



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE

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USC SUNSHINE COAST



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Welcome

to the University of the Sunshine Coast



At USC, we believe the best outcomes are achieved when students have access to both the academic services they require and the support services that build skills, confidence and commitment.

Our students learn from the most highly awarded teaching and support staff in the nation, and benefit from flexible entry pathways, industry relevant degrees and excellent study facilities.

Every year our graduates rate their experiences and the support they receive at USC very highly, and our alumni are making their mark both locally and globally.

If you need any more information about USC, or your study options, please contact us.

We look forward to meeting you.

Professor Greg Hill
Vice-Chancellor and President



The University of the Sunshine Coast acknowledges the Gubbi Gubbi people as the traditional custodians of the land on which the Sippy Downs campus stands, and recognises the strength, resilience and capacity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in this land.
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An international student is a person who:

- is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen, an Australian Permanent Resident or a Permanent Humanitarian visa holder
- is enrolled in, or intends to enrol in, a study program with an Australian higher education provider
- holds a visa that has appropriate study rights

An international student visa holder:

- is an international student who holds a Student Visa. Student visa holders should be aware of the *ESOS Act 2000* and the National Code, which registered providers offering CRICOS registered programs to international student visa holders need to adhere to.





Why choose USC

Here are some good reasons...

Five-star education

USC has been awarded five stars for Teaching Quality, Overall experience, Students support, Lecture resources and Skills development*

Five-star student satisfaction

USC students have the highest satisfaction with the overall quality of their educational experience of any public university in Australia**

Flexible degree options

USC students can plan study pathways to meet their individual goals or gain credit from previous studies

Great study locations

USC has a number of great study locations: our main campus and study hubs on the Sunshine Coast and other campuses in South Bank (Brisbane), Gympie and Hervey Bay.

Free English language support†

USC offers English for Academic Study (EAS) support if English is not your first language

Academic skills assistance

USC provides ongoing access to individual consultations, workshops and online self-help resources

Australian lifestyle

USC is a great place to meet Australian students and experience the Australian way of life



* Source: Good Universities Guide 2017. Overall experience performance rating.

** Source: Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT) 2016.

† EAS is available to eligible students in the first semester of a USC Award, Study Abroad, Exchange or Tertiary Preparation Pathway and in any semester for eligible students enrolled in the Bachelor of Occupational Therapy, Undergraduate Nursing and Teacher Education degrees.



Queensland

USC's Sunshine Coast, USC South Bank, USC Gympie and USC Fraser Coast are located in South East Queensland, on the east coast of Australia. The state is renowned for its warm climate, pristine beaches, tropical rainforests and vibrant cities, allowing you to experience all the very best that Australia has to offer. Some USC programs are available at study locations other than USC's main campus, USC Sunshine Coast.

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WORLD HERITAGE AREAS:
Including Fraser Island and the Great Barrier Reef



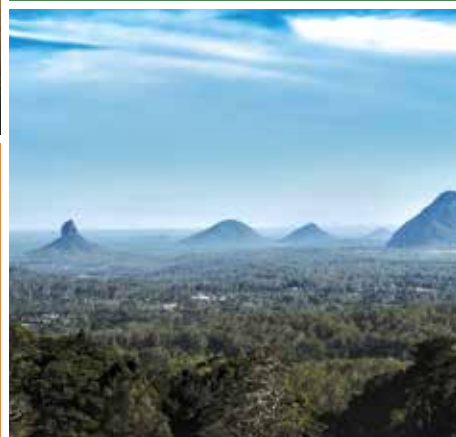
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NATIONAL PARKS:
Explore the natural diversity of Queensland from rainforests to our famous beaches



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HOURS OF SUNSHINE:
On average per day in the South East region



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MILLION PEOPLE:
Living in the South East Queensland region, with all the benefits of a metropolitan area, shopping, food, culture, theatres, museums and nightlife



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THOUSAND YEARS OF HISTORY:
Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures are among some of the oldest in the world and Queensland offers plenty of opportunities to experience their history and traditional practices



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THOUSAND KILOMETRES OF COASTLINE:

Take part in some of Australia's favourite pastimes, participating in water sports such as surfing, paddleboarding and kite surfing



Sunshine Coast

The Sunshine Coast is one of Australia's premier destinations with its beautiful beaches, subtropical forests of the hinterland and warm sunshine year round. It is the third most populous area in Queensland, with approximately 300,000* residents and is located only 90km north of the state capital Brisbane.



There is plenty to do here, as the approximate 3 million tourists who visit the region annually know:

- Learn to surf, paddle board or enjoy the beach lifestyle on our coastline of long beaches
- Explore our hinterland, visit waterfalls or take a hike through subtropical rainforests
- Enjoy the benefits of living in a metropolitan area, including shopping at the two large shopping complexes or experiencing the nightlife of Maroochydore and Mooloolaba
- Participate in (or watch) our many sporting events, such as triathlons, Iron Man competitions or marathons
- Enjoy the café culture, relaxing and socialising with your friends in one of our many cafes or restaurants

The Sunshine Coast is also an ideal base for exploring Australia's big cities, the Outback or the Tropics. Brisbane city, the capital of Queensland, is only about an hour away by car, and there are public transport connections from our main Sunshine Coast campus.

* Estimated resident population ERP 2016, <http://profile.id.com.au/sunshine-coast/population-estimate>



Sunshine Coast Airport, has direct flights to Sydney (1.5 hours) and Melbourne (2.5 hours) and Auckland (3 hours). Brisbane has both domestic and international airports, meaning you have easy access to explore Australia and overseas!



The suburb of Sippy Downs, has facilities including a shopping centre with a supermarket, fast food outlets, a post office, medical centre, gym and pharmacy.



On campus

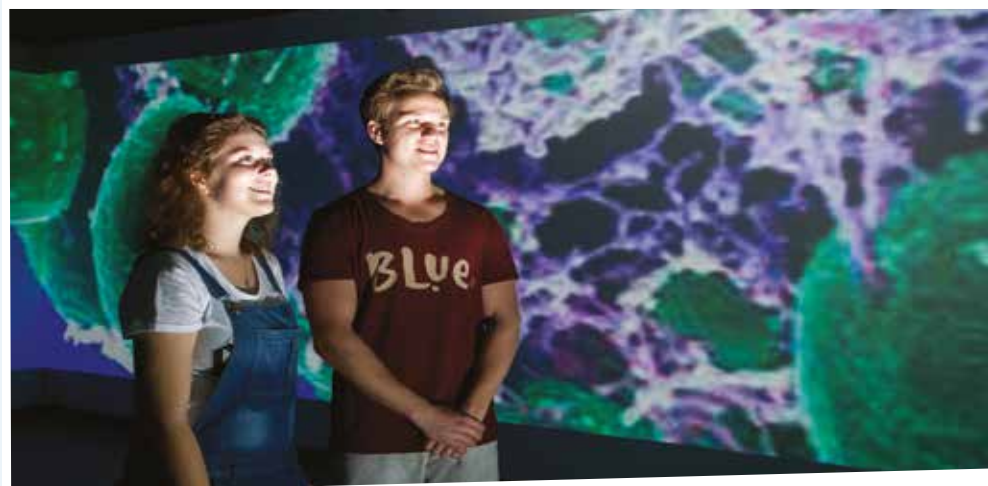
USC's main campus, USC Sunshine Coast, is based in Sippy Downs on the Sunshine Coast

The campus, first established in 1996, has modern buildings and facilities, including:

- modern learning spaces: science labs, a nursing ward, computer-based design labs, a television journalism studio, a dietetics kitchen, and dedicated teaching space for engineering students with a state-of-the-art Engineering Learning Hub
- a sports stadium, including a gym, Olympic sized swimming pool, sport courts and athletics track
- an STA Travel agency, assisting students with booking activities in the local area, around Australia and beyond
- a campus book shop, supplying textbooks, books and stationery
- multiple cafes and eating areas providing a wide range of healthy eating options including sushi, fresh smoothies and subsidised food options for students
- a Library with more than 100,000 print volumes and 60,000 digital resources
- a bike hub with showers and lockers, bike stations for secure parking, and repair sites with bicycle pumps and other equipment
- a bus interchange, allowing easy access to the coast and other public transport options
- active and welcoming clubs and societies

Bordering a National Park, the 100 hectare campus is a designated wildlife reserve, and is home to lots of Australian wildlife like our resident Eastern Grey Kangaroos, reptiles and birds. USC has been recognised for its achievements in sustainability, including environmental initiatives and building design.

www.usc.edu.au/explore/sustainability





Accommodation

Sippy Downs — Sunshine Coast

Privately owned student accommodation

There are three privately owned student accommodation complexes located only a short walk from USC, using pathways linked to the campus.

UniCentral, Varsity Apartments and The Village all offer modern self-contained accommodation in resort style complexes.

At Varsity Apartments and UniCentral the fully furnished apartments have four private bedrooms with a communal kitchen and living area. Bedrooms have their own private bathroom, with a shower toilet and wash basin.*

The Village offers a range of accommodation options, with differing prices, from a room in a two or three bedroom apartment to boarding house style accommodation.

When you're not studying, you can take a swim in the pool, play on the beach volleyball, tennis or basketball courts, enjoy a barbecue with friends or make use of the games room with free pay TV.*

The complexes also have either resident managers, a staff member on site or night time security to assist you during your stay.

For more information about these accommodation options, contact:

UNICENTRAL
www.unicentral.net.au

VARSITY APARTMENTS
www.varsityapartments.com.au

THE VILLAGE
www.thevillage.net.au

*Facilities vary. Check websites for details.



Student Support

USC International

USC International is here to assist you with your application to USC and help you through the application process, answering any questions you have about:

- submitting your application
- assisting you to obtain credit transfer toward your studies
- Student visa matters
- Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

Student Support

Upon arrival at USC, our dedicated and friendly staff offer ongoing assistance once you have arrived at USC, aiming to make your transition to study in Australia and at USC as easy and enjoyable as possible.

Both Student Central and Student Wellbeing are available to offer assistance with any issues that may affect your studies and provide a broad range of support and services, including:

- academic skills services
- accommodation assistance
- counselling service
- disability support
- health and wellbeing
- information for new students
- social activities and clubs
- Work Integrated Learning and Internships

EAS—English for Academic Study program

USC Sunshine Coast Student Central also run an eight week English for Academic Studies program at the beginning of each semester, free of charge for eligible students.

The program is designed for students from non-English speaking backgrounds who may need additional support to feel comfortable studying in an English speaking environment.

Career connection

Career connection offer a range of services to support the career development of USC students.

They can assist in preparing you for your future career, gaining part time work or getting some work experience.

Services for students include:

- individual career counselling, guidance and planning
- assistance with resumes and job applications
- Career Hub, an online site for students of USC

Student Guild

The Student Guild at USC Sunshine Coast runs a community kitchen, has a secondhand textbook hub, keeps an accommodation register, organises events and trips, provides sports equipment free of charge and funding for USC student clubs and societies. The Guild is run by student volunteers, with the aim of contributing to student life across USC.

Student support services may vary across USC campuses. Check individual study locations for more information. www.usc.edu.au/explore/usc-locations

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Orientation

Orientation at USC Sunshine Coast is held during the week before the start of each semester at the Sippy Downs campus and is a mixture of workshops to help you settle in to your studies and fun activities where you can meet other students and explore the local area.

Separate orientations are held at other campuses during Orientation week, and these dates are available closer to the time. You can familiarise yourself with the campus, student support services, academic expectations and requirements.

Orientation includes live music, entertainment, information about USC's sporting teams and interest groups and other activities.

These events are a great way to make new friends and begin your Australian study experience.

The Academic Support services include workshops on topics such as assignment writing, library tutorials and new semester study essentials.

Student Success Network

To help you get settled in to your studies, you can connect with current students through the Student Success Network. This Network is made up of trained students who are involved in a range of activities from academic and social connections to program specific support.

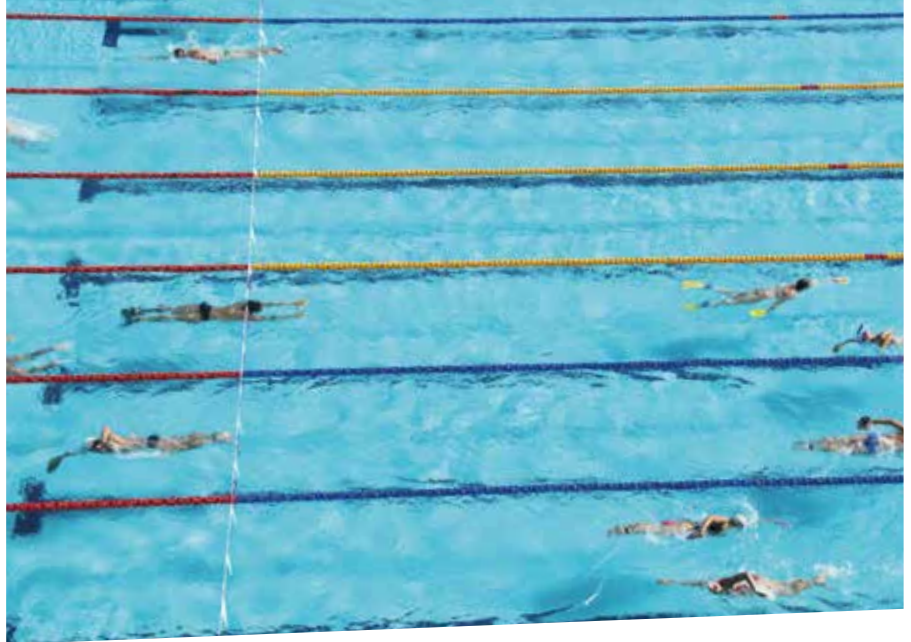
They respect your privacy and maintain confidentiality and can:

- Meet with you on campus during your first few weeks to answer any questions and see how you're settling in
- Be a familiar face on campus and someone to talk to when you're not sure who to ask
- Answer questions and refer you to various services
- Connect you to social or study groups relevant to your discipline
- Provide a supportive environment where students can connect with other students to share ideas, experiences, challenges and advice.

Connect with the Student Success Network at usc.edu.au/studentsuccess

CLUBS AND FACILITIES

There are a number of clubs and facilities available for students at USC's main campus – USC Sunshine Coast



USC Sport

USC Sport provides first class facilities, programs and services for students.

Sport facilities

- an Olympic standard 50m ten lane heated swimming pool
- a gym with modern equipment and classes including Yoga, Zumba and BoxFit
- an AUD\$10 million indoor sports stadium, which accommodates more than 2,000 spectators and has multiple sports fields including netball basketball, volleyball, badminton and futsal
- an international standard athletics track plus athletics equipment for hire
- multipurpose playing fields, for rugby, soccer and AFL

USC Activate

USC Activate is an outdoor activity and adventure sports club for USC students. The club is involved in activities like hiking, surfing, paddle boarding, SCUBA diving, mountain biking, rock climbing and canoeing. The club is open to all USC students, and prides itself on openness, acceptance and friendship.

www.uscactivate.org.au

Enactus

Enactus University of the Sunshine (USC) is a non-profit community based organisation that uses the power of entrepreneurship to create a positive change in the local and international community. Whether you are studying business, arts, science, history, sports or anything in between you can get involved with Enactus.USC.

www.enactususc.net

Other clubs

There are other clubs based on campus, including the USC Chorale and USC Singers (choir), the USC Quidditch league, USC Boardgamers, Mooloolaba Knights' Lacrosse team and USC Spartan Touch (touch football).

www.usc.edu.au/clubs-and-societies

Social Sport

If you don't want to join a sports team, but enjoying playing team sports, USC sport organises social sport programs. You can turn up and get involved in sports like Futsal, Dodgeball, Basketball or Soccer.

A range of Sunshine Coast sporting groups also use USC facilities for training and fixtures, which could include athletics, basketball, rugby, volleyball, futsal, netball, wheelchair basketball and roller derby.

www.usc.edu.au/explore/campus/sport-and-fitness

University Games

University sport events provide a great opportunity to represent your university and meet people from all over Australia. USC Sport sends sporting teams to University Games events each year in a number of sports. Teams representing the University compete as the USC Spartans. To be eligible you must be an enrolled student.

www.usc.edu.au/university-games



USC Programs

Study Abroad program

USC's Study Abroad program allows you to study at USC for one or two semesters, where you can enjoy an exceptional international and intercultural education experience.

CRICOS code	Program	Program fee per semester/trimester*	2018 entry dates
026639B	Study Abroad Undergraduate (one semester)	A\$10,400	Semester 1 or 2
026639B	Study Abroad Postgraduate (one semester)	A\$12,500	Semester 1 or 2
056828D	Study Abroad Undergraduate (two semesters)	A\$10,400	Semester 1 or 2
056828D	Study Abroad Postgraduate (two semesters)	A\$12,500	Semester 1 or 2

If you are currently studying at a university or college, you can earn credit** for the courses you study at USC toward your home degree. You can have an international study experience, without extending the time it takes to complete your studies.

If you are a secondary school graduate, you will have the opportunity to gain international experience before starting your degree.

Courses are available in the following educational areas†:

- Business, IT and tourism
- Creative industries, design and communication
- Education
- Engineering and Science
- Health, nursing and sports science
- Humanities, psychology and social sciences
- Law and criminology

The courses you will study are from USC degree programs, giving you the opportunity to study alongside our Australian students.

Study Abroad students generally study four courses per semester, which equates to approximately 30 ECTS or 15-18 US credit points.**

For a full range of courses, visit www.usc.edu.au/studyabroad

Diploma programs

CRICOS code	Program	Program fee per semester/trimester*	Estimated total tuition*	2018 entry dates
084895E	Diploma in Communication	\$10,500	\$21,000	Semester 1 or 2
084894F	Diploma in Business	\$10,500	\$21,000	Semester 1 or 2
084897C	Diploma in Social Science	\$10,500	\$21,000	Semester 1 or 2
084896D	Diploma in General Studies	\$10,500	\$21,000	Semester 1 or 2
088627D	Diploma in Outdoor Environmental Studies	\$11,800	\$23,600	Semester 1 or 2
088628C	Diploma in Sport and Fitness	\$10,500	\$21,000	Semester 1 or 2

If you are thinking about enrolling in a Study Abroad program at USC, why not consider one of our Diploma programs?

If you have already completed some prior study at your home university or college you may be able to gain up to four courses credit toward a Diploma. This means you could graduate with an Australian qualification after successfully completing one semester of study at USC.

You may also be able to earn credit for the courses you study in the USC Diploma program toward your home degree.**

*Refer to page 26 for further information regarding tuition fees.

** Credit transfer (including credit weighting) toward your home degree is based on your home institution's approval

† Subject to availability and meeting course pre-requisites.



Daniel Sel

Diploma in Business
Technical University Munich, Germany

I chose the Diploma in Business at the University of the Sunshine Coast in order to learn business skills and improve my English while obtaining a certificate from a foreign institution. Studying at the USC allowed me to continue my current information technology studies on top of gaining business knowledge from amazing lecturers while living at the beach and hanging out with kangaroos on campus.

Degree programs

USC's degree programs prepare you for your future career



Postgraduate Coursework and Graduate Entry Programs

USC offers innovative postgraduate coursework and graduate entry programs, giving you a competitive edge in the employment market and help to advance your career. A USC postgraduate degree allows you to become a knowledge specialist in your field or to completely change career direction.

In 2015 the Australian Research Council ranked USC well above or above world standard in nine key research areas and equal to world standard in five others.

Facilities

USC Sunshine Coast uses the latest technology, including simulated training environments and practical training in contemporary external settings. Our 3D simulation and other state-of-the-art facilities are sought after by postgraduate students in nursing, the creative industries and our Executive Management programs.

Quality lecturers and supervision

Study under the supervision of experienced academics that are highly qualified across broad areas of study. In many programs, high level industry experts are employed by USC to ensure your knowledge and skills are the very latest.

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Undergraduate programs

As an International student at USC, you can choose from a wide variety of undergraduate degree programs.

USC's flexible degree structures let you create a program to suit your needs and career ambitions.

Our combined degrees give you knowledge and skills in two different but complementary areas.

Detailed information about individual programs including intakes, can be found at www.usc.edu.au/international

Business, IT and tourism

Creative industries, design and communication

Education

Engineering and science

Health, nursing and sport sciences

Humanities, psychology and social science

Law and criminology



USC Sunshine Coast: Undergraduate programs

Program	Cricos code	Duration	Semester tuition fee*	Estimated total tuition fee*
Associate degree in Business	064623F	2 years	\$10,900	\$43,600
Bachelor of Business	022807A	3 years	\$11,000	\$66,000
Bachelor of Business (Honours)	028849J	1 year	\$12,100	\$24,200
Bachelor of Business (Human Resource Management)	076977C	3 years	\$11,000	\$66,000
Bachelor of Business (International Business)	028845B	3 years	\$11,000	\$66,000
Bachelor of Business (Management)	028847M	3 years	\$11,000	\$66,000
Bachelor of Business (Marketing)	028846A	3 years	\$11,000	\$66,000
Bachelor of Business (Tourism, Leisure and Event Management)	066415J	3 years	\$11,000	\$66,000
Bachelor of Business / Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)	065673K	4 years	\$11,200	\$89,600
Bachelor of Business / Bachelor of Commerce (Financial Planning)	065675G	4 years	\$11,200	\$89,600
Bachelor of Business / Bachelor of Science	022809K	4 years	\$12,100	\$96,800
Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)	076978B	3 years	\$11,200	\$67,200
Bachelor of Commerce (Financial Planning)	076979A	3 years	\$11,200	\$67,200
Bachelor of Commerce (Honours)	075467M	1 year	\$12,100	\$24,200
Bachelor of Information Communications Technology	048930F	3 years	\$11,000	\$66,000
Bachelor of Communication	058396G	3 Years	\$11,200	\$67,200
Bachelor of Creative Industries	080099K	3 years	\$11,100	\$66,600
Bachelor of Creative Writing	074093M	3 years	\$11,200	\$67,200
Bachelor of Design	064651B	3 years	\$11,200	\$67,200
Bachelor of Design and Communication	074095J	3 years	\$11,200	\$67,200
Bachelor of Design and Marketing	084973G	3 years	\$11,200	\$67,200
Bachelor of Journalism	057535J	3 years	\$11,200	\$67,200
Bachelor of Serious Games	088620M	3 years	\$11,200	\$67,200

*Refer to page 26 for tuition fee information.

USC Sunshine Coast: Undergraduate programs

Program	Cricos code	Duration	Semester tuition fee*	Estimated total tuition fee*
Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)	077419C	4 years	\$11,200	\$89,600
Bachelor of Education (Secondary) / Bachelor of Arts	082693J	4 years	\$11,100	\$88,800
Bachelor of Education (Secondary) / Bachelor of Recreation and Outdoor Environmental Studies	088624G	4 years	\$12,100	\$96,800
Bachelor of Education (Secondary) / Bachelor of Science	082694G	4 years	\$12,100	\$96,800
Bachelor of Primary Education	073277M	4 years	\$11,200	\$89,600
Associate Degree in Science	064652A	2 years	\$12,800	\$51,200
Bachelor of Animal Ecology	085714G	3 years	\$12,800	\$76,800
Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Science	022808M	4 years	\$12,100	\$96,800
Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) (Honours)	078425G	4 years	\$13,500	\$108,000
Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) Honours) / Bachelor of Environmental Science	085715F	5 years	\$13,500	\$135,000
Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical) (Honours)	090700D	4 years	\$13,500	\$108,000
Bachelor of Environmental Management	088625F	3 years	\$12,800	\$76,800
Bachelor of Environmental Science	066283E	3 years	\$12,800	\$76,800
Bachelor of Science	022804D	3 years	\$12,800	\$76,800
Bachelor of Science (Honours)	028850E	1 year	\$13,100	\$26,200

*Refer to page 26 for tuition fee information.

USC Sunshine Coast: Undergraduate programs

Program	Cricos code	Duration	Semester tuition fee*	Estimated total tuition fee*
Bachelor of Biomedical Science	066285C	3 years	\$12,800	\$76,800
Bachelor of Clinical Exercise Science	066298J	4 years	\$12,800	\$102,400
Bachelor of Health and Community Care Management	085020D	3 years	\$11,400	\$68,400
Bachelor of Health Science	088888E	3 years	\$11,400	\$68,400
Bachelor of Nursing Science	078086M	3.3 years	\$12,500	\$75,000
Bachelor of Nursing Science (Graduate Entry)	072637M	2.3 years	\$12,500	\$51,562.50
Bachelor of Nutrition	061658G	3 years	\$11,900	\$71,400
Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours)	077418D	4 years	\$12,300	\$98,400
Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science	066289K	3 years	\$12,800	\$76,800
Bachelor of Sport Studies	088626E	3 years	\$12,800	\$76,800
Bachelor of Arts	022806B	3 years	\$11,000	\$66,000
Bachelor of Arts (Honours)	026637D	1 year	\$12,100	\$24,200
Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Business	022805C	4 years	\$11,000	\$88,000
Bachelor of Criminology and Justice	059490A	3 years	\$11,000	\$66,000
Bachelor of Counselling	074094K	3 years	\$11,200	\$67,200
Bachelor of Human Services	057534K	3 years	\$11,300	\$67,800
Bachelor of International Studies	074096G	3 years	\$11,000	\$66,000
Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)	090558E	4 years	\$12,100	\$96,800
Bachelor of Regional and Urban Planning (Honours)	066284D	4 years	\$11,000	\$88,000
Bachelor of Social Science	037991F	3 years	\$11,000	\$66,000
Bachelor of Social Science (Honours)	058120B	1 year	\$12,100	\$24,200
Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology)	063008D	3 years	\$11,500	\$69,000
Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology) (Honours)	063009C	1 year	\$12,100	\$24,200
Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology) / Bachelor of Criminology and Justice	088621K	4 years	\$11,400	\$91,200

*Refer to page 26 for tuition fee information.

USC Sunshine Coast: Undergraduate programs

Program	Cricos code	Duration	Semester tuition fee*	Estimated total tuition fee*
Bachelor of Social Work	062654D	4 years	\$11,200	\$89,600
Bachelor of Social Work / Bachelor of Criminology and Justice	088622J	5 years	\$11,400	\$114,000
Bachelor of Laws	080426M	4 years	\$11,400	\$91,200
Bachelor of Laws (Graduate Entry)	080427K	3 years	\$11,400	\$68,400
Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Arts	081022A	5 years	\$11,400	\$114,000
Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Business	081023M	5 years	\$11,400	\$114,000
Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)	081024K	5 years	\$11,400	\$114,000
Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Commerce (Financial Planning)	084974F	5 years	\$11,400	\$114,000
Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Criminology and Justice	088619D	5 years	\$11,400	\$114,000
Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Environmental Management	092874K	5 years	\$12,100	\$121,000

* Refer to page 26 for tuition fee information.



USC Sunshine Coast: Postgraduate programs



USC's postgraduate programs can enhance your previous degree, offer a change in direction, or create a new beginning.

Whether you are refreshing your knowledge, advancing in your field, or discovering the joy of further learning, a USC postgraduate program opens a world of opportunities.

Detailed information about individual programs can be found at www.usc.edu.au/international

Program	CRICOS code	Duration	Semester tuition fee*	Estimated total tuition fee*
Graduate Certificate in Business Administration	067674D	6 months	\$12,500	\$12,500
Graduate Certificate in Management	065611B	6 months	\$12,500	\$12,500
Graduate Diploma in Business Administration	067675C	1 year	\$12,500	\$25,000
Master of Business Administration	066777E	1.5 years	\$12,600	\$37,800
Master of Business Administration (Extended)	088886G	2 years	\$12,600	\$50,400
Master of International Business	077420K	1.5 years	\$12,600	\$37,800
Master of Business Administration / Master of International Business	088887F	2 years	\$12,600	\$50,400
Master of Management	082695G	2 years	\$12,600	\$50,400
Master of Professional Practice (Creative Writing)	088623G	1.5 years	\$12,600	\$37,800
Graduate Certificate in Education	081795M	6 months	\$11,600	\$11,600
Master of Education	081796K	1.5 years	\$12,100	\$36,300
Master of Teaching (Secondary)	094769F	2 years	\$12,100	\$48,400
Master of Nursing (Clinical Leadership)	080425A	1.5 years	\$12,500	\$37,500
Graduate Diploma in Psychology	085355C	1 year	\$12,100	\$24,200
Master of Counselling	079913F	2 years	\$11,200	\$44,800
Master of International Development	084892G	2 years	\$11,100	\$44,400
Master of Social Work (Qualifying)	073869J	2 years	\$11,200	\$44,800

* Refer to page 31 for tuition fee information.

Pathways to tertiary study

English Language Programs (ELP)

English for Academic Purposes: CRICOS 059941A

Academic level	Program length	Program fee**	Application fee**	Pathway***
EAP 1 Intermediate	10 weeks 25 hrs per week 250 hrs per program	\$4,150	\$200	Successful completion will meet entry requirements for EAP 2
EAP 2 Upper Intermediate	10 weeks 25 hrs per week 250 hrs per program	\$4,150	\$200	Successful completion will meet entry requirements for most undergraduate programs Successful completion will meet entry requirements for most post graduate programs
EAP 3 Advanced	10 weeks 25 hrs per week 250 hrs per program	\$4,150	\$200	Successful completion will meet entry requirements for most undergraduate, and some postgraduate programs including those with higher than standard entry requirements including Bachelor of Nursing, Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry), Bachelor of Occupational Therapy, Bachelor of Engineering (Civil)(Honours) and the Master of Social Work (Qualifying)

** Refer to page 26 for additional information regarding tuition fees.

*** Refer to the USC English Language Requirements on pages 22–23 for details of what is considered successful completion for your chosen program.

USC offers English for Academic Purposes (EAP) programs at three levels, intermediate, upper intermediate and advanced.

The EAP programs are excellent preparation for further study and where completed at the appropriate level, can meet English language requirements for most of USC's undergraduate and postgraduate programs.

Our programs offer:

- skills to participate in seminars and lectures
- essay writing
- assessment includes assignments, reading and listening tests and an oral presentation
- use of University facilities and resources
- IELTS exam preparation
- a certificate on course completion (if satisfactorily attended)



Pathways to tertiary study

ELP Program dates

ELP Program: USC Sunshine Coast	Dates
EAP 1 — Intermediate	19 February–27 April 2018
	18 June–24 August 2018
	27 August–2 November 2018
EAP 2 — Upper Intermediate	19 February–27 April 2018
	7 May–13 July 2018
	27 August–2 November 2018
	15 October–21 December 2018
	12 November 2018–1 February 2019 (Holiday break: 24 December 2018–6 January 2019)
EAP 3 — Advanced	7 May–13 July 2018
	12 November 2017–1 February 2019 (Holiday break: 24 December 2018–6 January 2019)
ELP Program: USC South Bank	Dates
EAP 1 — Intermediate	19 February–27 April 2018
	27 August–2 November 2018
EAP 2 — Upper Intermediate	7 May–13 July 2018
	12 November 2018–1 February 2019 (Holiday break: 24 December 2018–6 January 2019)



Tertiary Preparation Pathway

CRICOS code: 058561K | Program length: 1 semester | 2018 Semester fee: \$9,300*
Intake: Semester 1 or 2 | Campus: Sippy Downs

The Tertiary Preparation Pathway (TPP) equips you with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in undergraduate degree studies.

TPP provides a pathway to most USC undergraduate degree programs if you do not meet our academic admission requirements.

Courses completed through TPP cannot be used as credit towards a USC degree program.

*Refer to page 26 for additional information regarding tuition fees.

Students study four courses over one semester from the following:

- TPP101 Academic Skills for Success (compulsory)
- plus
- Three courses from: Digital Futures; Chemistry; Mathematics; Statistics; Introduction to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Societies; Australian Society and Identity; An Introduction to Working within the Community; Biology; Business Study Skills and Mathematical Methods for Science and Engineering.

Research

USC is in a period of rapid research development and growth, building research capacity, productivity and output. In 2015 the Australian Research Council ranked USC well above or above world standard in nine key research areas and equal to world standard in five others.*



Accident Research

The **Centre for Human Factors and Sociotechnical Systems** examines high impact research into how and why accident happen and how to prevent them.

Additionally, the **Adolescent Risk Research Unit** looks at improving teen safety particularly on the road. This brings together experts from various disciplines to conduct collaborative research on issues impacting safety and productivity.



Animal and Marine Ecology

The **Centre for Animal Health Innovation (CAHI)** focusses on innovative solutions to health problems that are of significance to wildlife conservation and the sustainability. CAHI research brings together experts in genetics, molecular biology, microbiology, immunology, epidemiology and ecology.

Marine and Coastal Ecology is also an emerging research strength at USC with world-leading researchers in the areas of deep sea biology, marine climate change ecology and the environmental impacts of human activities on coastal ecosystems.



Aquaculture and Agriculture

Explores genetics, ecology, genomics and physiology and their interactions. The **GeneCology Research Centre** brings together an interdisciplinary team of scientists whose research examines the sustainable production of aquaculture, horticulture and forestry systems and biodiversity conservation.

Additionally, the **Sustainable Tropical Aquaculture Industries** research is developing this area and industry-based livelihoods, including pearl oysters and sea cucumbers in the Pacific, South-East Asia and Northern Australia.



Creative Humanities

The **Engage Research Cluster** uses innovative collaborative approaches in research to develop technologies such as computer games, social networking sites, apps and interactive experiences to find solutions to social issues. Experts from disciplines include: information technology, game design, mental and public health, social sciences, planning, art and design, education, engineering and business.

Arts Research in Creative Humanities encompasses the creation of original creative works, research into the creative industries and creative processes.

* 2015 Excellence in Research for Australia report by the Australian Research Council.



Forestry Research

The **Forest Industries Research Centre (FIRC)** is focused on issues that relate to the forestry value chain, and the economic and environmental sustainability of forest industries. Research areas include, Forest resource improvement and establishment, Forest and health management, Processing, utilisation, harvest and haulage.

The **Tropical Forests and People Research Centre (TFPCC)** focuses on smallholder and community-based forestry in tropical and subtropical regions and countries in which individuals and communities create and manage forests for a mix of economic, social and environmental reasons.



Medical and Health Science

Research in the field of medical and health science is thriving at USC. The Sunshine Coast region is currently experiencing massive growth in health services with more than \$2 billion investment in health and hospital care currently underway, including the new Sunshine Coast University Hospital.

Innovative research at USC is currently in the following fields: **Cluster for Health Improvement, Inflammation and Healing Research Cluster, Nursing and Midwifery Cluster for Research Excellence, Sport and Exercise Science Research and Nutrition and Dietetics.**



Sustainability and Environment

The **Sustainability Research Centre's** core focus is aligned with social, behavioural and economic sciences and can be applied to a range of sustainability issues such as climate change adaptation, Natural resource management and Cultural resilience and vulnerability.

Additionally, USC is conducting sustainability research to two other key areas: **Indigenous Studies Research Theme** which focuses on the cultures, histories, rights, interests, knowledges and perspectives of Indigenous peoples throughout the world and **Stormwater Research Group (SWRG)** aims to develop a nationally and internationally recognised centre of excellence for research in the area of stormwater management.

USC Sunshine Coast: Higher Degree by Research programs

Program	CRICOS code	Standard program length	Semester tuition fee*	Estimated total annual tuition fee*
Master of Arts	026642G	2 years	\$13,600	\$54,400
Master of Business by Research	065370C	2 years	\$13,600	\$54,400
Master of Climate Change Adaptation by Research	063014F	2 years	\$13,600	\$54,400
Master of Creative Arts	041913G	2 years	\$13,600	\$54,400
Master of Education by Research	072639J	2 years	\$13,200	\$52,800
Master of Regional Planning by Research	070697D	2 years	\$13,600	\$54,400
Master of Science	026640J	2 years	\$13,600	\$54,400
Master of Sports Nutrition by Research	066893A	2 years	\$13,600	\$54,400
Doctor of Creative Arts	041914G	3 years [#]	\$13,600	\$81,600
Doctor of Philosophy	076976D	3 years [#]	\$13,600	\$81,600

* Refer to page 26 for tuition fee information. | [#] Minimum full-time program duration.

Credit transfer

You may be able to gain credit toward your USC program if you have previously completed some tertiary study.

Depending on your prior qualifications or studies, you may be able to complete a USC bachelor degree in as little as two semesters (one academic year).

As well as study at undergraduate and postgraduate level, USC also recognises study completed at associate degree or diplomas level for credit transfer, such as:

- French – BTS or DUT
- Denmark – Academy Profession (AP) Degree
- Sweden – Högskoleexamen
- USA – Associate Degree

If you are currently studying, you may be able to credit the study completed at USC toward your home qualification, meaning you could graduate with two qualifications in the same time period.

International Baccalaureate Diploma

Your IB diploma could earn you up to four courses (a full semester) of credit towards a USC Bachelor degree. The credit you gain is determined by the IB diploma subjects you completed and your choice of USC degree program.

You can apply for credit transfer at the time of submitting your application form to USC International.

To assist us in determining what credit can be awarded, where available include course outlines of courses you have already completed as supporting documentation with your application.



Entry requirements



At USC students need to meet USC program requirements:

- ➔ Be over 18 at the commencement of their USC study
- ➔ Meet the program:
 - English language requirements
 - Academic admission requirements

Additionally, students who are going to apply for a Student Visa in Australia will also be assessed as to whether they meet the Department of Immigration and Border Protection requirement of being considered a Genuine Student and Genuine Temporary Entrant.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

English language programs

English for Academic Purposes (EAP) 1	One of the following (or equivalent as approved by USC International on a case-by-case basis): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overall IELTS score of 5.0 (with a minimum of 5.0 in each subtest), or• Internet based TOEFL (IBT) 59 (writing score no lower than 17), or• Pearson Test of English (PTE) minimum 36 overall with no communicative score less than 36
English for Academic Purposes (EAP) 2	One of the following (or equivalent as approved by USC International on a case-by-case basis): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overall IELTS score of 5.5 (with a minimum of 5.5 in each subtest), or• Internet based TOEFL (IBT) 69 (writing score no lower than 18), or• Pearson Test of English (PTE) minimum 42 overall with no communicative score less than 42
English for Academic Purposes (EAP) 3	One of the following (or equivalent as approved by USC International on a case-by-case basis): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Successful completion of EAP 2 or,• Overall IELTS score of 6 (with a minimum of 6 in the writing subtest and no other subtest under 5.5), or• Internet based TOEFL (IBT) 76 (writing score no lower than 21 and all other skills areas above 18)

TPP, Study Abroad, Undergraduate and Postgraduate programs

At USC, all lectures and tutorials are delivered in English. If English is not your first language, you need to meet the minimum English language requirements for your chosen program.

The following information provides a guide for the ways in which you may demonstrate English language proficiency and the minimum achievement levels for most USC programs. Some USC programs have different English language requirements, for the most current information on individual program requirements, visit www.usc.edu.au/englishlanguagereqs

If you do not meet our English language requirements, you may like to consider USC's English Language Programs or an English language program offered by one of our business partners (contact USC International for more information).

We also accept some country specific qualifications, for example:

- DAAD certificate
- Danish Upper Secondary School
- GCE Advanced level
- Swedish Upper Secondary School

English language requirements are correct at the time of publishing, however you should check our current entry requirements available on the USC website.

For more information about the types of qualification accepted and the required level to meet English language requirements, visit www.usc.edu.au/englishlanguagereqs

Test or other preparation	TPP Program	Undergraduate (including undergraduate Study Abroad)	Postgraduate coursework (including Honours and postgraduate Study Abroad)	Higher Degrees by Research (including Master by Research and Doctoral degrees)
IELTS (Academic)	Overall score of 6.0 with minimum 5.5 in each subtest	Overall score of 6.0 with minimum 5.5 in each subtest	Overall score of 6.5 with minimum 6.0 in each subtest	Overall score of 6.5 with minimum 6.0 in each subtest
TOEFL: Internet-based	Overall score of 76 with minimum score of 18 for writing	Overall score of 76 with minimum score of 18 for writing	Overall score of 85 with minimum score of 21 for writing and minimum score of 20 in all other sections	Overall score of 85 with minimum score of 21 for writing and minimum score of 20 in all other sections
Pearson Test of English	Overall score of 50 with no communicative score less than 42	Overall score of 50 with no communicative score less than 42	Overall score of 58 with no communicative score less than 50	Overall score of 58 with no communicative score less than 50
English for Academic Purposes (EAP) 2	Successful completion minimum overall score of 65 percent	Successful completion with a minimum grade of 65 percent	Successful completion with a minimum grade of 70 percent	Successful completion with a minimum grade of 70 percent
English for Academic Purposes (EAP) 3	Successful completion minimum overall score of 60 percent	Successful completion with a minimum overall score of 60 percent	Successful completion with a minimum grade of 65 percent	–
Language of Instruction English (LOI)*	–	Minimum 1 year full-time tertiary study, or 1 year full-time other post-secondary study, or 2 years full-time secondary study, successfully completed in last 5 years in one of the following countries: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom and United States of America**	Minimum 2 year full-time tertiary study, or 2 year full-time other post-secondary study, successfully completed in the last 5 years in one of the following countries: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom and United States of America**	Minimum 2 years full-time tertiary (university level) study successfully completed in the last 5 years in one of the of following countries: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom and United States of America**
CAE/CPE (results after Jan 2015)	–	Overall score of 169 or above with no less than 162 in each skill	Overall score of 177 or above with no less than 169 in each skill	Overall score of 177 or above with no less than 169 in each skill

* **NOTE:** Normally, meeting this requirement is sufficient; however, the University reserves the right to ask for additional evidence of proficiency in certain instances.

** Study completed in countries that don't appear in this list will be considered in a case by case basis.

ACADEMIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

You can use the below table as a general guide to USC academic admission requirements. For more detail, refer to www.usc.edu.au/internationaladmissionrequirements

Program of study at USC	Academic requirements
English Language Programs	There are no academic admission requirements for entry in to our English Language Programs, however if you intend to pathway in to a Study Abroad, undergraduate or postgraduate degree then you will need to meet the academic admission requirements for that program.
Study Abroad	<p>Undergraduate applicants should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have successfully completed at least one semester of study at a recognised tertiary institution, or • have successfully completed senior secondary school studies at a similar level to Australian Year 12. <p>Postgraduate applicants should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have successfully completed a bachelor level qualification at a recognised tertiary institution. <p>If you are currently enrolled at an accredited tertiary institution, you should check with your home institution regarding credit transfer for courses studied at USC, prior to commencing your Study Abroad program.</p> <p>For more information, visit www.usc.edu.au/studyabroad</p>
Undergraduate programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a minimum level of education comparable to successful completion of Australian Year 12, with good grades • further studies, for example, a semester or more at college or university, can also be considered for entry and may give you credit towards a degree <p>For a general guide to country-specific academic entry requirements, visit www.usc.edu.au/internationalundergradrequirements</p> <p>Academic requirements differ between undergraduate (graduate entry) programs. For specific requirements, visit the individual program pages on the USC website.</p>
Honours programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • successful completion of an undergraduate degree, or equivalent, with a high level of achievement in the intended area of honours study <p>Academic requirements differ between programs.</p> <p>For individual program descriptions and academic requirements, visit www.usc.edu.au/internationalundergradrequirements</p>
Postgraduate coursework programs	<p>Academic requirements differ between programs.</p> <p>For individual program descriptions and academic requirements, visit www.usc.edu.au/internationalpostgradrequirements</p>
Higher degrees by research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a bachelor (undergraduate) degree (comparable to an Australian bachelor degree) with at least second class honours, division 1 from a recognised higher education institution AND • a suitable research proposal and the availability of supervision and resources to support the proposed research topic <p>Applicants who have completed a bachelor degree and have achieved, by subsequent work and study, a standard equivalent to at least second class honours, division 1 may also be considered.</p> <p>In exceptional cases, applications may be considered on the basis of other evidence of general and professional qualifications as approved by the Research Degree Committee.</p> <p>Academic requirements differ between programs.</p> <p>For individual program descriptions and academic requirements, visit www.usc.edu.au/internationalHDRrequirements</p>

If you do not meet the academic requirements for undergraduate programs, you may choose to enrol in USC's Tertiary Preparation Pathway. For more information, see page 12 of this guide or visit www.usc.edu.au/TPP

How to apply

The following steps will enable you to apply and enrol at USC.

- You will also find step-by-step instructions and further information at www.usc.edu.au/internationalapply
- If you need help with the process, or have any questions, email international@usc.edu.au
- If you would like additional assistance with your application, you may like to apply through one of our representatives www.usc.edu.au/internationalreps
- If you are applying via one of USC's partner institutions, please visit your home international office to assist you with submitting your USC application.

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Choose your program and review the program fees

Explore USC's programs in this guide, or visit www.usc.edu.au/internationalprograms to find a program that suits your study and career goals.

2

Check entry requirements

Check the entry, admission and English language requirements for your chosen program. An overview is available in this guide, or visit www.usc.edu.au/internationaladmissionrequirements

This will help you decide if you need further study or to take an English language test before starting your degree program. If you are unsure whether you will meet USC's requirements, please submit an application for USC International to assess.

There is no application fee for USC programs (excluding English Language Programs).

3

Apply for admission

Download an application form at www.usc.edu.au/internationalforms

➔ Complete your application form

➔ Apply for academic credit transfer

You may be eligible for academic credit transfer on the basis of prior studies. To apply, use the form available at www.usc.edu.au/internationalcredit

➔ Gather your supporting documentation

You must provide evidence of the qualifications that will meet the entry requirements of the program you have selected.

Ensure all documents are certified copies, signed and stamped by a witnessing or government authority (or an approved USC representative if you are applying through a representative)

➔ Submit your application

HOW: Scan and email or post your completed application form and supporting documentation, including application for academic credit transfer (if applicable), to USC International.

Email: study@usc.edu.au

Fax: +61 7 5430 2836

Post: USC International
University of the Sunshine Coast—ML17
MAROOCHYDORE DC QLD 4558 AUSTRALIA

WHEN: USC accepts applications for most programs at any time of the year. However, you should try to submit your application as early as possible to allow you time to apply and be granted a visa which allows study in Australia.

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What happens next?

You will normally receive an email, acknowledging your application, within 48 hours. An offer is usually made within 72 hours. It may take longer if academic credit needs to be assessed, or your application is incomplete. Delays will occur, if you do not include all required supporting documentation.

➔ Your offer

Once your application has been assessed, and your eligibility for the program confirmed, you will receive an offer. If you have applied for academic credit transfer, you will also receive advice about any credit awarded.

Important information

Fees, living and other costs

Tuition fees

Semester tuition fees are based on 2018 tuition fees and a standard full time enrolment in a semester of 48 units. The enrolment load for individual programs may vary. Students pay fees based on their enrolment load in a USC teaching period. Check individual program pages for study load details.

Estimated total program fees are based on 2018 rates and the minimum number of courses required to complete the program.

Tuition fees are reviewed each calendar year. The fee you must pay for a given teaching period (eg semester/trimester) is that which has been approved by USC for the calendar year within which the teaching period falls. Any increase in tuition fees from one calendar year to the next will be no more than 7 percent.

All prices quoted are in Australian Dollars (A\$).

Refer to the Student Fees and Charges Policy and associated procedure. www.usc.edu.au/fees-and-study-costs

Course-related costs

As a general guide, allow A\$400 per semester for new textbooks. Second-hand textbooks are often available at reduced prices.

Some courses require additional materials, for example laboratory coats (from A\$28) or art supplies.

Students taking Design courses should allow an additional A\$60 to A\$100 per semester for materials and printing costs.

English Language Program students are loaned textbooks for the duration of their course.

Living costs

You'll need around A\$360 per week to live comfortably on the Sunshine Coast.

This does not include airfares to Australia, visa applications, health cover and tuition fees. Allow more if you have a spouse or dependant(s) accompanying you.

For more information, visit www.usc.edu.au/living-costs or www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/global/live-in-australia/living-costs

Education for school-aged children

Students with school-aged children have numerous education options. For more information, visit:

- Public schools www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/about
- Private schools www.isq.qld.edu.au

Fees apply at private and public (government) schools. Allow at least A\$8,000 per year per child for school fees.



Airport transfers*

Transfers are available from Brisbane International, Brisbane Domestic, Coolangatta (Gold Coast) and Maroochydore (Sunshine Coast) airports.

For details and costs, visit www.con-x-ion.com

USC International Student Services staff can make bookings for you. Fees apply.

For further airport transfer information, email AskUSCI@usc.edu.au

* All transport is managed independently of USC. Any person utilising third party information, such as the student transport provider information, is advised to read USC's Disclaimer www.usc.edu.au/Disclaimer

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

OSHC is health insurance to assist international students meet the costs of medical and hospital care that they may need while in Australia. The Department of Immigration and Border Protection requires overseas students to maintain OSHC for the duration of the time they are in Australia.

USC can organise visa length OSHC cover for you, with our preferred provider Allianz Global Assistance, or you can arrange your own OSHC with an alternative provider.

For students with an OSHC policy from Allianz Global Assistance, there is a representative available on our Sippy Downs campus to assist with claims and answer any OSHC enquiries you may have.

Costs for OSHC vary depending on the type and length of cover you choose. Fees can range from \$376 for one semester to \$2,138 over three years for a single cover policy.**

** Information pertaining to fees is correct at the time of publication.

Visas

If you're not an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or an Australian permanent resident, you'll need a visa that has study rights before you can enter Australia and undertake that study.

If you intend to study in a program that is longer than three months, you will normally need a Student visa.

If you hold or are going to apply for a visa other than this contact the Department of Immigration and Border Protection for advice regarding your eligibility to study.

To find out what type of visa you need and how to apply, visit:

- Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP)
www.immi.gov.au

If you would like advice or assistance with your application for a visa to study in Australia, you may like to find a registered migration agent to assist you:

- Migration Agents Registration Authority (MARA)
www.mara.gov.au

Simplified student visa framework (SSVF)

Under the SSVF:

- all international students will now apply for a single Student visa (subclass 500), regardless of their chosen course of study
- all international students will be required to apply for their student visa online
- an immigration risk framework will be used to guide the evidence of English language and financial capacity that a student needs to provide with their visa application.

Working in Australia

Student visa holders are normally allowed to work up to 40 hours per fortnight during semester and full-time during semester breaks.

Students undertaking Higher Degrees by Research have unlimited work rights.

For more information, visit www.border.gov.au



Students must familiarise themselves with important policy information, including when they will be eligible for a refund and the circumstances in which they can defer, cancel or suspend their study.

www.usc.edu.au/learn/international-students/while-you-are-studying

All information in this guide was correct at the time of publishing.

University by-laws and rules

All students must abide by USC by-laws and rules, and are subject to all USC regulations. For details, refer to www.usc.edu.au/international-student-rules

Please familiarise yourself with USC policies regarding fees and refunds, grievance handling procedures and academic progress.

Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Framework

The ESOS Act and National Code ensure international students in Australia get the education they desire.

To access the National Code of Practice 2007, or for a description of the ESOS framework for students, visit <https://internationaleducation.gov.au/regulatory-information>

Deferring or cancelling your enrolment prior to study commencement

If you have, or plan to apply for a Student visa, you have the option to apply for deferral of your start date in exceptional circumstances and before the start date shown on your Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE). In order for your application for deferral to be considered, you must be able to demonstrate compassionate and compelling circumstances. Your application will then be re-assessed for commencement on the deferred start date and, if approved, you will be provided with a new letter of offer and written agreement. The change to your enrolment will be reported to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP).

If you cancel your enrolment prior to commencement, your CoE will also be cancelled and the change to your enrolment status will be reported to DIBP.

Deferring, suspending or cancelling student enrolment after study commencement

There are limited circumstances where a student visa holder's studies may be deferred or temporarily suspended.

These are outlined in standard 13.2 of the National Code of Practice 2007 and include:

- compassionate or compelling circumstances, or
- misbehaviour by the student

A deferral or suspension of study may affect the validity of your Student visa.

In the event USC intends to suspend or cancel a student's enrolment, where that suspension or cancellation is not initiated by the student, USC will notify the student that they have 20 working days to access USC's internal appeals process.

If the student accesses the appeals process, the enrolment will not be suspended or cancelled until the internal appeals process is completed.

Student Fees and Charges — Governing Policy and Student Fees, Charges and Refunds — Procedures

USC's Student Fees and Charges — Governing Policy and related procedures can be found at www.usc.edu.au/FeeProcedures

The Student Fees, Charges and Refunds — Procedures outline refunds payable in the case of both student and provider default, amounts that may or may not be repaid, and the processes for claiming refunds.

International students should read and understand USC's Student Fees and Charges Policy and related procedures before entering into a written agreement by accepting their offer.

Student Grievance Resolution — Governing Policy

USC's student complaints and grievances policies can be found at www.usc.edu.au/student-grievance-policy

Students who are dissatisfied with the outcome of USC's grievance handling procedures may ask to be referred to an independent mediation or dispute resolution service.

The availability of complaints and appeals processes does not remove your right as a USC student to take action under Australia's consumer protection laws.

Written notices are given to students by electronic communication.

Contact hours and study commitment

Each course* studied, normally requires three to four hours of class contact per week in the form of lectures and tutorials/ laboratory work.

As a guide, students should also allow an average of an additional six to seven hours per course per week for self-directed study, research, readings and assignments.

A standard full-time workload per semester/trimester for most programs is four courses.

Refer to your chosen program information page on the USC website for detailed information about your program sequence and study loads.

* For undergraduate and postgraduate study only.

Academic progress

All students must maintain satisfactory progress in each study period (semester/trimester/session).

Students who do not maintain satisfactory progress may be identified as being 'at risk' or be excluded from the University.

USC's Academic Progress and Exclusion policy and procedures can be found at www.usc.edu.au/academic-progress*

Students studying on a Student visa are reminded of Student visa condition 8202 regarding satisfaction of attendance/academic requirements.

USC must notify the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) of any breaches of Student visa conditions, including unsatisfactory performance, which may impact on the validity of your visa.

You will be notified in writing, via electronic communication, if there is an intention to report to DIBP.

USC facilities, resources and costs of study

More information regarding USC facilities, equipment and learning resources, costs of living and study, details of course content, teaching and assessment methods is available at www.usc.edu.au

Academic progress for HDR students is outlined in the HDR Candidature – Procedure: www.usc.edu.au/explore/policies-and-procedures/higher-degrees-by-research-candidature-procedures

Consequences of not paying fees

Once you have commenced studying you will be invoiced by the university per teaching period of your enrolment for any fees or charges incurred.

If you do not make payment by the fees due date, you will be subject to a late payment fee and your enrolment may be cancelled.

USC will notify you that you have 20 working days to access USC's internal appeals process.

A student whose enrolment is cancelled for non-payment of fees remains liable for those fees. You will not be able to enrol again unless the debt is paid.

Cancellation of enrolment may also affect your Student visa.

Transfer between providers

Student visa holders must remain enrolled at USC for the first six months of the principal program of study or for the duration of the program if it is less than six months, unless an official letter of offer is provided to USC from another registered education provider.

Once USC has received this letter, and a completed 'Request for Transfer and Letter of Release' form, the request for transfer and letter of release will be assessed.

All requests for transfer and letter of release will be considered in accordance with the USC Transfer of Student Visa Students between Registered Providers— Managerial Policy and Procedures. www.usc.edu.au/policy

A registered provider must not knowingly enrol a student prior to the student completing six months of his or her principal program of study, except in limited circumstances.

Students with school-aged dependants

If you have school-aged dependants (children) accompanying you to Australia, you will be required to pay full fees if your dependants are enrolled in either a government or non-government school.

You should allow at least A\$8,000 per year for the cost of each child's schooling.

For more information, visit www.education.qld.gov.au



Professional Recognition of USC Programs

Some of USC's programs are accredited or recognised by professional bodies in Australia.

Professional recognition may afford graduates automatic membership of a professional body or allow graduates to apply for membership.

In some cases, membership of a professional body requires meeting criteria in addition to a Higher Education qualification. For example, you may need to demonstrate a specific level of English language proficiency or hours of work experience.

To practice in certain professions, membership of the relevant professional body is required.

Some key things to keep in mind are:

- You should investigate the requirements for membership of professional bodies relevant to your degree program.
- You should confirm with any relevant overseas (or Australian) professional body that your USC qualification will entitle you to work in your intended profession, and what other criteria you might be required to meet.

You can find information about USC degrees and professional recognition on individual program information pages at www.usc.edu.au/internationalprograms





I'm ready. What's next?

Contact USC International for information about how to apply and enrol, fees, financial assistance and scholarships, program admission requirements, special entry programs, and credit transfer.

Visit: USC International, First floor, Building J, USC (Sippy Downs)

Call: +61 7 5430 2843

Email: international@usc.edu.au

Online: usc.edu.au/international

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