



# NOTES OF GUIDANCE FOR YOUR EXCHANGE DESTINATION

## University of Sydney, Australia

### Fast Facts:

<b>Website:</b>	<a href="#">The University of Sydney - One of the top universities in Australia</a> <a href="#">Study abroad at Sydney - The University of Sydney</a>																	
<b>Language of instruction:</b>	English (check the English Language requirements <a href="#">here</a> )																	
<b>Semester dates:</b>	<b>Semester 1:</b> July-November (Semester 2 in Australia) <b>Semester 2:</b> February - June (Semester 1 in Australia)																	
<b>Number of students currently enrolled</b>	73, 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>	No known restrictions																	
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## About the University

The University of Sydney, founded in 1850, is located in the heart of Sydney. The institution is ranked 38th in the world, and 1st in Australia for graduate employability. This institution offers Australia's broadest range of disciplines.

Set around the world's largest natural harbour, Sydney is home to beautiful golden beaches, world-class museums and art galleries, delicious food and a full calendar of exciting events and festivals.

## 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 Sydney 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 also more answers to frequently asked questions about the academic side of your exchange.

[Academic matters | The University of Edinburgh](#)

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<p><b>Courses</b></p>	<p>The University of Sydney has more than 2500 units of study. <a href="#">Units of study (subject) lists</a> can help you find subjects and their syllabus. You can also use the <a href="#">Course Search page</a> to find the courses available, or consult the <a href="#">Undergraduate Units of Study sheets</a>.</p> <p>Most undergraduate study abroad and exchange students select 1000-3000 level units in areas that they have already studied at their home institution. Please be aware that you may need to prove pre-requisites and previous study for some courses.</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>
<p><b>Academic Restrictions</b></p>	<p>Science and Engineering students should look closely at the courses available to ensure that they can be taken in sequence</p> <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>
<p><b>Orientation</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Welcome and Orientation</a> introduces you to university life at the University of Sydney. Sydney Abroad welcome starts with Intro to Sydney sessions two weeks before the semester. Official enrolment and advising events take place in the week before the start of the semester.</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><b>University Accommodation</b></p>	<p>The University of Sydney offers <a href="#">accommodation</a> on and off campus</p> <p><a href="#">University residences</a> offer independent living close to campus. The university manages these on-campus, self-catered residences. Students staying here can also get involved in various sporting, cultural and wellbeing events.</p> <p>The University of Sydney also offers <a href="#">Residential colleges</a>. Every college offers a supportive living experience and a busy social calendar. These options are catered, including 18-21 meals per week, laundry services and a strong support network.</p> <p>Formal college dinners take place regularly at the residences, featuring keynote addresses from alumni and special guests, and there are social events run by both the college and student-run committees,</p>
<p><b>Private Accommodation</b></p>	<p>The University of Sydney have some <a href="#">tips about living off campus</a>. Accommodation can get booked fast, so it is something you need to look into in advance</p> <p>There is a lot of private student accommodation on offer in Sydney, as well as student boarding houses, which are common in the inner west of Sydney. The University of Sydney has an <a href="#">Off-Campus Housing Database</a> which could be useful when searching for accommodation.</p> <p>Additionally, University of Sydney offers <a href="#">short term housing</a> that can be used while you look for a more permanent place before your course starts.</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.

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<p><b>Tuition Fees</b></p>	<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>
<p><b>Estimated Cost of Living</b></p>	<p>The University of Sydney <a href="#">Living Costs</a> website outlines some common costs that will contribute to the cost of living in Australia</p> <p>As set out by the <a href="#">Department of Home Affairs</a>, 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 <a href="#">MoneySmart</a> 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 '<a href="#">Education and living costs in Australia</a>' 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 a student card, and for your transcript to be sent to us at the end of your exchange, for example.</p>
<p><b>Insurance</b></p>	<p>Students undertaking an in-person program whilst holding a student visa are required by the Department of Home Affairs to have <a href="#">Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)</a> that covers the entire visa grant period, regardless of any other insurance you may already have.</p> <p>The University of Sydney's preferred OSHC provider is Allianz. Where the University of Sydney arranges OSHC with Allianz on behalf of a student, the current OSHC fees are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AUD\$330 – students commencing a 1 semester duration Study Abroad program in Semester 2 2022.</li> <li>• AUD\$609 – students commencing a 2 semester duration Study Abroad program in Semester 2 2022.</li> </ul>

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**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.

## 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>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>
<b>Employment</b>	<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>

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**Disability  
Statement and  
Accessibility**

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](mailto:international.outgoing@ed.ac.uk).

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.