



NOTES OF GUIDANCE FOR YOUR EXCHANGE DESTINATION

University of New South Wales, Australia

Fast Facts:

Website:	UNSW Sydney One of the best universities in Australia International Student Life UNSW Current Students															
Language of instruction:	English (Check the English requirements for UNSW here)															
Semester dates:	Tailored term 3 (T2C (August) term + Term 3): August - December Tailored term 1 (Summer term + term 1): January - May															
Number of students currently enrolled	59,000 +															
Academic restrictions at a glance <i>Please note: These are guidelines. It is your responsibility to research whether the partner provides appropriate courses for your degree programme.</i>	Enrolment in Biomedical Engineering and Computer Science courses is extremely limited; students need to be prepared to select courses from another major. Enrolment in the Faculty of Law and Justice is restricted to Law Majors.															
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	<p>academic programs, student activities and educational services.</p> <p>The university offers a broad range and high quality of teaching programs, which gain strength and currency from their research activities, strong industry links and international nature.</p> <p>The University was established in 1949 and is committed to shaping forward thinking, environmentally conscious and socially engaged students who will make a positive impact in the world. The main UNSW campus is located on a 38-hectare site at Kensington, seven kilometres from the centre of Sydney.</p>
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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 New South Wales, 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.

<p>Course Load and Credit Load</p>	<p>You are normally required 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 International Exchange Credit Requirements. This outlines the number of credits you are required to take at your host institution. There are</p>

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	<p>also more answers to frequently asked questions about the academic side of your exchange.</p> <p>Academic matters The University of Edinburgh</p>
<p>Courses</p>	<p>You can search for courses using the course handbook. You can find instructions about how to use the handbook here.</p> <p>It is important to be flexible with your course selections, and to have back up course options. You must also meet any prerequisites for courses, which is assessed at the time of application.</p> <p>You should check your proposed courses are offered in the term you will be on exchange</p> <p>**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**</p>
<p>Academic Restrictions</p>	<p>While most courses are open to exchange students with the required academic background, some courses are restricted or not available to exchange students.</p> <p>As courses in the Winter Term are limited and are generally electives, we recommend you are flexible.</p> <p>Faculty of Law & Justice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolment is restricted to Law Majors. • LLM elective courses are open to Law Exchange students • Core courses are not available to Exchange students <p>Faculty of Arts, Design & Architecture The Arts & Media, Education, Humanities & Languages, Social Sciences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergraduate students can only enrol in undergraduate courses • Postgraduate students are not eligible to take undergraduate courses • INST, GLST, DANC, EDST, MDIA and Music courses are restricted to declared majors <p>Art & Design</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority will be given to students majoring in Art/Design <p>Built Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are limited to one studio-based course due to space limitations and should be flexible with subject choices <p>UNSW Business School</p> <p>The following courses are not available to exchange students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industrial Training courses including MARK2999, MARK3999, MARK4999, FINS3100, FINS3200 • MARK6xxx courses • GBAT courses <p>Faculty of Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolment in Biomedical Engineering and Computer Science courses is extremely limited; students need to be prepared to select courses from another major. <p>Faculty of Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postgraduate psychology courses are not available to exchange students. • Undergraduate psychology courses are very limited. <p>Please note: These are guidelines. It is your responsibility to research whether the partner provides appropriate courses for your degree programme. Even if there are not restrictions on your degree subject, it does not mean that there are appropriate courses for you. Please check.</p>
Orientation	<p>All Exchange students are required to attend a compulsory orientation according to their start term. It is normally held the week before Term starts. Details are provided closer to the time</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!

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<p>University Accommodation</p>	<p>UNSW affiliated Colleges and Apartments provide high quality accommodation, with a lot of different options. You should apply directly to the College or Apartment as early as possible.</p> <p>Students can choose to live in university apartments, either on or off campus. All of the independent living accommodation at UNSW is within easy reach of the city centre, Sydney's beautiful beaches and blue waters, Centennial Park, Sydney Airport, major shopping areas and bus routes.</p> <p>Students living in UNSW Colleges will live on campus. Colleges provide a community lifestyle that encourages the new friendships and experiences essential to a fulfilling university life. You will see that there are also independent but affiliated colleges in Sydney.</p> <p>Please make sure you select the affiliated options when using the above link. On campus accommodation is extremely limited and is not guaranteed even if you apply by the deadline.</p> <p>You can find more information about comparing accommodation prices here. You can even take a virtual tour of UNSW's colleges and apartments!</p>
<p>Private Accommodation</p>	<p>Most exchange students choose to live off campus and enjoy the beautiful suburbs that surround UNSW. Sydney is a safe city, with public transport connecting the UNSW campuses, beaches, and city centre. UNSW has put together some advice about living off-campus.</p> <p>If you do decide to get private accommodation, UNSW recommends arriving 1-2 weeks early to find off campus accommodation. You may wish to book temporary accommodation to allow time to find more permanent housing</p> <p>However, please do your research beforehand about availability, price and location of housing so that you are well prepared. UNSW also offers accommodation help for students.</p>

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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.

Tuition Fees	<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 here and follow the link to consult the university's information on tuition fees for students studying abroad.</p>
Estimated Cost of Living	<p>The UNSW recommends student have access to around AU\$9,000 – AU\$11,000 per half year and AU\$18,000 – AU\$22,000 per year for an in-person exchange.</p> <p>Please note this amount is for the basics and does not include holiday travel and entertainment costs, or visa costs, insurance costs and flight costs.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Insurance	<p>An Australian student visa requires you to have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for its full duration. OSHC is a government</p>

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	<p>requirement and cannot be waived with off-shore health insurance and/or comprehensive travel insurance.</p> <p>The UNSW's preferred provider is Medibank. Further instructions are provided upon acceptance of your exchange offer.</p>
Student Loans and Grants	<p>Consult our funding webpages for more information about the Funding available to you through SWAY while on your year abroad.</p> <p>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.</p>

Other

Passports	<p>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.</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>
Visas	<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>Most students studying in Australia will need a valid Subclass 500 student visa. Please do verify this on the Australian Home Affairs website here, using their visa finder here. Students must obtain their student visa 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 Genuine Temporary Entrant criteria and have sufficient funds to pay your living costs for the duration of your studies.</p>

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	<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 here.</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>
<p>Employment</p>	<p>Generally, student visas allow you to work once you have commenced your course at UNSW. You can work up to 40 hours a fortnight during session and unlimited hours when your course is not in session. Please do check that this is the case with your visa before entering into employment.</p> <p>UNSW Employability can assist you with your resume and interview preparation.</p>
<p>Disability Statement and Accessibility</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: international.outgoing@ed.ac.uk.</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>