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WHY STUDY OVERSEAS?

The reasons you should go are as far-reaching as the advantages you will gain! Study Abroad and Exchange Programs give you the chance to travel while you study and add unique experiences to your social, personal and career development.

By choosing from student exchange, study abroad, international short-term study programs, in-country language programs or an internship, you will:

- **get the competitive edge:** kickstart your CV with an international experience
- **develop personally:** make the world your classroom and change your life forever
- **gain academically:** enhance your degree with a diverse set of subject choices
- **experience another culture:** go from Burwood to Bremen, Geelong to Ghana, Warrnambool to Wisconsin...
- **travel and have fun:** see the world and make an international network of friends that will last a lifetime!

Where can I go?

Get a globe and spin it...Deakin's Study Abroad and Exchange Programs can take you all over the world! The program continues to grow with partner universities in more than 20 countries such as Ghana, Mexico, USA, Chile, Sweden, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, UK, China, Canada, Costa Rica, Malta and Norway.

Who can go?

You can! Study Abroad and Exchange Programs are open to all Deakin University students.

- Undergraduate students should have completed 8 credit points towards their Deakin degree.
- Postgraduate students should have completed at least 4 credits points towards their Deakin degree.
- You must generally have at least 4 credits to complete on your return to Deakin.
- You must have enough credits to allow full-time studies while overseas.
- You generally need a credit-average or above with no fails on your academic record.

Will my degree take longer?

No. Going on a Study abroad or Exchange Program should not add any time to your degree as you bring back credits for units studied overseas.

Costs

The costs of studying overseas vary greatly depending on your lifestyle and where you go. For all programs except study abroad you continue to pay your HECS at Deakin, but you are exempt from paying tuition fees to the university overseas. Major costs are your return airfare, accommodation and living expenses, which vary from country to country.

Remember that you would need to meet many of the costs associated with overseas studies when studying Australia too. Often the exchange semester will not cost that much more than a semester in Australia and it will give you an experience of a lifetime. Study abroad students may spend more as they often have to pay tuition fees to their host university.

How can I cover costs?

Covering your costs is easier than you think, and there is plenty of financial assistance available for suitable applicants, including:

- UMAP/Endeavour subsidies
- OS-HELP loans
- Youth Allowance/Austudy.

See the Study Abroad and Exchange website for the latest information.

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I AM INTERESTED! NOW WHAT DO I DO?

1. Attending an information session is your first step to studying overseas (please visit our website for dates). Our Study Abroad and Exchange Team will be there to answer all your questions.

2. Start your application early. Exchange programs can take some time to organise so make sure you check the application deadlines and eligibility requirements before you start your application. Deadlines listed below may change slightly.

Applicants are advised to check the website.



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or send an email to
education-abroad@deakin.edu.au.**

3. Research your host university to make sure it has the academic and social culture you are looking for.

Begin your research at the prospective host university's website.

If you don't have a particular destination in mind, check the Recommended Destination Guides on our website for some ideas as to what universities have programs in your area of study. You need to know what kind of units you have to take to fulfil your course requirements. Please refer to the Deakin University Handbook for course structures.

Match the units you are taking overseas with units you would have taken at Deakin in the particular trimester(s) you are overseas. Check the prospective host university's website for unit descriptions. The Study Abroad and Exchange Office has handbooks for some host universities as well as returned students reports, which are also a good place to find out what subjects Deakin students studied at your proposed host university in past years.

If you are unable to find the information you require, the Study Abroad and Exchange Office can assist you by liaising directly with the host university. Do not contact your host university directly. Always let our office make all contact on your behalf until you have been officially accepted by your host university.

4. Get your overseas study plan approved by your Faculty.

Once you have the information you require, make an appointment with your Faculty Enrolment Officer to have your chosen subjects approved. Bring along as much information as you can about your proposed subjects (including unit descriptions from the prospective host university's website) as this is the basis for your Faculty Enrolment Officer's decision on your proposed subjects. Getting your study plan approved may take several visits to your Faculty Enrolment Officer. The more prepared you are, the quicker it will be.

Prepare your application, using the application checklist

Once you have completed your research, you can work on your application.

Go to www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/student-exchange/exchange/checklist.php for the information you need to supply with your application.

Once you have submitted your application to the Study Abroad and Exchange Office, we work on your behalf liaising with your Faculty and host university. Please be patient throughout this process as it can take some time to confirm your place with your host university. You will hear from our office on the status of your application within three months of applying.

Let your overseas adventure begin!



'The highlight was the whole entire experience. It's what everyone says but I've had the best time and it's really what you make of it. I've made some of the greatest friends from all over the world...'

Natasha Yeong-Ae Dettman,
University of Windsor, Canada

Further information

If you have questions or need assistance, drop in or contact the Study Abroad and Exchange Office.

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