Global Exchange Program

Brisbane, Australia
University of Queensland

USC’s exchange program in Australia is designed to help American students gain first hand knowledge of Australian culture. This program is located on Australia’s east coast in the state of Queensland. Students will attend the University of Queensland at the St. Lucia campus in Brisbane. The University of Queensland's St Lucia campus (student pop. approx. 35,000) is located seven kilometers from the city's heart on a magnificent site in a bend of the Brisbane River. For more information on the UQ campus at St. Lucia, visit http://www.uq.edu.au/about/st-lucia. Students can take advantage of the campuses’ great sports facilities and the many recreational and social activities provided by the university. The city of Brisbane is Australia's fastest-growing capital with a population of more than 1.7 million people and offers a safe, friendly, multicultural environment. Clear skies, warm sunny days and mild nights prevail and the tropical ambience promotes an outdoor lifestyle. The inner city is characterized by parklands and botanical gardens, recreation precincts and beaches, cultural and convention centers, museums, art galleries, a casino, mall, shopping districts and a host of cosmopolitan restaurants and cafes representing many nations.

The program at the University of Queensland offers a full curriculum. Students take classes with Australian and other international students. Classes are taught in English.

As a prerequisite, students must have attained at least sophomore standing prior to attending the University of Queensland. A minimum 3.0 GPA is required.

Courses and Credits
Students must enroll for a minimum of 40 units (12 U.S. credits) per semester. Most courses are worth 10 or 20 units. Listed below are a few examples of the subjects offered. More course information can be found at https://www.sinet.uq.edu.au/ (click on “Course & Timetable Info” on the left side menu)

Sample Subject Offerings
Agricultural Science  Engineering  Mathematics
Art and Design  Environmental Science  Music
Business  History  Nursing
Communications  Hospitality Management  Psychology
Economics  Languages  Social Work
Education  Marine Studies  Hotel & Tourism Management
Living Arrangements
Students can choose to live in an on-campus residential college*, share a house or flat with other students, or live with an Australian family. Students pay in-state tuition and fees to USC and housing costs abroad. Housing costs and payment options vary based on the type of accommodation chosen. More information on student housing can be found at [http://www.accommodation.uq.edu.au/](http://www.accommodation.uq.edu.au/).

*On-campus housing is very limited and may not be available for all students

Budgeting
Students who secure a room on-campus should expect to pay between AUD$350-400 a week, which includes meals, utilities, internet, etc. Students who are interested in securing off-campus accommodations should expect to pay approximately AUD$150-250 a week for a room in a shared apartment. As a general guide, students should have a minimum of AUD$6,000 available for living expenses per semester. All costs are estimates and may fluctuate based on the exchange rate. For more information on the cost of living in Brisbane, visit [http://www.uq.edu.au/international/index.html?page=5974](http://www.uq.edu.au/international/index.html?page=5974).

Master Calendar
The Australian academic calendar begins in February, with the first semester running from mid-February to late-June. The second semester commences in late-July and runs through the end of November. USC students can attend the University of Queensland during the fall semester, spring semester or academic year. A detailed schedule can be found at [http://www.uq.edu.au/events/calendar_view.php?category_id=16](http://www.uq.edu.au/events/calendar_view.php?category_id=16).

Insurance
All students must purchase the Overseas Student Health Cover through University of Queensland. The cost of this insurance is AUD$185 per semester. This is in addition to the ISIC which is required by USC.

Orientation
Orientation is a requirement for all students studying at UQ. At orientation, students will receive more information about life at the University of Queensland and Australia as well as enroll in their pre-approved courses. More information about orientation can be found at [http://www.uq.edu.au/orientation/](http://www.uq.edu.au/orientation/).

Excursions
The program does not offer organized excursions. Students do have the opportunity for individual travel.

Extra-Curricular Activities

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](http://www.immi.gov.au/students/students/chooser/575.htm).

Footnotes