Global Direct Program

Melbourne, Geelong & Warrnambool, Australia

Deakin University

USC’s affiliate program in Australia offers students the opportunity to fully immerse themselves in Aussie culture by living among Australia’s people. This program is located in the southeastern state of Victoria, a land of rich scenic contrast, home to beautiful beaches, mountains, deserts, forests, fields and volcanic plains. Students will attend Deakin University, one of the largest universities in Australia, which prides itself on its reputation as a progressive university with strong ties to professional and business communities. USC students can attend any of Deakin’s five campuses, which are located in three different cities: two in Melbourne, two in Geelong, and one in Warrnambool.

Melbourne (pop. 3.5 million), the capital of the state of Victoria, is often referred to as the sports capital of Australia. The Economist has twice awarded Melbourne the title of the world’s most livable city. Deakin’s Burwood and Toorak campuses are located in the city’s eastern suburbs.

Geelong (pop. 240,000) is an attractive, historic bayside city famous for beaches said to be among Australia’s best. Deakin has two campuses in Geelong: Waurn Ponds and Waterfront. The Waurn Ponds campus has sprawling lawns, landscaped gardens and natural bushland. Deakin’s Waterfront campus is located at the city’s center on Corio Bay. Surfing, scuba diving and other aquatic activities are a part of the city’s culture and appeal.

Warrnambool (pop. 29,000) is a popular whale watching destination famous for its captivating wildlife reserves, forests, waterfalls and coasts. Deakin’s Warrnambool campus hosts a unique marine biology program that combines a semester of study with a field related three week work placement.

Only USC undergraduates are eligible to participate in this full curriculum program. Students take classes with Australians and other international students. Classes are taught in English. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required to apply.

Courses and Credits
Students must enroll in four courses or three courses and an internship and typically receive the US equivalent of 15-credit hours. Listed on the back are a few examples of subjects offered. A full list of courses can be found at http://www.deakin.edu.au/current-students/handbooks/2010/.
Sample Subject Offerings
Asian Studies
Australian Studies
Biology
Business
Chemistry
Education
Engineering
Environmental Science
Journalism
Marine Biology
Media Arts
Nursing
Psychology
Public Health
Sports Management
Visual Arts

Living Arrangements
Students may choose to live in an on-campus residential college or share a flat off-campus. Students are guaranteed on-campus or pre-arranged off-campus accommodation provided their application is received before Deakin’s housing application deadline. Housing costs are paid in Australia and vary based on the type of accommodation chosen. More information about housing can be found at http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/international/study-abroad/accommodation/index.php.

Budgeting
Students pay tuition and fees directly to Deakin at a tuition rate determined by the host institution. The cost of living will vary depending on the type of accommodation you choose, your lifestyle, and the location you study. To view an estimated budget for attending Deakin University, visit http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/international/coming-aus/money.php#living.

Master Calendar
The Australian academic calendar begins in February, with the first semester running from February to June. The second semester commences in April and runs through November. USC students can attend Deakin during the fall semester, spring semester or academic year. A detailed schedule can be found at http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/international/study-abroad/dates.php.

Insurance
All students must purchase the Overseas Student Health Cover through Deakin University. The cost of this insurance is approximately AUD$180 per semester.

Orientation
Students will attend a three-day, two-night Beach and Bush Orientation. Past orientations have included guided hikes through the rainforest, sightseeing along one the most scenic stretches of Australia’s coast and optional surfing, yoga, and cooking lessons.

Excursions
Throughout the year, the Deakin University Student Association (DUSA) offers ski, day, weekend and extended trips for students at heavily discounted rates. For more information visit http://www.dusa.org.au/.

Entry Visa
All students studying in Australia are required to have a valid “Non-Award” Australian Student Visa. The current cost of this visa is approximately $540. Students are automatically granted permission to work up to 20-hours a week in Australia with this visa. For more information on the Australian Student Visa, visit http://www.immi.gov.au/students/students/chooser/575.htm.

Footnotes
Deakin University offers internship opportunities to students with junior or senior standing in a wide range of fields. For more information about studying at Deakin visit http://www.deakin.edu.au/international/.

For more information about Victoria, Australia and the sites that you can visit there go to the following webpage: www.visitvictoria.com