

Study Abroad & Exchange

About us

Founded in 1853, the University of Melbourne is a public-spirited institution that makes distinctive contributions to society in **research**, **teaching and learning**, and engagement.

It is consistently ranked among the leading universities in the world, with international rankings of world universities placing it as number 1 in Australia and number 37 in the world (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2024).

Exchange

If the University of Melbourne has an exchange partnership agreement with an **overseas institution**, it is preferred that those students apply for the exchange program. No tuition fees are payable to University of Melbourne.

Apply

Home university nomination

The University of Melbourne uses an online nomination process. Click the button or follow **this link** to nominate your students.

Nominate your students



Study abroad

Students coming from a non-partner institution will need to apply for the study abroad program. Students may select subjects from any area as long as the subject is available for that semester, the student meets pre-requisites, and there are no **faculty restrictions**. **Tuition fees** are payable to the University of Melbourne.

The City of Melbourne

Melbourne has a population of 5.3 million and is the capital city of the state of Victoria. It is the state's largest (and Australia's second largest) city. Consistently voted as one of the world's most livable cities, Melbourne is the cultural and sporting capital of Australia with many festivals and sporting events held throughout the year.

These include:

- AFL (Australian Rules Football) season and grand final
- Australian Tennis Open
- Formula One Grand Prix
- Boxing Day Cricket Test
- Lunar New Year
- Moomba Festival
- International Coffee Expo
- Queer Film Festival
- International Comedy Festival

With 38% of the population born overseas and 140 cultures represented, Melbourne is extremely multi-cultural and welcoming to people from all backgrounds. Melbourne's food scene is world class and boasts more coffee shops per capita than any other city in the world!

Application deadlines

	Semester 1, 2026 (February - June)	Semester 2, 2026 (July - November)
Study Abroad & Exchange	1 December 2025	1 May 2026
Housing	Until full	Until full



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Semester dates

Semester 1, 2026 (February - June)*	
Welcome Day (compulsory)	Friday 20 February
Orientation	Monday 23 February - Friday 27 February
Semester 1 teaching period	Monday 2 March - Sunday 31 May
Non-teaching period (semester break)	Friday 3 April - Sunday 12 April
Examination period	Monday 8 June - Friday 26 June

Semester 2, 2026 (July - December)*	
Welcome Day (compulsory)	Friday 17 July
Orientation	Monday 20 July - Friday 24 July
Semester 2 teaching period	Monday 27 July - Sunday 25 October
Non-teaching period (semester break)	Monday 28 September - Sunday 4 October
Examination period	Monday 2 November - Friday 20 November

*These dates are current as of August 2025 and may be subject to change.

You can view the full 2026 Academic Calendar [here](#).

Please note that:

- Welcome Day is compulsory. More information is available on the [Welcome Day Website](#).
- Students are required to remain in Melbourne until all assessment items are completed. Return airfares should be booked for dates after the end of the exam period.

Eligibility criteria

- Completion of two semesters of full-time tertiary study outside Australia at the time of entry to the University of Melbourne.
- Above average results: the equivalent to a minimum 'C' average in the European system; or 3.0 grade point average from the North American system.
- Proof of **English language ability**. (both UG and PG incoming Study Abroad and Exchange students are assessed at the UG level requirement).
- The full list of entry requirements is [here](#).

How to apply

Students can start their application at any time. Application instructions will be sent to students once their nomination is submitted. Students should follow the **steps to apply** on our website. Click the button below or **this link** for a step-by-step guide, which includes the online application link. It is strongly recommended that students follow the guide when completing their application.

Please note:

- Students can upload all their supporting documentation into the online application. Hard copy documents are not required.
- All supporting documentation must be in English or accompanied with an official English translation.
- Please provide your students with this fact sheet.

Step-by-step application guide



Courses and Subjects

Schools and faculties

The University has **seven campuses** around the state of Victoria with the main campus at **Parkville** near the city centre of Melbourne.

The University is divided into several faculties and graduate schools, which are **listed here**.

Courses

Study Abroad & Exchange students should apply for only one of the following four courses:

- Exchange Undergraduate (EX-UG)
- Exchange Postgraduate (EX-PG)
- Study Abroad Undergraduate (SA-UG)
- Study Abroad Postgraduate (SA-PG)

Grading system

Grade	Standard Mark (%)	Description
H1	80 - 100	First Class Honours
H2A	75 - 79	Second Class Honours Division A
H2B	70 - 74	Second Class Honours Division B
H3	65 - 69	Third Class Honours
P	50 - 64	Pass
N	0 - 49	Fail

Travel information

Overseas student health cover

The Australian Government requires all international students* studying on a student visa to have **Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)**, from an approved Australian provider. Home country/institution insurance will not be accepted.

No Confirmation of Enrollment (CoE) will be issued until Global Learning receives proof that an OSHC policy has been purchased through the University of Melbourne or independently.

*Swedish, Norwegian and Belgian students are exempt from requiring OSHC.

Visa requirements

Students coming from overseas to study at the University of Melbourne (who are not Australian or New Zealand citizens) must have a valid visa to enter Australia.

Most incoming students will apply for a Student Visa (sub-class 500, non-award sector). Students can apply for a student visa once they receive the CoE from the University of Melbourne via email.

Students should research all visa options and apply through the **Department of Home Affairs** website.

Subjects

- The **Selecting Subjects** page is the best resource to assist you.
- You can search for all subjects using the **online handbook**.
- Some faculties have subject restrictions and they are **listed here**.
- There are over **400 undergraduate subjects** that do not have any prerequisite requirements. You can find them here.
- Students must enroll in a subject load of between 37.5 and 50 points (3 to 4 subjects) per semester.
- All subjects are taught in English (except for specific **language subjects**).
- Undergraduate students are permitted to enroll in a maximum of one postgraduate subject.

Find a full explanation of the grading scheme **here**.

Terminology

Course: the overall degree or program.

Subject: a single unit within a course.

Arrivals

The closest airport to the University of Melbourne is **Tullamarine Airport**, which is approximately 20 kilometers from the city centre. The University offers a **free airport pick-up service** for study abroad and exchange students. Reservations should be made at least three days before your arrival.

Housing

Students should apply for housing as early as possible. Once the Study Abroad/Exchange application has been submitted, students apply using their UniMelb Student Number. You can find information and apply for housing **here**.



Transcripts

The University of Melbourne uses a secure online system called **My eEquals** to distribute e-transcripts to all students approximately a week after results are released, provided there are no outstanding debts or withheld/incomplete results. Students can send a secure copy of their transcript by entering their home institution adviser's address into the system.

Student support

Exchange and Study Abroad students have access to ongoing support during their application and studies at Melbourne. Students can contact an Education Abroad Advisors via **web enquiry** and can book virtual or in-person appointments.

The '**Our Support Services**' page also has helpful resources for setting up banking and mobile phone accounts, understanding the healthcare and public transport systems, and finding supermarkets and eateries.

In addition, Exchange and Study Abroad students are eligible for a range of support services via Stop 1 (student services) at the University.

Emergency contact details

If there is an emergency regarding an international student at the University of Melbourne, you can call the following numbers.

- Business hours*: +61 3 8344 7452
- After hours: +61 3 8344 6666

If you are using the after-hours number, ask to leave a message for Global Learning, and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

For Emergency services, (ambulance, fire service or police) dial '000' in Australia.

*Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm

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Resources

- **Melbourne Global Instagram Account (@melbourneglobal)**
- **Study & Exchange Blog: 'Postcards from Abroad'**
- **Study Abroad and Exchange Home Page**
- **Study Abroad and Exchange Brochure**
- **University Home Page**
- **Support Services**
- **Visa Information**
- **Cost of Living**

Acknowledgement of Country

The University of Melbourne acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the Traditional Owners of the unceded lands on which we work, learn and live. We pay respect to Elders past, present and future, and acknowledge the importance of Indigenous knowledge in the Academy.



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