

Study Opportunities

Sunshine Coast, Australia



WHY STUDY AT USC

- **Five-star teaching quality, graduate satisfaction, student support, learning resources and skill development***
- **Enjoyable and relaxing learning environment on a modern Australian campus with its own wildlife reserve**
- **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](#)

USC BACHELOR DEGREE

USC has an arrangement with University of Applied Sciences Stralsund which offers students enrolled in the **BA Leisure and Tourism Management** to complete the **USC Bachelor of Business** in only two semesters. For more information and details please contact your International Office or contact [USC International](#).

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.

TAKE A USC CAMPUS TOUR



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

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 refer to the **checklist** on the last page of this document for links to our Program application forms and supporting documents required.

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. 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](#)

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

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

Please refer to 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](#).

Session dates for Master programs of the USC Business School.

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



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Diploma in Business

You will fall in love with the country and the Sunshine Coast! I escaped from cold and grey Germany and arrived in warm, sunny Australia. During the Hop on Hop off bus tour and an international barbecue I met people from all over the world and made many friends. Of course, you have to study a lot for the university, write assignments and give presentations, because there is something to do the whole semester in contrast to Germany. But there is still enough time to explore the Sunshine Coast and the surrounding area. Trips to the Great Barrier Reef, the Whitsunday Islands, Noosa, Byron, Sydney and Melbourne are definitely worth it. But also, the Hinterland of the Sunshine Coast is beautiful. The list of travel and daytrip destinations is never ending. For me it was the best decision to study at USC! I made new friendships with people from all around the world, watched beautiful sunsets and collected unforgettable memories.

For more student stories, please visit the USC International Student Blog
uscinternational.wordpress.com

FEES, STUDY AND LIVING COST

Study fees for 2020* (per semester)	Course related costs	Living costs
<p>- Diploma (undergraduate level) - A\$9435 with the reduction of 15% and an additional reduction of A\$200 (normal fees A\$11,300).</p> <p>- Bachelor Degree - A\$10,200 with the reduction of 15% (normal fees A\$12,000)</p> <p>- Master Degree - A\$11,645 with the reduction of 15% (normal fees A\$13,700)</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	<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 Gumtree, the Co-op book store on campus, on Facebook or StudentVIP. 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>OSHC</p> <p>OSHC is compulsory for all students who study in Australia on a Student Visa. You can find further details at: www.oshcallianzassistance.com.au</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OSHC cover is not required for students with Working Holiday Visa 		

* 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>Auslandsbafög</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 Auslandsbafög website.</p> <p>Stipendien</p> <p>There are a number of organisations in Germany which offer a range of stipends. Find out more here: studieren.de/stipendien</p>	<p>DAAD Stipends NEW</p> <p>Funding for students from University of Applied Sciences in Germany for their semester abroad. For more information please visit the DAAD Website here: https://www.daad.de/ausland/studieren/stipendium/de/70-stipendien-finden-und-bewerben/?status=&target=&subjectGrps=&daad=&q=&page=1&detail=57478124</p> <p>DAAD Jahresstipendium – 1 year Scholarship - once per education period (Bachelor, Master, PhD) For more information click: Scholarships</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
- Watch Videos about Student Life at USC www.youtube.com/unisunshinecoast
- USC International Student Blog 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!

[USC Webinar November 2019](#)

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How to Apply – Checklist of required documents

Diploma Program:

- [Diploma Application Form](#)
- Academic transcript showing the completed modules with ECTS.
- English language certificate or recommendation letter confirming you have a **B2 level**. Please note that the Department of Home Affairs may ask for other English language certificates when non-German citizens apply for the Student Visa.
- Copy of the passport.

Bachelor Double Degree:

- [International Student Application Form](#)
- Academic transcript showing the completed Bachelor modules with ECTS and also the modules of current enrolment (or extra official document showing current module enrolment).
- English language certificate or recommendation letter confirming you have a **B2 level**. Please note that the Department of Home Affairs may ask for other English language certificates when non-German citizens apply for the Student Visa.
- Copy of the passport.

Master Double Degree:

- [International Student Application Form](#)
- Bachelor certificate and transcript showing completed modules with ECTS
- Master Academic transcript showing the completed modules with ECTS, as well as the modules that will be completed at the home university prior to and after the study at USC
- English language certificate or recommendation letter confirming you have a **C1 level**. Please note that the Department of Home Affairs may ask for other English language certificates when non-German citizens apply for the Student Visa.
- Copy of the passport.