

Double Degree program for Bachelor students at the University of the Sunshine Coast

USC offers you the opportunity to apply for recognition of prior tertiary learning towards a USC Bachelor degree allowing you to complete a USC degree in a shorter period of time.

With a Double Degree from the University of the Sunshine Coast you will

- increase your English language skills,
- further deepen your business knowledge,
- improve your social skills and personal growth,
- gain competitive advantage with a second international degree qualification; and
- experience the Australian lifestyle.

The perfect start for an international career.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE OF THE USC BACHELOR DEGREES

In general all Bachelors at USC contain 24 courses which can be completed over 6 semester's fulltime study. The USC Bachelor programs are course work only and do not contain an internship or thesis.

The exceptions are for example combined degrees, Bachelor in Education, Engineering, Clinical Exercise Science, Social Work.

For a full list of Undergraduate programs please visit: <http://www.usc.edu.au/learn/international-students/what-can-i-study/undergraduate-programs>

The most popular degree amongst international students seeking credit for prior learning is the [Bachelor of Business](#). You have the option to complete this degree program in as little as two semesters (one year fulltime study) if you have previously completed similar tertiary study. USC can credit up to 120 ECTS (4 semester) of your home bachelor studies towards the Bachelor of Business degree. With full credit transfer you will only study 8 courses (4 courses per semester) at USC.

Please contact the International Office at your home university or USC International for further information on any established credit transfer agreements.



USC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR BACHELOR PROGRAMS

Admission requirements

For admission into a Bachelor program and credit transfer, you must have successfully completed related studies at a recognised tertiary institution.

English language requirements

IELTS: Overall score of 6.0 with minimum 5.5 in each subtest

TOEFL: Internet-based — overall score of 76 with minimum score of 18 for writing

German applicants can submit the DAAD language certificate, minimum requirement of 'B' in all four test areas

For other accepted proficiency certificates please refer to the English language requirements:

<http://www.usc.edu.au/englishrequirements>



WHY STUDY AT USC

- Five star teaching quality and graduate satisfaction*
- Personal attention and support
- Small class sizes
- Enjoyable and relaxing learning environment on a modern Australian campus
- Easy application process
- Double Degree on the undergraduate or postgraduate level
- Opportunity to obtain USC degree in a short period of time with recognition of prior learning
- 10 km from sandy beaches and 90 km from Brisbane

* USC is the only Queensland public university to consistently rate five stars for teaching quality and overall graduate satisfaction in the national [Good Universities Guide 2015](#).



Please note:

There are no application deadlines for international students at the USC. However, USC recommends submitting the application by November/December for Semester 1, or May/June for Semester 2 to allow adequate planning and preparation time for e.g. visa and airline ticket acquisition etc.

APPLICATION PROCESS

STEP 1: Choose your program and review program fees

Please visit <http://www.usc.edu.au/internationalprograms> for further information.

STEP 2: Check entry requirements

For more information please visit: [Entry requirements](#)

STEP 3: Apply for admission

Complete the [international application form](#)

Include any qualifications that will meet the entry requirements of the program you have selected, i.e. official academic transcript of completed studies and English language certificate. (Ensure all documents are certified copies, signed and stamped by a witnessing or government authority).

STEP 4: Where to submit your application

Scan and email or post your completed application form and supporting documentation.

Email: study@usc.edu.au
Post: USC International
University of the Sunshine Coast ML17
MAROOCHYDORE DC QLD 4558
AUSTRALIA

USC accepts applications for most programs at any time of the year. However, you should try to submit your application as early as possible to allow time to apply and be granted a visa to allow you to study in Australia.

STEP 5: What happens next?

You will receive an email acknowledging your application within 48 hours

Once your application has been assessed, and your eligibility for the program is confirmed, you will receive an offer. If you have applied for academic credit transfer, you will also receive advice about any credit awarded.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Student Visa:

- Allows you to work in Australia up to 20 hours per week while you study and unlimited hours during scheduled course breaks
- On-line Visa application takes usually three working days
- You will need your Confirmation of Enrolment to apply for a Student Visa

Please refer to <http://www.immi.gov.au> for up to date information as changes occur. Processing times, eligibility and requirements can differ according to nationality.



IMPORTANT DATES

Semester 1, 2016	29 February-24 June
22-26 February	Orientation
29 February	Classes commence
25 March-1 April	Mid-semester break
13-24 June	Exam period

Semester 2, 2016	25 July-18 November
18-22 July	Orientation
25 July	Classes commence
26 Sept – 3 Oct	Mid-semester break
7-18 November	Exam period

Academic calendar dates are subject to change, please check [Semester dates](#).

COURSE SELECTION & VALUE OF UNITS

- USC will provide you with an offer letter which will include a Credit Transfer Advice document. This document lists the courses that are credited towards the USC degree. USC will also provide you with the details of the courses you will need to study at USC to complete the USC degree requirements.
- Once you accepted the USC offer you will be able to pre-register in the courses online before you arrive in Australia
- The standard full-time workload is four courses per semester
- Course Credit value: all undergraduate courses are valued with 12 units which can be compared to 7.5 ECTS each
- After you completed your studies at USC and met the conditions for credit transfer we will send you the official academic transcript of grades and your award certificate to you.

SUPPORT SERVICES

- [USC International](#)
- [Student Life and Learning](#) (offer academic skills services, counselling service and much more free of charge)
- We recommend you to join our [workshops](#) to learn about Academic writing, Harvard style Referencing and writing Business Reports or Essays
- EAS – English for Academic Study program (8 weeks for students from non-English speaking backgrounds)
- [Career connection](#) (support for career development)
- [Student Guild](#)

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

ON-CAMPUS

• Student Accommodation is located just a few minutes' walk from campus and includes facilities such as swimming pools, tennis court, games rooms and barbeques. More information can be found on the homepages of the following Accommodation providers:

- [UniCentral](#)
- [Varsity Apartments](#)
- [The Village](#)

OFF-CAMPUS

- [Homestay](#): stay with a local family
- Rent a flat, apartment or a room in Sippy Downs, Buderim, Mooloolaba, Alexandra Headland, Maroochydore or Kawana
- More information can be found here: [Share Accommodation](#), [Easy roommate](#), [Gumtree](#), [Flatmates](#) or [RealEstate](#)



HEALTH COVER

OVERSEAS STUDENT HEALTH COVER (OSHC)

- OSHC is compulsory for all students who study in Australia on a Student Visa. You can find further details at: <https://www.oshcallianzassistance.com.au/>

FAMILY COVER

- Students requiring family cover will need to purchase their own OSHC from a recognised Australian provider if on a Student visa.

BE PART OF OUR COMMUNITY CLUBS AND EVENTS

- Join a club or society to become part of the local community
- USC and the Sunshine Coast has many clubs and societies that offer extra-curricular activities such as:
- [Clubs at USC](#)

Include [USC Activate](#), [USC Student Guild](#), Active minds, [Humans of USC](#)

- [Clubs on the Sunshine Coast](#)

Local Clubs include Alexandra Headland Surf Life Saving Club, The Surf Club Mooloolaba, Sunshine Coast Clippers Basketball, Buderim Indoor Sports Centre, Maroochy Squash Courts, Kawana Boxing Club, CrossFit Maroochydore

EVENTS

- Festivals: Maroochy Music and Visual Arts Festival, Noosa Craft Beer Festival, Noosa Jazz Festival, Woodfork Folk Festival
- Sporting events: Noosa Triathlon, Mooloolaba Triathlon, Sunshine Coast Marathon, Paddle in Pink, Kawana Aquathon
- Markets: Eumundi market, Noosa Farmer Market, Peregian Beach Market, Cotton Tree Market, Caloundra Street Fair
- Shows: Nambour Showgrounds, Mooloolaba Christmas Lights Boat Parade, Maleny Wood Expo
- More information on [Sunshine Coast Events](#)

FACILITIES AT USC

- [Sporting facilities](#) (swimming pool, gym, indoor sports stadium, athletics track, playing fields)



- [Social sport](#) (Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, Badminton)



FEES, STUDY AND LIVING COSTS

STUDY FEES

For study fees 2016 please refer to the following website:

<http://www.usc.edu.au/learn/international-students/what-can-i-study/undergraduate-programs>

COURSE RELATED COSTS

- Textbooks: new textbooks approx. A\$300-400 per semester, second hand books are available at the Student Guild hub, or try second hand books on [Gumtree textbooks](#), the Co-op book store on campus, on Facebook or [StudentVIP](#)
- Student Services and Amenities fee free of charge

LIVING COSTS

- USC suggests A\$1000 per month including rent, food and other costs (depending on personal lifestyle)
- On-campus accommodation between A\$180-A\$225 per week
- Off-campus accommodation between A\$120-A\$180 per week
- Students can purchase public transport passes with a discount

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

German students who wish to study at the University of the Sunshine Coast may be eligible to apply for various grants and scholarships in their home country.

BAFOEG CANDIDATES

The Bundesausbildungsfoerderungsgesetz offers stipends for German students studying overseas. For more information please visit [Auslandsbafoeg](#)

DAAD (DEUTSCHER AKADEMISCHER AUSLANDSDIENST)

DAAD funds the further academic development of outstanding German students, interns, student trainee, postgraduates, young academics and researchers. For more information please visit the [DAAD Homepage](#)

DAAD Stipend – [1 year Scholarship](#) can be obtained once per education period (Bachelor, Master, PhD)

LOCATION

UNIVERSITY OF THE SUNSHINE COAST

The USC Sippy downs campus is located in a new education precinct close to shopping, banks, medical services, parklands, national parks and much more. The campus is 10 km from the beach side and most coastal townships, which can be easily reached by public bus within 15 minutes.



- [Bus timetable and information](#)
- The campus is on the edge of the Mooloolah River National Park and is home to kangaroos and a variety of other distinctive Australian flora and fauna

SUNSHINE COAST

- The Sunshine Coast is 90 km north of Brisbane
 - About 350,000 people live on the Sunshine Coast
 - Mild climate all year around:
- The average temperature in summer (December – February) is around 17-28 degrees and in winter (June – August) it is 7-22 degrees
- Relaxed lifestyle
 - Natural beauty (Mooloolah River National Park, Glass House Mountains National Park, Noosa National Park and Rainforests)
 - Surfing beaches, sporting facilities, restaurants, night clubs, art galleries and World Heritage listed Fraser Island, UnderWater World and Australia Zoo

Contact us

For information about any of the programs and how to apply please contact:

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USC INTERNATIONAL ON FACEBOOK, YOUTUBE AND INSTAGRAM

- Like USC International on Facebook
- Get information about events and activities held on campus, on the Sunshine Coast and Australia
- Watch [Videos](#) about Student Life at USC
- USC International Student [Blog](#)
- Instagram [uscinternational](#)