### Programme Location: SYDNEY, NSW, AUSTRALIA

### Programme Type: Exchange/Study Abroad

### Agreement type: University wide agreement

### Duration: Semester Only

### University website: sydney.edu.au


### Language of Instruction: English

### English Requirement: IELTS required only for Australia visa application

**Approximate Semester Dates:**

The University of Sydney’s main academic year runs over two main semesters. The academic year begins early March and ends late in November. There is a short winter semester in July, between the two main semesters. There is a summer semester which runs through December to late February. Both of these semesters are not formally part of the Study Abroad and Exchange Programs.

**Credit Load:**

Normal study load per semester is 24 credits - 4 units of study

Minimum study load per semester is 18 credits - 3 units of study (student visa condition)

Maximum study load per semester is 30 credits - 5 units of study

The University of Sydney assesses enrolment status by the number of credit points a student is taking, not the number of classes or number of contact hours. The normal study load (ie: 24 credits, refers to the load a student would undertake per semester to graduate in the standard time frame for their degree. Most units of study are each worth 6 credit points. Students will normally be required to enrol in 4 units of study at 6 credits each per semester.

The relationship between the level of student effort in a unit of study and the credit point value of that unit is articulated and defined within the context of all of the courses sharing that unit of study. Faculties use credit points to monitor student work-load on the basis that 24 credit points equates to the effort expected of a full-time student, studying 36-48 hours per week. A credit point should therefore equate notionally to a minimum expectation of 1.5 - 2 hours of student effort.

There is no underlying necessity that “equal credit points” imply “equal amounts of work” or “equal load” across different courses of study offered by the University. However, faculties are encouraged to develop clear and consistent guidelines regarding how they define a credit point in terms of the student workload, contact hours, assessment and examination requirements applying to their own discipline and courses.

**Study Area:**

Units of study for a given year are usually released by October of the previous year. A full list of undergraduate and postgraduate units of study offered to Study Abroad and Exchange students is
Where possible, students are pre-enrolled prior to arrival in Sydney. Prerequisites are checked, and where units require pre-approval before enrolment, the Study Abroad and Exchange Programs Unit arranges this. Subject to approval being granted where required, students are then enrolled according to their preferred units of study, up to 24 credit points, but in no less than 18 credits. Students who are unable to be enrolled in at least 18 credit points will be required to enrol in-person during Orientation. As few units of study have quotas, students are not normally disadvantaged by waiting to enrol in-person. This enrolment process cannot be done on-line and must be done by staff at the University of Sydney.

Restricted Fields of Study

Closed and restricted disciplines, including special admission requirements, are listed on page 3 of the Unit of Study Enrolment Form. All applicants must complete this form, in addition to the main Study Abroad Application Form. (http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/study_abroad/USyd_UoS_Enrolment_Form.pdf).

NOTE: Law, Medicine and Psychology are only available at the undergraduate level, coded numerically between 1000-3000.

NOTE: Undergraduate students are not permitted to enrol in postgraduate units of study (usually numbered 5000 level and higher).

Students admitted to the University of Sydney under a faculty-specific agreement (eg: Science) are restricted to units of study within this faculty (eg: Science only). However, 6 credits (one unit of study) out of a full-time load of 24 credits (4 units of study), may be taken outside of this faculty.

Housing

The University of Sydney is a commuter campus. Most local students either travel some distance to reach the campus or live with friends/family nearer to the campus. On-campus housing is limited to approximately 5 percent of the student population and there to heavy competition for places. The University is, therefore, unable to guarantee on-campus housing. Housing assistance is provided, however, to guide students in their search for available and suitable housing off-campus. (http://sydney.edu.au/accommodation/)

On Campus:

International students at the University of Sydney can choose to apply for on-campus housing in one of the residential colleges, or choose to live off-campus in shared housing with other students. Detailed information about on-campus and off-campus accommodation is available on our website at http://sydney.edu.au/accommodation/

Students interested in on-campus housing will need to submit applications directly to their preferred residential college/s. Residential colleges prefer applicants seeking one year placements from March to December. Most cannot admit students who start mid-year ie: July. The Sydney University Village (SUV) may be able to make exceptions.

Off Campus:

University of Sydney Accommodation Service

Students who plan to live off-campus, should arrive in Sydney at least two weeks prior to the orientation
program to find housing before semester begins. The Accommodation Information Service provides an accommodation advising service through the Accommodation Officers to assist new students in finding off campus housing. Students are encouraged to use this service once they have arrived in Sydney.

Semester in Australia
Semester in Australia is an organisation that secures fully-furnished housing for students studying in Sydney. All housing is within a short walk or a short bus ride of the University of Sydney. Staff will pick students up from the airport on arrival and take them straight to their apartment. For more information and to register go to: http://www.semesterinaustralia.com/student-housing-services/sydney-housing-information/

Other Links
Rental Properties Search http://www.domain.com.au/?mode=rent

Tuition fee

- Exchange Programme: UNNC tuition fee
- Study abroad programme: Study Abroad tuition in 2012 is AUD$11,640 per semester. It is expected to be slightly higher in 2013. This means you can study full-time for one semester by enrolling in units that add up to between 18 and 30 credit points (http://sydney.edu.au/future-students/study-abroad-exchange/costs-fees/)

Approximate Living cost

We estimate students will require AUD$10,000-12,000 per semester. More details can be found at: http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/international_undergraduate/costs_scholarships/living_costs.shtml

Health Insurance

It is a requirement of student visa conditions that international students have valid Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) through a provider endorsed by the Australian government. The University of Sydney arranges the OSHC for students with our preferred provider OSHC Worldcare (http://www.oshcworldcare.com.au/).

Once a student has been issued a Firm Offer to study at the University of Sydney, they indicate their wish for the University of Sydney to arrange OSHC on their behalf as part of the Acceptance of Offer procedure. Once payment is made, we notify DIAC (Department of Immigration and Citizenship) that the OSHC has been arranged. Students can then apply for their student visa. Students may also choose to arrange their OSHC directly with one of the other government endorsed providers (http://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/sia/en/studycosts/oshc.htm), however, they must ensure they have a receipt to provide evidence of payment. This is essential evidence when they apply for their student visa, as the University will notify DIAC that we have not arranged OSHC on the student’s behalf.

Foreign citizens who have dual nationality with Australia, New Zealand citizens, and students on other temporary (non-student) Australian visas are not eligible for OSHC. You are, however, to purchase adequate private health insurance either through a provider in your home country, or through an Australian Provider offering Visitor’s Health Cover, since you may not meet the
eligibility requirements for cover by the Australian government’s Medicare system (http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/public/migrants/new-residents.jsp)

## Visa Requirements

For information about Student Visa (non-award) requirements, please contact the nearest Australian consulate or embassy or check out the following website www.immi.gov.au/students/chooser/575.htm. Permission to work is automatically granted with the student visa and allows students to work up to 20 hours a week during semester (www.immi.gov.au/students/_.pdf/permission-to-work-students.pdf).

Citizens of some countries may be required to supply financial evidence when applying for their student visa. Students should refer to the on-line assessment for their country of citizenship (http://www.immi.gov.au/visawizard). The visa Sub-class for all exchange students is Non-Award-575.

## Other information

### Travel opportunities

Sydney is the largest city in Australia, with a population of over 4 million. It is home to several popular attractions such as the Opera House, the harbour Bridge and Sydney Tower, as well as Luna Park and the Royal Botanical Gardens. Sydney is a one and half hour flight from Melbourne, and 3 hours from Christchurch, New Zealand. Regions close to Sydney include the Hawkesbury River, Central Coast, the Blue Mountains and the Southern Highlands-all within a 2½ hour drive from Sydney. Famous surfing beaches of Bondi Beach, Manly Beach and Palm Beach are all close to Sydney.

### Location

The main Camperdown & Darlington campuses are located on a 72 hectare site, close to Sydney city center.

### Climate

Sydney has a temperate climate with mild wet winters 8-10°C (Jun-Aug) and warm summers 25-40°C (Dec-Feb). Rainfall is spread throughout the year. The rain usually goes quickly, but sudden storms can be common.

### Further information

http://sydney.edu.au/future-students/study-abroad-exchange/