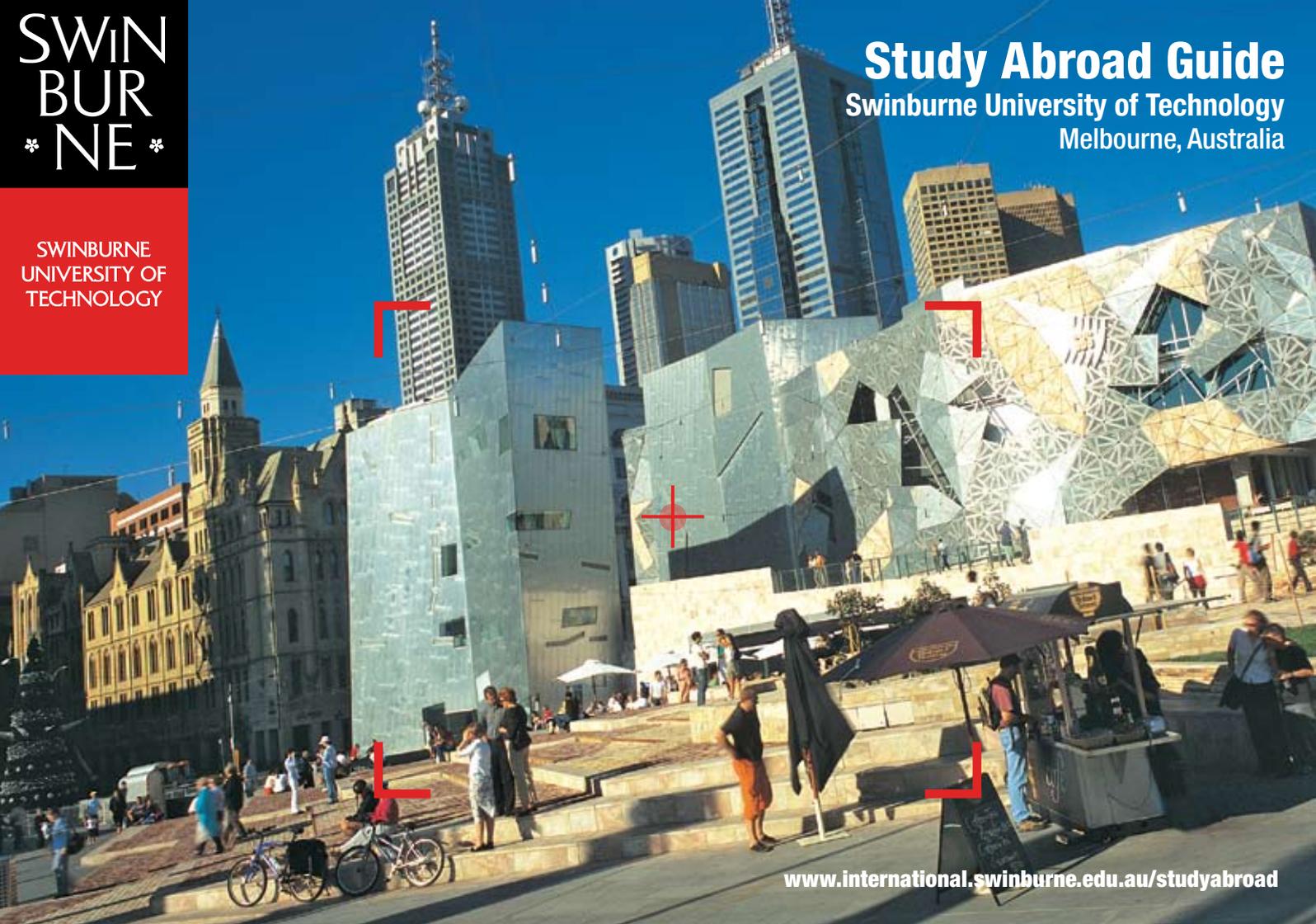


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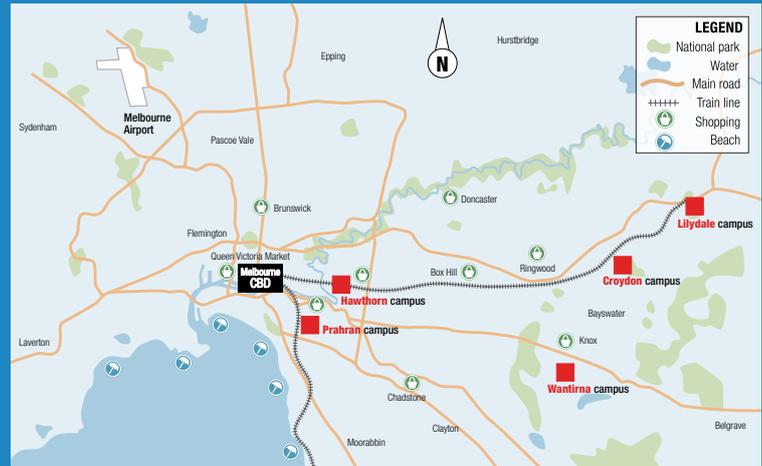
Study Abroad Guide

Swinburne University of Technology
Melbourne, Australia



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WHY SWINBURNE?

Swinburne is a responsive and student-centered institution.

We consistently rate among the top 10 universities in Australia for Learning and Teaching Performance and we ranked in the Top 10 for Australian Research Council discovery grants for research universities.

We are entrepreneurial, cutting-edge and innovative. We offer industry-relevant courses. We offer a personalised experience and have degrees built around the principles of flexibility and individuality.

Above all we Question Everything. And we invite you to Question us too.

HOW DO YOU GET A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE IF YOU STAY AT HOME?

- You'll have the ability to study a range of subjects from across all academic disciplines
- You'll have the opportunity to study alongside other students from over 100 different countries
- Swinburne is ranked Melbourne's best university for Teaching Quality and Cultural Diversity*

- You'll have easy access to downtown Melbourne from our Hawthorn and Prahran campuses
- Swinburne has been ranked as one of the top 500 universities in the world in The Times Higher Education – QS World University Rankings

*According to the *Good Universities Guide 2009*



WHAT WILL I DO IN MY FREE TIME?

- Discover Melbourne – voted one of the world's most liveable cities
- Experience Melbourne's cultural, culinary and sporting offerings
- Explore sporting events, live music, museums, parks – there is something for everyone in Melbourne
- Melbourne is home to over 140 ethnic groups – embrace the opportunity to engage with people from Argentina to Zambia.

- Roam on the accessible public transportation system that allows you to easily move throughout the city
- Melbourne is a wonderful jumping-off point to explore the rest of Australia – bus, rail, and plane connections are right at your doorstep

See what other Swinburne Abroad students have to say about their time here:

blogs.swinburne.edu.au/destination

DID YOU KNOW?

Some of Melbourne's **best venues** are hidden down city laneways.

- The Croft Institute: 21 Croft Alley
- Double Happiness: 21 Liverpool Street
- Pony: 68 Little Collins Street
- Khokolat Bar: 43 Hardware Lane
- Degraes Espresso Bar: 23 Degraes Street



WEAVE YOUR WAY THROUGH THE HEART OF MELBOURNE, ALL YEAR ROUND

SUMMER (DECEMBER–MARCH)

- Boxing Day Test cricket test
- Moonlight Cinema outdoor films
- Big Day Out music festival
- Australian Open Grand Slam tennis championships
- Australia Day
- Melbourne International Music Festival
- Australian Grand Prix
- AFL (Australian Rules Football) season opens in March

AUTUMN/FALL (APRIL–JUNE)

- ANZAC Day
- Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- Spanish Film Festival
- St Kilda Film Festival (May and June)

WINTER (JUNE–AUGUST)

- Victorian Ski Season
- Melbourne International Animation Festival
- Melbourne International Film Festival
- Melbourne Design Festival

SPRING (SEPTEMBER–NOVEMBER)

- Melbourne Fringe Festival
- AFL Grand Finals (championships)
- Royal Melbourne Show
- Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix
- Spring Racing Carnival
- Melbourne Cup

AVERAGE COST OF LIVING

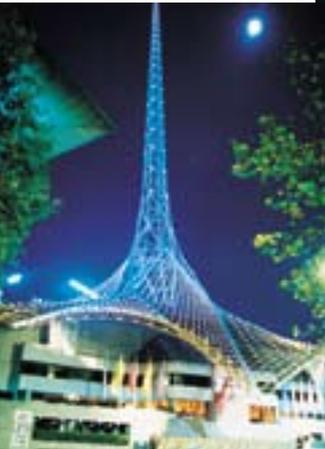
Melbourne is an affordable place to study abroad. Living costs vary depending on your lifestyle and the type of accommodation you choose. But there are many places to buy cheap, fresh food and endless free activities and events for students.

We recommend you budget \$A1700 for each month you intend to study in Melbourne.

Here is a sample of Melbourne prices*:

• Daily public transport ticket:	\$6.80
• Loaf of bread:	\$2.30–\$3.90
• Espresso coffee:	\$3.00–\$3.50
• Can of coke:	\$2.00
• Big Mac:	\$4.25
• Take out main meal:	\$8–\$15
• Daily newspaper:	\$1.50
• Student movie ticket:	\$13.00

**All prices in Australian dollars and accurate at the time of printing*



MORE THAN JUST BEACHES AND BARBECUES

- From the modern, sophisticated capital cities to rustic rural towns in the outback, it is one big country that is exciting to explore
- Australia is known as a friendly, easy-going country where people are welcoming and laid-back
- Politically safe and stable, an ideal destination to study and live
- Good quality institutions and standards in education
- Australia has a high standard of living that is relatively inexpensive
- Diverse in culture and rich in Aboriginal heritage
- Spectacular landscapes and amazing wildlife

Each campus is an exciting location.

HAWTHORN

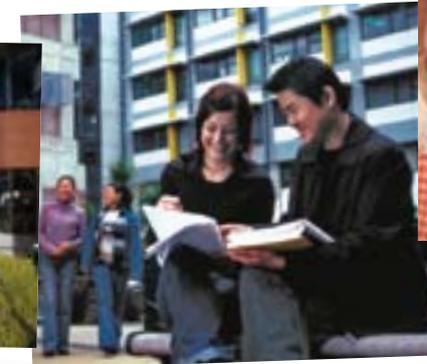
14,500 students
8 km from the city
10–15 minutes by train

Study areas:

- Arts
- Business
- Engineering
- Information Technology
- Psychology
- Science

Our alumni told us they love Hawthorn because...

- The train station is practically on campus. There's a tram line too.
- It's set amongst cafes, banks, boutiques, bookshops, supermarkets, patisseries, restaurants – everything you need
- I can live on campus. There are great student apartments.



PRAHRAN

2000 students
6 km from the city
10 minutes by train

Study areas:

- Circus Arts
- Design
- Film and Television

Our alumni told us they love Prahran because...

- The train station is on the corner. Easy to find. Trams run past campus.
- There's restaurants, nightclubs, shops, cafes and so much to see.
- Definitely vibrant and a cool place to study.

Studying at Swinburne gave me the opportunity to live in a beautiful country, in the city of Melbourne. Prahran is a great community to be based in, with many shops, cafés and exciting places to keep you busy.

MATTHEW ANDERSON
Bachelor of Circus Arts student
USA



LILYDALE

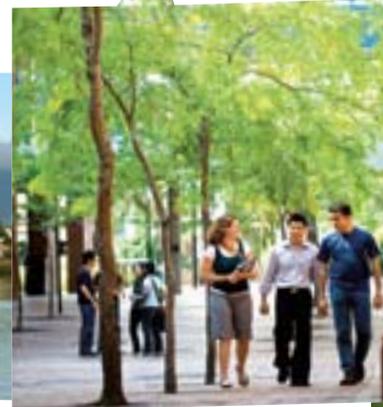
1900 students
40 km from city
50 mins by train

Study areas:

- Business
- Communications
- Psychology
- Social Sciences
- Tourism

Our alumni told us they love Lilydale because...

- It's easy meeting other students and making friends with locals.
- I can live on campus in the Student Village and the shopping centre is just nearby.
- It's in the Yarra Valley – famous for its wineries and wildlife sanctuary



SARAWAK, MALAYSIA

Did you know Swinburne has a campus in Malaysia?

- Experience the charm of Malaysia – an affordable and exotic destination – with state-of-the-art facilities on Swinburne's new 16.5 acre campus.
- The Sarawak campus is located in tropical Kuching, just 15 minutes from the city centre, and offers degrees in engineering, business, IT and multimedia. Malaysian culture and language subjects are also available.
- The current student population is about 2500 with international students from more than 20 countries.
- For more information visit www.swinburne.edu.my/

DID YOU KNOW?
WIRELESS INTERNET
IS AVAILABLE AT ALL
SWINBURNE'S MAIN
CAMPUSES

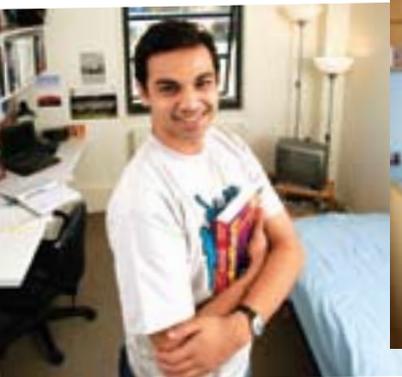
ACCOMMODATE YOUR LEARNING

Note that the campus you study at will depend on what units (subjects) you choose. Studying between campuses is possible (timetable permitting). You would need to be prepared to travel at least 30 minutes between Hawthorn and Prahran; or an hour between Lilydale and Hawthorn by train.

www.international.swinburne.edu.au/accommodation

UNILODGE @ SWINBURNE PLACE (HAWTHORN)

Fully furnished apartments, prices (including utilities) for multishare apartment rooms start at \$A199 per week, and studios from \$A291 per week. For more information email studyabroad@swinburne.edu.au



THE RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE (HAWTHORN)

Each room has a single bed, a built-in desk with bookshelf, a sink and vanity cupboard, an electric jug, desk, lamp, telephone, broadband internet connection, ergonomic study chair and a visitors' chair. The 2009 fees are \$A250–\$275 per week.

STUDENT RESIDENCE APARTMENTS (HAWTHORN)

The partly furnished apartments offer independent living and are particularly suited to senior students or to those who have lived away from home before.

The fees in 2009 are \$A195–\$250 per week.



LILYDALE STUDENT VILLAGE

Fully furnished modern apartments within walking distance of the train station and local shops. The fees in 2009 are \$A155–\$180 per week, including utilities.

HOMESTAY

Homestay means living with a local family or resident. The student lives as a guest in the home and it is a great way for students to experience Australian lifestyle.

Homestay includes three meals per day, a furnished bedroom, electricity, gas and water. Hot dinners are prepared by the host. The cost per week is \$A265 for students aged over 18, and \$A285 for students under 18 years of age.

Visit www.international.swinburne.edu.au/homestay

LIVING COSTS

Living costs vary according to the type of accommodation you choose and the lifestyle you lead. You will require approximately \$A20,000–\$22,000 per year for ongoing living costs (not including tuition fees or airfares). You will also need to budget approximately \$A3000–\$5000 for the initial costs of establishing yourself in Melbourne and it is recommended you allow \$A1500–\$2000 for the purchase of a computer.

PRIVATE RENTAL AND SHARE ACCOMMODATION

You could choose to rent your own apartment, or share a two- or three-room rental house or apartment with other students. We recommend that if you are seeking this type of accommodation you choose a short-term accommodation option for when you first arrive, and look for something to rent after a few months settling in. Share accommodation vacancies can easily be found online at the Swinburne Student Housing Database: swinaccomm.visualeyes.net.au

In 2009, the average cost of share accommodation is \$A120 per week for a room plus utilities (gas, electricity and water), of approximately \$A17 per week.

Swinburne International can provide you with advice on location, and a reference letter confirming your enrolment at Swinburne. Remember that setting up your own apartment or house will also mean furnishing it, so you'll need to budget for that.

Visit www.international.swinburne.edu.au/renting



PROGRAM YOUR OWN STUDIES

As a Study Abroad student you can study at Swinburne for one or two semesters and may begin your studies in either Semester 1 or Semester 2.

You are required to take a full-time study load, which is 50 credit points per semester. Most Swinburne units are 12.5 credit points, so generally you will take four units.

We strongly encourage all Study Abroad students to enrol in HAT110 Australia: A Global Context.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

Students from non-English speaking backgrounds may wish to undertake some preparatory English language studies before commencing their Study Abroad program. Fees will vary depending on the length of the program. For more information go to: www.international.swinburne.edu.au/courses/elicos

SWINBURNE'S TEACHING STYLE

Classes at Swinburne are taught using a number of styles. Lectures are held each week and students are given an overview of the week's materials. Tutorials are an opportunity for students to meet in smaller groups to discuss the lecture material. Laboratory sessions are held for some units to enable students to gain practical knowledge of their academic area.

Studio classes are used for design students to develop their ideas.

Assessment takes various forms. Generally students will be assessed by a combination of assignments, examinations, practicals and presentations.



SWINBURNE ACADEMIC TERMINOLOGY

Course: A Swinburne program of study. Most Swinburne undergraduate courses are three to five years in duration.

Unit of Study (Unit): The individual subjects or modules of study taken as part of a course.

Prerequisite: Units or requirements that must be completed in order to take further units at Swinburne.

Credit Points: Swinburne units have a credit-point value (CP). Most units are 12.5 CP. A 50 CP study load is the maximum full-time study load per semester.



HAT110: AUSTRALIA – A GLOBAL CONTEXT

This unit is a general elective unit designed to offer a concise introduction to Australia's history, culture and politics, with particular emphasis placed on examining Australia's changing place within the global community.

The subject offers a basic overview of Australian history; discusses some of the key icons of Australian identity; and explores Australian politics, its issues, parties and personalities. This unit is taught at the Hawthorn campus.

LIN100: ABORIGINAL AUSTRALIA: VICTORIAN PEOPLE, PLACES AND EXPERIENCES

Indigenous issues in Australia continue to be at the centre of public discussions concerning our national identity and history, as well as our political, legal, health and education systems.

The unit aims to provide students with an understanding of Australia's Indigenous peoples and the issues that define their experiences as Australian citizens. It also seeks to encourage students to examine the role of Australian citizens in a contemporary multicultural and multinational society, and to encourage students to develop and practice broader thinking in issues of inter-cultural relationships. This unit is taught at the Lilydale campus.

WHO SAYS YOU CAN ONLY LEARN IN A CLASSROOM?

Swinburne offers a few short study programs which run over three or four weeks in June and July, some taking advantage of local Melbourne festivals. Please note extra fees apply for these programs.

For more information visit

www.international.swinburne.edu.au/study-abroad/short-programs/index.html

THE MELBOURNE DESIGN EXPERIENCE

The Melbourne Design Experience is aimed at those interested in the areas of graphic, communication and multimedia design.

It is an intensive program of events, seminars, visits to studios and museums and project-based learning activities that will give you an insight into Australian culture and design.

Participants will be exposed to Melbourne's creative and cultural heart during the vibrant State of Design Festival.

For further information about the festival visit www.stateofdesign.com.au

THE MELBOURNE FILM EXPERIENCE

Swinburne's School of Film and Television is offering you an exciting three-week study tour developed by leading industry professionals to give you a hands-on insight into the filmmaking process.

You'll learn technical and creative storytelling techniques and gain a good knowledge of digital cameras, sound and lighting equipment and the post-production process.

It also includes three weeks of cinematic indulgence as part of the Melbourne International Film Festival (MIFF).

A TASTE OF CIRCUS

A Taste of Circus is a four-week program designed for students with an interest in contemporary circus arts.

Students will develop their physical skills through experiential learning, while also undertaking studies in performance, dance and cultural studies in classes held on-site at the National Institute of Circus Arts, in addition to excursions to some of Melbourne's premier cultural and performing arts venues.



Tatiana Chernet's
'Temporary Housing' project



NICA student Lewis West in *Falling*

WHO'LL LOOK AFTER ME?**SWINBURNE ABROAD OFFICE**

The Swinburne Abroad Advisers will be your first point of contact when you arrive at Swinburne. We provide comprehensive support and service to all Study Abroad students.

PRE-ENROLMENT AND EARLY ACCESS TO ONLINE TIMETABLING

The Swinburne Abroad Office provides special pre-enrolment services for Study Abroad students, to ensure you are enrolled in your requested units. Your Swinburne Abroad Adviser will be able to assist you with timetabling prior to your arrival.

PRE-DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL SERVICES

The Swinburne Abroad Office provides pre-departure and arrival information online to assist you in your preparations to study abroad at Swinburne. Visit www.international.swinburne.edu.au/arrival

GET EXTRA SUPPORT FROM THE LANGUAGE AND ACADEMIC SKILLS UNIT

**ON-ARRIVAL SERVICES**

All Study Abroad students have access to the free airport pickup service on arrival at Melbourne International Airport. The service will deliver you to your temporary or permanent accommodation.

ORIENTATION

A specific Orientation is held for Swinburne Abroad students to equip you with all the information necessary for a successful Study Abroad experience.

The program also includes an excursion for Study Abroad students.

WELCOME HOURS

The Swinburne Abroad Office provides one-hour sessions for Study Abroad students in the week prior to Orientation. These sessions allow students to start getting their bearings on campus, collect some information and meet other students.

SWINMATES MENTOR SCHEME

You will have the opportunity to be matched to a local Swinburne student as your mentor for the semester. The SwinMates welcome session is held in first week of semester. SwinMates events are organised throughout the semester.

Swinburne International organises trips and activities especially for international students. Here is just a taste of some of the activities that Study Abroad students have enjoyed:

AROUND THE BAY IN A DAY

Enjoy the spectacular views of Port Phillip Bay. Take the ferry to Queenscliff, then board the steam train and experience breathtaking views.

MCG (MELBOURNE CRICKET GROUND) TOUR

Take a tour of the home of Australian sport and former Olympic Games venue.

GREAT OCEAN ROAD DAYTRIP

See one of the most beautiful stretches of road in Australia. Enjoy the scenic beauty of Loch Ard Gorge and then head to the spectacular Twelve Apostles.

PHILLIP ISLAND KOALAS & PENGUINS

See koalas in their natural habitat at the Conservation Centre. Then head to the Penguin Parade to watch the fairy penguins make their way to their burrows.

EAST COAST TOUR

Travel the East Coast of Australia stopping off at Byron Bay, the NSW Coast, Sydney, the Blue Mountains and Canberra.



ACADEMIC SUPPORT

An Academic Skills Session is held for Study Abroad students in the first 2–3 weeks of semester. In addition to this, the Language and Academic Skills (LAS) unit runs workshops throughout the semester to assist students in developing the necessary skills and techniques to achieve their academic goals. Students can also make individual appointments with the LAS Advisers.

LEARNING FACILITIES

Study Abroad students have access to Swinburne Library services across all campuses. Swinburne libraries provide information resources, information literacy training and information access services.

The Information Technology Services department provides computing services and support including computer labs, online library services, dial-in access and webmail. All Swinburne campuses have wireless access.

KEEP IN TOUCH ONLINE

Swinburne students receive weekly email updates, informing you of academic and extracurricular events and dates to remember. The Blackboard site also keeps students updated and provides discussion boards. The Swinburne student blog allows you to keep up with what fellow students are doing across all our campuses.

OTHER STUDENT SERVICES

Student Services provides a range of support services to help students gain as much as possible from their time at Swinburne.

For more information about the Health Service, Counselling, Finance, Equity or Careers and Employment.

Visit www.swinburne.edu.au/stuserv

SAYING FAREWELL TO SWINBURNE

Swinburne runs a farewell ceremony for Study Abroad students, which provides information about returning home as well as addressing the return-culture shock. At this evening event, you will be awarded a certificate for participating in a Swinburne Study Abroad Program.

YEARBOOK

Before you head home, you will be given a yearbook, containing photos, stories and contact information from Study Abroad students at Swinburne. The yearbook provides a unique memento of your Swinburne Study Abroad experience.

Swinburne always organises social events so that you can meet other people from all around the world, which gives you a very global and more open-minded perspective.

FERNANDO GOMEZ
Bachelor of Business Information
Systems student
Mexico



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF...

AMANDA MARKS

Health Science major

The College at Brockport, State University of New York



01 At the 12 Apostles along the Great Ocean Road

02 With a kangaroo on our bus tour to Philip Island

03 Surfing in Merimbula, Victoria

04 At the Milla Milla Falls in Cairns

05 Snorkelling on the Great Barrier Reef

06 Next to my favorite statues in Melbourne

07 At the Sydney Aquarium



STUDY AREAS AVAILABLE AT SWINBURNE

FACULTY OF HIGHER EDUCATION	FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE	ENGINEERING AND INDUSTRIAL SCIENCES	INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES	FACULTY OF LIFE AND SOCIAL SCIENCES	FACULTY OF DESIGN
Lilydale campus	Hawthorn campus	Hawthorn campus	Hawthorn campus	Hawthorn campus	Prahran campus
Aboriginal Studies	Accounting	Air Transportation Management	Astrophysics	Anatomy	Advertising
Accounting	Asian Business	Aviation	Business Information Systems	Applied Statistics	Communication Design
Business Computing	Business Law	Biomedical Engineering	Computer Science	Australian Studies	Digital Film and Video Production
Computing	eBusiness	Civil Engineering	Information Technology	Biochemistry	Film and Television
eBusiness	Economics	Computer Systems Engineering	Multimedia Software Development	Biomedical Sciences	Graphic Design
eCommerce	eEnterprise	Electrical Engineering	Network Design and Security	Biotechnology	Industrial Design
Economics	Entrepreneurship	Electronics Engineering	Network Engineering	Chemistry	Interior Design
Finance	European Business	Mechanical Engineering	Software Development	Cinema Studies	Multimedia Design
Human Resource Management	Finance	Robotics and Mechatronics Engineering	Telecommunication and Network Engineering	Communications	Print Media
Information Systems	Human Resource Management			Cultural Studies	Product Design Engineering
Information Technology	Information Systems			Electronic Society	Publishing
Interactive Multimedia	International Business			Games and Interactivity Design	Video Game Design
Management	Italian			Italian Studies	Website Design
Psychology	Japanese			Japanese	
Public Relations	Management			Literature	
Social Statistics	Manufacturing Management			Media Studies	
Sociology	Marketing			Multimedia	
Tourism and Management	Organisation Behaviour			Philosophy	
Electronic Society				Physiology	
				Politics	
				Psychology	
				Psychophysiology	
				Public and Environmental Health	
				Sociology	
				Writing	

HOW TO APPLY

01 ENSURE YOU MEET THE SWINBURNE STUDY ABROAD ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

- See list at right

02 DEVELOP YOUR SWINBURNE STUDY PLAN

- To choose units you wish to study while at Swinburne, visit our Unit Search website: <http://courses.swinburne.edu.au/Subjects/BrowseSubjectInternational.aspx>
- Ensure units are available in your Study Abroad semester(s) by checking the Swinburne Timetable website: www.swinburne.edu.au/corporate/registrartimetable/units.htm

03 COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

- The Swinburne Study Abroad Application form can be found at: www.international.swinburne.edu.au/resources/docs/intl-ed-abroad-application.doc
- If you have any questions while completing the form please email: studyabroad@swinburne.edu.au
- Application closing dates:
 - 31 Mar for Semester 2 (Jul) commencement
 - 31 Oct for Semester 1 (Feb) commencementLate applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for the program you generally must have successfully completed a year of study at a higher education institution.

To view the full Swinburne refund policy, visit www.international.swinburne.edu.au/refund

Students from institutions teaching in languages other than English must provide evidence of language proficiency as follows:

IELTS:

6.0 overall
(no band score below 6.0)

Computer-based TOEFL:
213 with essay writing score 5

Internet-based TOEFL: 80
(no band score below 20)

- Applicants from Scandinavia (Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden) may provide Secondary School English results in support of their English ability.
- Applicants from Germany may provide DAAD: a minimum of 'B' in all four skill areas, plus Arbitur English results of 7.0/grade 3 in the final three years of secondary school.

FEES

The Swinburne Study Abroad Program fee includes your tuition, airport pickup and Orientation.

- 2009 fees are \$A8500 per semester
- 2010 fees are \$A9000 per semester

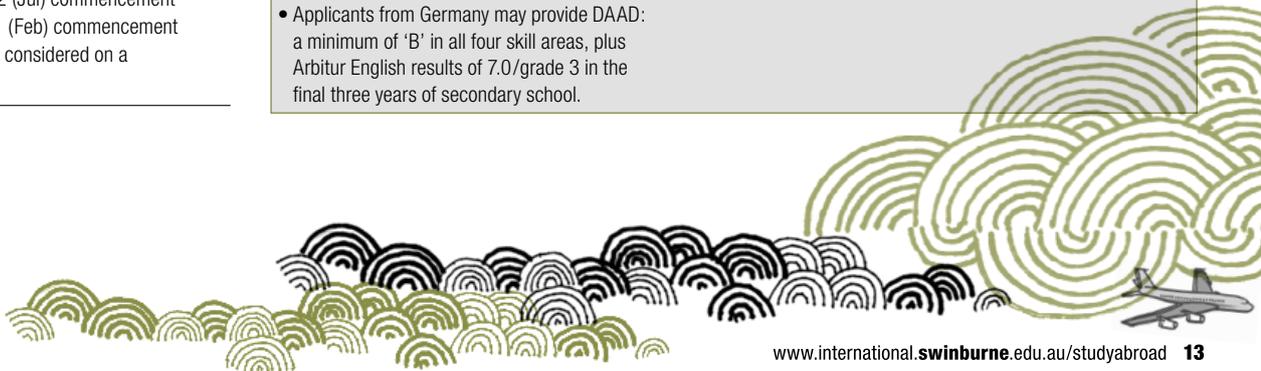
For updated fees information, visit www.international.swinburne.edu.au/studyabroad

Australian Government regulations require all international students studying in Australia to take out Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC). When you pay your fees, Swinburne will arrange OSHC for you. In 2009 the cost for a single person is \$A190 for six months or \$A380 for 12 months.

Under a reciprocal government agreement Swedish and Norwegian students are not required to have OSHC.

INDUSTRY-BASED LEARNING (IBL)

As a result of government legislation, international students are not permitted to undertake IBL in Australia unless it is a mandatory part of the course.



ANY QUESTIONS?

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