

JCU Study Abroad Program 2018



2018 study dates (Cairns and Townsville)

Teaching Period One 2018 (Semester One)

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| Arrival service | 5-12 February |
| International orientation | 9 February |
| Classes begin | 19 February |
| Mid-semester recess | 16-20 April |
| Classes end | 25 May |
| Exam period | 4-15 June |
| Results published | 3 July |

Teaching Period Two 2018 (Semester Two)

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| Arrival service | 10-16 July |
| International orientation | 16 July |
| Classes begin | 23 July |
| Mid-semester recess | 24-28 September |
| Classes end | 26 October |
| Exam period | 5-16 November |
| Results published | 4 December |

*Dates are subject to change, please visit: jcu.edu.au/students/important-dates

2018 tuition and study-related fees

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| Undergraduate Study Abroad Program (one teaching period) | \$12,500 per teaching period (semester) |
| Postgraduate Study Abroad Program (one teaching period only) | \$14,000 per teaching period (semester) |
| Overseas Student Health Care (single cover)* | \$330* for 6 months/ \$717* for 14 months |
| Books and miscellaneous study expenses | \$500 per teaching period (approximately) |
| Student Services and Amenities Fee* | \$44.10 per three credit point subject* |

All fees are in Australian dollars and additional fees may be charged for subjects that involve practical work or field trips. *Subject to change in 2018.

Your rights

Education Services for Overseas Students Act

As a provider of education services to international students in Australia, JCU is required to comply with the Education Services for Overseas Students Act (ESOS Act) and the National Code of Practice for Registration Authorities and Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students (The National Code). The ESOS legislation and National Code specify minimum standards for the delivery of courses to students in Australia studying on a student visa, and regulate what information must be given to existing and prospective international students, what support must be provided to existing students, what records are kept, and what information is to be given to government agencies about international students.

jcu.edu.au/policy/student-services/tuition-fee-policy-for-international-students

JCU's tuition fee policy

The Policy sets out students' obligations and rights in relation to tuition fees for overseas students. The Policy also sets out the circumstances in which a student is entitled to a refund as required under the ESOS Act.

JCU's tuition protection service

The Tuition Protection Service (TPS) is a placement and refund service for international students studying on a student visa which also operates under the ESOS Act. The TPS replaces the Tuition Assurance Scheme and the ESOS Assurance Fund. On the rare occasion that a provider is unable to deliver a course an international student has paid for – and does not meet their legal obligations to make alternative course replacements or provide a refund – the TPS will assist students to find an alternative place or, if this is not possible, provide a refund of any unspent tuition fees.

tps.gov.au

Deferral, temporary suspension or cancellation of enrolment

The ESOS National Code and student visa conditions contain restrictions on when students, or JCU, can defer, suspend or cancel an enrolment. Students may only defer commencement of studies or take a leave of absence once they have commenced, and when there are compassionate or compelling reasons for doing so. A compassionate or compelling reason is something which is beyond an individual's control and which has,

or will have, an impact on their academic progress or wellbeing. The University may suspend a student temporarily, enforcing a break from study, in certain circumstances.

jcu.edu.au/international/policies

Working while studying

If you have a student visa you can work up to 40 hours per fortnight (two week period) during university semesters, and without restriction during non-teaching periods. Permission to work in Australia is automatically included when you are granted your student visa. You may not commence work until you start your study. You need to obtain a Tax File Number to be able to work in Australia. This is available from the Australian Tax Office.

The JCU Careers and Employment Service provide information on part-time and casual employment and manage an online job vacancy listing for students.

jcu.edu.au/careers

Living costs

Living in Cairns or Townsville generally costs less than living in a capital city. The table below provides a guide to the approximate cost of living.

| Expense | Average weekly cost (A\$) |
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| On-campus accommodation[^] | |
| Full-board | \$296-\$435 |
| Self-catering | \$218-238 |
| Off-campus | |
| Rent (share)* | \$120-\$150 |
| Electricity and gas* | \$10-\$30 |
| Internet**, mobile, phone | \$20 - \$55 |
| Transport, travel | \$10-\$50 |

All costs are approximate and are subject to change. *Based on a privately rented share house. **Please note that JCU has free wireless Internet available to students on campus. It is best to purchase a SIM card or Australian mobile number when you arrive in Australia, as using your home phone number will incur high costs.

[^]2017 fees. To find out more about accommodation available on-campus in Townsville and Cairns, visit: jcu.edu.au/jcu-halls. For rental house prices, visit: realestate.com.au or domain.com.au

Planning your budget

University study involves a range of expenses in addition to your study abroad tuition fees.

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

International students are required to organise visa length Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) through an approved insurance provider before applying for a Student Visa. OSHC can either be purchased through JCU and paid together with other university fees, or arranged directly with the OSHC insurance provider. Students are required to maintain coverage for the full duration of their Student Visa while in Australia. Students who arrive without a Student Visa will not have access to OSHC until their Student Visa is granted. Fees vary depending on the duration and the insurer, and are subject to change. Only eligible citizens from Norway, Sweden or Belgium are exempt from purchasing OSHC under the Australian Government's reciprocal arrangements.

Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF)

The Student Services and Amenities fee provides students access to services that enhance experience through student life, student representation and advocacy.

Books and miscellaneous study expenses

The cost of books and other study materials varies depending on your course. Other expenses may include specialised equipment, travel to internship placements, and field trips. Costs for a laptop or tablet may also be factored into your budget.

Financial aid and scholarships

Students are advised to explore funding opportunities (loans, grants, subsidies, sponsorships and other awards and benefits) available from their own government, or their home university's Study Abroad Office. For financial aid options that may be available at JCU, visit:

jcu.edu.au/international-students/apply/fees-and-costs/scholarships-and-financial-aid



Grocery store

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| Milk 2L | \$2 |
| Loaf of bread | \$1 - \$5 |
| Butter 250g | \$3 |
| Minced meat 500g | \$5 |
| Beef sausages 500g | \$4 |
| Eggs (free range) doz. | \$6 - \$8 |
| Tofu 250g | \$3 |
| Soft drink 2L | \$2 - \$4.50 |
| Breakfast cereal 375g | \$3 - \$5 |
| Apples 1 kg | \$6 |
| Pasta 500g | \$1 |
| Pasta Sauce | \$3 |
| Frozen pizza | \$5 |
| Canned tuna 500g | \$4 |
| Strawberry Jam 500g | \$3 |
| Vegemite 380g | \$7 |
| Orange Juice (100%) 2L | \$4 - \$6 |
| Instant Noodles 5 pack | \$4 |
| Honey | \$5 |
| Deli Meat | \$4 |
| Rice 1kg | \$2 |
| Cheese | \$4 |
| Bananas 1kg | \$3 |
| Laundry Powder 1 kg | \$4 |
| Toothbrush | \$2 - \$4 |
| Toothpaste 100g | \$3 |

Meals

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| Fast food chain | \$10 - \$15 |
| Main meal at a restaurant | \$15 - \$30+ |
| House beer or wine in a pub | \$5 - \$8 |

On campus food prices

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| Sushi Roll | \$3.70 |
| Coffee | \$3.50 - \$5 |
| Burger | \$7 - \$14 |
| Wrap | \$8.50 |
| Ice Cream | \$2 - \$4 |
| Chocolate bar | \$2 |
| 600ml soft drink | \$3.50 |

Please note: all prices are in Australian dollars, are approximate and subject to change.