX-UG (Exchange Undergraduate)</li><li>• SA-UG (Study Abroad Undergraduate)</li><li>• EX-PG (Exchange-Postgraduate)</li><li>• SA-PG (Study Abroad Postgraduate)</li></ul> <p>You can find information about the university's study areas <a href="#">here</a>. Use the <a href="#">online handbook</a> to search for subjects There are over <a href="#">400 undergraduate subjects</a> that have been preapproved for incoming undergraduate students.</p> <p>You can find more information about selecting your subjects <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p><b>**Please be aware, there may not be an up-to-date course catalogue available at this exchange destination. Please use the information available to get an idea about what you can study while on exchange**</b></p>
<b>Academic Restrictions</b>	<p>There may be academic restrictions on certain courses. This webpage <a href="#">here</a> includes lists of courses students on exchange are unable to take while on exchange, as well as general rules for certain degree subject areas.</p> <p>Additionally, some subjects (e.g. biomedical sciences) might have quotas. More information on quota subjects is available <a href="#">here</a>.</p>

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	<p><b>Please note:</b> These are guidelines. It is <b>your</b> responsibility to research whether the partner provides appropriate courses for your degree programme. <b>Even if there are not restrictions on your degree subject, it does not mean that there are appropriate courses for you. Please check.</b></p>
<b>Orientation</b>	<p>The University of Melbourne runs an orientation programme for all students starting study or exchange abroad. Attending the Welcome Day is <b>compulsory</b>, and is normally held on the Friday before orientation week each semester. You can find out more information about the welcome day <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>Late arrivals and non-attendance can only be approved in extenuating circumstances.</p>

## Accommodation

Finding accommodation that you are happy with on your year abroad is very important and there are often many aspects to consider when looking for somewhere to live. Many host institutions do offer university accommodation but please do note, **this is not always guaranteed**. You may also need to pay for things like agent or administrative fees that is not always the case here in Edinburgh. It is a good idea to do your research so you do not have any surprises!

<b>University Accommodation</b>	<p>The University of Melbourne offers a range of accommodation options. However, please do apply early as it is a competitive process.</p> <p>Once you have submitted an online application, you can begin applying for housing using your UniMelb Student Number. Click <a href="#">here</a> to find out more about the University of Melbourne's university accommodation.</p> <p>The University of Melbourne also has its own <a href="#">residential colleges</a>. University colleges offer an immersive campus lifestyles with academic support, meals and other cultural, social and sporting activities.</p> <p>Living in eligible University Accommodation provides full membership to the <a href="#">Residential Life Program</a>. The program helps you adjust to and get the most out of campus life with guidance from our dedicated staff as well as a year-round calendar of</p>
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	<p>activities to assist you with your academic, social, cultural, wellbeing and career needs.</p> <p>The university is also affiliated with another nine <a href="#">external residential colleges</a>, and partner accommodation such as <a href="#">UniLodge Lincoln House</a> and <a href="#">Student Village Accommodation</a></p>
<b>Private Accommodation</b>	<p>Looking for private rental accommodation is also an option while in Melbourne. You can find out more information <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>The <a href="#">Off-Campus Housing Network</a> is also a peer-to-peer information exchange platform to support students at the university to find private off-campus accommodation.</p> <p>Some websites provided on the University of Melbourne websites are as follows, however please note that they are not in any way affiliated with the university, and it is your responsibility to ensure the accommodation is suitable and to look into your tenancy rights before signing a rental agreement.</p> <p><a href="#">realestate.com.au</a>; <a href="#">domain.com.au</a>; <a href="#">Trivago</a>; <a href="#">Agoda</a>; <a href="#">TripAdvisor</a>; <a href="#">Wotif.com</a>; <a href="#">Booking.com</a>; <a href="#">expedia</a>; <a href="#">hostelworld</a>; <a href="#">flatmates.com.au</a></p>

## Costs

It is important to budget for different expenses while on exchange. Your exchange destination may be more expensive than Edinburgh, and different expenses may be required. For example, rent may be higher; you might need to take public transport more; essentials may be more expensive or different, like sun cream in warmer climates or woolly socks in colder climates! These costs will add up so it is good to have an estimate of how much money you might need.

<b>Tuition Fees</b>	<p>While on exchange, you will continue to pay fees to the University of Edinburgh, as appropriate, and your fee status will determine how much you pay.</p> <p>Consult our webpage <a href="#">here</a> and follow the link to consult the university's information on tuition fees for students studying abroad.</p>
<b>Estimated Cost of Living</b>	<p>Melbourne can be an expensive destination. The university has outlined the cost of living in Melbourne <a href="#">here</a>, but please do note this does not include visa or flight costs. (All costs are per week)</p>

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As set out by the [Department of Home Affairs](#), a single student must be able to show the financial capacity to cover living costs of at least \$21,041 Australian dollars per year – this works out at \$1,754 per month for accommodation, food, utilities and entertainment. The actual costs will depend on your lifestyle choices and needs.

The Australian government website [MoneySmart](#) has lots of information and advice about a range of financial issues, including a section specifically for students on how to live on student budget. They have also created an '[Education and living costs in Australia](#)' webpage for more advice on the cost of living while studying in Australia.

You may also be required to pay for administrative fees at your host institution. This can include paying for your transcript to be sent to us at the end of your exchange.

## Insurance

It is an Australian Government requirement that all international students studying on a student visa have [Overseas Student Health Cover \(OSHC\)](#), from an approved Australian provider.

Pre-existing insurance in your home country or institution insurance will not be accepted. No Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE - needed for your visa application) will be issued until proof of an OSHC policy purchased through the University of Melbourne or independently is provided.

## Student Loans and Grants

Consult our [funding webpages](#) for more information about the Funding available to you through SWAY while on your year abroad.

If you receive a student loan or grant, you may still be eligible to receive them during your exchange. Contact your funding providers for more information on the availability and eligibility of funding during your exchange, as well as any additional support they may offer. For example: some loan providers offer travel grants to students.

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## Other

<b>Passports</b>	<p><b>Make sure that your passport will be in date for the entirety of your stay, and for any additional required time after the end of your exchange for entry requirements and visa purposes.</b></p> <p>If you need to apply for a new passport during the application process to your host institution, this may delay the application and visa processes.</p>
<b>Visas</b>	<p>The visa process will vary from country to country, and your own citizenship will influence the visa process you need to undertake. You must make sure to enter your host country on the appropriate visa.</p> <p>Students coming from overseas to study at the University of Melbourne (who are not Australian or New Zealand citizens) must have a valid visa to enter Australia, as explained <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>Most students studying in Australia will need a valid Subclass 500 student visa. Please do verify this on the Australian Home Affairs website <a href="#">here</a>, using their visa finder <a href="#">here</a>. Students <b>must</b> obtain their <a href="#">student visa</a> before arriving in Australia. Your host will provide a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) form with their Acceptance letter. This is needed in your visa application.</p> <p>When applying for a student visa, you must meet the <a href="#">Genuine Temporary Entrant criteria</a> and have sufficient funds to pay your living costs for the duration of your studies.</p> <p>You must check visa and immigration laws, as well as rules about entering and leaving Australia, and required vaccinations.</p> <p>Here in SWAY we cannot give specific visa advice. Please research using the relevant embassy and government websites for more information. There is more information on our webpage about things to consider regarding visas <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>Once you have received an offer from a host institution, you will be given more advice from them about the visa processes.</p>

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<p><b>Employment</b></p>	<p>Students should not depend on earnings from part-time work to meet their living expenses while in Australia. Please do verify whether you are able to work while in Australia on your appropriate visa. Be sure to look into any limitations on your work, if you are able to work.</p> <p>The advice from the University of Melbourne about finding work can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<p><b>Disability Statement and Accessibility</b></p>	<p>Some destinations may be more accessible than others for disabled students. If you require any adjustments due to disability or specific learning difficulties or disabilities and you wish to study abroad please contact The International Programmes Team via email: <a href="mailto:international.outgoing@ed.ac.uk">international.outgoing@ed.ac.uk</a>.</p> <p>We will work together with you to explore the help available at your host institution. It may also be helpful if you discuss this with your Personal Tutor and the Disability and Learning Support Service as well.</p>

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