

STUDY ABROAD AND EXCHANGE

Guide

2018





Welcome

Studying overseas for even a short time can truly change the rest of your life – having been an exchange student myself, I am evidence of that! While you will gain another perspective on your academic studies, you will also have the opportunity to immerse yourself in the multicultural lifestyle of Australia's beautiful South East Queensland. If you choose to join us at Griffith, not only do you get to choose between living in Brisbane or on the Gold Coast, you will also be part of a University community that is proud to welcome students from 130 different countries every year. A semester abroad really will open up the world to you, and you'll also find out a lot about yourself. I hope you find this Guide informative, and that you will have the chance to find out for yourself why so many students from around the world travel to Griffith University.

Professor Sarah Todd
Vice President (Global)

Griffith in numbers

5 campuses
50,000+ students
8,500+ international students
200,000+ graduates
130+ nationalities
200+ degrees



Remarkable Griffith

At Griffith, we celebrate, believe in and strive for the remarkable. We rank among the world's best universities and continue to improve our international standing. In the largest and most credible world university rankings, we are ranked in the top 350 - placing us in the top 3% worldwide.



Ranked in the top 3% worldwide*

Griffith ranks alongside some of the best universities in the world.



Community Internship

Make a difference while developing professional skills and gain credit towards your degree.



Global impact

Through our teaching and research we support students to make a difference to the world.



Teaching excellence

Study at a university that has some of the top university teachers in Australia.**



Future focussed

We are committed to creating an equitable and environmentally sustainable society.



Dedicated Griffith Global Mobility team

To help you with everything from your application to maximising your time at Griffith.



Creating global citizens

Our courses have an international focus, preparing you for work around the world.



2,500 courses

Undergraduate and postgraduate level courses can be pre-approved.

Times HE World University Rankings: 251-300

CWTS Leiden Ranking: 300

QS World University Rankings: 336

Academic Ranking of World Universities: 317

University Ranking by Academic Performance: 344

Top subjects

Griffith ranked in the top 100 in the QS World University Subject Rankings 2017 for a range of subjects:

Top 10

- ◆ Hospitality and Leisure Management (ranked 9th in the world and #1 in Australia)

Top 50

- ◆ Nursing (ranked 34th)
- ◆ Development Studies (ranked 42nd)
- ◆ Performing Arts (ranked 46th)

Top 51-100

- ◆ Architecture/Built Environment
- ◆ Art and Design
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Law and Legal Studies
- ◆ Politics and International Studies
- ◆ Social Policy and Administration
- ◆ Sports-related Subjects

*QS World University Rankings

**2014 and 2015 Australian Government Office for Learning and Teaching Australian University Teacher of the Year Award

***2016 World University Rankings, 2016 Times Higher Education Rankings

Know your options

Griffith's Study Abroad and Exchange programs embody our commitment to forward thinking education. We provide you with specialised courses and activities to make sure you have a remarkable experience in Australia.



How many courses can I study?

At Griffith, a typical full-time study load is 30 to 40 credit points (CP). One course (subject) is usually worth 10CP. You can choose from the following options per trimester:

- ◆ 30CP - generally 3 courses
- ◆ 40CP - generally 4 courses
- ◆ 50CP - generally 5 courses

10CP = 3 to 4 credits in the US system

10CP = 7.5 ECTS in the European system

Note: the above information should be used as a guide only.

How much will it cost?

Study Abroad program

Undergraduate and postgraduate

30CP - **\$8,360**

40CP or 50CP - **\$9,280**

Queensland Conservatorium (music)

30CP, 40CP or 50CP - **\$10,600**

Exchange program

Exchange students are not required to pay tuition fees to Griffith University. Any tuition fees are paid to your home university.

Most students will be required to cover the cost of Overseas Student Health Cover.



Community Internship

The Griffith Community Internship course allows undergraduate (bachelor) and postgraduate (master) students to earn 10 credit points while gaining work experience through placement with a not-for-profit organisation. We offer over 450 internships and can help you tailor yours to match your study area. The Community Internship is a fantastic way to demonstrate real-world experience to employers, get to know the Australian community and, if you speak English as a second language, to practise your work-related English skills. To be eligible for the Community Internship you need to have completed one year of university-level studies. The course code for this program is 3002LFC (undergraduate) or 7510LFC (postgraduate).

Organisations that students have completed internships with include: Red Cross, RSPCA, The Salvation Army, Rotaract Club, Meals on Wheels, and Reporters Without Borders.

This course:

- ◆ includes 50 hours (minimum) placement
- ◆ includes structured activities, project work or research
- ◆ is available in Trimester 1, Trimester 2 and Trimester 3
- ◆ is available to students studying at any campus.

griffith.edu.au/servicelearning

English + University

Our English + University program is the best way to meet Griffith's English language entry requirements before you begin your Study Abroad trimester (or year). English + University students complete Griffith English Language Institute's award winning Direct Entry Program then begin their Griffith University Study Abroad program as a confident English speaker, listener, reader and writer. Additional fees apply; visit griffith.edu.au/geli.

Engineering research project

If you are an undergraduate (bachelor) student enrolled in an engineering or related degree, you may be eligible to undertake the 4604ENG Internship Research Project as part of your Study Abroad or Exchange program. This 40 credit point course is equivalent to a full-time trimester study load and gives you the opportunity to complete a research internship with a Griffith University academic supervisor.

Study areas

Griffith has over 2,500 courses for you to choose from, as well as unique Specialised Trimesters.

What study areas are available?

Business & Government

- Accounting* – G N
- Asian Studies – G N
- Economics* – G N
- Employment Relations* – G N
- Entrepreneurship & Self Employment* – G N S
- Event Management* – G N
- Finance & Financial Planning* – G N
- Government & International Relations* – G N
- Human Resource Management* – G N
- International Business – G N *
- International Management* – N
- International Relations of Asia* – N
- International Tourism & Hotel Management – G N
- Logistics & Supply Chain Management – G N
- Management* – G N
- Marketing* – G N *
- Politics & Public Policy – G N
- Real Estate & Property Development* – G N
- Sport Management* – G N
- Sustainable Enterprise* – N *
- Sustainable Tourism Management* – G

Criminology & Law

- Criminology – G M *
- Criminal Justice* – G M *
- Law – G N *

Education

- Health & Physical Education – G *
- Music Education – S
- Primary Education* – G M
- Secondary Education* – G M
- Special & Inclusive Education – M

Engineering & IT

- Civil Engineering – G
- Computer Science – G N
- Electrical & Electronic Engineering – G
- Energy Engineering – N
- Engineering Management – G
- Computer Engineering – N
- Biomedical Engineering – G
- Environmental Engineering – N
- Industrial Design – G
- Information Technology* – G N
- Mechanical Engineering – G
- Mechatronic Engineering – G
- Microelectronic Engineering – N
- Multimedia – G N *

Environment, Planning & Architecture

- Architecture – G
- Climate Change Adaptation – N
- Ecology & Conservation Biology* – G N
- Environmental Health – G
- Environmental Management* – N *
- Environmental Planning – N
- Environmental Protection & Pollution – N
- Environmental Science* – G N
- Environmental Sustainability – N
- Physical Environmental Science – N
- Soil and Water Science* – N
- Urban Environments* – G N
- Water Resources – N

Humanities & Languages

- Australian & Indigenous Studies – G N *
- Creative Writing & Literature* – G N
- History* – G N
- International Studies* – G N
- Islam-West Relations* – G N *
- Journalism* – G N
- Languages – Japanese, Chinese, Spanish & Italian* – G N *
- Linguistics* – G N
- Media & Communication* – G N *
- Public Relations* – G N
- Screen Studies & Production* – G N
- Security Studies* – G N
- Social Sciences* – G N *

Medicine, Dentistry & Health

- Biomedical Science – G N
- Counselling* – G M
- Environmental Health – G
- Exercise Science – G
- Human Services – G L
- Medical Science – G N
- Nursing – G N
- Nutrition – G
- Psychological Science* – G M
- Public Health – G
- Social Work – G

Music

- Composition – S
- Music Technology – S
- Musical Theatre – S
- Performance – Brass, Classical Voice, Guitar, Jazz, Keyboard, Percussion, Strings, Woodwind – S
- Popular Music – G *

Science & Aviation

- Applied Mathematics & Statistics* – G N
- Aquatic Ecosystems – N
- Aviation & Aviation Management – N
- Bioinformatics – G N
- Biochemistry & Molecular Biology* – G N
- Chemistry* – G N
- Geography* – G N
- Marine Biology* – G
- Microbiology* – N
- Nanoscience & Photonics – N
- Physics* – G N
- Wildlife Biology* – G N

Visual & Creative Arts

- Animation – S
- Art Theory – S
- Creative and Interactive Media – S G
- Contemporary Indigenous Art – S
- Design – S G
- Film and Screen Media Production – S
- Fine Art – S
- Games Design – S
- Industrial Design – G
- Photography – S

Legend:

- G Gold Coast campus
- L Logan campus
- N Nathan campus
- M Mt Gravatt campus
- S South Bank campus
- * Specialised Trimester option
- ◊ Only available to students who are doing a degree in this study area
- * Courses available in Trimester 3

Specialised Trimester

A Griffith Specialised Trimester is the perfect way to demonstrate your expertise in a particular study area. Choose one of the 20+ specialised study areas marked * on this page, and study three or more courses in that area. Upon completion of your Specialised Trimester you will receive a personalised certificate.

To find a course in one of the listed areas visit degrees.griffith.edu.au and search by 'courses'. For information on course availability and restrictions visit griffith.edu.au/inbound-study-options.

Brisbane

Brisbane is a vibrant, expanding city, offering world-class education, a beautiful climate and superb lifestyle. It is an ideal place to study and develop your career.



Average temperature:
15 °C – 26 °C



One of the world's most
liveable cities



Population:
2.27 million people



Culturally diverse population:
28% of Brisbane's residents
were born overseas



283 days of
sunshine a year



State capital of Queensland



Gold Coast

Beautiful beaches, an excellent quality of life and friendly people make the Gold Coast a popular study destination.



Average temperature:
15 °C – 25 °C



Host city of the
Gold Coast 2018
Commonwealth Games



Population: More than
500,000 people



100,000 hectares of World
Heritage-listed rainforests



300 days of sunshine a year



Culturally diverse
population: 28% of
Gold Coast's residents
were born overseas





Life in Queensland

Find out about food, transport, places of worship, shopping, arts and entertainment, sport, and more at griffith.edu.au/life-at-griffith/off-campus



Our location



Accommodation

Whether you would like to live on-campus or off-campus, there are a number of options you can explore to find housing to suit your needs.

Off-campus

In Australia, share housing – where you share a house or apartment with a number of other students – is the most common form of off-campus accommodation.

When looking for suitable off-campus accommodation you will need to consider:

- the cost of rent (usually advertised weekly)
- if utilities are included in your rent (electricity, water, gas)
- if internet is included in your rent
- if the accommodation is furnished
- how close the accommodation is to your campus
- access to public transport.

You may wish to organise temporary accommodation for your first few days or weeks in Queensland.

griffith.edu.au/international-accommodation

Off-campus accommodation websites:

realestate.com.au
domain.com.au
flatmates.com.au

studentaccommodationfinder.com.au
semesterinaustralia.com
bedssi.com
airbnb.com
studybrisbane.com.au
studygoldcoast.org.au

Student One

Student One is our preferred supplier for off-campus student accommodation in Brisbane. Student One is located within the heart of the Brisbane City and provides high quality, flexible accommodation options.



studentone.com

Homestay

Homestay accommodation gives you the option of living with an Australian family while you study.

griffith.edu.au/homestay

On-campus

On-campus accommodation is available at all campuses except South Bank. On-campus accommodation is usually fully furnished and provides access to laundry facilities, gym equipment, common rooms, internet and organised student activities.

Dormitory-style: Nathan campus

Semi-catered: Mt Gravatt campus

Self-catered: Gold Coast, Nathan, Mt Gravatt and Logan campuses

Postgraduate self-catered: Nathan and Mt Gravatt campuses.

griffith.edu.au/accommodation/on-campus

Griffith University Village

Griffith University Village (GUV) is our preferred supplier for on-campus accommodation at the Gold Coast campus, providing affordable, self-catered accommodation options.



griffithuv.com.au

Cost of living

Australia is an affordable and friendly place to study and offers a combination of quality education and high living standards.

The cost of living in South East Queensland, where our five Griffith University campuses are located, is considered more affordable than other major Australian cities such as Sydney and Melbourne.

The Australian Government requires students to have access to a minimum of **AU\$19,830 (Australian dollars) per year** to meet their living costs.

Weekly cost of living estimate

	Semi-catered on-campus M	Self-catered on-campus G N M L	Share house off-campus G N M S L	Homestay off-campus G N M S L
Campus availability				
Rent	\$254 - \$267	\$170 - \$317	\$160 - \$450	\$255 - \$275 per week
Food	\$30 - \$80	\$80 - \$200	\$80 - \$200	Included
Transport to University	Walking distance	Walking distance	\$20 - \$40	\$20 - \$40
Electricity and gas	Included	Included	\$20 - \$50	Included
Mobile phone and Internet	\$20 - \$55	\$20 - \$55	\$20 - \$55	\$20 - \$55
Entertainment	\$80 - \$150	\$80 - \$150	\$80 - \$150	\$80 - \$150

Calculating your total cost of study

Your total cost of studying in Australia will include:

- tuition fees
- visa application fees
- Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)
- flights
- cost of living
- other personal and study-related expenses.

Find out more at:

griffith.edu.au/international-costs

Free airport pickup service

Have a friendly face to meet you at the airport when you arrive in Australia! International students commencing at Griffith University can apply for free airport pickup, which takes you from the airport directly to your pre-arranged accommodation. The service is free for eligible international students arriving into the Brisbane or Gold Coast airports.

Find out more at:

griffith.edu.au/airport-reception

At a glance



Dinner
\$19.50



Fast food meal
\$9.00



Men's haircut
\$23.00



Movie ticket
\$12.50



Return trip to campus
\$4.50



Monthly gym membership
\$53.00



Glass of tap beer
\$6.00



Regular coffee
\$4.50



Loaf of bread
\$2.50

The information above is based on 2017 costs. Please be advised it is an estimate only and individual differences mean prices will vary.



Student life

Meet new people, make friends, enjoy the Australian lifestyle and, most importantly, have fun! We want you to have the best experience with your studies and enjoy your time at Griffith.

Sport and fitness

Griffith offers a variety of sporting facilities and competitions.

- Join Griffith Sport for social sport competitions.
- Enjoy discount student memberships for facilities including:
 - on-campus gyms
 - Mt Gravatt Tennis Centre
 - swimming pools at Mt Gravatt and Gold Coast campuses.

griffith.edu.au/sport

Orientation

Orientation is when you get to know Griffith and have fun meeting people before you start classes.

- Find out about studying and living in Australia at the International Student Welcome and Orientation Day where you will attend the compulsory Griffith Global Mobility Orientation session.
- Play beach volleyball, discover Brisbane and the Gold Coast with the Twilight Walking Tours, relax and play barefoot bowls.
- Enjoy free food and activities on your campus.

griffith.edu.au/orientation



Griffith volunteer community

Griffith Bush Care group

(Brisbane campuses)

Help restore the Australian bush environment and, if you are lucky, see koalas, possums, and sugar gliders. Join us and develop your teamwork skills, learn more about the environment and meet new people.

Griffith Beach Care group

(Gold Coast campus)

Help restore and care for our beautiful coastal environments with the Griffith Beach Care group. This is a great way to give back to the environment, meet new people and see the beaches of the Gold Coast.

griffith.edu.au/mates

Religion

Each Griffith campus provides access to prayer facilities as well as multi-faith chaplains.

griffith.edu.au/chaplaincy



Clubs and societies

Griffith has over 120 clubs in cultural, religious, political, educational, sporting, professional and special interest areas.

Some of our clubs include Griffith University Start-up Entrepreneurs, Griffith University Acapella Choir, LIFT – Nutrition, Health and Wellness Society, Griffith Events Management & Marketing Society, GUGC Beach Volleyball, Amnesty International at Griffith – and many more!

griffith.edu.au/clubs

International Student Buddy Program

We match current students with first year international students for a weekly coffee and a chat. This program offers a safe and comfortable environment in which you can ask questions about Griffith and Australia, as well as practise your English. It is also a great way to make friends!

griffith.edu.au/international-buddy



Blog for Griffith International!

Explore is the Griffith International blog – it has thousands of readers and all stories are written by Griffith students. Lots of our writers are international students who share their experiences and advice. Writing for Explore gives you the chance to:

- ◆ improve your writing skills
- ◆ get feedback on your work
- ◆ have your work published
- ◆ inspire other students with your story.

griffith.edu.au/explore-blog



How to apply

You can complete your Study Abroad or Exchange program application in a few simple steps.

Study Abroad program

Step 1

Check you meet academic entry requirements.

You must have an above average overall Grade Point Average (equivalent to 4.5 on Griffith's 7.0 scale).

Students straight from high school may be eligible for this program.

Step 2

Check you meet English language entry requirements.

If you are from a non-English speaking background, you must provide proof of English language proficiency, equivalent to IELTS 6.0.

Step 3

Verify your eligibility and identify the courses you wish to study.

Search for available courses at degrees.griffith.edu.au.
A list of pre-approved courses is available at griffith.edu.au/inbound-study-options.

Step 4

Prepare supporting documentation.

Including certified copies of your most recent official academic transcript, proof of English language proficiency and a copy of your passport.

Step 5

Apply online.

Apply online or via a registered recruitment representative.

Fee information is on page 2

Application deadlines*

Tri 1 (Feb to Jun): 30 Jan 2018

Tri 2 (Jul to Oct): 30 May 2018

Tri 3 (Oct to Feb): 30 Sep 2018

* You will need to apply in sufficient time to allow you to obtain a student visa.

Exchange program

Step 1

Request nomination from your home university.

If you are from an exchange partner university, you must be nominated by your home university and meet their exchange program requirements to be eligible for the program.

Step 2

Provide proof of English language proficiency.

If you are from a non-English speaking background, you must provide proof of English language proficiency, equivalent to IELTS 6.0.

Step 3

Verify your eligibility and identify the courses you wish to study.

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A list of pre-approved courses is available at griffith.edu.au/inbound-study-options.

Step 4

Prepare supporting documentation.

Include certified copies of your most recent official academic transcript, proof of English language proficiency and a copy of your passport.

Step 5

Apply online.

The Exchange program application is available online.

Application deadlines*

Tri 1 (Feb to Jun): 15 Oct 2018

Tri 2 (Jul to Oct): 15 Apr 2018

Tri 3 (Oct to Feb): 15 Jul 2018

* You will need to apply in sufficient time to allow you to obtain a student visa.

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Key dates

1 Trimester 1

Teaching weeks 26 February - 1 June
Study week 4 June - 8 June
Exam period 9 June - 23 June

2 Trimester 2

Teaching weeks 9 July - 28 September
Study week 2 October - 5 October
Exam period 6 October - 20 October

3 Trimester 3

Teaching weeks 29 October - 1 February (2019)
Study week 4 February (2019) - 8 February (2019)
Exam period 9 February (2019) - 15 February (2019)

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