



**Southern
Cross
University**
Australia

Study Abroad guide

2024



Live, study, explore →

Southern Cross University

Southern Cross University is a world-ranked university on Australia's east coast with main campuses at the Gold Coast in Queensland and at Lismore in the Northern Rivers and Coffs Harbour in New South Wales. The regions we call home all have unique characteristics as study locations – from cosmopolitan cities, thriving industries and coastal lifestyles to living laboratories of great natural beauty and ecological diversity within easy reach of the campuses. We also have metro campuses in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth which operate in collaboration with EduCo, and our unique partnership with Mulpha Australia – The Hotel School – has campuses in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and at Hayman Island Resort.



Legend

- Main campuses
Gold Coast, Northern Rivers, Coffs Harbour
- Branch campuses
Sydney, Melbourne, Perth (EduCo)
Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane
& Hayman Island (The Hotel School)



3 main campuses
7 branch campuses



18,000 students



75,000+ graduates



Southern Cross University acknowledges and pays respect to the ancestors, Elders and descendants of the Lands upon which we meet and study. We are mindful that these Lands always were and always will be Aboriginal Land.

10 reasons to study at Southern Cross University

1. Outstanding student support – ranked number one in Australia for overall international student support*, our specialised team will support you throughout your studies. Academic skills, counselling and mentoring is also on offer.
2. Study at one of the top 200 young universities in the world according to the Times Higher Education World University rankings.
3. Unique campus locations at the Gold Coast, Lismore and Coffs Harbour – combine study with a great lifestyle.
4. Benefit from a reduced cost of living at our Gold Coast, Lismore or Coffs Harbour locations.
5. Join the many creative, social, sporting and special interest groups on campus.
6. Access world class facilities – including high-tech engineering labs, drone technology, recording studios, digital media suites and analytical research equipment to support your learning and build work-ready skills.
7. Stay in convenient, comfortable on-campus accommodation just minutes from your lectures in Lismore or Coffs Harbour, or choose from a wide variety of off-campus accommodation close to all three campuses.
8. Add an international experience as part of your degree and make new friends from around the world.
9. Interesting and unique subjects offering practical hands-on learning with many offering field trips.
10. Combine study and travel – beautiful campus locations with good transport connections allow you to easily explore.

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*International Student Barometer 2018



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5-star Overall Experience in Business,
Computing & Information Systems,
Engineering, Humanities & Social Sciences



Top 100 for Oceanography
Top 150 for Nursing
Top 200 for Hospitality and Tourism Management

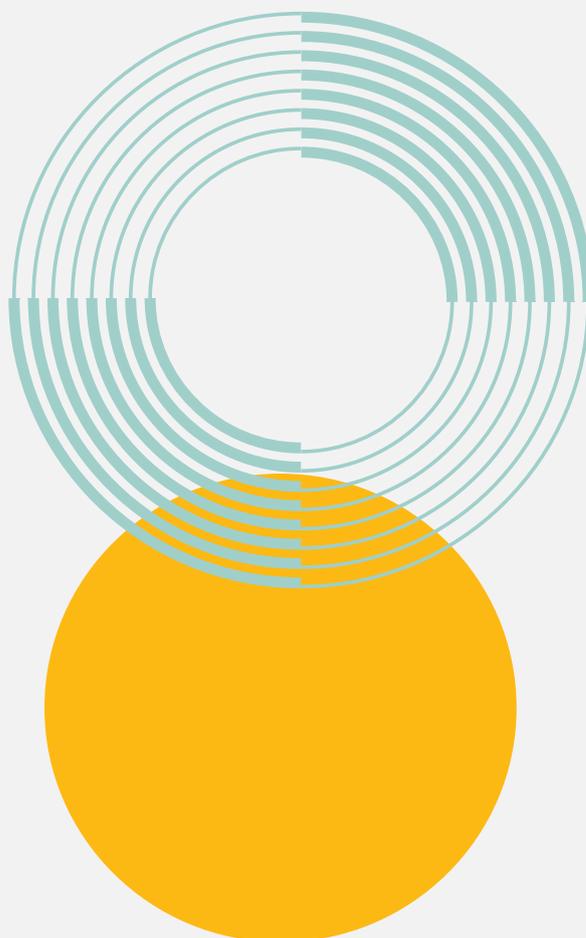


World Standard or Above in 23 Key Research Areas



Top 200 Young Universities

**Study a session in
Australia and
explore our
beautiful country...**



Maddie's Story

My adventure here at Southern Cross University will always have a special place in my heart! I love it here in Lismore, and the community is absolutely wonderful. Traveling to Uluru, Great Barrier Reef, and Sydney were all beautiful unforgettable experiences! Volunteering at the Friends of the Koala Hospital on campus has been such a blessing and the team of International Staff has been wonderful during my time abroad. I have made such strong connections and feel I will always have a second family here in Lismore, Australia!

Maddie
University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire





“Studying Abroad at Southern Cross University in Australia has been such an amazing opportunity! Exploring this beautiful country and the great people I have met along the way is an experience that will be with me forever.”

Hannah
University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire (USA)



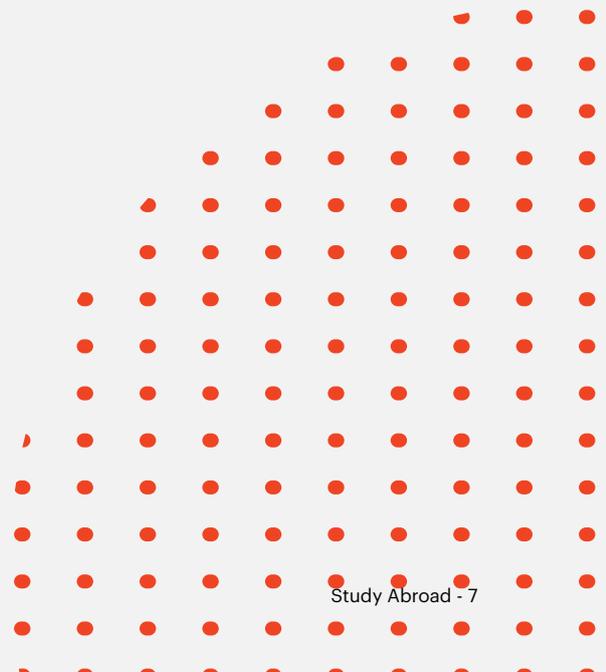
“Experiencing the Outback was such a unique & wonderful opportunity that was only made possible by the International team at SCU. I have done so much while studying abroad in Australia that it will be hard to leave.”

Jane
Utah State University (USA)



“I am forever thankful for the opportunity to study abroad on the beautiful Gold Coast, I never imagined it would be the most fulfilling experience of my life. In addition to learning how to surf, I started playing beach volleyball, went to yoga classes, and took hikes that were simply amazing. Suddenly, studying had a new meaning.”

Denise
(Germany)



Gold Coast campus

Our Gold Coast campus is located at Coolangatta on the lands of the Yugambah Nation, just 400 metres from North Kirra Beach, and adjacent to the Gold Coast Airport. Many vantage points offer stunning views of the Pacific Ocean.

The campus is spread across three contemporary buildings that house innovative learning spaces, health science laboratories, computer labs, student lounges, the University's Digital Enterprise Lab and an on-campus Health Clinic.

Take a virtual tour of our
Gold Coast campus





Transport
hub



On-campus
Health Clinic



Digital Enterprise
Lab



Beachside
campus

Northern Rivers campus

Lismore is the foundation Southern Cross campus, located in the heart of the Northern Rivers on the lands of the Bundjalung Nation. Set on acres of lush rainforest that includes a koala hospital, Lismore is a hub for our creative degrees and is within easy reach of both national parks and the ocean.

It is also home to state-of-the-art engineering and environmental science facilities, specialist health labs and simulated hospital wards, a Learning Centre and library complex, heated pool and gym, on-campus accommodation and a Health Clinic.

Take a virtual tour of our
Lismore campus





On-campus
Health Clinic



Innovation
Hub



On-campus
accommodation



Surrounded
by nature

Coffs Harbour campus

Coffs Harbour campus is located on the lands of the Gumbaynggirr Nation at the heart of an education and innovation hub. Coffs Harbour boasts a relaxed coastal lifestyle, but this growing city also hosts international sporting events and regional festivals thanks to outstanding facilities and a major regional airport.

A multi-million-dollar Health Sciences Building on campus features a biomechanics running track and high-tech simulation teaching laboratories. The campus also has a fitness centre, on-campus accommodation, sporting fields and close proximity to beautiful beaches and national parks. The University's world renowned National Marine Science Centre is located in nearby Charlesworth Bay.

Take a virtual tour of our
Coffs Harbour campus





Coastal
lifestyle



International
sports



Health Sciences
precinct



On-campus
accommodation

Life at Southern Cross

Southern Cross Global

Southern Cross Global at Southern Cross University is an award-winning team dedicated to making your experience at our University rewarding and enriching. The team assist students with pre-departure information, settling in, orientation, student visa advice and health insurance advice, dedicated advisers, wellbeing and welfare.

Orientation

Orientation week is the first week before studies commence. It is designed to help students settle into their new environment and meet new friends. Orientation includes tours to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary where you can see Australian wildlife as well as other excursions to explore our local area.

Community engagement

Students can volunteer with local community organisations including the Koala Hospital located on the Southern Cross University Lismore campus, or at local festivals.



5-Star student support

Explore Australia

Part of your study abroad experience includes exploring all Australia has to offer. SCU International organises a range of trips, from camping adventures in the Australian outback to exploring World Heritage rainforests and waterfalls, or surf lessons at our beautiful local beaches. Trips are designed to discover the best of our country and build lasting relationships with your new classmates from around the world.

Ambassadors

Student ambassadors are carefully selected international students who work with our international student support team. Their role is to provide a point of contact for new students, having experienced the same challenges of living and studying in a new country. Ambassadors mentor students, organise and participate in events and coordinate volunteering. They provide invaluable support for international students coming into an unfamiliar environment, a new culture and language without the support of their families.

“Getting the chance to visit some of the most beautiful places in this wonderful country is only part of the adventure. When you arrive at Southern Cross University you fall in love with the stunning campus, seeing koalas and wallabies on the way to class is something that can only happen here.”

- Imma

University of Barcelona (Spain)



Campus life

Get more out of your university education by joining a club, playing a sport or participating in the many social and cultural activities that make our campuses such great places to study.

UniLife

Apart from getting a first-class education, going to university enables you to have fun and make friends for life.

The UniLife team offers professional services and innovative, dynamic programs to enrich your university experience under the banner 'Live, Work, Play'. Their aim is to encourage both your academic success and support your wellbeing, by focusing on the achievement of your educational, professional and personal goals.

Programs and services include coordination of social sports competitions and events; Uni Games and championships; the Elite Athletes and Performers' Program; clubs and societies; and University-wide events such as orientation, UniLife Awards, snow tour, learn-to-surf camps, and other national competitions.

Visit: scu.edu.au/unilife

Get sporty

Learn to surf at one of Australia's famous surfing beaches. Run in the Gold Coast Airport Marathon or Southern Cross University 10km Run. While sports available at each campus differ, activities include mountain bike riding, swim clubs, water polo, rugby clubs, AFL, soccer, badminton, cricket and netball. The Southern Cross University Fitness Centre and Pool, at the Lismore campus, is a fantastic facility with modern gym equipment and an indoor heated pool, offering a choice of group exercise classes or private training.

Join a club or society

Interested in something? You're bound to find others who are too! There are clubs for interest and sporting groups, clubs for women, clubs for men, clubs for Indigenous awareness and for LGBTIQ and clubs for mature-aged students.

The University community joins together to celebrate our diversity and to learn more about each other throughout the year. This includes events relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples; cultural diversity and social inclusion; and gender and sexuality diversity. The Fusion festival showcases our cultural diversity every year.



The Southern Cross Model

At Southern Cross University, we're always looking for a better way to do things. That's why all our courses are taught in a unique academic model that's designed to set you up for success at university and beyond.

The Southern Cross Model divides the academic year into six-week terms. You'll study two units (subjects) each Term, for four Terms a year, enabling you to focus deeply on what you are learning.

Content is highly interactive, with engaging face-to-face and active learning formats that have real-world applications. A shorter unit structure gives you a greater sense of momentum and motivation as you achieve milestones quickly.

Use the QR code below to learn more about the Southern Cross Model – a better way to learn.

Six-week Terms

Terms are six-weeks long with a break between each one. You'll typically study across four Terms a year - it's up to you!

Increased success

Average GPA of students in the Southern Cross Model increased by 11% from 2019-2022.

Immersive learning

Focus on just one or two units each Term for an immersive study experience. Learn more, quickly, in workshops and tutorials.

Greater completion

16% increase in completion rates for units studied in the Southern Cross Model (2019 vs 2022).

You're in control

The Southern Cross Model works with you in juggling all your other commitments – family, work, sport, friends. It's university for the 21st century.



"You get to focus really hard, then after that you can relax. That's the reward at the end of each subject – a two-week break before the next term starts. You can clean your mind and come back with new energy."

Davi Martins Algranti, Bachelor of Business and Enterprise student.





A young man with short brown hair, wearing a dark blue t-shirt, is shown in profile from the chest up, looking out a large window. He is holding a tablet computer in his left hand. The window provides a view of a coastal city with buildings, green spaces, and a beach in the distance under a blue sky with light clouds. A large yellow circular graphic overlaps the bottom left of the image, containing text.

Accommodation

At the Northern Rivers and Coffs Harbour, you can enjoy quality on-campus accommodation just minutes from your classes, while the Gold Coast offers a range of private accommodation.

On-Campus

Unilodge at Lismore offers a range of four-to-six-bedroom apartments at two colleges.

Facilities at each college include internet access and on-site laundries, indoor and outdoor entertainment areas and movie facilities. Weekly room rental starts from \$210 (in 2023).

Unilodge at Coffs Harbour provides modern, fully furnished four-bedroom apartments with wireless internet access, laundry facilities, and a recreation lounge for group gatherings and organised social events. Weekly room rental starts from \$210 (in 2023).

For more details, please visit: scu.edu.au/accommodation

Off-Campus

Check out Unistays for a range of off-campus accommodation in the local area: unistays.scu.edu.au

Local real estate agents also list private rentals.

For homestay options, check out Australian Homestay Network: homestaynetwork.org

Cost of living

Southern Cross University students may benefit from the reduced cost of living compared to Australian capital cities. The table below is a general weekly guide in Australian dollars for a single student living near the Gold Coast or Lismore campuses.

| Expenses | Private Rental | SCU Village (Lismore, Coffs Harbour) | Homestay |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Accommodation | \$200-\$350 room \$500-\$900 house | \$200-\$260 | \$320-\$400* |
| Food | \$150-\$300 | \$150-\$300 | Included |
| Public transport | \$35-\$80 | \$35-\$50 | Included to and from campus |
| Electricity | \$15 room \$20-\$50 house | Included | Included |
| Water | \$7 | Included | Included |
| Mobile/internet | \$30-\$60 p/month | \$30-\$60 | \$30-\$60 |

*Costing in Australian dollars and based on Gold Coast or Lismore campuses only.
Updated March 2023.



Study Abroad

Study Abroad is arranged through your home institution or through a Study Abroad representative in your home country. Students can choose from three or four-unit options at either undergraduate or postgraduate level. Students can combine their academic studies with a trip.

Study Abroad Undergraduate

| | |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Duration | 6 months |
| Starts | February, June, August, October |
| Total Units | 4 |
| Location | Gold Coast, Lismore |

2024 Tuition fees: \$9,640 (4 units) \$10,440 with the Explore Australia trip

CRICOS 019864G

Admission requirements: Qualification equivalent to an Australian Year 12 with the required entry grade; and English language comparable to Academic IELTS 6.0 with no band less than 5.5.

Study Abroad Postgraduate

| | |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Duration | 6 months |
| Starts | February, June, August, October |
| Total Units | 3 |
| Location | Gold Coast |

2024 Tuition fees: \$9,694 (3 units)

CRICOS 019864G

Course overview

Southern Cross University offers a range of subjects in business, management, marketing, tourism and event management, hotel and hospitality management, information technology, Australia-specific cultural or Indigenous studies, creative arts, music, media, creative writing, social welfare, humanities, environmental science, engineering, marine science, health and exercise science. Students can choose units that suit their study program or try something completely different. Our Study Abroad program also offers unique specialist areas including:

- Learning about the world's oldest living culture through Gnibi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples on our Lismore campus.
- Outdoor education incorporates leadership training and camping trips exploring the local area.
- Community engagement provides opportunities to volunteer with our local community or work on a group project including the Koala hospital on our Lismore campus.
- Environmental science units incorporate field trips to the living laboratories of World Heritage rainforest, marine parks or national parks in our surrounding regions.

Exchange

Southern Cross University offers exchange opportunities to students from our Partner Institutions. Check with your home institution and request approval for one or two sessions.



Career start (Study Abroad)

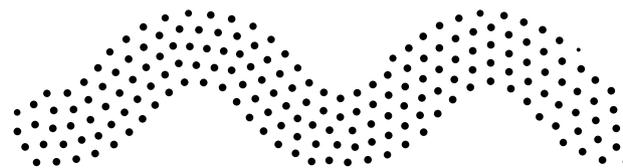
Duration 35 weeks full-time
Starts April, July, November
Total Units EAP 10 weeks + 4 units
Location Gold Coast, Lismore

2024 Tuition fees: \$13,780

CRICOS 096807M

Admission requirements: Qualification equivalent to Australian Year 12; and English language comparable to Academic IELTS 5.0 with no band less than 4.5. Additional English is also available for students for students with IELTS 4.5.

This full-time course starts with a 10-week English language proficiency program (English for Academic Purposes), followed by four (4) units of academic study in either a business, tourism and hospitality, science or arts/humanities specialisation.



Specialisations available:

Arts

Business

Science

Tourism and Hospitality

Career start dates for 2024

20 Nov 2023 - 14 June 2024

1 April 2024 - 11 Oct 2024

29 July 2024 - Feb 2025*

*2025 dates to be confirmed

Advanced standing

Students who successfully complete this course may receive up to four (4) units of credit towards the Diploma of Business or the Diploma of Science.



Year-long Study Abroad

Diploma programs

Study abroad for a year and gain a qualification in either a Diploma of Arts and Social Sciences, or a Diploma of Business.

Diploma of Business

| | |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Duration | 1 year |
| Starts | March, July, October |
| Total Units | 8 |
| Location | Gold Coast |

2024 Tuition fees: Unit \$3,854 Annual \$30,832

CRICOS 079231K

Admission requirements: Qualification equivalent to an Australian Year 12 with the required entry grade; and English language comparable to Academic IELTS 5.5 overall.

The Diploma of Business gives you the opportunity to develop your academic and business skills in areas that could include digital business, finance, management, economics and marketing. You tailor your studies through the choice of a business or information technology or tourism specialisation.

Full range of Diploma's on offer can be found at:
scu.edu.au/scu-college/programs-and-courses/diplomas/

Diploma of Arts and Social Sciences

| | |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Duration | 1 year |
| Starts | March, July |
| Total Units | 8 |
| Location | Gold Coast, Lismore |

2024 Tuition fees: Unit \$3,854 Annual \$30,832

CRICOS 102590B

Admission requirements: Qualification equivalent to an Australian Year 12 with the required entry grade; and English language comparable to Academic IELTS 5.5 overall. The one-year full-time (or part-time equivalent) Diploma of Arts and Social Sciences gives you the opportunity to develop academic skills while focusing on either education, arts, community welfare, social work, digital media or social sciences through the choice of a specialisation.

Diploma of Science and Diploma of Health programs are also available for students interested in these areas.

Diplomas are offered through SCU College, where we understand that learners have diverse experiences and ways of learning. The College supports your study success and connects you with your peers.

Specialised Study Aboard

Our Specialised Study Abroad program has been tailored to ensure students have access to the most enriching units on offer. Choose three or four units from the specialised list and combine academic studies with the Explore Australia trip.

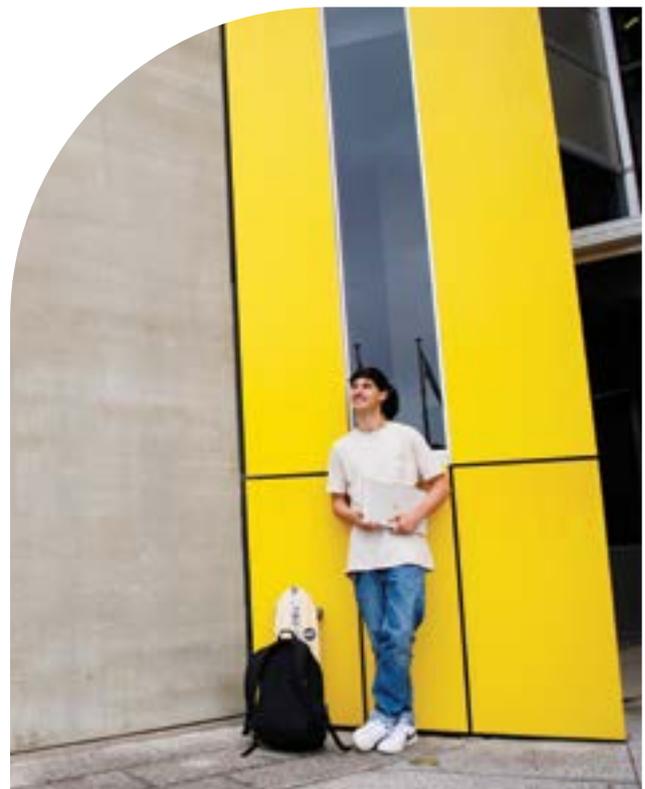
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*Unit offerings subject to availabilities



Gold Coast

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|---------------|---|---------------|---|
| Term 1 | BUSN1004 - Starting a Business | Term 2 | BUSN1008 - Business Practice and Impact |
| Term 1 | BUSN5002 - Business Professional Development | Term 2 | BUSN2008 - Applied Social Entrepreneurship |
| Term 1 | BUSN5003 - Management Communication | Term 2 | CLST2002 - Australia, Asia and the World |
| Term 1 | CLST3002 - Borderlands: Identity, Culture and Belonging | Term 2 | CLST2003 - Australian Cultural History |
| Term 3 | BUSN1006 - Solving Wicked Problems | Term 4 | COMM1005 - A Culture of Dialogue |
| Term 3 | BUSN3002 - Sustainable Business Management | Term 4 | BUSN2003 - Intrapreneurship |
| Term 3 | BUSN3003 - Entrepreneurship and Innovation | Term 4 | COMM3001 - Community Engagement Project |
| Term 3 | CLST1001 - Perspectives on Australia | Term 4 | CLST2006 - Road Trip |
| Term 4 | CLST2006 - Road Trip | Term 5 | BUSN2001 - Professional Development for the Workplace |
| Term 4 | COMM3001 - Community Engagement Project | Term 5 | BUSN3011 - New Venture Creation |
| Term 4 | CLST1004 - Critical Thinking for Digital Times | Term 5 | CLST2004 - Gender, Sexuality and Culture |
| Term 4 | BUSN5003 - Management Communication - 2023 | Term 5 | BUSN5002 - Business Professional Development |

Lismore

| | | | |
|---------------|--|---------------|--|
| Term 1 | COMM3001 - Community Engagement Project | Term 2 | INDG1001 - Indigenous World-Views |
| Term 1 | ARTD1001 - Drawing | Term 2 | CLST2002 - Australia, Asia and the World |
| Term 1 | WRIT1002 - Introduction to Creative Writing | Term 2 | MDIA2004 - Making Radio and Podcasts |
| Term 1 | BUSN1006 - Solving Wicked Problems | Term 2 | AGRC2006 - Regenerative Agricultural Practices |
| Term 3 | ENGN1003 - Engineering Technology and Design | Term 4 | CLST2006 - Road Trip |
| Term 3 | MDIA1004 - Journalism in the Digital Age | Term 4 | ARTD1004 - Photography and Digital Imaging |
| Term 3 | MDIA2006 - Film Studies | Term 4 | MUSC1008 - Music Industry Landscapes |
| Term 3 | PSYC2003 - Exercise and Sport Psychology | Term 4 | INDG1001 - Indigenous World-Views |
| Term 4 | CLST2006 - Road Trip | Term 5 | INDG3001 - Caring for Country |
| Term 4 | INDG1001 - Indigenous World-Views | Term 5 | MDIA2005 - Video Journalism |
| Term 4 | ARTD1004 - Photography and Digital Imaging | Term 5 | ENVR2011 - Ecological Economics |
| Term 4 | ARTD1006 - Sculpture and Spatial Practice | Term 5 | ENVR1001 - Science and Global Challenges |



Academic English Pathways

English For Academic Purposes (EAP)

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| Duration | 5 to 50 weeks |
| Location | Gold Coast, Lismore |
| 2024 Tuition fees: | \$460 per week for 15 weeks or less \$420 per week for 16 weeks or more \$250 application fee (non-refundable) |

CRICOS 064715B

Course overview

English for Academic Purposes (EAP) prepares students for study at Southern Cross University. Our intensive EAP program runs three times a year, just before university classes begin. EAP builds on existing English language abilities in reading, writing, speaking and listening. It then develops students' academic and digital literacy practices, including: researching, referencing, note taking, using the Southern Cross University Learning Management System and giving presentations.

Admission requirements: Students will be assigned to an appropriate English language level based on proficiency scores (e.g. SCU College English Language Test, IELTS) presented on application. Successful completion of EAP provides direct entry to a range of Southern Cross University degrees.



How to apply

Step 1. Start your application

Apply online at

scu.edu.au/international



OR

Complete the International Application for Admission form with all supporting documents:

- Original or Certified Copy of academic transcripts, with grading system
- English language test results (e.g., IELTS, TOEFL)
- Academic or employer references (if required)
- Advanced Standing application (if relevant). Advanced standing refers to previous study or work experience which may reduce the duration of your degree. You should apply for advanced standing at the time of application.

Step 2. Assessment

Applications will be acknowledged and responded to within 10 days*.

Successful applications receive an International Offer Package (Offer) including:

- Offer
- Information for Accepting Your Offer
- Offer Acceptance Agreement.

*Time period relates to complete application for the immediate study period.

1. Review the Offer to make sure all information is correct and submit extra documents if requested. Once conditions are met, send the signed Offer Acceptance Agreement before the Offer Lapse Date.
2. Pay the 'fee payable on acceptance' amount on the Offer once Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE) conditions
3. Once all documents are received and conditions are met, Southern Cross University will issue an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCOE) so you can apply for an Australian visa.

Arriving in Australia

Getting to Australia

Make sure you know how to get to the campus before you leave as public transport in regional areas is limited. Remember to fill in the Greeting Service request online.

scu.edu.au/international/arrive

Accommodation

Review short-term and long-term accommodation options before you leave.

scu.edu.au/accommodation

Orientation

Orientation week is compulsory and full of essential information. Bring your passport as identification.

scu.edu.au/orientation

Southern Cross Global

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Bilinga
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