Global Exchange Program

Brisbane, Australia—
*Queensland University of Technology*

Fall semester, spring semester, or academic year

USC’s exchange program in Australia is designed to help American students gain firsthand knowledge of Australian culture. This program is located in Brisbane, the state capital of Queensland, which is also the third largest and fastest growing city in Australia. Students will attend the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) campus in Brisbane along with approximately 40,000 students including 6,700 international students from over 90 countries.

For more information on the QUT campus, visit [http://www.qut.edu.au/international/study-abroad-and-exchange](http://www.qut.edu.au/international/study-abroad-and-exchange). Students can explore south east Queensland’s beaches, bays, and beautiful hinterland located within an hour from campus. Also, Brisbane is within easy travel distance of Australia’s other major cities and attractions with a domestic and international airport within 20 minutes of QUT’s central city location. This city offers an affordable lifestyle where year-round weather is fabulous and outdoors living is healthy. People from many cultures enjoy a diverse range of dining alternatives as well as a thriving arts and cultural scene.

The program at QUT offers a full curriculum. Students take classes with Australian and other international students. Classes are taught in English. As a prerequisite, undergraduate students must have attained at least sophomore standing prior to attending QUT and achieve at least a 3.0 GPA.

**Courses and Credits**

Students must enroll in a minimum of 48 credits (12 U.S. credits) per semester. Most courses are worth 12 credits. Listed below are a few examples of the subjects offered. More course information can be found at [http://www.qut.edu.au/international/study-abroad-and-exchange/subjects-you-can-study](http://www.qut.edu.au/international/study-abroad-and-exchange/subjects-you-can-study)

**Sample Subject Offerings**

Accounting and Finance  
Advertising and Marketing  
Business  
Corporate Systems Management  
Creative Industries Foundation  
Creative Writing  
Criminal Justice  
Dance  
Drama  
Education  
Engineering  
Fashion  
Film, TV & New Media  
Games & Interactive Entertainment  
Geography  
History  
Human Movement Studies  
Indigenous Studies  
Information Technology
Living Arrangements
Limited on-campus accommodation may be available, which houses about 450 students. In general, exchange students live off-campus unless they are able to secure a spot in the Kelvin Grove Student Village. ISS provides personal accommodation assistance to all international students. Students new to QUT should attend New to Brisbane to find out more about rental accommodation in Brisbane and the services available to international students, including arranging appointments and transport to inspect rental properties. For more information on housing at QUT, visit http://www.qut.edu.au/international/study-abroad-and-exchange/qut-and-brisbane/accommodation.

Budgeting
Brisbane is one of Australia’s most affordable capital cities, catering for a diverse range of lifestyles and can easily be enjoyed even on a student budget. Living costs will vary depending on the type of accommodation you choose, the number of people you live with, and the area you live in. You should estimate a minimum of AU$7500 for essential living expenses per semester. For more information on cost of living and budgeting, visit http://www.qut.edu.au/international/study-abroad-and-exchange/qut-and-brisbane/life-in-brisbane/cost-of-living.

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 Queensland University of Technology during the fall semester, spring semester or academic year. A detailed schedule can be found at http://www.student.qut.edu.au/about/key-dates-and-academic-calendar/academic-calendar

Insurance
All students must purchase the Overseas Student Health Cover through University of Queensland. The cost of this insurance is approximately AUD$200 per semester.

Orientation
The Study Abroad Orientation session is compulsory for Study Abroad students and a specific orientation for Study Abroad and Inbound Exchange students takes place approximately two weeks prior to the commencement of classes. More information about orientation can be found at http://www.student.qut.edu.au/enrolment-and-orientation/orientation

Excursions
There are two events organized for exchange students: Brisbane River Cruise & Study Abroad Orientation Escape, a 3-day weekend at a select location close to Brisbane. In addition, students do have the opportunity for individual travel.

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/

Footnotes
Visit the Queensland University of Technology website at http://www.qut.edu.au/. For specific information for the exchange program, please see http://www.studyabroad.qut.edu.au/. For more information on Australia, please visit the Tourism Australia web site at http://www.australia.com