



Queensland University of Technology
Brisbane Australia

STUDY ABROAD GUIDE



a university for the **real** world[®]

WELCOME

I am very pleased to welcome you to QUT, one of Australia's most dynamic universities. In choosing QUT you can have the confidence that our programs are of an international standard and take advantage of the latest developments globally, in both theory and practice.

The University's strong links with industry and the professions underpin our teaching, research and community service. Our high-quality degree courses, offered across most discipline fields, are accredited with professional bodies around the world.

Our Study Abroad team offer specialised support services for Study Abroad students including a comprehensive orientation program which provides students with the opportunity to meet people from around the world. All international students have access to support services including pre-arrival information and seminars, airport reception, accommodation assistance, and academic and personal counselling.

This guide is intended as an introduction to Study Abroad at QUT. University staff, or our representatives overseas, will be happy to assist you and respond to your questions.

I look forward to welcoming you to QUT in the future.



A blue ink handwritten signature of Professor Peter Coaldrake.

PROFESSOR PETER COALDRAKE
Vice-Chancellor QUT and Chair of Universities Australia

What is Study Abroad?

QUT's Study Abroad program gives you the opportunity to study for one or two semesters at one of Australia's leading universities. Gain career advantage, international networking opportunities and the chance to live abroad while earning credit for your degree. Study Abroad students may be eligible for the Study Abroad Certificate or Diploma which is formal recognition of your studies in Australia.

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Queensland University of Technology (QUT) is a registered provider of education services and training and operates in compliance with the Commonwealth Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000 and the Universities Australia Code of Practice in the Provision of Education to International Students. QUT and all courses offered to international students are registered on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS No 00213J).

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AERIAL SHOT OF GARDENS POINT CAMPUS AND BRISBANE CITY

JONATHAN LANGTOT | USA, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

I like knowing that I'm studying at a world-class university with internationally recognised lecturers. This opens my horizons to possibilities overseas I would never have been able to realise before. I really wanted to study in a city at the centre of everything and Brisbane's proximity to the popular tourism sites makes it a perfect base.

REAL STUDY

The real deal

As a Study Abroad student you have the whole world to choose from, at QUT we're all about the real world. If you're ready for the real world, come on down (under).

You can experience new cultures, gain skills, improve your English and build international industry contacts, all while you travel to some of the world's most beautiful locations. Make friends from all over the globe by participating in orientation programs, camps, clubs and activities.

Receive personalised service before and after you arrive. From application to arrival, we will make sure you have all the help you need.

Award-winning industry-relevant teaching

- The University's first-rate reputation has earned it a place among the world's Top 250 institutions (2008 Times Higher Education Supplement-QS World University Rankings) and QUT's research output has been ranked in the top 10 Australian universities for international standing (Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research 2007).
- QUT's teaching is in a class of its own, winning more awards for teaching excellence than any other Australian university (2008 Australian Learning and Teaching Council awards).
- Links with world leaders such as Microsoft, UNESCO, INFOSYS, Shell, the World Health Organisation, Boeing, SAP and Oracle keep QUT in touch with global advances and business practices.
- Highly qualified teaching staff include practising professionals who lecture and tutor part-time, bringing the boardroom into the classroom.
- Industry experience and real projects are integral to QUT courses.

Australia's first **business school** with triple international accreditation



Internationally recognised courses

QUT's Faculty of Business is the first business faculty in an Australian university to attain triple accreditation: AMBA (Association of MBAs), AACSB International (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) and EQUIS (The European Foundation for Management Development) accreditation. The Faculty is one of about 30 in the world to receive all three accreditations.

Flexibility and choice

Choose from approximately 2200 units, including more than 300 pre-approved for Study Abroad students, in Built Environment and Engineering, Business, Creative Industries, Education, Health, Information Technology, Law, Justice and Science.

Strength in applied research

QUT's multidisciplinary approach positions its research around a group of renowned institutes, cooperative research centres and centres of excellence that integrate cutting-edge technology and expertise to bring together Australia's most creative minds to solve the issues affecting Australia and neighbouring communities.

QUT is the only full-service campus in Brisbane's Central Business District

QUT's Gardens Point campus is the only city university campus with comprehensive facilities in the Brisbane Central Business District, situated right next to the beautiful city Botanic Gardens and the Brisbane River. The Goodwill Bridge links the Gardens Point campus with the popular South Bank Parklands, including a man-made beach and cultural precinct.

QUT's Kelvin Grove campus, housing the Kelvin Grove Urban Village, is just two kilometres from the city centre.

Culturally diverse university

- QUT welcomes around 5000 international students from more than 100 countries.
- QUT was awarded four stars for international enrolments and four stars for diversity (*Good Universities Guide 2007*).
- Join our multicultural and international activities, events and associations throughout the year to celebrate our cultural diversity.

An ideal location

Enjoy a high quality, affordable lifestyle* in the bustling city of Brisbane, the capital city of Queensland. As Australia's third largest and fastest growing city, Brisbane is renowned for fabulous year-round weather and healthy outdoors living. Brisbane is also home to people from many cultures, as evidenced by a diverse range of dining alternatives and a thriving arts and cultural scene.

Brisbane is also a perfect stepping stone to the wonders of Queensland and is only an hour away from south-east Queensland's beaches, bays and beautiful hinterland.

* Cheapest groceries and petrol in Australia (ABS, 2007)

Lively community

Our QUT community is busy all year round, with international students playing a major role in many festivals and events. Meet people from all over the world at QUT's Orientation Week celebrations, international festivals, national band competition, Oktoberfest and other regular events at our campus clubs.

The QUT Student Guild and International Student Services also hold a number of recreation and skill development courses during the year, such as learn to surf, golf and in-line skating lessons, hip hop dance and capoeira classes, social and adventure outings.

REAL EXPERIENCE



BRITTA MUEHSELER | Germany Bonn-Rhein-Sieg University of Applied Sciences

I chose to study at QUT because it is a university which brings together theory and practice. I always wanted to live in Australia and QUT is well reputed and triple accredited in the Business School. The quality of teaching was important to me when choosing a university.

What can I study?

You can select from a comprehensive range of QUT units and custom-design your program to suit your interests and meet the requirements of your home university. From communication to civil engineering, environmental law to education, international business to information technology, public health to psychology, students can combine four units from across our eight faculties.

Research options

As a comprehensive university with close industry links, QUT has a significant record of expertise in all of the discipline areas of its faculties. The University's applied research has solved real problems and improved practices for organisations and communities locally and globally.

Study Abroad students may be able to undertake one or two semesters of research with QUT, subject to eligibility and supervisor availability. For more information contact studyabroad@qut.edu.au

Certificates and Diplomas

QUT offers Study Abroad students the opportunity to receive an official QUT award on completion of their Study Abroad program. This formal award is your chance to put yourself ahead of the rest and show the world where your studies have taken you.

The QUT Study Abroad Certificate is awarded to students who complete one semester of an approved study program. To be eligible, students must successfully complete 48 credit points with a minimum grade of 4 in each unit.

The QUT Study Abroad Diploma will be awarded to students who complete two semesters of an approved study program. To be eligible, students must successfully complete 96 credit points (48 credit points per semester) all with a pass.

Please Note: QUT operates on a 7-point grading scale with 7 the highest and 1 the lowest. A grade of 4 is a pass. Students with an average grade of 6.5 and above will be formally recognised with an Academic Excellence Certificate.

ELIGIBILITY FACT FILE

To be eligible for the Study Abroad program you need:

- Minimum 1 year full-time study at a recognised university (this criteria applies to the majority of applicants, however, high school graduates from some countries may meet the entry requirements).
- A GPA (Grade Point Average) of 2.5 or better (on a 4 point scale) or equivalent;
- An English Language Proficiency level in accordance with QUT requirements * if English is not your first language. (This criteria applies to the majority of applicants, however, high school graduates from some countries may meet the entry requirements).

* If students meet academic entry requirements but do not meet English requirements please email studyabroad@qut.edu.au for possible alternative entry options.

The minimum level English proficiency requirements for admission into the QUT Study Abroad program is as follows:

Course	IELTS (Academic only)		TOEFL
	Overall Band	Subscores (reading, writing, listening, speaking)	iBT Overall (and Sub-scores)
All Courses	6.5	6.0	90 (At least 20 in all bands)

FACULTIES

QUT'S SEVEN FACULTIES OFFER AN EXCITING ARRAY OF STUDY AREAS:

BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND ENGINEERING	CREATIVE INDUSTRIES	SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
Aerospace Avionics	Animation	Biochemistry
Architecture	Computational Arts	Biomedical Science
Civil	Creative Writing and Cultural Studies	Biotechnology
Civil and Construction Engineering	Dance	Biotechnology Innovation
Civil and Environmental Engineering	Drama – Acting, Technical Production and Performance Studies	Business Process Management
Computer Engineering	Fashion	Business Systems Engineering
Computer Systems	Film and Television	Chemistry
Construction Management	Interactive and Visual Design	Complex and Smart Systems
Electrical	Journalism	Component Software and Web Services
Industrial Design	Mass Communication	Computer Networks
Infomechatronics	Media and Communication	Corporate Systems Management
Interior Design	Music and Sound Design	Databases
Landscape Architecture	Visual Arts	Ecology
Mechanical		Electronic Business
Medical	EDUCATION	Enterprise-Wide Software
Property Economics	Adult and Community Learning	Environmental Science
Quantity Surveying	Early Childhood	eSecurity and Trust
Software	Primary	Forensic Science
Spatial Sciences (Surveying)	Secondary	Games and Interactive Entertainment
Telecommunications		Geoscience
Urban and Regional Planning	HEALTH	Information and Knowledge Management
	Behavioural Science	Information Research
BUSINESS	Exercise and Sports Nutrition	Information Security
Accountancy	Health Information Management	Information Systems
Advertising	Health Services Management	Information Technology Management
Applied Finance	Human Movement Studies	Intelligent Systems
Business Administration (MBA)	Nursing	Interactive Media
Business Communication	Nutrition and Dietetics	IT Professional Services (ITPS)
Corporate Governance	Optometry	Library Studies
Economics	Paramedic	Management of Information Technology
Electronic Business	Podiatry	Mathematics
Entrepreneurship	Public Health	Medical Imaging Technology
Events Marketing and Management	Social Work and Human Services	Medical Radiation Technology
Finance		Microbiology
Health Services Management	LAW AND JUSTICE	Multimedia
Human Resource Management	Accountancy Law	Network Systems
Information Technology Management	Commercial Law	Pharmacy
Integrated Marketing Communication	Corporate Law	Physics
International Business	Criminal Justice	Records Management
Leadership	Critical Criminology	Security
Management	Environmental Law	Software Architecture
Marketing	International Law	Software Engineering
Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies	Justice Studies	Web Management
Professional Accounting	Legal Studies	Web Services and Applications
Public Management	Media and Communications Law	
Public Relations	Organised Crime and Corruption Investigation	
Strategic Advertising	Property Law	
Strategy	Public Law	
	Strategic Intelligence	
	Technology Law	



QUT CAMPUSES

QUT's campuses provide an open and welcoming environment for international students, with a comprehensive range of academic, recreational and support services to help you get the most out of your time at QUT.

Gardens Point

George Street, Brisbane city

- Built Environment and Engineering
- Business
- Law and Justice
- Science and Technology

Situated on the Brisbane River, adjacent to the City Botanic Gardens and Queensland's Parliament House, the convenient inner-city location reinforces QUT's links with business and industry while creating a dynamic environment for students.

Kelvin Grove

Victoria Park Road, Kelvin Grove, Brisbane

- Creative Industries
- Education
- Health
- English Language, Foundation, Diploma and University Certificate in Tertiary Preparation (QUT International College)

Kelvin Grove campus has become the hub of innovative space and enterprise, housing the QUT Creative Industries Precinct and the Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation (IHBI). The campus is adjacent to the Kelvin Grove Urban Village, an integrated award-winning development between QUT and the Queensland Government, which includes convenient student accommodation.



Travel between campuses

QUT offers a free intercampus bus service that connects our Gardens Point and Kelvin Grove campuses. Both campuses are close to public transport. See www.fmd.qut.edu.au/campus_services/shuttle/

Campus	To	Drive time/intercampus bus
Gardens Point	Kelvin Grove	10 minutes

BRISBANE FACT FILE*

- Population:** 1.8 million
- Climate:** Winter maximum: 21C (70F)
Average summer maximum 29C (84F)
Beautiful one day, perfect the next!
- Average days of sunshine:** 300
- Takeaway meal:** A\$8–15
- Bus ticket:** Weekly approx A\$12 in Zone 2 = 6.5 km (4 miles) from CBD
- Movie ticket:** A\$6–15
- Beer:** A\$5–7
- Loaf of bread:** A\$2–3

* All prices quoted here are to be used as a guide only and are correct as at April 2009



**JOACHIM HJELMAAS
ANDERSEN | Norway, NTNU**

The highlight of my Study Abroad experience at QUT has been the great social activities organised by International Student Services. The Stradbroke Island trip and the River Cruise were definitely the best activities in the semester and through these I got to know lots of fantastic people. I will probably stay in contact with them long after my trip to Australia is over.

LIVING IN BRISBANE

Brisbane has one of the most rapid population growth rates in Australia but has maintained its friendly feel.

Accommodation

International Student Services (ISS) provides an extensive accommodation service to assist you to arrange temporary accommodation prior to your arrival and to help you find permanent accommodation. ISS can also assist with liaison with landlords and real estate agents. For the list of temporary accommodation see www.issupport.qut.edu.au/orientation/arrival/temporaryacc.jsp

View our quick guide on accommodation types in Brisbane at www.issupport.qut.edu.au/student/accommod/index.jsp

On-campus accommodation is available at the Campus Living Village (Kelvin Grove), on the corner of Blamey Street and Victoria Park Road. The six-storey, 450-bed complex caters for a range of student needs and budgets.

All apartments are fully furnished and are designed to meet the specific needs of all students. As well as the benefit of having university on your doorstep, residents also have access to a supermarket, chemist, hairdresser and a number of other specialty stores, restaurants and cafes within the Kelvin Grove Urban Village. There is also a free shuttle bus from Kelvin Grove to the inner-city campus.

For more information visit www.clv-kelvingrove.com.au

Employment

Working in Australia can be fun and a great way to make friends and earn money for travel and recreation. The current student visa entitles students to a part-time work permit, which allows you to work up to 20 hours per week during semester, and full-time during vacations. Please see www.diac.gov.au/students for details.

International Student Services can assist you with information and advice on locating part-time work. See www.issupport.qut.edu.au/student/employment.jsp. For part-time job listings, visit www.guildonline.net and select 'Employment'.

Establishment costs

There are also the one-off expenses of establishing a home and other incidental expenses (e.g. textbooks, medical, clothing, recreation, entertainment) so it's advisable to budget for an extra A\$1000 to \$2000 for these costs. Some of these expenses are matters of personal taste; the amount you spend varies depending on your priorities, the lifestyle you choose and your available budget. Of course you'll need some cash or travellers cheques when you first arrive.

DESTINATION FACT FILE

Distance km, hrs fly/drive

Gold Coast: 80km (50 miles), 1hr drive

Sunshine Coast: 100km (62 miles), 1.5hr drive

Glasshouse Mountains: 70km (43.5 miles), 45 minute drive

Byron Bay: 200km (124 miles), 2.5hr drive

Sydney: (flights from \$69*) 793km (493 miles), 1.5 hr flight

Melbourne: (flights from \$109*), 1425km (885 miles) 2.5hr flight

* Cheaper fares may be available during sales.

Cost of living table

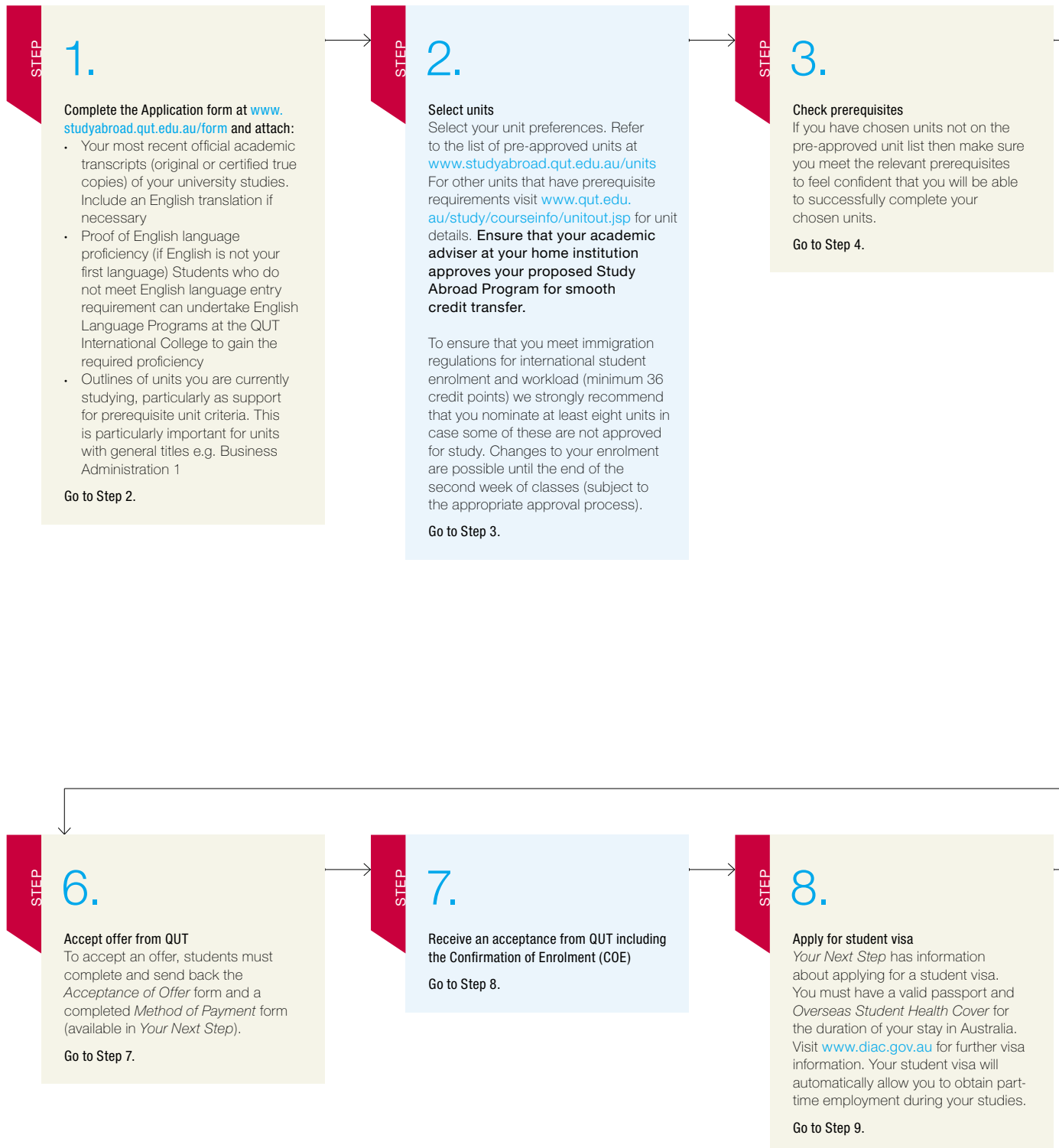
	Per person based on shared 2 bedroom unit
Weekly expenses per person based on shared 2 bedroom unit*	
Rent (in Zone 2 area = 6.5 km from CBD, approx. \$300/week)	\$160
Food (own cooking)	\$100
Transport (weekly bus ticket 2 Zones = 6.5 km from CBD)	\$12
Electricity (\$150/quarter)	\$10
Gas (if applicable, stove only)	\$5
Telephone (local calls only)	\$15
Educational (photocopies, stationery, disk, etc.)	\$10
Total expenses	\$312

* All prices quoted here are to be used as a guide only and are accurate as at April 2009.

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

How to apply

To prepare an application for the Study Abroad Program complete steps 1 to 9.



STEP

4.

Send your application

Although email lodgement is preferred, you can post or fax your application to:

QUT Study Abroad
GPO Box 2434
Brisbane Qld Australia 4001
Fax: +61 7 3138 1216
Email: studyabroad@qut.edu.au

Attach the following original or certified copies to your application form:

- Home University Academic Record (grades), **in English**
- Copy of your undergraduate degree (for postgraduate applications)
- Evidence of English language proficiency if applicable.

Start Date/ Semester	Deadline for Application
February–June/ Semester One	1 December each year
July–November/ Semester Two	15 May each year

Go to Step 5.

STEP

5.

Receive an offer from QUT

Successful applicants will receive an *Offer Letter*, an *Acceptance of Offer* form and the booklet *Your Next Step*, which will explain in detail what you should do after receiving your offer.

An admissions officer will provide feedback via email on unit availability. Do not arrange any travel until you have received an offer.

Go to Step 6.

Unit choice made easy

Study Abroad students have access to well over 300 pre-approved units covering all seven faculties. They also have access to the full range of QUT's 2200 units as long as prerequisites are met. Choosing pre-approved units means your application can be processed quickly and you will receive your letter of offer within 3 to 5 days. For units that require prerequisites to be met it can take two weeks until an offer can be made.

Visit www.studyabroad.qut.edu.au/units

OSHC facts

The Australian Government requires all international students and their dependents, who are undertaking formal studies in Australia, to maintain Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC). QUT's preferred provider of OSHC is Medibank Private, please visit www.medibank.com.au/oshc for details.

The only exceptions to this regulation are students from Norway and Sweden. The Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) advises that students who do not maintain their OSHC may risk cancellation of their visa.

Students need to arrange suitable OSHC before arriving in Australia, so that they are covered from the time they arrive in Australia. They will also need to maintain OSHC for the duration of their studies.

OSHC is a health insurance policy to cover medical and hospital care costs that you may need while in Australia. OSHC will also pay for most prescription drugs and emergency ambulance transport. Further information is available from the Department of Health and Ageing website www.health.gov.au

Tuition Fees

Current tuition fees for QUT Study Abroad students are listed on the website www.studyabroad.qut.edu.au. The Study Abroad fee includes tuition, student support services, and an academic record of your studies. The Study Abroad fee excludes accommodation, living costs, travel, books, and photocopying.

STEP

9.

Prepare for departure

Arrange your flight/s – we recommend arriving in Brisbane at least one week prior to the commencement of the Orientation Program. Register online for *Airport Reception and Temporary Accommodation* at www.issupport.qut.edu.au

Enjoy Brisbane!



REAL SUPPORT

The Study Abroad team look after the specific support needs of all Study Abroad students and are your first stop for enrolment, information, support and advice. From the time your application is submitted through to starting your classes, QUT staff will be in touch with you to ensure that your transition to life as a QUT student is as smooth as possible.

International Student Services

Our specialised International Student Services (ISS) can provide you with valuable help and support throughout your studies. Services include pre-departure and arrival information, academic and personal counselling, accommodation and employment assistance, homestay, orientation, airport reception, language and learning advice, workshops and seminars.

Explore Queensland through one of ISS's short trips and activities throughout the year. These trips are designed to accommodate students' tight budgets.

See www.issupport.qut.edu.au



FITRIA PRATIWI | Indonesia Trisakti University

I like the fact that at QUT there is such a diverse student population. There are people from so many different countries. The support for international students is so well organised, from airport pick-up and accommodation right through to student advisers, everyone is always willing to help with any enquiry.



FACTS AND FIGURES

- QUT is one of only three Australian universities with a dedicated International Careers Counsellor. This unique service assists you with local or international work placements and aims to get you into your chosen career faster.
- Our student support services have been ranked among the nation's best by Australia's peak student representative body, the National Union of Students (2007).

ISS services include:

Airport reception – This free service is available to all international students starting Study Abroad studies at QUT who have pre-arranged temporary accommodation or who are going directly to their pre-arranged permanent accommodation in Brisbane. See www.arrivals.qut.edu.au/reception

Accommodation – ISS assist you to arrange temporary accommodation before arriving and to find permanent accommodation and they can also assist with liaison with landlords and real estate agents.

Language and learning – QUT provides language and learning advisers to help with English language and develop study skills. See www.issupport.qut.edu.au/language

Counselling – Professional counselling services are available to help you deal with issues relating to stress, personal development, relationships, study effectiveness, finances, courses and careers, and university procedures. See www.issupport.qut.edu.au/student/advice/index.jsp

For students with a disability QUT's Disability Program can assist you. See www.equity.qut.edu.au

The Student Guild – The QUT Student Guild represents students' academic, sporting and social interests on all campuses. See www.guildonline.net/home/home.php

International Student Associations – Our student associations organise activities and provide a supportive network for all newly arrived students with the help of International Student Services. See www.issupport.qut.edu.au/student/studentassoc.jsp

Facilities and Services

Sporting and recreational facilities – As a student at QUT, you can benefit from comprehensive sporting facilities including an indoor heated swimming pool, tennis, squash and netball courts, fitness centres, and athletics ovals.

The QUT Student Guild operates licensed clubs and cafés on all campuses. Theatres on the Gardens Point and Kelvin Grove campuses contribute to the cultural life of our university and the Gardens Point campus even has its own art gallery. Automatic Teller Machines are available on all campuses.

Student Centres – Need help with timetables, ID cards, fee payments, enrolment assistance and other administrative services? Our friendly student centres can assist you. See www.qut.edu.au/about/servirect/admin/student.jsp

Health Services – Health and medical services are available to you on the Kelvin Grove and Gardens Point campuses. The School of Optometry at Kelvin Grove campus offers students free eye examinations.

Security on campus – QUT's security service on all campuses is dedicated to ensuring a safe and secure study environment for you. See www.fmd.qut.edu.au/security

Computing facilities

The QUT menu of up-to-the-minute study technology includes free email and internet, QUT Virtual, extensive wireless access, Second Life study virtual world activities, 24-hour computer labs and real-time library assistance.

Many lectures are available for podcast. Because you can dial-in or connect via broadband to this resource online, you may not always need to come onto campus to organise your student life.

Student computing laboratories on each campus operate 24 hours a day and all campuses have wireless internet available.

QUT library – Visit the libraries on all campuses, including the law library at Gardens Point or access library services from your home computer 24 hours a day. See www.library.qut.edu.au

QUT Alumni – When you graduate you become a member of QUT's vibrant alumni. See www.alumni.qut.edu.au

REAL FUN STUDY ABROAD ACTIVITIES



Orientation Week

A specialised orientation program for all Study Abroad students is held approximately 1.5 weeks before classes. Orientation Day is an opportunity for you to learn about life at QUT and in Brisbane and to meet other students from around the world ... and the Study Abroad team of course! The session covers topics such as enrolment, computing access, faculty information, immigration regulations, health cover, QUT rules and regulations, tuition fees and refunds, Aussie culture and much more. You will also be able to meet with faculty advisers who will assist you in choosing and changing units. Attendance is compulsory.

Brisbane River Cruise

Cruise the Brisbane River and enjoy the beautiful night lights of Brisbane at our first official Study Abroad event for the semester. The cruise is a great way to meet and get to know fellow students and staff in the Study Abroad program.

Study Abroad Orientation Escape

Before you start your studies you can take a quick break with the Study Abroad team at our optional three-day orientation weekend at a select location close to Brisbane. The Orientation Escape is the ultimate way to begin studies down under with learn to surf lessons, sea kayaking and beach hikes. Enjoy a spectacular sunset, get to know other Study Abroad students and experience Australia's natural beauty.

Discover Brisbane

Brisbane offers all of the attractions you would expect to find in a world-class city. Begin your discovery of Brisbane by exploring the sights, sounds and attractions of the city centre and the inner-city, both just minutes away from QUT's Gardens Point and Kelvin Grove campuses.

Art and Culture

The Goodwill Bridge, a pedestrian and cycle bridge, links QUT's Gardens Point campus to South Bank, the cultural and leisure precinct of the city. Find out more about Brisbane's vibrant culture by visiting the Queensland Cultural Centre, home to the Queensland Museum, Queensland Art Gallery, State Library, Performing Arts Complex, the Queensland Conservatorium of Music and the new Gallery of Modern Art.

The Brisbane Powerhouse at New Farm is also just a short ferry trip from Gardens Point and features art exhibitions, live music, theatre, comedy, film and more!

Great Outdoors in the City

Right alongside the cultural centre at South Bank, and spanning nearly all of the city's southern riverbank, is South Bank Parklands, an area of riverside boardwalks, rainforest gardens, craft markets, cafés and restaurants, lagoons and a beach.

The city Botanic Gardens are positioned right beside QUT, and are an attractive lunch and study spot for students. The Gardens are a perfect place to relax with friends, and for entertainment you can go to the River Stage, a venue for outdoor concerts and big events. In addition to the Botanic Gardens, Brisbane has more than 1000 other parks and gardens, and many kilometres of bikeways and walking paths.

A little further out of the city you can find the Mount Coot-tha Botanic Gardens which feature more than 20,000 plants from all over the world, a planetarium and at the top of the mountain you will find the best view in Brisbane. The panoramic view of Brisbane city extends to Moreton Bay and is spectacularly lit up at night.

Abseiling and rock climbing can be enjoyed at Kangaroo Point in Brisbane's inner-city – just a 15 minute walk from the Gardens Point campus.

Nightlife

The Brunswick Street and Chinatown Malls in the centre of Fortitude Valley are renowned for their excellent restaurants and vibrant nightlife. Brisbane has been recognised by US entertainment bible *Billboard* as one of the world's top music hotspots, declaring it one of the world's top five unlikely cities to be spawning exciting new sounds. Brisbane also attracts leading international bands and DJs and has an energetic club culture.

Shopping

The Queen Street Mall is one of Australia's most popular shopping destinations with more than 500 stores. Lined with modern stores and malls, pavement cafés and all types of bars and restaurants, the Mall is the hub of activity in the city centre and is only a 15 minute walk from the Gardens Point campus.

Fortitude Valley is also home to many independent boutiques and is the perfect destination for those after something different with Brunswick Street, Ann Street and the Emporium precinct well worth a look. The Brunswick Street Mall hosts markets every weekend and you can also find markets at Riverside in the city.

Sport

Australians love their sport and Brisbane is no different. It is home to teams in all four football codes played in Australia (Rugby League, Rugby Union, Australian Rules and Soccer) and is a regular host of international cricket. Brisbane is also home to an international-standard tennis facility called the Pat Rafter Arena. Seating 5500 people the centre hosts the annual Brisbane International tennis tournament every January. If top quality sport is your interest, then Brisbane is a great city to experience Australia's finest sporting matches.



Discover Queensland

Brisbane is the ideal city to base yourself to discover all the wonders of the east coast of Queensland.

Gold Coast

Just an hour south of Brisbane is the world famous Gold Coast with its famed beaches, theme parks, shopping and more.

If action is your attraction there is no end of things to do on the Gold Coast. Go to surf school, bungee jump, paraglide or try out the human sling shot ride. The Gold Coast is also home to many theme parks, including Movie World, Seaworld and Dreamworld, which has its own water park. Or you can try the original and biggest water park on the Gold Coast, Wet 'n' Wild.

You can also go on a Harley Davidson tour of the Gold Coast Hinterland, sky dive, abseil, kite surf, go speedboating, the list goes on.

Sunshine Coast

Head an hour and a half north of Brisbane and you can find outstanding beaches, with a quieter pace than on the glitzy Gold Coast. Not that there is nothing for the adventurer. Swimming with sharks at Underwater World should get the adrenalin pumping! It is also one of the best spots in the state for diving with the newly created shipwreck site one of the Sunshine Coast's major drawcards.

The Eumundi markets are another Sunshine Coast highlight with the market living up to its motto of 'Make it, bake it, grow it or sew it'.

Australia Zoo

Australia Zoo is located on the Sunshine Coast but it is worthy of its own section. Made internationally famous by Steve Irwin, the Crocodile Hunter, the zoo is the best place to find out about the weird and wonderful native animals in Australia.

Surfing at North Stradbroke Island

Some of the best beaches in south-east Queensland can be found at Point Lookout on North Stradbroke Island. The beaches at Point Lookout offer challenges for both the beginner and experienced surfer, as well as beautiful scenery and a rich marine life. Diving and fishing are popular and you may spot a dolphin or two. During winter, you can enjoy lunch at the Laughing Buddha Café while watching the whales pass by on their way to Hervey Bay.

Whale watching at Hervey Bay

Hervey Bay is a three and a half hour drive from Brisbane. During August and September, this town turns into the 'whale watch capital of the world'. A trip among the humpback whales is an experience of a lifetime.

Whitsunday Islands

There are 74 islands in the Whitsunday region. The paradise-like surroundings offer something for everyone: snorkelling, scuba diving, wind surfing, sailing, fishing, bushwalking, para-sailing or just sitting or lying under a palm tree. Sailing the Whitsundays is probably the best way to explore these waters and take advantage of the range of activities available. You can choose between bareboat charter, a fully chartered boat or day cruises.

What's on

A sample of events held annually in Brisbane and beyond:

January

Australia Day
Big Day Out Music Festival
Moonlight Cinema

February

Chinese New Year
Good Vibrations Festival
Moonlight Cinema

March

French Film Festival
Rugby league season opens
AFL season opens

April

ANZAC Day
Byron Bay Blues and Roots Festival

May

Brisbane Festival
Paniyiri Greek Festival

June

Noosa Long Weekend
Winter Racing Carnival

July

Queensland Music Festival
Valley Fiesta
Brisbane Food and Wine Month
Festitalia

August

Ekka – Royal Brisbane Show
Brisbane International Film Festival (BIFF)
Straight Out of Brisbane
Queensland Ballet International Gala

September

Riverfestival
Riverfire
Brisbane Writers Festival
Rugby league and AFL finals

October

Super GP Gold Coast
Queensland Multicultural Festival
Oktoberfest
Groove and Grape Festival

November

Moonlight Cinema
Gabba Test Cricket Match

December

Moonlight Cinema
Woodford Folk Festival
Summer Racing Carnival
New Year's Eve fireworks

Please note these events may not occur every year and the date they occur may change.



HELPFUL HINTS FROM REAL STUDENTS

- End of semester exam dates are published in week 8 or 9 of each semester. This is standard in Australia, however it may differ to the practices of your home university. Do not book flights home or holidays until you receive your exam timetable.
- Try to socialise with other Australian students. It is so easy to just stay around people from your home country, speaking in your own language, but you really will be missing out on so much. Australian students know the best restaurants, the best clubs and have all the local knowledge. Your English skills will increase so much more if you use the opportunity to practise every day. They can learn from you too!
- The Study Abroad team are very helpful. The office is open from 9am–5pm Monday to Friday and you can walk in to ask any question. They can help with anything from enrolment to changing subjects to recommending a good restaurant.
- It is really important to check your student email regularly. The Study Abroad office uses email to invite students to catch-up functions and to give updates on what is happening around QUT. Don't miss out!



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I love studying at the Gardens Point Campus of QUT. It is so close to town and convenient to get to from home. It is great to sit in the Botanic Gardens on a sunny day. I have received great support from the International Study Abroad Office. The staff there are really friendly and are always willing to help.



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