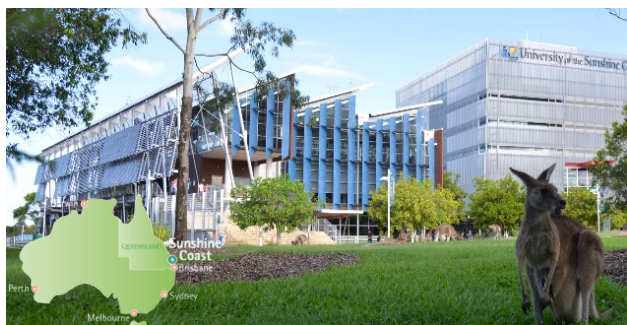


# Study Opportunities

## Sunshine Coast, Australia



### WHY STUDY AT USC

- **Five-star teaching quality, graduate satisfaction, student support, learning resources and skill development\***
- **Personal attention and academic support**
- **Small class sizes**
- **Enjoyable and relaxing learning environment on a modern Australian campus**
- **Easy application process and online course enrolment**
- **Opportunity to obtain a USC Diploma or Degree in a short period of time with recognition of prior learning**
- **Quality lifestyle in a safe environment**
- **10 km from sandy beaches and 90 km from Brisbane**

\* Source: [Good University Guide 2019](#)

### DIPLOMA PROGRAM

The Diploma is a **great alternative** to the Study Abroad program as you can complete an Australian qualification. The courses you can study are similar to Study Abroad courses, are on the Bachelor level and in different disciplines. There are no additional assessments required to complete a Diploma. The courses have the same assessment requirements as if you study the courses via the Study Abroad program.

- You can complete a Diploma in only **one semester** (4 courses) if you have completed at least one semester of your home degree. USC credits 30 ECTS of your completed modules towards the Diploma.

USC offers the following Diploma Programs:

- [Diploma in Business](#)
- [Diploma in Communication](#)
- [Diploma in General Studies](#)
- [Diploma in Social Science](#)
- [Diploma in Sport and Fitness](#)
- [Diploma in Criminology and Justice](#)
- [Diploma in Outdoor Environmental Studies](#)

### BENEFITS OF COMPLETING A DIPLOMA OR DEGREE INSTEAD OF STUDY ABROAD

- You will receive an Australian university qualification certificate additionally to the academic transcript
- You can participate in a completion ceremony at the end of the program and wear the graduation robe
- You will receive discounts on public transport

All the above benefits are currently **not** available to Study Abroad enrolled students as Study Abroad is a non-award program.

### USC BACHELOR OR MASTER DEGREE

You can also consider completing a Bachelor or Master degree in a short period of time. With full credit transfer you could complete a Bachelor in two semesters or a Master degree in only one semester. For more information and details on how to apply please contact [USC International](#).

### TAKE A USC CAMPUS TOUR



Get to know the beautiful Sunshine Coast campus by joining Andre and discover the interesting study options offered at USC.

→ [USC INTERNATIONAL CAMPUS TOUR](#)

## USC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Academic requirements	English language entry requirements
<p><u>Undergraduate:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– have successfully completed at least one semester of study at a recognised tertiary institution (check with your home institution regarding credit transfer)</li></ul> <p><u>Postgraduate:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– please contact <a href="#">USC International</a></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– USC accepts the DAAD, IELTS and TOEFL among other English language proficiency tests: <a href="#">USC's English language requirements</a></li><li>– USC also accepts a recommendation letter from your university confirming your language skills</li></ul>

## WHAT COURSES (MODULES) CAN YOU STUDY?

- For the **Diploma programs and the course offerings** visit the [program website](#)
- Each course list is divided into semesters, faculties and schools and contains:
  - Pre-approved courses – which do not require our approval for enrolment
  - Courses requiring approval – some courses have prerequisites and your eligibility must be assessed before you can be approved for enrolment in these courses
  - The standard full-time enrolment for Study Abroad is three or four courses and for the Diploma Program four courses per semester
- If you complete a Bachelor or Master Degree with credit transfer, USC will provide you with information regarding the courses you will need to complete.
- **Course Credit value:** all undergraduate courses are valued with 12 units which can be compared to 7.5 ECTS each
- After you completed your semester at USC we will send the official academic transcript of grades to your home institution
- If you complete a Diploma or Degree you will also receive an award certificate.

## HOW TO APPLY

- USC has no application deadline for most of our programs
- USC recommends submitting your application until November/December for **semester 1** (February - June) or May/June for **semester 2** (July - November)
- USC will consider and accept late applications if enough time remains for you to arrange the appropriate visa and flights, ensuring you will reach USC in time for Orientation
- Please submit the following documents via your home university's International Office:
  - Application form:
    - [Diploma Program](#)
    - [Bachelor or Master Program](#)
  - Official certified academic transcript of all completed studies (showing completed courses with titles in English, grades and ECTS)
  - English language proficiency certificate
  - Copy of passport

## APPLICATION PROCESS

**STEP 1:** Submit the completed application form together with your supporting documents to your International Office at your home university. Please ask the International Office to send us the documents via email to [study@usc.edu.au](mailto:study@usc.edu.au). If your home university sends us the documents, we will not need to receive the hard copies via postal mail.

**STEP 2:** Within a few days you will receive a letter of offer. Upon acceptance of the unconditional offer and payment of the tuition fee online you will be issued with a Confirmation of Enrolment document (eCoE). You will need the eCoE to apply for the Student Visa.

**STEP 3:** You will receive an email with your login details which will allow you to enroll in courses online.

**STEP 4:** Before semester start Student Services will send you an e-mail regarding 'Orientation week' and how to get prepared for your studies at USC.

**STEP 5:** Book your flights and accommodation.

## SUPPORT SERVICES

- [USC International](#)
- [Student Services and Engagement](#) and [Student Wellbeing](#): Offer academic skills services, counselling service, accommodation assistance, and many more services free of charge. We recommend you to join our [workshops](#) to learn about academic writing, Harvard style referencing and writing Business Reports or Essays. USC also offers a free English for Academic Study program (4 weeks for students from non-English speaking backgrounds)
- Support for [career development](#)
- [Student Guild](#)

## VISA REQUIREMENTS

Student Visa	Working Holiday Visa
<p>German citizens can apply for their Student Visa using the online or e-visa service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Online or e-visa service takes usually three working days</li> <li>– Paper applications can take 4-6 weeks</li> <li>– Work in Australia up to 20 hours per week while you study</li> <li>– <b>Please note OSHC insurance cover from an Australian insurance provider for this type of visa is required.</b></li> </ul>	<p>This visa allows you to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– stay in Australia for up to 12 months</li> <li>– work in Australia, generally for up to six months with each employer</li> <li>– study for up to four months (the USC study program is 16 weeks in duration)</li> <li>– leave and re-enter Australia any number of times while the visa is valid</li> <li>– Applicants can obtain their own travel insurance</li> </ul>

Please refer to [www.homeaffairs.gov.au](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au) for up to date information as changes can occur. Processing times and requirements can differ according to nationality.

## IMPORTANT DATES

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

Semester 1, 2020	24 February – 19 June
17 – 21 February	Orientation week
24 February	Classes commence
13 - 17 April	Mid-semester break
08 – 19 June	Exam period

Semester 2, 2020	20 July – 13 November
13 – 17 July	Orientation week
20 July	Classes commence
28 September - 02 October	Mid-semester break
02 -13 November	Exam period

Session dates for Master programs of the USC Business School.

<b>Session 2, 2020</b>	2 March – 24 April
<b>Session 3, 2020</b>	27 April – 19 June
<b>Session 6, 2020</b>	17 August – 9 October
<b>Session 7, 2020</b>	12 October – 4 December



**Lucas Ewald**  
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Diploma in General Studies

I would like to thank all the professors, colleagues and friends for my amazing time at the USC. It was a unique experience for me, where I evolved not only academically but also as a person. I successfully completed a Diploma in General Studies, towards which I felt motivated and determined during all my stay. Winning the 3rd place in the Div. 1 Nationals Futsal together with my teammates was something memorable. The well-established sport facilities at USC were the base to our success. Thank you, USC, for letting me be part of your inspiring community during these past months!

**For more student stories, please visit the USC International Student Blog**  
[uscinternational.wordpress.com](http://uscinternational.wordpress.com)

## FEES, STUDY AND LIVING COST

Study fees for 2020* (per semester)	Course related costs	Living costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Diploma</b> (undergraduate level) - <b>A\$9435</b> with the reduction of <b>15%</b> and an additional reduction of A\$200 (normal fees A\$11,300).</li> <li>- <b>Bachelor Degree</b> - <b>A\$10,200</b> with the reduction of <b>15%</b> (normal fees A\$12,000).</li> <li>- <b>Master Degree</b> - <b>A\$11,645</b> with the reduction of <b>15%</b> (normal fees A\$13,700).</li> <li>- <b>Additional scholarship for Master students studying in the double degree program in 2020 – USC will provide an additional scholarship of A\$620 to cover the Student Visa fees. Please note this scholarship is not available to students who apply for the Working Holiday Visa.</b></li> </ul>	<p>Textbooks: new textbooks can be quite expensive, but second-hand books are available at the Student Guild hub. Or search for second hand books on <a href="#">Gumtree</a>, the Co-op book store on campus, on Facebook or <a href="#">StudentVIP</a>. Of course, you can also borrow them at the library.</p> <p>Student Services and Amenities fee free of charge</p>	<p>USC suggests A\$380 per week covering rent, food, public transport and other costs (depending on personal lifestyle)</p> <p>On-campus accommodation between A\$180-A\$225 (per week)</p> <p>Off-campus accommodation between A\$120-A\$180 (per week)</p>
<p><b>OSHC</b></p> <p>OSHC is compulsory for all students who study in Australia on a Student Visa. You can find further details at: <a href="http://www.oshcallianzassistance.com.au">www.oshcallianzassistance.com.au</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OSHC cover is not required for students with Working Holiday Visa</li> </ul>		

\* Please note fees are subject to change

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Bundesausbildungsförderungsgesetz (BAFöG), different foundations and DAAD offers stipends for German students studying overseas

Bundesausbildungsförderungsgesetz (BAFöG)	Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD)
<p><b>Auslandsbafög</b></p> <p>Bafög offers financial support for German students, i.e. 1,000 Euro travel costs, up to 4,600 Euro towards tuition fees and up to 650 Euro per month for living costs. (Please note that students who are not eligible for Inlandsbafög may still be able to receive Auslandsbafög.)</p> <p>For more information please visit the <a href="#">Auslandsbafög website</a>.</p> <p><b>Stipendien</b></p> <p>There are a number of organisations in Germany which offer a range of stipends. Find out more here: <a href="http://studieren.de/stipendien">studieren.de/stipendien</a></p>	<p>DAAD Jahresstipendium – 1 year Scholarship - once per education period (Bachelor, Master, PhD)</p> <p>For more information click: <a href="#">Scholarships</a></p> <p>Please also contact your International Office for funding options.</p>

## 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: [Easy roommate](#), [Gumtree](#), [Flatmates](#) or [RealEstate](#)

### FACILITIES AT USC

- [Sporting facilities](#) (swimming pool, gym, indoor sports stadium, athletics track, playing fields)
- [Social sport](#) (Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, Badminton)
- Uni Club

### 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 including [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 and CrossFit Maroochydore.



#### EVENTS

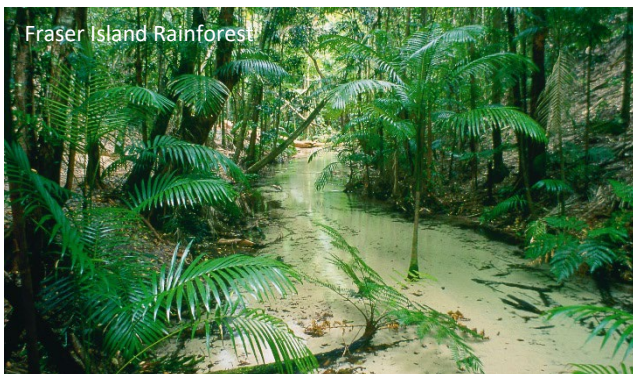
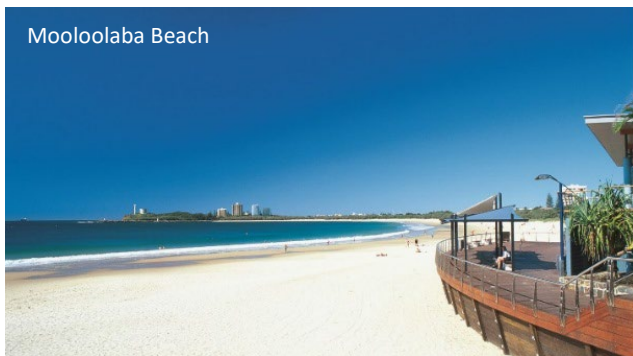
- Festivals: Maroochy Music and Visual Arts Festival, Noosa Craft Beer Festival, Noosa Jazz Festival, Woodfork Folk Festival
- Sporting events: Noosa Triathlon, Mooloolaba Triathlon, Sunshine Coast Marathon, Paddle in Pink, Kawana Aquathon
- Markets: Eumundi market, Noosa Farmer Market, Peregrin Beach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

## 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.

- The campus is on the edge of the Mooloolah River National Park and is home to kangaroos and a variety of distinctive Australian flora and fauna



- The Sunshine Coast is 90 km north of Brisbane. The train takes approx. 1.5 – 2 hrs from the Coast to Brisbane's CBD
- Fly to Sydney in 1.15hrs, Adelaide or Melbourne in 2.25hrs from the Sunshine Coast Airport.
- About 350,000 people live on the Sunshine Coast
- Relaxed lifestyle and 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
- The Sunshine Coast offers a variety of National Parks, Surfing beaches, Restaurants, Cafes, Clubs and much more.



### USC INTERNATIONAL ON FACEBOOK, YOUTUBE AND INSTAGRAM

- Like USC International on Facebook [www.facebook.com/USCInternational](http://www.facebook.com/USCInternational)
- Watch Videos about Student Life at USC [www.youtube.com/unisunshinecoast](http://www.youtube.com/unisunshinecoast)
- USC International Student Blog [uscinternational.wordpress.com](http://uscinternational.wordpress.com)
- Follow us on Instagram [@usc.international](https://www.instagram.com/usc.international)

**Watch our latest webinar recording with more information about studying at USC!**  
[Webinar Recording University Duisburg Essen 2019](#)

#### Contact us

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