

Australian
National
University

Undergraduate International Student Guide 2024

Your place is here

Welcome to ANU, from
all corners of the Earth.
Our place is your place.

Our campus is an experience, a place to belong, to live, learn and discover you. Your time with us will introduce you to enriching courses and lifelong friends and see you living and collaborating with other passionate and talented people.

Gaining an internationally recognised degree at The Australian National University (ANU) is an amazing opportunity to dig deeper and make a difference.

Picture yourself at ANU – in Australia's national capital, Canberra. We can't wait to meet you.

The Australian National University (ANU) acknowledges, celebrates and pays respect to the Ngambri and Ngunnawal people of the Canberra region and to all First Nations Australians on whose traditional lands we live, meet and work.

About ANU

#1 most international university¹

#1 most employable graduates²

5 stars for student to staff ratio and staff qualifications³

17,000+ students from
100 countries around the world

6,490 beds on campus, including a guaranteed accommodation offer for students starting their studies in 2024

6 Nobel laureates among ANU staff and alumni

The Australian National University (ANU) is a member of Group of Eight Australia and the International Alliance of Research Universities.

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5 reasons why ANU is for you

1

We're Australia's most international university¹

In Canberra, 25% of people speak a language other than English,⁴ many of them studying at ANU. With our student population representing Australia and countries around the world, we're rated Australia's most international university for a reason.

2

Small, interactive classes taught by world-leading academics

Connecting with your talented lecturers, tutors and classmates – and the amazing resources at ANU – will be easy. Our student-teacher ratios are among the best in Australian universities and our research, learning facilities and industry links are second to none.

3

Flexible, globally recognised degrees

Choose from 50 single degrees across a wide range of disciplines or combine your passions with your career interests and consider a flexible double degree. At ANU, you can design your own double degree from 599 possible combinations and undertake unique internship and global learning opportunities that will prepare you to join Australia's #1 most employable graduates.²

4

Ten monthly offer rounds with automatic scholarship consideration and guaranteed accommodation

ANU makes offers for admission, scholarships and guaranteed accommodation to international applicants on the first day of every month. Scholarships that we will automatically consider you for include the prestigious Chancellor's International Scholarship, which could reduce your tuition fees by 25 or 50 per cent.

5

Supportive community to help you settle in

At ANU, you'll have a wide range of academic, career and wellbeing resources to help you settle into life in Australia, adjust to university and thrive after graduation.

Welcome to your next adventure

Australia offers incredible natural landscapes and city experiences – and the national capital is no exception. Whether it's kangaroos and koalas, rivers and mountains you're wanting to experience or great food, culture and a chilled city vibe, Canberra has it all. Say "g'day" to this cool capital.

Culture

On weekends, discover Braddon's local coffee roasters and eclectic cafes, just a few minutes' walk from ANU, before heading to the Haig Park markets for some locally made clothes, jewellery and produce. You can also take in a show at the theatre, an exhibition at the National Gallery or National Museum and discover the workings of Australia's government at Parliament House.

Adventure

All year, you can walk or ride a bike along the weaving trails dotted around local nature reserves. In summer, take some time away from your studies at the National Zoo and Aquarium or swim in the Murrumbidgee River. In winter, hire some ski gear and flock with your friends to the Snowy Mountains.

Festivals and nightlife

Canberra's awesome festivals span four distinct seasons. In spring, wander through flower-filled Floriade and in summer, watch a Canberra Comedy Festival gig. In autumn, the illuminating Enlighten Festival will brighten your eyes and the Truffle Festival held in winter will tantalise your tastebuds. As the sun descends on another beautiful blue-sky day, head into the city to a live music venue or nightclub or over to the National Botanic Gardens, where you can watch a movie under the stars.

Learn more about studying in Canberra at canberra.com.au/study/

Work during your studies

With your Australian student visa, you can work part-time for up to 48 hours every two weeks during semester and unrestricted hours during study breaks.

Food, drink and shopping

Canberra has rooftop bars serving tapas, local breweries specialising in beer and hamburgers, and bistros offering award-winning dishes and glimpses of the past. When it comes to shopping, the city provides a smorgasbord of small and large retailers, including boutique and vintage shops, several markets and big retail centres.

A capital city to love

#1 Highest average income and lowest unemployment in Australia

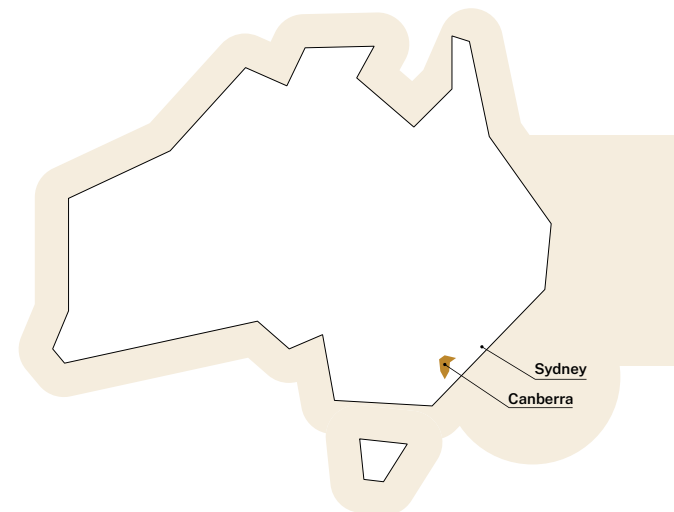
Why Study in Canberra 2022

#1 Most sustainable city in Australia

The World's Most Sustainable Cities 2021

25% of people speak a language other than English

Multicultural Canberra 2022





"I definitely recommend coming to Canberra to study. It's probably one of the best cities in which to study in Australia. Everyone is eager to learn more in their respective fields and it's almost liberating hanging out with like-minded people."

Horace Ng – Hong Kong

Bachelor of Economics/Bachelor of Science

Experience the knowledge capital

More than half of Canberra's population holds a bachelor's degree or higher. You will be surrounded by decision-makers, deep thinkers and talented professionals, including artists, researchers, scientists, diplomats, policy-makers and cutting-edge entrepreneurs.



Space to learn and grow

At ANU, you'll learn in innovative classrooms and gain new skills and accreditations. You will also take part in practical career-focused activities that will look great on your résumé long before you graduate.

Small classes taught by world-leading academics

With a student-teacher ratio of 11:1, you will work alongside renowned academics who are leaders in their fields. The latest research will drive your learning in lectures and tutorials. You will be challenged to dig deeper, ask the hard questions, and try new approaches to solving today's big problems.

Creative learning spaces

Imagine working in a recording studio, arguing a case in a contemporary courtroom, looking through the SkyMapper survey telescope or coding Gadi, the Southern Hemisphere's fastest supercomputer. At ANU, you will learn in lecture halls, laboratories and other spaces specifically designed for exploration and collaboration.

Academic skills

Building on the skills you gained during high school will make sure you thrive at university. ANU supplies workshops and one-on-one sessions on academic writing, research techniques, communication strategies, referencing, academic integrity and how to prepare for exams. Just tell us what you need and we will provide it.

Practical internships

As part of your degree, you can choose to enrol in internship courses that will see you work with business, government, the cultural sector and communities. Our internships explore subjects as diverse as art collection management, archaeology, engineering, computing, public health, policy and diplomacy, as well as business, economics, law, science and strategy.

Public policy experiences

Unique to ANU are a range of national and international internship programs that could see you working during your semester breaks alongside politicians and their aides in places like the Australian Capital Territory Legislative Assembly, Parliament House, the United States Congress or in Taiwanese government departments or agencies.

Professional accreditation

Before you can work in some jobs in Australia, you will need to meet the professional requirements of their peak bodies, such as Engineers Australia, the Australian Computer Society and CPA Australia. ANU builds work-integrated learning components into your degree to help you earn this accreditation.

Peer-assisted learning

Each ANU college has student-run peer-assisted learning (PAL) groups. Run by more experienced student mentors, they can help you build and practise foundational academic and professional skills in a relaxed and reassuring way that facilitates learning.

Support for students living with disability

We will support you to take part fully in your degree program. If you are a carer, have a medical condition or are living with disability, we'll provide you with advice about supports and adjustments.

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Phone: +61 2 6125 5036

For information on how ANU will also support your career and wellbeing, go to pages 10 and 12.

Study with world-leading academics in small classes and innovative learning facilities. We provide the space and support you'll need to reach your potential.

5 stars for student to staff ratio (11:1) and staff qualifications:
Good Universities Guide 2021



A campus made for you

Whether it's time to study or put your books away for the day, our campus will be your playground. It's beautiful, vibrant and safe and offers everything you will need to enjoy university life.

Find a space to study

Focus on your studies in the many comfortable spots dotted around campus – from the lounge and breakout zones in the Student Centre or Marie Reay Teaching Centre – to the many rooms with whiteboards and screens that make collaborating easy.

When you need to soak up some sun, take a seat on the bean bags on the Kambri lawn or on the steps of the amphitheatre overlooking Sullivan's Creek.

Get involved in events

At the start of every semester, during Orientation Week, Kambri – the hub of student life at ANU – really comes alive! The calendar of events includes markets, workshops, tours and competitions. Throughout the semester, you can also take part in social events, from concerts and movie nights to theatre and live music performances.

Run for election

You could advocate on behalf of all students to the University executive and help supply the free and confidential legal, welfare services and social events that the ANU Students' Association (ANUSA) provides. Learn more on page 12.

Meet, eat and shop

You won't need to travel far for food and study supplies. Conveniently on the ANU campus are cafes, bars, a retro games room and a bookshop, pharmacy and supermarket. Our campus provides everything from basic groceries, prescription medicines, stationery supplies and textbooks to coffee and food from around the world.

Catch up with friends for dinner and a drink at the end of a hardworking day.

Stay fit and healthy

Build your physical and mental fitness at our swimming pool, two gyms and four ovals – or by booking the indoor courts and fitness spaces at the ANU Sports Centre. Like Canberra, the University is bike-friendly and has some beautiful walking trails.

Pick up an e-scooter or bicycle between classes or bring your own with you.

Join a club or society

ANU offers heaps of opportunities to pursue your hobbies and interests with other students. Whether you are interested in the arts, languages, advocacy, physics or sport, there will be a student-run social, academic or cultural club or society that will suit you. Joining is super easy.





Your safety

The ANU Security team and the free ANUOK app work together to make sure our campus is a safe environment for you. Reach them quickly by downloading the ANUOK app when you arrive.

Download
the ANUOK app



“I’ve taken part in many events and societies and they are great fun. If you decide to be an active part of an ANU club or society, such as joining the executive as I have, you’ll find everyone is so lovely. They have swiftly become like a second family to me.”

Oliver Jongue – Taiwan

Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of International Relations



“When I’m not studying, you can find me on the executive committee for the ANU Indonesian Students’ Association. This role has given me many opportunities to network with Indonesian diplomatic staff, academics specialising in Indonesia, as well as Indonesian students. I am sure you will find a club or society that fits your interests.”

Nadia Setianto – Indonesia

Bachelor of International Relations

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

A room of your own

ANU guarantees you a place in a student residence. With several options to choose from, you will find a room to call your home-away-from-home.*

Supportive community

Living in a student residence will help you build your independence, make new friends and settle into university life. On tap will be residential advisers who provide wellbeing support 24/7 and tutors who can help you with your studies, plus an exciting calendar of social events.

Classes just minutes away

Everything you will need will be in easy reach of your residence by foot or bicycle: lecture halls, cafes, bars, bike paths, gyms and libraries. The events and activities of ANU clubs and societies, and the Kambri student hub, will also be a short distance away. Roll out of bed and be in class within minutes!

City on your doorstep

A short walk away will be the Canberra Centre with its big-name and independent clothing brands, food, gift and phone shops. The Dendy and Palace cinemas, a games arcade, banks and several supermarkets will also be close by, along with the cafes and nightlife of the neighbouring suburb of Braddon.

What's in your residence?

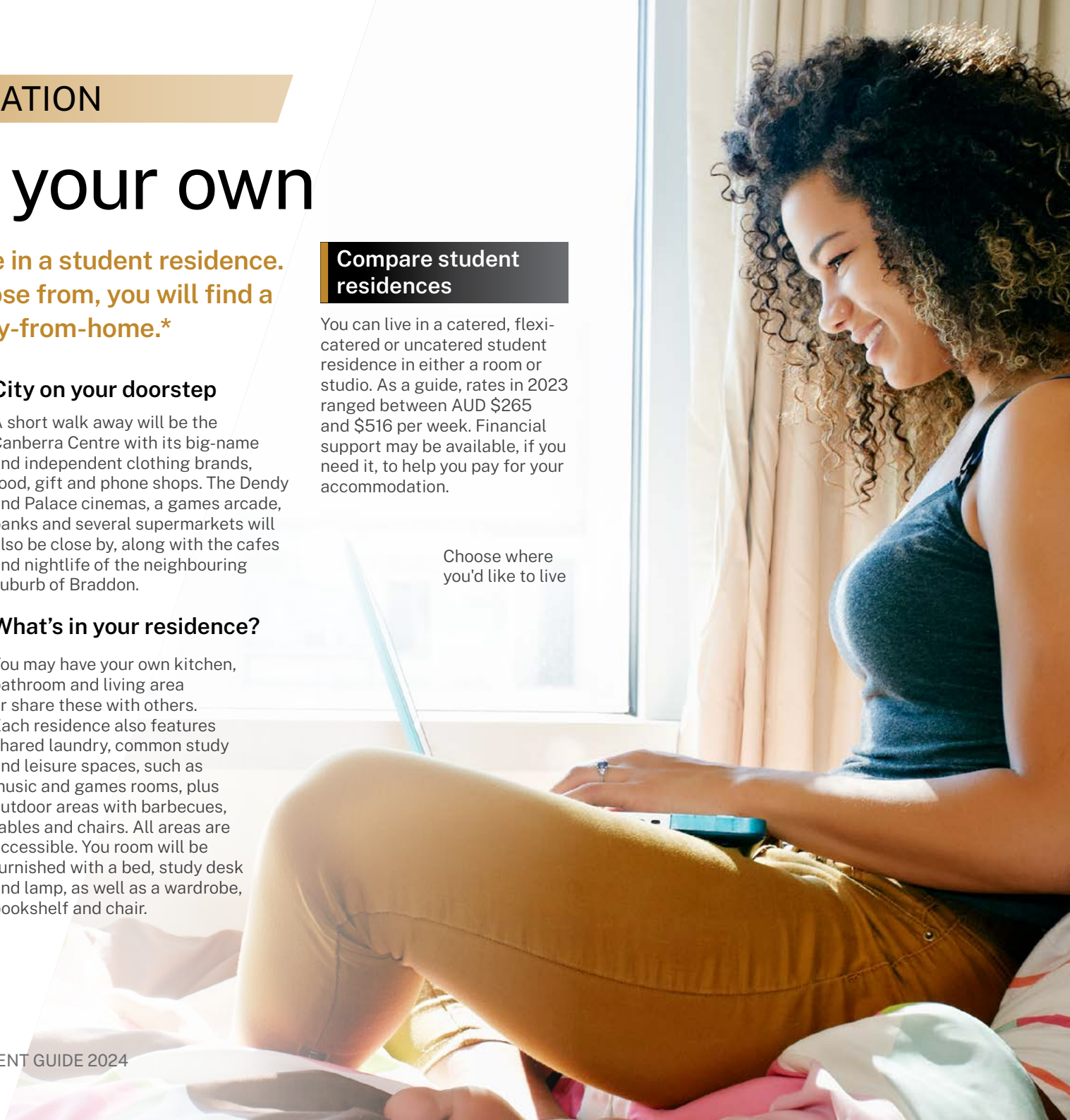
You may have your own kitchen, bathroom and living area or share these with others. Each residence also features shared laundry, common study and leisure spaces, such as music and games rooms, plus outdoor areas with barbecues, tables and chairs. All areas are accessible. Your room will be furnished with a bed, study desk and lamp, as well as a wardrobe, bookshelf and chair.

Compare student residences

You can live in a catered, flexi-catered or uncatered student residence in either a room or studio. As a guide, rates in 2023 ranged between AUD \$265 and \$516 per week. Financial support may be available, if you need it, to help you pay for your accommodation.

Choose where you'd like to live

* Eligibility criteria apply





Accommodation guarantee

In your first year, we guarantee you a room in an approved student residence. Here's how to apply:

Offshore students

Simply tell us in the application portal which residence you would prefer to live in.

Onshore students

Apply for a room through the ANU accommodation portal.

Learn more about the application process on pages 22 and 24.

Free airport service

We can collect you from Canberra Airport (30 minutes from ANU) during Orientation Week and take you to your accommodation. You will be able to register for this service after you have accepted your offer from us.



“ANU student residences provide comfort and support that will make you feel at home. You’ll be living in a safe, supportive and inclusive environment.

The senior residents, community and wellbeing coordinators will help make the transition from home to your new accommodation easier so you can focus on working towards academic success.”

Ting Wang – China

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) graduate



“Living on campus at Wamburun Hall is a great experience. It is one of the most diverse residences on campus, filled with students from around Australia and the

world. With a capacity of 500 residents, there are so many new people to meet and friendships to create. Wamburun Hall is also walking distance from classes and shops. Campus living is an unforgettable experience.”

Ben Leung – Australia

Bachelor of Laws (Honours)

Let's talk about your career

The ANU Careers team provides one-on-one practical advice and will point you to resources that can help you complete a job application and increase your impact at interview.

Job applications

During your studies and after you graduate, our team of career consultants can help you with advice about selection criteria questions, performing at interviews or updating your résumé. During your appointment with them, they may also give you some job searching strategies.

Career planning

We can help you explore the potential careers your degree prepares you for and discuss some of the things you can do to increase your employability, such as taking part in career development workshops and programs.



Volunteering


Getting involved as a volunteer in the Canberra community can help you meet new people and improve your employability. The ANU+ program recognises involvement in volunteering activities and taking part in it will show employers that you're willing to gain a deeper understanding of yourself and the community around you.

CareerHub

This is the University's central online career development and employability tool. It features a noticeboard that can connect you with internships, part-time jobs, graduate employment programs and career-related resources and events — including workshops and instructive videos.

Expos and employer visits

Each year, ANU will invite you to events that will connect you with prospective employers. Our Career Connect fair, usually held in Semester 2, brings together employers from various disciplines and industries so you can learn from them about recruitment processes and upcoming job vacancies while building your professional networks.



Earn a degree that will equip you with the skills, knowledge and vision to join Australia's most employable graduates.

Times Higher Education
Employability Rankings 2020

Your wellbeing is everything

Whenever you need medical care, counselling, legal advice or cultural or spiritual support, you'll find these on campus – and each service is free.

Student advisers

Our advisers will be available whenever you need support with settling into university life. They can help you with orientation tasks, enrolling in your classes and some of the other things you may need to do before semester starts.

English language support

Our fun and relaxed English conversation groups are a great way to meet new people and practice your English language skills with native speakers.

Medical clinic

The ANU Medical Centre's general practice (GP) clinic supplies free medical services to students. When you're on campus, you can make an appointment or walk-in to see a doctor or nurse for a health check-up, immunisations, minor wound management and more.

Counselling

ANU Counselling is a free, confidential and non-diagnostic service that can support your mental health and wellbeing while you're studying. You can access one-on-one counselling sessions or take part in free group programs and seminars.

Sexual harassment and violence support

The ANU Respectful Relationships unit helps survivors with sexual harassment and violence reporting.

Spiritual support

When you need spiritual support, our team of multifaith chaplains can help. They represent the Anglican, Catholic and Baptist churches and the Muslim, Hindu, Jewish, Baha'i faiths, as well as the Humanist tradition.

Students' association

You will automatically become a member of the ANU Students' Association (ANUSA). As well as being able to join in the fun stuff, like 200-plus clubs and societies, you will have access to free legal advice and supportive welfare programs.


24/7 crisis line

As an ANU student, you will be able to phone this crisis service if you need relief from emotional distress, help with managing immediate threats to your safety or when you want to learn about pathways to longer-term support services.

Mentoring

SET4ANU is a free mentoring program designed to help you transition to life at ANU. Signing up to the program will match you with a later-year student volunteer who will help ease you through your first few weeks here.





Discover your independence here.
Everything on our campus, from clubs
and societies to health and mentoring
services, makes settling in and
navigating university easier.

ANU health and wellbeing services,
200 clubs and societies

Supportive and enriching scholarships

A scholarship can give you space and support for the things that matter during university, like being able to focus on your studies and paying for your tuition fees. Some of our scholarships can also give you a community.

ANU scholarships cover most situations. To apply for many of them, all you will need to do is place a check mark in the scholarship box in the direct application portal and we'll automatically consider your eligibility for some of them, including the Chancellor's International Scholarship.

Our 200-plus scholarships recognise academic achievement, financial hardship, leadership, country of origin and barriers to higher education.

For 4-5 years, they can help you with a range of study-related costs, including student accommodation, travel and tuition.

Chancellor's International Scholarship

This scholarship can support up to 170 academically outstanding international students from around the world – and we will automatically consider you for it when you submit your application to ANU.

Benefits

- 25% or 50% tuition fee reduction for the duration of your degree
- Reduced tuition fee deposit
AUD \$10,000

Eligibility

You are eligible for this scholarship if you:

- meet the admission requirements for your ANU degree program
- are a high-achieving student
- intend to study onshore in Australia
- have not received the scholarship before.

If you are from one of these countries or regions, you may be eligible for the 50% tuition fee reduction scholarship:

- India
- Indonesia
- Vietnam
- South-East Asia
- Europe and the Americas

Apply for a scholarship

There are two ways to express interest in a scholarship at ANU.

1. Submit your ANU application

We will automatically consider you for some ANU scholarships, including awards relating to your study area.

Start your ANU application

2. Choose your own scholarship

Find a scholarship on the ANU website that interests you. Click on it to discover if you're eligible and to learn how and when to apply.

Browse scholarships

Learn more about the ANU application process on pages 22 and 24.



“I could not have achieved my dream to study at ANU without a Vingroup Scholarship. It was integral to my being able to study here and in Australia. ANU offers me a wide range of study resources and extraordinary teaching experiences. I have opportunities to work with distinguished scholars and excellent students from all around the world.”

Tuan Tran – Vietnam

Master of Engineering



“The Chancellor's International Scholarship gave me the golden opportunity to study at ANU, one of the most prestigious universities in the world. It has provided my family and me with financial support in tough times and helped to reduce mental stress. I am grateful to the ANU community for supporting me in every possible way.”

Navdeep Gill – India

Bachelor of Information Technology

Degrees that challenge and inspire

From neuroscience, robotics and astronomy, to art, health and music, there's a single or flexible double degree for you at ANU. Your future career starts here.

Choose from 50 single degrees

If you have a career in mind and know what you want to study, a single, structured degree that takes 3–4 years to complete could be the right choice for you.

Our single degrees can be flexible too—so if you want to explore a few interests or keep your career options open, you can choose from a wide range of majors and minors and create a study program that's unique to you.

Single degrees at ANU explore a range of interests:

- Arts, society and culture
- Asia Pacific, international relations and security studies
- Business and commerce
- Engineering and computing
- Health, medicine and psychology
- Law and legal studies
- Natural, physical and environmental sciences.

Design your own flexible double degree

A fabulous way to combine your interests and stand out in the job market, a flexible double degree takes 4–5 years to complete and will see you graduate with two bachelor's awards.

Build your own flexible double degree from 599 possible options.

Here are some suggestions:

- Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Music
- Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Genetics
- Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Design
- Bachelor of Asian Studies/Bachelor of Environment and Sustainability
- Bachelor of Applied Data Analytics/Bachelor of Criminology

Study a research degree

If you would like to develop highly transferable skills that work across disciplines and industries, one of our undergraduate research degrees could be for you.

Challenging and rigorous, these study programs are for high-achieving students and take 4 years to complete. They come with one-on-one guidance, exclusive placements in research organisations and opportunities to travel.

ANU offers these undergraduate research degrees:

- Bachelor of Advanced Computing (Research and Development) (Honours)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Research and Development) (Honours)
- Bachelor of Finance, Economics and Statistics (Honours)
- Bachelor of Philosophy (Advanced) (Honours).

Study a vertical double degree

At ANU, you can choose to combine some undergraduate degree programs in science, health and medicine with some coursework master's degrees. This would see you enter the

workforce with two internationally recognised qualifications.

Explore vertical double degrees

Find your degree


Browse our single and vertical programs or build your own double degree. You'll also find ATAR and IB scores here and any prerequisites you'll need to meet before you apply to ANU.

Search programs and courses

Study Honours

An Honours year is typically a fourth year of study that is a continuation of an undergraduate degree. If you have completed a bachelor's degree at another university, including overseas institutions, it is possible to transfer to ANU for your final Honours year.

Learn more about Honours programs



We're ranked #1 in Australia for many subject areas. You'll be hard-pressed to find a more diverse range of flexible degrees elsewhere.

QS World University Subject Rankings 2022

YOUR DEGREE PROGRAMS

Bachelor programs ²	Duration (years)	Semester Intake	Indicative annual fee for international students (AUD) ¹	CRICOS code
ANU College of Arts & Social Sciences				
Arts	3	1 & 2	\$44,578	074016B
Criminology	3	1 & 2	\$42,220	078937F
Design*	3	1 & 2	\$42,220	092387C
International Relations	3	1 & 2	\$48,035	073992F
Languages	3	1	\$41,770	073988B
Music*	3	1	\$42,220	073990G
Political Science	3	1 & 2	\$48,035	086219C
Politics, Philosophy & Economics	3	1 & 2	\$48,035	076183D
Public Policy	3	1 & 2	\$48,035	097615M
Visual Arts*	3	1	\$42,220	073991G
ANU College of Asia & the Pacific				
Asian Studies	3	1 & 2	\$45,060	082710B
International Security Studies	3	1 & 2	\$48,035	082704M
Pacific Studies	3	1 & 2	\$45,060	075274J
Philosophy (Hons) — Humanities and Social Sciences*	4	1	\$48,035	103363E
ANU College of Business & Economics				
Accounting	3	1 & 2	\$48,035	079653K
Actuarial Studies	3	1 & 2	\$48,035	028147F
Business Administration	3	1 & 2	\$48,035	062745A
Commerce	3	1 & 2	\$48,035	002289F
Economics	3	1 & 2	\$48,035	002290B
Finance	3	1 & 2	\$48,035	039746C
Finance, Economics & Statistics (Hons)	4	1	\$48,035	086222G
International Business	3	1	\$48,035	047472B
Statistics	3	1 & 2	\$48,035	061240A
ANU College of Engineering, Computing and Cybernetics				
Advanced Computing (Hons)	4	1 & 2	\$50,760	077939A
Advanced Computing R&D (Hons)	4	1 & 2	\$50,760	085359K

To be considered for admission to a program at ANU, it is necessary to meet the minimum admission requirements. For further information on programs and admission requirements, scan the QR code.

Bachelor programs ²	Duration (years)	Semester Intake	Indicative annual fee for international students (AUD) ¹	CRICOS code
Applied Data Analytics	3	1 & 2	\$50,760	094621D
Computing	3	1 & 2	\$50,760	112692B
Engineering (Hons)	4	1 & 2	\$50,760	077943E
Engineering (Hons) Software Engineering	4	1 & 2	\$50,760	108316E
Engineering (R&D) (Hons)	4	1 & 2	\$50,760	060542F
ANU College of Health and Medicine				
Health Science*	3	1	\$53,610	094623B
Psychology (Hons)	4	1 & 2	\$50,760	036680G
Science (Psychology)	3	1 & 2	\$50,760	047423M
ANU College of Law				
Laws (Hons)	4	1 & 2	\$48,033	085042J
ANU College of Science				
Biotechnology	3	1	\$50,760	036660M
Environment & Sustainability	3	1 & 2	\$50,760	091180D
Environment & Sustainability (Advanced) (Hons)	4	1 & 2	\$50,760	091181C
Genetics	3	1	\$50,760	064778J
Mathematical Sciences	3	1	\$50,760	086223G
Medical Science	3	1	\$52,185	036662J
Philosophy (Hons) Science*	4	1	\$50,760	043746B
Science	3	1 & 2	\$50,760	000335K
Science (Advanced) (Hons)	4	1 & 2	\$50,760	065138M
ANU-wide				
Flexible double degrees in Arts, Social Sciences, Business And Science	4	1 & 2	\$49,400	079093D
Flexible double degrees in Engineering And Advanced Computing (Hons)	5	1 & 2	\$50,760	079094C
Flexible double Law (Hons)	5	1 & 2	\$48,035	079095B
Flexible double degrees in Philosophy (PhB), Advanced Arts, Social Sciences, Business & Science	5	1 & 2	\$50,615	079656G

1. Indicative annual fees for international students are subject to change. These fees are intended to serve as a general guide and should not be considered a guarantee of the actual fees that will be charged. Tuition fees for individual courses are available in the relevant programs & courses course entry. For further information on international tuition fees, please visit programsandcourses.anu.edu.au

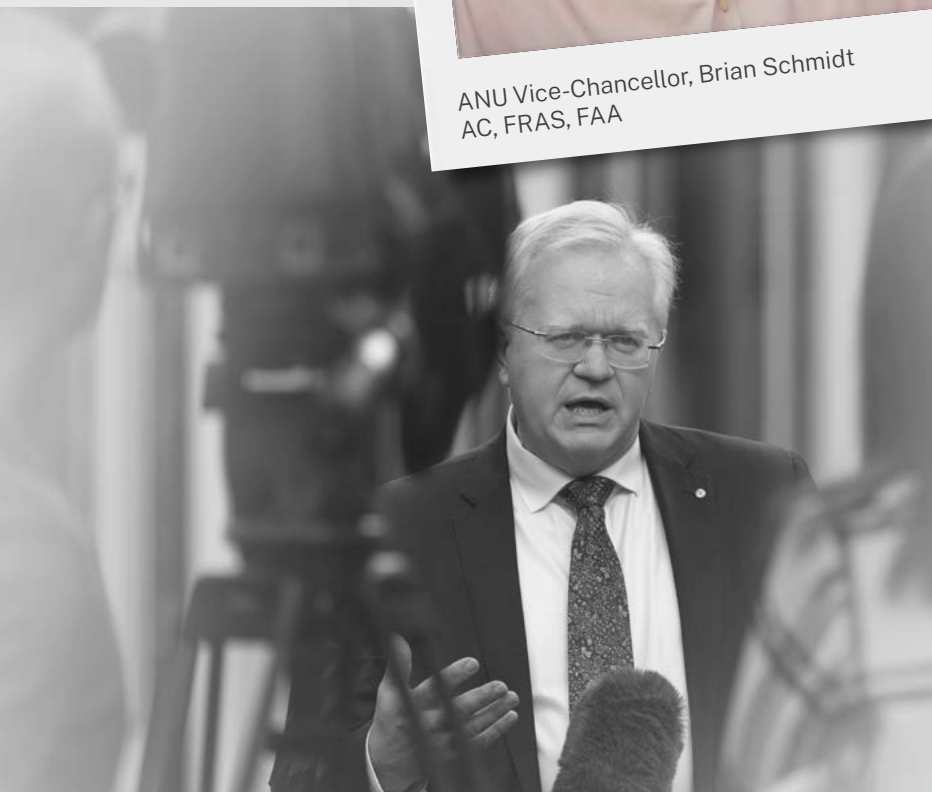
2. The university reserves the right to alter or discontinue its programs as required. Please note that not all degrees are available to commence in semester 2. The scores published should be used as a guide for the listed year only, and the university may vary these requirements at any time.

* This degree program has further selection criteria in addition to academic results.

Any exceptions are at the discretion of the academic area.



ANU Vice-Chancellor, Brian Schmidt
AC, FRAS, FAA



According to Brian

ANU Vice-Chancellor, Brian Schmidt AC, FRAS, FAA, shares some words of wisdom about choosing a university and the experiences it will give you. Best of all, he reveals how coming to ANU himself helped him win a Nobel Prize.

What advice do you have about choosing a university?

Choosing a university will be one of the most important decisions you'll make; it will help shape your independence as a person more than anything. This is an emotional time, one of learning who you are and what you want to be, and of exploring and doing the things that you're interested in. I recommend making the decision about where you'll go to university using both your mind – your intellect – and your heart.

What's the best thing about going to university?

University is about more than just grades. The years to come will be important to your life. You'll meet people from Australia and countries around the world and make great friends. Building your knowledge and gaining new skills will equip you to solve complex problems. Your degree, when you finish it, will just be the beginning. In fact, you will become someone who never stops learning.

You won a Nobel Prize in Physics in 2011. Did ANU have a role in that?

There is no way I would have won a Nobel Prize if I had stayed in the United States. I became an astronomer and the social structure of my field over there would not have given me the freedom that ANU did. Here, I could go out and do what I thought was best with the support of a tight-knit community.

So, how would you sum up the ANU experience?

ANU is the whole package. Yes, we have a wide range of degrees and offer great flexibility. Our colleges are world-leading and our campus in Canberra has a beautiful scale and size to it, but it is how welcoming our community is that makes it great. ANU is a place where you'll work hard but also have fun. Try and live in a student residence, because your university experience will be an exciting one, and you'll want to be right at the heart of it.

Admission requirements

Before applying to ANU, check that you meet our admission requirements for undergraduate study. Doing this will make the application process a smoother one for you.

English language proficiency

You will need to show that you meet our English language requirements. We accept several English tests as evidence of this, including IELTS, PTE Academic and TOEFL and some high school qualifications completed in English.

Learn more about our English requirements



Degree-related requirements

Prerequisite subjects

Your degree may have specific application processes or require completion of prerequisite subjects, such as maths, physics and chemistry. You can find this out by clicking the 'Admissions and fees' tab on each degree program's web page.

Admission requirements

Each of our degrees has a minimum admission requirement that we will consider when we assess your application.

View 2024 minimum admission requirements

Learn more about how we assess applications on page 24.

Documentary evidence

You will need to upload the following documentation to your application:

- Proof that you have met the English language requirements
- Copies of your academic transcripts

Documentation requirements

Other requirements

Before you can study in Australia and at ANU, you will need to organise the following:

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

Once you have accepted your offer, you will need to organise Overseas Student Health Cover. This is a mandatory requirement of your student visa (unless your home country has a Reciprocal Health Care Agreement with Australia).

Your OSHC will cover the costs of visits to the doctor, some hospital treatment, ambulance services and some pharmaceuticals (medicines).

Learn more about OSHC

Student visa

After you receive confirmation of your enrolment and before you arrive in Australia to study, you will need to apply for, and be granted, a student visa. This is likely to be a subclass 500 student visa.

All visas are subject to conditions and you must ensure that you comply with these at all times. You must also have a valid passport for the duration of your studies.

Explore visa requirements



How to apply

There are several ways you can apply for admission to ANU. The way that is right for you will depend on whether you're currently living and studying in Australia, New Zealand or elsewhere.

I am living and studying outside Australia and New Zealand

You can nominate one degree in the ANU application portal. Once you have received an offer from ANU, though, you will be able to change your preference between the 9th and 15th day of each month.

You can apply to ANU through an education agent or directly. Both options are free.

Apply through an agent

An education agent can support you throughout the application process and answer your questions about ANU. They can also upload your documentation and submit your application on your behalf.

Find an agent

Apply directly to ANU

Follow these two steps and apply through the ANU online application portal.

1. Choose your degree

Search ANU programs

2. Login to the application portal

Upload your details and follow the prompts to navigate your way through each step in the application portal. You can log out and go back to your application at any time before the closing date of your offer round.

Let us know if you would like a scholarship

Tick the scholarships box in the application portal and we will automatically consider you for some, including the Chancellor's International Scholarship – which could reduce your tuition fees by 25 or 50 per cent. Learn more on page 14.

Tell us if you would like to live in a student residence

Tick the accommodation box in the application form and choose where you would like to live. We make it easier for you to settle into your first year at ANU by guaranteeing you a room in a student residence. Learn more on pages 8 and 9.

Choose where you'd like to live

Upload your documentation

This includes your academic transcripts and evidence of your English language proficiency. Learn more on page 20.

Start your application

Application dates 2024

Semester 1

14 March – 15 December 2023

Semester 2

1 June 2023 – 15 May 2024

Application dates 2025

Semester 1

March – December 2024

Semester 2

June 2024 – May 2025

Alternative dates

Some degrees, such as the Master of Business Administration, have alternative application dates and processes.

Explore alternative dates



I am completing a Year 12 or IB qualification in Australia or the NCEA Level 3 in New Zealand

You should apply to ANU through the Universities Admission Centre (UAC). Applications for admission usually open in April and close the following February.

UAC will use your academic qualification to assess your application during its November–December or December–January offer rounds.

You can list up to five degrees on your UAC application form and they can be from a range of Australian universities.

Visit www.uac.edu.au for the latest application dates and fees.

Interested in a scholarship? Browse the undergraduate international ones on the ANU website to find some that suit you. You'll discover how to apply for them on the website too. Learn more about scholarships on page 14.



YOUR APPLICATION

What will happen next?

Discover some of the things that will happen once you have submitted your application to ANU.

How will the University assess my application?

We will consider your academic qualifications then compare these with the qualifications of other international applicants to assess your eligibility for an offer.

Monthly offer rounds

ANU makes offers on the first business day of every month. Submit your application by the 15th day of June, for example, and we will consider it for the 1 July offer round.

You will have two months to accept your offer.

Can I change my mind?

Yes. In fact, there are a number of things you can change.

After you receive an offer, you can change the degree preferences in your application between the 9th and 15th day of each month prior to your acceptance deadline.

When you arrive at ANU, you can request to transfer to another student residence mid-year or earlier if you have an exceptional reason and documentation to support it.

Will accepting my ANU offer stop me accepting offers from other universities?

Accepting an offer from ANU doesn't prevent you from accepting an offer from another university in Australia, but you will only be able to enrol in a degree at one university.

If you're already studying in Australia or New Zealand and applying through the Universities Admission Centre, we recommend you wait until January before you enrol with any university –that is, after you have received all potential offers.

When will I need to pay for my accommodation?

The date of the first accommodation payment will depend on the date your accommodation contract starts. This date could be within a few days, a week or a month from when you accept your ANU offer.



Talk to us

Reach out to the members of our Future Student Experience team. They are currently studying at ANU and can answer any questions you have about our degrees and the application process.

Talk to
ANU

When will I need to pay my tuition, services and amenities fees?

When you accept your offer to study at ANU, we will ask you to pay a deposit of AUD \$20,000. Your tuition fees will be drawn from this deposit until the funds run out. After that, we'll invoice you for your tuition and the student services and amenities fee (approximately an additional AUD \$326 per year) at the start of each semester. Learn more about tuition fees on page 18.



ANU is Australia's most international university. With a majority of our students coming from overseas, you'll feel welcome and included.

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ANU, in their words

Two students and two alumni reveal their impressions of Canberra, campus accommodation, scholarships and the ANU learning experience – and why they chose to study here.



Horace Ng – Hong Kong
Bachelor of Economics/Bachelor of Science



Yihan Wang – China
Bachelor of Arts graduate



Divyam Pahuja – India
Bachelor of Information Technology



Nadia Setianto – Indonesia
Bachelor of International Relations graduate

Why I am glad I chose ANU

Yihan: I appreciate everything at ANU. Not every university puts this much effort into students' wellbeing and takes care of each one of us.

Horace: ANU is the place where I have learned a lot about myself and the world, where I can strive to understand the nature of things with like-minded people.

Nadia: I chose to study at the ANU because of its location in Canberra, the capital city of Australia. I am a strong believer of being in the right environment to understand a field. Since I am studying international relations and political science, being in the capital city enables me to observe and experience the Australian political environment firsthand.

Divyam: Studying at the ANU was definitely a highly courageous step for me. But I feel that going thousands of kilometres away from my home has been worth it. I always sought a very diverse, supportive, and challenging university atmosphere.

What I like about Canberra

Nadia: As time went by, I began to appreciate living independently and to enjoy Canberra's quietness and serenity. I started filling my days by getting involved in student societies and campus life, and by

becoming a mentor and ambassador for my college, writing and attending academic events and spending time with friends. Now, Canberra feels like a second home.

Living in student accommodation

Yihan: I lived in a UniLodge residence on campus for the whole three years. I still remember the receptionist who was very warm-hearted on my first day arriving in Canberra. I appreciated the experience of living on campus as I always felt that I was being supported.

Horace: I live at Ursula Hall. The community is very welcoming and supportive. It's the smallest student residence on campus, so everyone knows everyone. The residents are always happy to help out. I learned to reach out to people whenever it was necessary. They really help me with everything, from my academic to my mental wellbeing.

Getting a scholarship

Divyam: I never expected to receive a scholarship from ANU. Luckily, I was able to start my studies here. It was one of the best things to happen to me this year.

My campus life

Nadia: Take advantage of the opportunities that ANU has to offer – go to the academic talks, join the student societies, talk to your convenors and tutors after lectures – as these opportunities are quite rare outside of university!

Horace: I joined ANU Sport to work out regularly. I found the community really supportive! Everyone helps each other to get better at physical training. It's a healthy atmosphere to work out in.

My ANU learning experience

Horace: It's always challenging to juggle studies and other commitments, but I must say it's highly rewarding to study at ANU where you are pushed intellectually every day.



"I remember in one interview I did for a research job they said to me 'Oh you've done Bahasa at ANU!'. I think ANU is very well known for teaching languages from scratch and for developing graduates who really know a language. I didn't know we were that famous, but thanks!"

Alicia Wong – Singapore

Bachelor of International Relations graduate

Divyam: I primarily chose ANU because of its research-inclined curriculum for my degree. Before choosing ANU, I explored different universities in my home country but came to the conclusion that ANU is miles ahead in its teaching methodologies and approaches.

Yihan: At the beginning, I have to admit that the workload was fairly heavy for me since we were required to do in-class group assignments and to submit them when the lessons ended. However, I recognised how beneficial this arrangement was because I built my thinking from the lens of game theory sooner than I expected. I actually immersed myself in the knowledge. This new way of thinking helped me to further understand the world.

Glossary of university terms

A

Alumni

A group of graduates or former students.

Australian Higher Education Graduation Statement

The statement that details a graduate's conferred award and any prizes, scholarships and grants that they may have been awarded in recognition of their achievements.

Award

The qualification conferred upon you after you have successfully completed your academic program. The undergraduate awards at ANU include bachelor and honours degrees.

B

Bachelor degree

An undergraduate award of three or more years of full-time or equivalent part-time study.

C

College

The term by which ANU refers to its academic faculties.

Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE)

A form issued by the University to international students that acknowledges their enrolment for visa purposes.

Course

A basic component or 'subject' of an academic degree program that is identified by a course name (e.g. Anthropology of Environmental Disasters) and course number (e.g. BIAN2064).

E

Entry requirements

Refers to the ANU English language and other admission requirements for international students. These requirements include your performance in your high school qualifications and completion of any prerequisite subjects, such as mathematics and chemistry, set by some ANU degrees.

F

Flexible double degree

Combines two degrees of the same level. Elements of the two awards are undertaken simultaneously, so that completing a double degree takes less time than completing two single degrees. Graduates who complete a flexible double degree are awarded two degrees.

Flexible learning environment

A means of encouraging student engagement in learning activities that may include:

- adjustable teaching spaces
- choice of degree programs and courses
- delivery mode, e.g. lectures, tutorials and workshops, classes held online or on-campus
- ability to negotiate learning outcomes.

FTE

Full-time equivalent. This is a measurement of a student's study workload.

G

Graduates

Students who have completed the academic requirements of their degree and received their award.

I

Internship

A professional learning experience that offers meaningful, practical (unpaid) work related to your studies and career interests, which can be delivered as a course that you enrol in, or as part of another specialist internship program that you can apply to.

L

Lecture

A formal presentation by an academic staff member, usually to many students. Lectures may include the use of handouts and audio-visual presentations. Opportunities for asking questions or discussing the content being presented are usually fewer in lectures compared to tutorials.

M

Major

A major is made up of a series of courses (48 units/8 subjects) related to each other in content to create an area of specialisation.

Minor

A stream of courses within a program that are related in content and made up of 24 units. A minor is a subset of courses within a major and will not feature on your academic transcript or testamur.

O

Offer

The process by which the University or Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) issues applicants with a place in a degree program.

O

Orientation Week
A program of activities run at the beginning of each semester designed to give students the information and support they need to become familiar with and confident about university life. The program may include short courses, online resources, workshops, introductions to clubs and societies, and a range of other activities, including tours of campus facilities.

O

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)
A condition of all Australian student visas, Overseas Student Health cover assists you to meet the costs of medical and hospital care while you're in Australia. You will need to maintain this cover for the duration of your visa.

P

Professional accreditation

A formal process of assessment and review by a relevant accrediting body leading to formal recognition that a program meets a set of standards that ensure graduates have the competencies necessary to begin professional practice. Professional accreditation may also include the requirement for graduates to gain formal registration with the relevant statutory body before they can begin professional practice.

Program

A common term by which ANU refers to its degrees.

S

Semester

A semester is generally a 12-week study session divided into two teaching periods, with a mid-semester break of two weeks between each. ANU has two semesters in a year.

Scholarships

Awards – usually financial – that help a student undertake a program of study at the University for about 3–5 years. ANU scholarships usually take the form of periodic payments to students or a reduction in costs, such as tuition fees.

Specialisation

Like a minor, a specialisation is an area of study with its own courses that can be taken in conjunction with a specific related major.

Student exchange program

A short two-week, semester or year-long study program that is extended to students to provide an opportunity for study at an overseas institution, which could earn them credit towards their degree.

Student visa

The most common student visa in Australia is the Subclass 500 student visa. When you apply for it, you will need to attach your Confirmation of Enrolment with a correct start date, provide translated copies of all requested documents and write your date of birth in this format: dd/mm/yy. You will also need to complete a health assessment as quickly as possible and to provide biometric data. Learn more at immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas

T

Testamur

A testamur is the formal certification of your award or degree and includes the University seal and signatures of the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor. Honours levels (e.g. First Class Honours), majors (e.g. Chinese) and prizes will not appear on the testamur, but will be listed on your academic transcript and Australian Higher Education Graduation Statement.

Tuition fee

The fee the University charges international students for a course or program of study. It does not include the student contribution amount you will also need to pay, which covers student services provided by the University, or other fees related to incidental costs.

Tutorial

In tutorials, compared to lectures, students discuss the key topics, concepts and ideas of the course with their tutors. Tutorials are closely linked to assessment and often involve small group discussions and group work.

U

Undergraduate degree

An entry-level academic program of university study that leads to an undergraduate qualification, such as a bachelor degree and an honours degree. Completion of one of these can lead to study towards a postgraduate qualification, such as a master or PhD degree.

Undergraduate student

A student undertaking a program of study leading to an undergraduate award, such as a bachelor degree.



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