



NOTES OF GUIDANCE FOR YOUR EXCHANGE DESTINATION

University of Queensland, Australia

Fast Facts:

Website:	<u>The University of Queensland (uq.edu.au)</u> <u>Come to UQ on study abroad or incoming exchange</u>	
Language of instruction:	English	
Semester dates:	Semester 1 July - November (Semester 2 in Australia) Semester 2 February - June (Semester 1 in Australia)	
Number of students currently enrolled	55,000	
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>	Students wishing to take Undergraduate LAWS courses must be enrolled in the equivalent LLB at their home university.	
General Costs (in AUD)	The University of Queensland has created a <u>guide to estimated living expenses</u>	
	Visa	From \$630
	Health Insurance	From \$600
	Loaf of white bread	\$1.30
	12 large eggs:	\$6.00
	1 litre of milk:	\$2.50
	1 kilogram of white rice:	\$3.00
	Regular cup of coffee	\$4.40
	Bus ticket (concession)	\$1.69 to \$10.17
About the University	Consistently ranked among the world's top universities, the University of Queensland (UQ) offers award-winning teaching, world-class indoor and outdoor learning environments, and outstanding facilities. With more than 4000 high-quality courses on offer, UQ is one of the most comprehensive universities in Australia.	

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Many of these courses offer theoretical or practical components unique to UQ.

Located in Brisbane, the capital city of Queensland. It is an economic and cultural hub. Young and progressive, the city is fast becoming a centre in the Asia–Pacific for business, investment, major events and education. It is also home to over 200 nationalities and 220 languages.

Queensland is Australia's second-largest state by area, and is home to some of the most important natural sites in the world, including the Great Barrier Reef. The state boasts pristine beaches, coral reefs, rainforests, mountain ranges, and outback towns.

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 Queensland 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.

Course Load and Credit Load

You are normally **required** to take whatever constitutes a full academic credit or course load at your host university.

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>also more answers to frequently asked questions about the academic side of your exchange.</p> <p>Academic matters The University of Edinburgh</p>
Courses	<p>Most of UQ's 4000 courses on offer are open to Study Abroad and Incoming Exchange students, but some require permission from the relevant faculty or school prior to enrolment. You can find the programmes and courses available here, as well as study options for study exchange students here.</p> <p>It is important to note that undergraduate level course codes generally run from 1000 to 3999 and postgraduate level course codes are 6000 and up. Most 4000 and 6000 courses are Honours level and are not available to Study Abroad & Exchange students.</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>
Academic Restrictions	<p>Some courses are not available to study abroad and exchange students. This will be indicated in the on-line Course Description, which will state that it is "Restricted" to a particular cohort of students.</p> <p>Most Clinical Health Science courses (Medicine, Dentistry, Physiotherapy, Occupational and Speech Therapy and Vet Science) are not available for Study Abroad or Incoming Exchange students.</p> <p>Students wishing to take Undergraduate LAWS courses must be enrolled in the equivalent LLB at their home university.</p> <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>O-Week is a program of social and academic activities designed to introduce you to life and study at UQ. We run special orientation sessions for Study Abroad and Incoming Exchange students on</p>

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	enrolment, using the library, learning assistance, and living and travelling in Australia, so you hit the ground running!
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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!

University Accommodation	<p>The University of Queensland offers many different types of accommodation for their students. The on-campus options include residential colleges, residences, halls of residences and houses. Each option has their own features so do look into the differences to decide which would be best for you!</p> <p>If you want to arrange your accommodation ahead of time, have your meals catered, and lots of support and activities at your fingertips, consider living at one of the ten colleges at UQ St Lucia or the Gatton Halls of Residence. Spaces at the Colleges are limited and in high demand. Apply early to avoid disappointment.</p> <p>If you want to be a little more independent but still have your accommodation arranged before you arrive, consider living in off-campus student housing. This is furnished, self-catered accommodation that is designed for students that can be booked online. Approved providers are listed on the website linked above.</p>
Private Accommodation	<p>Another option while on exchange is to live in private accommodation off campus while you are in Brisbane.</p> <p>The University of Queensland has online resources available to UQ students, staff, and partners to assist them in finding accommodation during their time at The University. The platform connects these prospective Tenants to Providers with vacant properties and rooms close to their campuses.</p> <p>Properties are sourced from a wide variety of Providers, including private landlords, real estate agencies, and commercial accommodation providers.</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>Brisbane is one of Australia's cheapest major cities for students to live in, and careful budgeting will help your money go further.</p> <p>UQ has created a guide to estimated living expenses for a student in Brisbane. This list can give you a better understanding of everyday costs in Brisbane. Note: This does not include visa, insurance or 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>

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<p>Insurance</p>	<p>Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) provides international students with basic cover for medical and hospital care costs while in Australia.</p> <p>OSHC is a compulsory requirement for a student visa. The University of Queensland can organise OSHC for you through its preferred provider.</p>
<p>Student Loans and Grants</p>	<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

<p>Passports</p>	<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>
<p>Visas</p>	<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>All international students applying to study in Australia must have a student visa unless they have an alternative visa that enables them to study full-time.</p> <p>Most students studying in Australia will need a valid Subclass 500 student visa. Please do verify this on the Australian Home Affairs</p>

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	<p>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> <p>You must check visa and immigration laws, as well as rules about entering and leaving Australia, and required vaccinations.</p> <p>Students who are citizens of certain countries may be required to provide additional proof of genuine temporary entrant status when they apply to UQ. In some cases, they may be requested to apply through an agent.</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>
Employment	<p>Most student visa should allow you to work up to 40 hours every two weeks. Please do verify this with the conditions your own visa in case this varies.</p> <p>You can also enhance your employability and gain experience during your time at UQ through volunteering, mentoring, research or leadership programs. You also have access to a range of free careers seminars and workshops to help you make industry connections, or provide advice on your resume or feedback on interview techniques.</p>
Disability Statement and Accessibility	<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</p>

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	Personal Tutor and the Disability and Learning Support Service as well.
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