

Student Information 2025

Exchange students from partner universities



University of
South Australia

Welcome to the University of South Australia (UniSA).
We look forward to welcoming you to Adelaide and the UniSA community soon!

Contact Information

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Website: <https://unisa.edu.au/global-experiences/study-abroad-and-exchange-at-unisa/>

Application Information

Nominated students will receive an email with instructions, and will be invited to apply via the online application system. You should have the following information (and documentation) ready when you begin your application:

- Current transcripts both in original language and English (if applicable)
- Current course enrolment (the course you are now enrolled into that you will finish before you start at UniSA)
- Evidence of English language proficiency (if required)
- Details page and Signature page of Passport
- A list of the courses you want to take at UniSA (course name as well as catalogue number)

Academic Calendar & Deadlines

UniSA has seven Study Periods throughout the year, however the main study periods for Exchange students are Study Period 2 (SP2) and Study Period 5 (SP5). Students must seek approval from UniSA to study courses outside of these study periods.

	Study Period	Teaching Period (approximate)
Semester 1	1	January to February
	2	February to June
	3	April to June
Semester 2	4	July to September
	5	July/August to November
	6	September to December
Summer Semester	7	October to February

Orientation is compulsory, so please ensure you arrive in time to attend orientation. More information on orientation will be sent via email after you've accepted your place at UniSA.

For a detailed breakdown of the semester dates, please refer to the [Academic Calendar](#).

Academic Units & Campuses

UniSA has seven [academic units](#). Exchange students can study courses across multiple academic units. When choosing your courses, please pay attention to the campus where the course is being taught as you may need to consider travel time. We suggest that you select courses offered at no more than two different campuses.

Campus	Academic Unit	Study Areas
City East	UniSA Allied Health & Human Performance (ALH)	Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Podiatry, Exercise and Sports Science, Human Movement, Clinical Exercise Physiology, Speech Pathology, Medical Radiation Sciences, Health Science, Public Health, and Medical Sonography.
City West	UniSA Business (BIS)	Accounting and Finance, Marketing, Management, Tourism, Sports and Events, Property, Supply Chain Management, and MBA.
City East	UniSA Clinical & Health Sciences (CHS)	Pharmacy, Nursing and Midwifery, Laboratory Medicine, Biomedical Sciences, and Nutrition and Food Sciences.
City West and Magill	UniSA Creative (CTV)	Architecture, Contemporary Art, Design, Journalism and Professional Writing, Communication and Media, Film, TV and Visual Effects, Creative Industries, and Urban and Regional Planning.
Magill and Mawson Lakes	UniSA Education Futures (EDC)	Education and Teaching, Arts, and Languages.
City West and Magill	UniSA Justice & Society (JUS)	Aboriginal and Australian Studies, Psychology, Law, Social Work, Human Services, and Arts.
Mawson Lakes and City East	UniSA STEM (STM)	Engineering, Mathematics, Science, Defence, Cybersecurity, Data Science, Construction Management, Environmental Science, Aviation, Information Management, Information Technology, Project Management, and Surveying.



Choosing courses

As you are required to list **six courses** on the application form for each semester of study, you need to do identify possible courses before you apply. Choosing six possible courses for each semester allows for flexibility if your timetable clashes, or a course is not running due to unforeseen circumstances.

Furthermore, you need to have your course choices approved by your home university before you apply. Use the Course Information Search to find suitable courses: <https://unisa.edu.au/global-experiences/study-abroad-and-exchange-at-unisa/choosing-courses/>

All approved courses will be listed on your Offer Letter. Please remember to:

- Select courses for the appropriate study period:
UniSA Study Period 2 = Semester 1 = Spring (Northern Hemisphere)
UniSA Study Period 5 = Semester 2 = Fall/Autumn (Northern Hemisphere)
- Select courses for the appropriate level of study
- Ensure you meet course pre-requisites

A note on study periods

Courses selected in these study periods by SP2 and SP5 students can be approved as long as it falls within your semester at UniSA, for example,

- One semester program
 - SP2 students can select courses in SP3, but will not be able to undertake SP1 courses as this is before the intake
 - SP5 students can select courses in SP6, but not SP4 as this is before the intake, or SP7 as these go on into the following year
- One year program
 - SP2 students can select courses in SP3, 4, 5, and 6
 - SP5 students can select courses in SP6, 7, 1, 2, and 3

A note on course codes

Course codes comprise four letters and four numbers (i.e. TOUR 1001). The letters refer to the discipline area. The first number of the four-digit code indicates the year level of the course. For example, TOUR 1001 is a first-year course, whereas POLI 2013 is a second-year course etc. Course codes that commence with a 5 (i.e. COMM 5006) are postgraduate level courses and entry is only allowed to students with the appropriate academic background.

A note on changing courses

When you receive your offer of admission from UniSA you may find the courses approved for your exchange are different to the original courses you selected. This is because a course is either no longer offered, not offered in the correct study period (semester) or because you do not meet prerequisites for that course, and the Course Coordinator has suggested an appropriate alternative.

Permission to enrol in other courses that are not listed in your Offer of Admission

If you decide you would like to take a course not originally approved in the original acceptance process you must seek permission from the relevant Course Coordinator. Their details are listed at the bottom of the Course Homepage.

Once you have received approval via email, you have permission to enrol into that course. You must keep a copy of the approval for your records. It is your responsibility to notify your home university of any changes to the courses you study as they may affect your home credits.

Course (Subject) Equivalency

UniSA	Europe	USA	Canada
18 units (4 courses)	30 ECTS	15 Credit Hours	2.0 Credits
13.5 units (3 courses)	22.5 ECTS	12 Credit Hours	1.5 Credits
4.5 units (1 course)	7.5 ECTS	3-4 Credit Hours	0.5 Credits

A full-time course load is 18 units per study period (usually 4 courses x 4.5 units each) and 36 units for a full academic year (usually 8 courses x 4.5 units). Exchange/Study Abroad students must not be enrolled in fewer than 13.5 units or greater than 18 units per semester. Some home Universities require students to be enrolled fulltime when on exchange. If this is a requirement of your University, you must enrol in 18 units of study.

English language requirements

You may be required to provide evidence of a satisfactory level of English proficiency by providing:

- a TOEFL score of 550 (paper-based) or 60 (internet-based) taken within the last 2 years
- an IELTS (academic) score of 6.0 taken within the last 2 years

UniSA has alternative proof of English language proficiency arrangements with many of our partner universities. Please check with your exchange coordinator before sitting one of the above English language tests.

If you intend on enrolling into English language classes in Adelaide before your semester starts, please discuss this with your home institution in the first instance.

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

[Overseas Student Health Cover \(OSHC\)](#) is mandatory for students studying in Australia. International students are required to provide evidence of OSHC for the duration of their student visa at the time of visa application.

UniSA's preferred OSHC provider is BUPA, however you are free to choose an OSHC provider of your choice. For information about OSHC providers in Australia see the Australian Government's [Private Health webpage](#). **If you decide on an alternative OSHC provider, please let us know, as we will need to remove the BUPA OSHC amount from your Offer Letter before you can accept your place at UniSA.**

Australia has a [Reciprocal Health Care Agreement](#) with some countries that covers the cost of medically necessary care when visiting Australia. Depending on your citizenship and/or circumstance, you may not be required to purchase Overseas Student Health Care (OSHC) to cover the length of your stay in Australia to meet your visa conditions. Please refer to the Department of Home Affairs website for further information.

Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF)

A mandatory [Student Services and Amenities Fee \(SSAF\)](#) is to support services of a non-academic nature. You will be invoiced for this after your studies have commenced and enrolments confirmed. The amount requested is dependent on the number of courses you are enrolled in per semester. In 2024, the fee for students studying a full-time load (4 courses) is a maximum of AUD\$175.50/semester.

Accommodation

UniSA does not offer on-campus accommodation, giving students the flexibility to find accommodation that best suits their needs and their lifestyle.

Generally, Study Abroad and Exchange students prefer to live in the city and travel to their campus for classes, though it's also possible to live near your home campus, or anywhere else in Adelaide. Students with courses at Mawson Lakes campus can access the direct train to Mawson Lakes from the Adelaide Railway Station, and students with courses at Magill campus can access a direct bus to Magill campus.

See [here](#) for information on how to search for accommodation in Adelaide, and [here](#) for a list of student apartment providers located in Adelaide.

Listings on the long-term accommodation pages (homestay, residential colleges, student apartments and student hostels) have been inspected by our staff and are considered suitable for students. As vacancies on the Rental Database have not been inspected by UniSA staff, we strongly recommend that students organise share-house or private rental accommodation only after arriving in Adelaide and having inspected these in-person themselves.

If you require accommodation assistance, please contact [UniSA Accommodation Services](#).

Other useful information

Read our [Living in Adelaide website](#) for a guide to your student experience on campus and around Adelaide. Also, check the [pre-departure and arrival website](#) for other useful information and tips.

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