



# UniSC Sunshine Coast

Studying abroad not only provides life-changing opportunities, but it is also an academic and cultural adventure — an adventure that allows you to move across the globe, and continue to undertake your academic studies, while fully immersing yourself in Australian culture.

At UniSC Sunshine Coast you will be studying at one of Australia's highest rated public universities, rated\* five stars in key areas of student satisfaction, for teaching quality, overall experience, learner resources, skills development, social equity, student support, first generation and learner engagement (postgraduate).

Located one hour north of the Queensland State capital, Brisbane, the campus is located on a 100 hectare nature reserve, home to Australian flora and fauna (including the Eastern Grey Kangaroo).

UniSC's student population is made up of around 90 percent Australian students as well as international students from more than 70 different countries around the world, providing an authentic Australian study experience.

We offer you two different study abroad experiences which allow you to fully personalise your overseas adventure.

\* Good Universities Guide 2023.

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# study options

UniSC



UniSC Diploma and Study Abroad programs allow students to have an overseas study experience for one or two semesters.

If you are enrolled in university study at home, you can explore areas of interest that complement your studies, or try something new.

If you have recently graduated from high school, our Study Abroad program allows you to have a taster of university life and study courses that might be credited toward any future study you do.

With a wide variety of courses and disciplines on offer, you will have the flexibility to design a program that suits your needs.

Option 1: Diploma program

Option 2: Study Abroad program





#### Watch now

Join Andre and Asha on a UniSC
Sunshine Coast tour around our
beautiful campus!



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## Academic calendar

Semester commencement and finish dates are generally as follows:

#### Semester 1 (Spring)

- √ Classes commence: February
- ✓ Exam Period and end: June

#### Semester 2 (Fall)

- √ Classes commence: July
- ✓ Exam period and end: **November**

Important information and exact dates can be found on the relevant academic calendar: usc.edu.au/calendars



#### **OPTION 1: Diploma program**

Complement your current studies, improve your career prospects and enhance your English language fluency and cross-cultural knowledge.

By choosing UniSC's Diploma program, on successful completion, you will graduate from UniSC with a recognised qualification from the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF).

Use your overseas study experience to gain an international perspective, a cultural experience and make yourself stand out from the crowd.

If you are eligible, you could earn up to 50 percent credit for prior study and complete the Diploma in one semester.

#### Diploma programs are available in:

- Animal Ecology
- Business
- Business Innovation
- Communication
- Criminology and Justice
- General Studies
- Outdoor Environmental Studies
- Social Science

The courses on offer within the Diploma are taken directly from several of UniSC's undergraduate programs, you will enrol in classes with local students, study at undergraduate Bachelor level and have the flexibility to choose your preferred courses.

#### Complete a Diploma in one semester

UniSC offers eligible students the opportunity to apply for their preferred diploma with up to 50 percent credit transfer\*, which means students could complete the program in one semester.

- Students can apply for credit for up to four courses (48 units)
- ✓ If four courses of credit transfer are granted, students will be required to successfully complete the remaining four courses (48 units) at UniSC to graduate
- Eligibility of credit transfer can only be assessed once an application has been received. If you are currently enrolled at a tertiary institution, you need to check with your home institution about the possibility of credit transfer for courses studied at UniSC.

Choose your courses and have them approved by UniSC and your home institution before you arrive.

COURSE		CRICOS CODE
Diploma in Animal Ecology		107195F
Diploma in Criminolog	y and Justice	0100425
Diploma in Business		084894F
Diploma in Communication		084895E
Diploma in Business Innovation		109234K
Diploma in General Studies		084896D
Diploma in Outdoor Environmental Studies		088627D
Diploma in Social Science		084897C
Study location		Sunshine Coast
Commence Semester 1 (February) or Semester 2 (July)		
<ul> <li>Program length (full-time)</li> <li>One semester (with cred</li> <li>Two semesters (without cred</li> </ul>		` ,

A shortened duration may be available for eligible students who are successfully awarded credit transfer.



### OPTION 2: Study Abroad program

Study Abroad is a one or two semester program, offering students the opportunity to choose courses in a range of disciplines.

As a study abroad student, you get the opportunity to select from a range of undergraduate courses and study with the both local students and international students from across the globe. Choose whether to study for 1 semester or a full-year, and a 3 or 4 course option. Study Abroad students generally study four courses per semester, which equates to approximately 30 ECTS or 15-18 US credit points.

This program is tailored to students who would like an overseas study experience, have the flexibility to pick courses from a diverse course offering and choose their study load (ie three or four courses).

COURSE CRICOS CODE

Study Abroad (one semester) 026639B

Study Abroad (two semesters-full year) 056828D

Study location Sunshine Coast

Commence Semester 1 (February)
or Semester 2 (July)

You will have the opportunity to choose from over 200 courses for your Study Abroad experience. Here's a sample of some of the courses on offer:\*

#### Popular Study Abroad course options:



#### Q Semester 2 Study Abroad courses

OES101	Foundations of Outdoor
	Environmental Studies
SGD103	Introduction to Game Production
SDES205	The Photography Professional
CRM102	Understanding Crime
ANM104	Marine Vertebrates: Sharks, Seabirds,
	Fish, Turtles and Whales



#### Jason Librock

United States

"My name is Jason Librock and I am from the United States. I studied at UniSC for one semester, and it's been the best experience of my life. Like many students preparing to study in a different country, I was extremely nervous. However, after settling in on the Sunshine Coast, I met some great people that also had an interesting perspective on the world, since many of the students that I met were from a variety of different countries. Seeing the UniSC campus the first-time during orientation week was a memorable experience, not to mention the kangaroos grazing around the campus. If I would give one piece of advice for anyone studying or thinking about studying abroad at UniSC: Just do it! These experiences will change how you look at the world around you for the better, as it definitely has for me."

\* Course options and availability are subject to change and are current at the time of publishing. Some courses may require prerequisites or prior learning to be met.

UniSC offers a limited number of postgraduate level courses to students who are currently enrolled in a master level program at their home institution or who have completed their undergraduate studies. For more information about Postgraduate Study Abroad please contact the International Office.



view the Semester I course list



scan to view the Semester 2 course list

<sup>\*</sup> To be eligible, students with recognised prior tertiary studies must apply for and receive credit transfer.



# Diploma program

Diploma program students can review the courses on offer within the program on the relevant Diploma program page on the UniSC website. The program structure and available course offerings are listed under the 'Program detail' tab.

## Study Abroad program

UniSC has a Study Abroad course list with all the course options available for Study Abroad students.

 Read through the Study Abroad course list: usc.edu.au/SAcourses

There are two main course-choice lists:

- Semester 1 (February-June)
- Semester 2 (July-November)

## Course approval

Requesting course approval from UniSC is simple.

During the online application process you can outline your preferred course choices. UniSC will then assess your eligibility and advise you via email of the outcome.

If you are currently enrolled at a tertiary institution, you need to check with your home institution about the possibility of credit transfer for any courses studied at UniSC. Be sure to have your courses approved by both UniSC and your home institution before you arrive.



# Study areas:

- ✓ Arts and International Studies
- ✓ Business and Commerce
- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Creative Industries
- ✓ Design
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Engineering
- ✓ Environmental Studies
- ✓ Law and Criminology
- ✓ Medical and Health Sciences
- ✓ Nursing
- ✓ Psychology and Social Science
- ✓ Science
- ✓ Sport and Exercise Science
- ✓ Technology

# Queensland's Sunshine Coast

The state of Queensland is renowned for its warm climate, pristine beaches, tropical rainforests, and access to the Great Barrier Reef. It also boasts vibrant cities and some of Australia's favourite coastal towns, including Noosa.

The Sunshine Coast encompasses Queensland's best qualities and offers many lifestyle benefits, including beautiful beaches and stunning hinterland, a warm climate, and a relaxed and friendly community. Approximately 350,000\* people call the Sunshine Coast their home, making it the third most populous region in Queensland. It is one of Australia's premier beach destinations and there is something to do for everyone.

**SURF:** Learn to surf, paddle or kite board, or sit back and enjoy the laid-back beach lifestyle the Sunshine Coast has to offer.

**HIKE:** Explore the Sunshine Coast hinterland, hike one of our popular mountains, visit waterfalls or go on a walk through subtropical rainforests.

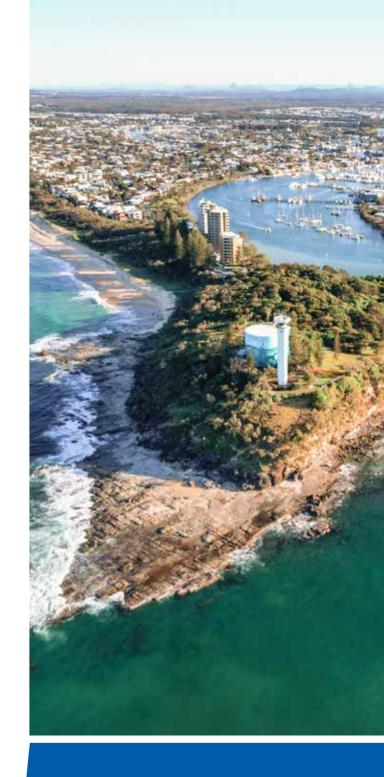
**SHOP:** Go shopping along the esplanade at one of the many boutique shops, or take in a movie, and shop to your heart's content at one of the Sunshine Coast's modern shopping malls.

**UNWIND:** Enjoy a coffee or cold drink at one of the many cafes or restaurants, and experience Australia's famous cafe and coffee culture. Or listen to some live music and dance the night away at one of the local nightlife venues.

**EXPLORE:** The Sunshine Coast is also an ideal base for exploring Australia's big cities, the legendary Outback or the tropics. Road trip north to the Great Barrier Reef, or take a flight to Sydney or Melbourne from the Sunshine Coast's local airport.

**CULTURE:** Immerse yourself in Australia culture and explore local history and heritage, participate in an indigenous experience such as a local cruise or walk on traditional country.

\* sunshine-coast.qld.gov.au/Experience-Sunshine-Coast/Statistics-and-Maps/Population-Growth



#### Sunshine Coast weather and seasons



Summer: December to February, 18–30°C, Hot, humid and stormy



Autumn: March to May, 11–27°C, Becoming cooler

Winter: June to August, 7–22°C,

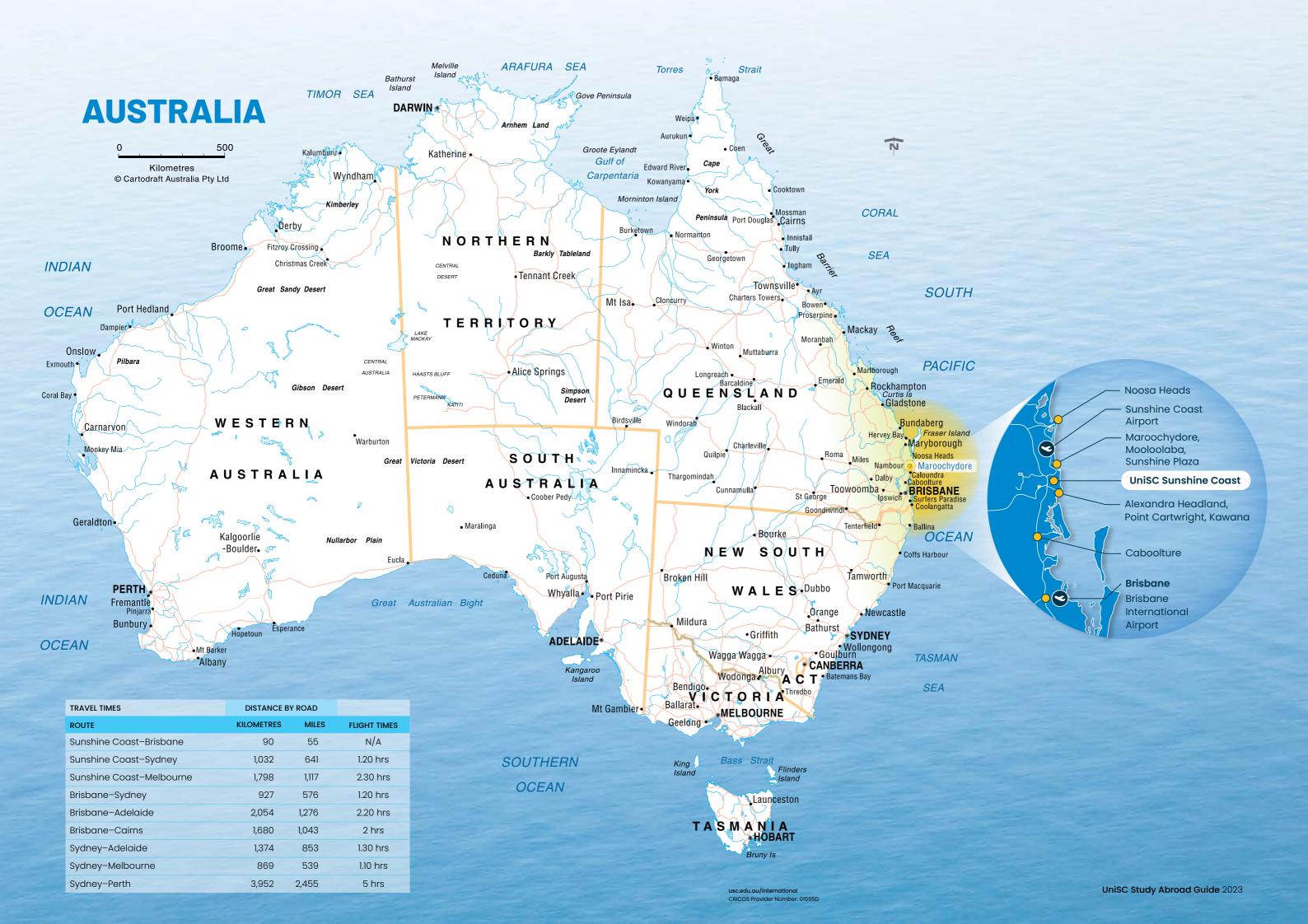


Becoming cooler



**Spring:** September to November, 10–27°C, Becoming warmer





## Accommodation

It is essential for international students to organise either short-term or long-term accommodation before arrival.

There are a variety of accommodation options close to campus whether you want to live in a student village, share a house or find a place of your own.

#### Privately owned accommodation providers on the Sunshine Coast

Many students studying at the UniSC Sunshine Coast campus choose to live in one of the three privately owned, fully furnished accommodation complexes that are conveniently located next to the University.

UniCentral, Varsity Apartments and The Village all offer modern self-contained accommodation in resortstyle complexes and are linked by a pathway to the campus, just an easy three-minute walk away.

You can book directly through the private accommodation providers' websites. Once you've signed a lease, it can be difficult and expensive to change your accommodation, so it's important you understand the terms and conditions of your lease arrangement.

Students studying at our other campuses, or those who'd like to find a place of their own, should visit our accommodation and housing page for more information.

#### usc.edu.au/accommodation

If you'd like to rent your own house, apartment or townhouse, real estate agents and private providers often advertise on the following websites:

- flatmates.com
- domain.com.au
- realestate.com.au
- easyroommate.com.au



#### Please note:

The University of the Sunshine Coast doesn't provide accommodation or screen information, nor does it act as an agent in the provision of accommodation information. It's your responsibility to determine whether the housing arrangements are suitable. Any person utilising third party information, such as the privately owned accommodation provider information, is advised to read UniSC's Disclaimer usc.edu.au/disclaime



#### **Varsity Apartments**

Tel: +61 7 5450 2000

#### varsityapartments.com.au

Varsity Apartments is a four-star, resort style property. All four-bedroom apartments are selfcontained with shared lounge and kitchen. Each bedroom has a private bathroom, double bed, telephone and internet access. The apartments are fully furnished and the complex has onsite managers.

#### UniCentral

Tel: +61 7 5373 0000

unicentral.net.au

UniCentral offers four-share accommodation in modern, self-contained apartments. Each unit has a shared lounge, kitchen and laundry, and a courtyard or balcony. Each private bedroom has a double bed, bathroom, telephone, study desk and chair, internet connection, free UniSC intranet, and an intercom.

#### The Village

Tel: +61 7 5430 2500

#### thevillagesippydowns.com.au

The Village features both two- and threebedroom share villas. Each apartment is furnished with a shared living room, kitchen and laundry. Each private bedroom has a double bed, some with a private bathroom, telephone, study desk and chair, internet connection and intercom system.



10-minute walk to the local supermarkets Coles and Woolworths



5-minute walk to UniSC Sunshine Coast Transit Centre



5-minute walk to UniSC Sunshine Coast campus



The Sunshine Coast is also an ideal base for exploring Australia's big cities, the Outback or the tropics. Brisbane, the capital of Queensland, is just over one hour away by car, and there are public transport connections from our Sunshine Coast campus.

Brisbane

(city centre) 70mins+

• Gympie | 1hr 5mins

Cooroy | 35mins

Sunshine Coast Airport | 20mins

Maleny | 35mins

Nambour | 20mins

Beerwah | 25mins

• Kilcoy | 55mins

Noosa Heads | 45mins

Maroochydore and Mooloolaba | 15mins

Caloundra I 20mins

Bribie Island I 45mins

Redcliffe | 60mins

North

Coolum I 25mins

Buderim | 7mins OuniSC Sunshine Coast

Caboolture I 35mins

#### **Public transport**

Public bus services operate between UniSC's bus interchange and coastal communities, giving you access to local beaches, shopping centres, restaurants and the nightlife of the Sunshine Coast. From UniSC's bus interchange, you can use an integrated bus and rail service to travel around the region.

#### **Airport connections**

UniSC is less than 30 minutes by car from the Sunshine Coast Airport and around 75 minutes from Brisbane international and domestic airports. Airport transfers can be arranged upon request with local providers (charges apply). Sunshine Coast Airport has direct flights to Sydney (1.5 hours), Melbourne (2.5 hours) and New Zealand (three hours). Brisbane has both domestic and international airports, meaning you have easy access to explore Australia and overseas!

#### Getting around campus

The UniSC Sunshine Coast campus is easily accessible by public transport and private transport. Many students opt to walk or ride to and from campus. With easy access between buildings, students can get to and from classes in a timely manner. Even choose to rent a bike from the local student groups. The surrounding suburb of Sippy Downs have plenty of amenities and services including restaurants, cafes, grocery stores and health facilities.

# Why choose UniSC



Five stars in key areas of student satisfaction, for teaching quality, overall experience, learner resources, skills development, social equity, student support, first generation and learner engagement (postgraduate).



Wide range of study options



Excellent academic and student support services



Authentic Australian experience with 90 percent of the student population Australian



Ideal location to explore all Australia has to offer



Explore a UNESCO Biosphere, the Sunshine Coast is a site of excellence accoladed for its commitment to protecting and enhancing the region, communities, the economy and natural assets.



Modern campus with world-class facilities



Nearby student accommodation providers



# How to apply

You can find step-by-step instructions, entry requirements and important information at usc.edu.au/internationalapply



# Apply via a Partner Institution

If you are applying via one of UniSC's partner institutions, please visit your home institution's International Office.



## Apply via an agent

If you would like assistance with your application, apply through one of our agents usc.edu.au/internationalreps



#### **Need assistance?**

If you need help with the process, or have any questions, email study@usc.edu.au

UniSC accepts applications via the International Application Portal, visit usc.edu.au/internationalapply



#### **Tuition fees**

If you are applying direct or via an agent, you can find our tuition fees for both programs at usc.edu.au/internationalprograms

If you are applying via one of UniSC's partner institutions, contact your home institution.



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#### Have questions?

Book an online or in-person appointment with an International Officer by scanning the QR code.

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