Adelaide University

STUDY ABROAD AND EXCHANGE FACT SHEET

2027/2028 Academic Year



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Welcome to Adelaide University

Adelaide University is a leading contemporary comprehensive university of global standing. We are dedicated to ensuring the prosperity, wellbeing and cohesion of society by addressing educational inequality through our actions and through the success and impact of our students, staff and alumni. Partnered with the communities we serve, we conduct outstanding future-making research of scale and focus.
Adelaide University's ambition is to create lasting careers and opportunities for contemporary learners and global citizens, with innovative research that shapes society. Upon launch, Adelaide University proudly ranks 79th in the 2027 QS World University Rankings, securing a position in the global top 100.

About Adelaide

Adelaide is a vibrant city, known for its festivals, cultural diversity and major sporting events. It also has a good mix of shopping, beaches and cafes in all price ranges. Adelaide balances city life with beautiful countryside, and close links to other regions of South Australia. Enjoy Instagram-friendly beaches like Glenelg, a coastline that stretches as far as the eye can see, great wine in the Adelaide Hills, and the beauty of Kangaroo Island – you'll never run out of things to do or places to visit. Ranked the world's 9th most liveable city by The Economist Intelligence Unit (2025), Adelaide stands out with a perfect score of 100 in education—making it an exceptional place to live and learn.

Adelaide University	
Website	https://www.adelaideuni.edu.au/
Incoming students	https://adelaideuni.edu.au/study/global-learning/study-abroad-and-exchange/
Contact information	
Contact for staff only – enquiries will be escalated as required	Senior Manager: **Kate Toone** Senior Global Learning Officers: Europe and Latin America: **Ankita Bhadu** United Kingdom and United States: **Georgia Cosercas** Africa, Asia, Canada and Oceania: **Jasmina Cubelic** global.programs@adelaide.edu.au
Contact for students	General: global.learning@adelaide.edu.au Students will be provided a personalised StudyLink application email. Application enquiries can be directed to this email address.

Important dates 2027/2028		
Academic Calendar	adelaideuni.edu.au/students/manage-study/academic-calendar/	
Semester 2 2027	**Nomination deadline:**	**15 March**
	Application deadline:	**1 April**
	Orientation:	Monday, 19 July
	Start of classes:	Monday, 2 August
	Exam period:	Monday, 15 November to Sunday, 28 November
Semester 1 2028* *2028 dates are to be confirmed.	**Nomination deadline:**	**15 October**
	Application deadline:	**1 November**
	Orientation:	Monday, 7 February
	Start of classes:	Monday, 21 February
	End of exam period:	Monday, 5 June to Sunday, 18 June

Course and credit information	
AU colleges	Adelaide University has six academic Colleges. Study abroad and exchange students can study courses across multiple colleges, provided timetabling permits. • College of Business and Law • College of Creative Arts, Design & Humanities • College of Education, Behavioural and Social Sciences • College of Engineering and Information Technology • College of Health • College of Science
Course information	You can search for courses in two ways. This is explained in detail on the 'choosing courses' page of the website for study abroad and exchange students. **Course Level** You can use the course code to determine the year of a course and whether it's undergraduate or postgraduate. Codes that start with a 1, 2, 3, or 4 are generally undergraduate, and codes that start with a 5, 6, or 7 are postgraduate. Undergraduate students are generally not eligible to take postgraduate courses, as completion of an undergraduate degree (or equivalent) is typically a pre-requisite for approval. **Campus** Adelaide University is a multi-campus University. Study abroad and exchange students can study courses across multiple campuses. When choosing your courses, please pay attention to the campus where the course is being taught as you may need to consider travel time. We suggest that you select courses offered at no more than two different campuses. The campus information is displayed in the course information section on each course page. Some courses may be taught at multiple campuses during the same study period, and you will get to nominate the teaching location when enrolling. In addition, 100% online courses cannot make up more than one third of your total course enrolments. **Availability** Not all AU courses are available to study abroad and exchange students. As a guide, available courses will be identified in the course information section on the course page (yes or no). The 'Fee Group' label applies only to study abroad (fee-paying) students.

	The teaching period (e.g. AU Semester 1 (February to June) or AU Semester 2 (July to November) for each course is listed in the "Availability" section of the course page. **All courses will undergo additional assessment and Course Coordinator approval will be sought as required.** Timetables are typically released at the end of each calendar year for the following academic year, which runs from February to November at AU. If you are applying before this information becomes available, you can refer to the previous academic year as a guide.
Restricted study areas and courses	The following study areas are not available to study abroad and exchange students: • Veterinary Science • Dentistry • Medicine (unless specifically covered in a reciprocal exchange agreement) • Certain courses from each College may also be unavailable to study abroad and exchange students. This is indicated on the course information section on each course page as a guide. Practicals, projects, research, placement, and internship courses are generally not available to study abroad and exchange students. Availability and approval may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Students are encouraged to be flexible with their course selection.
Credit equivalencies and study load	
Study load and credit equivalencies	As an international student, it is an Australian student visa requirement that you study 'full-time' (meaning a *minimum* of 18 units per semester – generally 3 courses). A 100% study load is 24 units per semester (generally four courses). In other words, per semester, students must enrol into: • a maximum of 24 units (usually four courses), or • a minimum of 18 units (usually three courses). A general guide on credit equivalencies is below:

AU Units	UK Credits	ECTS	US credits
24	60	30	15
18	45	22.2	12

Entry requirements	
Academic requirements	You must either be a high school graduate or enrolled in a university or college and in good academic standing. Some courses may require you to have completed certain pre-requisite courses. These pre-requisites will be assessed at the point of application.
Language requirements	If English is not your first language, you may need a valid Academic IELTS, TOEFL iBT, or other approved test of English. The required level is as follows: • **IELTS** - minimum overall score of 6.5, with no individual band less than 6.0, • **TOEFL iBT** - minimum overall score of 79, and sub-scores of 21 for writing, 18 for speaking, 13 for reading, and 12 for listening. Presently, Adelaide University is unable to assess results based on the TOEFL iBT band score system of 1 to 6. In addition, results not registered under the 'Taking TOEFL for Australia' pathway may not be accepted for Australian visa purposes. Note: Some study areas may require a higher English language score For a comprehensive list of all English language evidence accepted by Adelaide University, please visit the English language proficiency webpage. Do note, Adelaide University does not accept online English language tests (e.g. IELTS Online or TOEFL iBT – Home Edition). Adelaide University may also accept alternative ways of demonstrating English proficiency for entry into the study abroad and exchange programs, such as prior study in English from some regions. Please review the Adelaide Uni Language Requirements document for more information. **All English language evidence is assessed on a case by case basis**. Students should remain aware of the English language visa requirements determined by the Australian Department of Home Affairs and how this may differ from University entry requirements. Students must ensure that their English language proficiency test is appropriate for their student visa application. Information is available on the Department of Home Affairs website.
Application information	
	Exchange students only: Exchange students must first be nominated by their home institution for an exchange place. Once the nomination has been received, students will be sent a link to the online application form via email. **All students (Study Abroad and Exchange):** As part of the application, you'll need to provide the names of six courses per semester you would like to take at Adelaide University. This list should include at

	least two reserve choices in case any of your first-choice courses are unavailable or not approved. Courses will be individually assessed for availability and suitability, and the outcome will be communicated to you. As part of the application, you'll be prompted to provide a copy of your most recent official transcript *as well as* the courses you're currently studying (and that you will complete before you start at Adelaide University). We'll require a copy of the personal details page of your current passport If your passport has a signature section, please ensure this has been signed. A valid passport can be sent separately if you do not have one at the point of application, but this may impact the processing of your application.

Tuition fees	
Exchange	Exchange students do not pay tuition fees to Adelaide University; your home institution's tuition fee arrangements remain in place.
Study Abroad	The fee you pay will depend on the number and type of courses you study. You may choose to study either 24 units (usually four courses), or 18 units (usually three courses). Courses are divided into two distinct Discipline Groups. If all your chosen courses fall within Discipline Group A, your fees would be that of Discipline Group A. If any of your courses belong to Discipline Group B, your fees will be that of Discipline Group B. • **Discipline Group A** includes a wide range of courses from study areas including arts, business, computing, design, economics, education, humanities, law, mathematics, non-lab based science, and social science. • **Discipline Group B** includes a select group of courses from areas such as engineering and lab-based science. Refer to our website for the current study abroad program fees.

Visa information	
Australian Student Visa	As necessary, eligible students will be issued a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) to apply for an Australian student visa. More detail will be sent to students as part of our admissions process. Adelaide University can't assist with student visa applications, or any other type of visa applications. Visas are issued by the Australian Government Department of Home Affairs. Further information about student visa can be found at: https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500

Overseas Student Health Cover	Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) is compulsory for all international students on a student visa. You can elect for Adelaide University to arrange your OSHC for you in your application (details provided at the point of offer) through Adelaide University's preferred provider (Bupa), or you may choose your own approved provider. Costs apply. There are some exceptions: you don't need OSHC if you're covered under specific Reciprocal Health Care Agreements. This currently includes students from Belgium, Norway, and Sweden. Visit the Australian Government's Private Health website to learn more. It's strongly advised that study abroad and exchange students have comprehensive travel insurance cover for the length of their stay in Australia.

Accommodation

Finding accommodation that is safe, secure and affordable is an essential part of your study experience. The AU Accommodation Services team can offer advice on the various types of accommodation available, helping you find the best match for your needs and budget.

We recommend starting your accommodation research early and planning ahead before arriving in Adelaide. We recommend waiting until you have accepted your program offer before making any financial commitments.

To learn more, we recommend that you watch the Accommodation Services short presentation.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Accommodation Services team via email accommodation@study.adelaideuni.edu.au

The two most popular types of accommodation for study abroad and exchange students are:

Student Accommodation

Provided exclusively for students, student accommodation offers a supportive environment designed to help you transition smoothly into university life. With convenient locations, fully furnished rooms, inclusive fees, and a built-in community of like-minded students, you'll have all the support you need for your academic journey.

Visit the Student accommodation webpage to learn more.

Private Rental Accommodation

Private rental accommodation refers to domestic residential properties available to rent, or individual bedrooms in established households offered as share accommodation. This option provides flexibility and independence, allowing you to choose a living arrangement that fits your lifestyle. Do note, securing a private rental can be competitive.

Visit the other accommodation webpage to learn more.

Program Completion

Official Transcripts	Global Learning will order the official transcript on the students' behalf upon release of their final grades and completion of the program. Transcripts will be issued digitally via the platform My eQuals. This platform allows students to securely share with their home university. Only documents viewed through My eQuals are certified and authenticated by the University. Global Learning is not provided access to the digital transcript and therefore is unable to share on behalf of students. More information on how to access the digital transcript is provided closer to end date of the program. Partners or Agents may request a hard copy transcript which will be reviewed on a case by case basis via the Global Learning team.

Support services

	At Adelaide University, we want you to have the best possible experience studying and living in South Australia. Feel welcomed to Adelaide University with pre-arrival information and our exciting Orientation program that will connect you with fellow students, staff and programs. International Student Support also provide a specialist help service to assist you with any issues that could impact the conditions of your student visa. As an international student, you'll have opportunities to get involved in a range of social programs – from clubs and societies to sport. Get ready to make meaningful connections with your peers while exploring all that South Australia has to offer. We offer a range of student support services and resources to help you along your journey at Adelaide University. Find out more on our Student Services page.

