
STUDY ABROAD AND EXCHANGE FACT SHEET

2026/2027 Academic Year



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 82nd in the 2026 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. The city 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 9th most liveable city globally by The Economist Intelligence Unit, 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	Global.Programs@adelaide.edu.au
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Important dates 2026/2027	
Academic Calendar	adelaideuni.edu.au/students/manage-study/academic-calendar/
Semester 2 2026	Nomination deadline: 15 March Application deadline: 1 April (flexible) Orientation: Monday, 20 July Start of classes: Monday, 3 August End of exam period: Sunday, 29 November
Semester 1 2027	Nomination deadline: 1 October Application deadline: 1 November (flexible) Orientation: Monday, 8 February Start of classes: Monday, 22 February End of exam period: Sunday, 20 June

Course and credit information

AU colleges	<p>Adelaide University has six academic Colleges. Study abroad and exchange students can study courses across multiple colleges, provided timetabling permits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<p>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.</p> <p>When submitting your application, you’ll be asked to include six courses to be assessed for eligibility and availability, however you will only enrol into a maximum of four, or a minimum of three courses per semester.</p> <p>Course Level</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Campus</p> <p>Adelaide University is a multi-campus University. Study abroad and exchange students can study courses across multiple campus and Colleges. 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.</p> <p>Availability</p> <p>Not all AU courses are available to study abroad and exchange students. Available courses will be identified in the course information section on the course page. The ‘Fee Group’ label applies only to study abroad (fee-paying) students.</p>
Restricted study areas and courses	<p>The following study areas are not available to study abroad and exchange students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Veterinary studies• Dental Surgery• Medicine (unless specifically covered in a reciprocal exchange agreement)• Certain courses from each College may also be marked as unavailable to study abroad and exchange students. This is indicated on the course information section on each course page. <p>Research, placement, and internship courses are not available to study abroad and exchange students. Practical courses are available only on a case-by-case basis.</p>

Credit equivalencies and study load

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As an international student, it is an Australian visa requirement that you study 'full-time' (meaning a *minimum* of 18 units per semester). A 100% study load is 24 units per semester (generally four courses). In other words, 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.

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](#).

We may also accept alternative ways of demonstrating English proficiency for entry into the study abroad and exchange programs. Please contact us or the international office of your home institution for further information.

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.

	<p>All students (Study Abroad and Exchange):</p> <p>As part of the application, you'll need to provide the names of six courses 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 upon your arrival.</p> <p>These courses will be individually assessed for availability and suitability, and the outcome will be communicated to you.</p> <p>As part of the application, you'll be prompted to provide a copy of your most recent transcript <i>as well as</i> the courses you're currently studying (and that you will complete before you start at Adelaide University).</p> <p>We'll also need to receive a copy of the personal details page of your current passport before we can issue any visa documentation. This can be sent separately if you do not have one at the point of application.</p> <p>Once your application had been submitted, you'll be able to download a PDF for your records.</p>
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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	<p>The fee you pay will depend on the number and type of courses you study.</p> <p>You may choose to study either 24 units (usually four courses), or 18 units (usually three courses).</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>Refer to the website for the current study abroad program fees:</p> <p>https://adelaideuni.edu.au/study/global-learning/study-abroad-and-exchange/study-abroad-and-exchange-costs-and-fees/#accordion-22a8e4099a-item-88241f81e4</p>

Visa information	
Australian Student Visa	<p>More detail will be sent to students as part of our admissions process. Further information can be found at:</p> <p>https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500</p>
Overseas Student Health Cover	<p>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 (details provided at the point of offer) through Adelaide University's preferred provider (Bupa), or you may choose your own approved provider.</p>

There are some exceptions: you don't need OSHC if you're covered under some 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. We can offer advice on the various types of accommodation available, helping you find the best match for your needs and budget. 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.

Visit the [accommodation webpage](#) to learn more.

Support services

At Adelaide University, we want you 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.

We 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](#).