

JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY AUSTRALIA

JCU Australia Study Abroad and Exchange Fact Sheet 2027

Course Information

Language of instruction and language requirements	Language of instruction: English Language requirements: IELTS 6.0 (no component lower than 6.0) or TOEFL (internet-based) 74 (no component less than 18) or Pearson (PTE Academic) 52 (no component less than 52)
Eligibility	Learn more about entry requirements **Undergraduate:** successful completion of six months of full-time study at a recognised higher education institution + a minimum cumulative GPA of 4.0 out of 7.0, or minimum average results of approximately 65-70%. Gap year or direct-from-high-school applicants are eligible with successful completion of a senior secondary qualification equivalent to Australian Year 12. **Postgraduate:** successful completion of a bachelor's degree or equivalent from a recognised higher education institution.
Course catalogues	Find out more

Study Abroad at JCU

JCU follows a **trimester** schedule with **optional blocks** to be added.

Program schedule:

Trimester 1: 15 February – 8 May	Application Deadline: 15 October 2026
Trimester 2: 31 May – 21 August	Block 3: 10 May – 21 June Block 4: 5 July – 16 August Application Deadline: 15 February 2027
Trimester 3: 13 September – 4 December	Application Deadline: 1 June 2027

*Check the James Cook University Study Abroad website for latest information on trimester dates and application deadlines.

Option 1

Undergraduate or Postgraduate

- 1 Trimester
- Standard: 3 subjects (9 credits)
- Max: 4 subjects (12 credits)

Option 2

Undergraduate or Postgraduate

- 2 Trimesters
- 8 subjects (24 credits)

Option 3

Undergraduate

- 1 Block + 1 Trimester
- A block is a 4 week intensive subject offering that can be completed pre or post or concurrent to the trimester.
- Blocks are not available at the Singapore Campus.

A student may wish to utilize a block to extend their stay abroad and to lighten their subject load. For example, a student could take three subjects for 9 credits in Trimester 1 and then add on a block for an additional 3 credits, rather than taking four subjects (12 credits) in a single trimester.

Popular Options

Block 4 + Trimester 3 (July - Mid December) 9 - 12 credits	**Trimester 3** (Mid September - Mid December) 9 - 12 credits	**Trimester 1 + Block 3** (Mid February - Mid June) 9 - 12 credits	**Trimester 1** (Mid February - Early May) 9 – 12 credits

For students in the USA studying abroad, the **Trimester 1** academic calendar will generally align with most USA **Spring Semester** Calendars, and **Trimester 3** with the **Fall Semester**, respectively. In some cases, USA universities will have a **Spring Semester** calendar that may overlap with **Trimester 2** calendars in the month of May. Please review your home university's academic calendars to ensure the dates align accordingly.

Gap Year

Gap year or direct-from-high-school applicants are eligible to apply with successful completion and official final transcript of a senior secondary qualification equivalent to Australian Year 12.



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Academic Calendar Overview*

More info about Academic Calendars

	Nomination Deadline (Exchange students only)	Application Deadline	Term Start	Term End
Trimester 1	1 October 2026	15 October 2026	15 February 2027	8 May 2027
Trimester 2	1 February 2027	15 February 2027	31 May 2027	21 August 2027
Trimester 3	15 May 2027	1 June 2027	13 September 2027	4 December 2027
Block 1	15 September 2026	1 October 2026	18 January 2027	1 March 2027
Block 2	1 October 2026	15 October 2026	15 March 2027	26 April 2027
Block 3	15 January 2027	1 February 2027	10 May 2027	21 June 2027
Block 4	15 March 2027	1 April 2027	5 July 2027	16 August 2027
Block 5	15 May 2027	1 June 2027	30 August 2027	11 October 2027
Block 6	1 June 2027	15 June 2027	25 October 2027	6 December 2027

*Please refer to our official website for our latest academic calendar update.

















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Application Information

Nomination process – required for Exchange students ONLY	Nominations for Exchange can be submitted at any point up until the relevant nomination deadline via our online **JCU Exchange Program Nomination Form**. Our team will contact both the student and the home institution via email to advise whether the nomination has been accepted. Approved nominees can then submit an application.
Application process Learn more	The Study Abroad and Exchange Application Form can be downloaded **here**. **Exchange students** must wait to be advised of the outcome of their nomination prior to submitting an application via their home institution. **Study Abroad students** should proceed straight to the application stage (no nomination required) and can apply directly to internationaladmissions@jcu.edu.au or via a registered agent. Successful applicants will receive an Offer Letter via email. Once the offer acceptance and payment have been processed, an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCOE) will be issued.
Documents required for application	• Completed Study Abroad and Exchange Application Form • Previous and current certified academic transcripts* and certificates (if completed) and the Grading Scale used at the institution/s studied at. Include certified English translations if transcripts are not in English. • Proof of English proficiency* (not required for native English speakers) • A copy of the biodata page of the passport *Academic transcript and proof of English proficiency must be original certified copies.

Fees and Costs

JCU tuition fees are payable only by Study Abroad students. Exchange students continue to pay tuition fees as usual to their home institution. All fees indicated below are in Australian dollars.

2027 Tuition
(Does not include Student Services and Amenities Fee)

Trimester Study Abroad Program	Fee (AUD)
Undergraduate Course Fee	3 subjects: $9,000 4 subjects: $12,000
Postgraduate Course Fee	3 subjects: $9,960 4 subjects: $13,280

Please refer to latest info on tuition fee, available at this **link**.

Learn more about the Student Services and Amenities Fee **here**.

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

OSHC is insurance to assist international students in meeting the costs of medical and hospital care that they may need while in Australia. International students in Australia must hold OSHC for the duration of their stay in Australia, as a condition of their student visa.

Currently approximately $450 (for one trimester), $700 (for two trimesters). (subject to changes)

More info about OSHC

Guidance on cost of living in Australia

Living and education costs

Cost of living calculator



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Visas, Accommodation, and Other Services

Visa Information

Visa requirements and apply online at the Department of Home Affairs website

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Our Region

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Pre-departure Information

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International Student Services and Support

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Accommodation

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Living on campus

Apply online

Students should apply for on-campus accommodation as soon as possible after receiving their Letter of Offer to avoid missing out.

Living off campus

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