SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

AUSTRALIA





Study abroad and exchange

_2026–2027

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Student exchange vs study abroad

Student Exchange Program

Inbound (one or two semesters)

The Student Exchange Program is available for students enrolled at one of our partner universities. Approved exchange students can study one or two semesters and receive a tuition fee waiver for their international exchange program and do not pay fees to Swinburne under the agreed reciprocal exchange arrangement.

To study at Swinburne as an exchange student, you must be nominated by one of Swinburne's partner universities. A list of our partner universities can be found here: **swinburne.edu.au/partner-universities**

Visit our **incoming student exchange** website for more information.

Study Abroad Program

Inbound (one or two semesters)

The Study Abroad Program is available to students enrolled at a university – either a partner or non-partner university. Students can study at Swinburne on a fee-paying basis for one or two semesters and can choose to undertake three or four units. Students enrolled in a Study Abroad Program are charged tuition fees for the program. Students from one of our partner universities may receive a discount on the tuition fees.

Visit our **incoming study abroad** website for more information.

Academic calendar

Semester 1, 2026

Orientation	starts from 23 February 2026
Classes begin	2 March 2026
Classes end	31 May 2026
Assessment period	5–21 June 2026

Semester 2, 2026

Orientation	starts from 27 July 2026
Classes begin	3 August 2026
Classes end	1 November 2026
Assessment period	6–22 November 2026

Semester 1, 2027

Orientation	starts from 22 February 2027
Classes begin	1 March 2027
Classes end	30 May 2027
Assessment period	4–20 June 2027

Visit our **Academic calendar** for more information.



How to apply

Student exchange application

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Student Exchange Program you must have successfully completed one year of study at a higher education institution and meet all entry requirements. You can find more information **here**. Your home university may also have their own entry requirements for the exchange program.

How to apply

Students will need to contact their home institution to be nominated as a candidate for the Student Exchange Program at Swinburne. Only students who have an approved nomination will be able to submit an application.

Partners must email **mobilityexchange@swin.edu.au** with your student nominations.

Semester 1 (Feb–Jun) deadlines
Nomination deadline: 1 October
Application deadline: 31 October

Semester 2 (Jul–Nov) deadlines
Nomination deadline: 1 April
Application deadline: 30 April

Documents required

1. Copy of passport photo page
2. Certified academic transcripts with grading system listed
3. English translations (where applicable)
4. Certified and valid English proficiency test results (where applicable)
5. Portfolio – for students who apply for design or film and TV classes.

Study abroad application

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Study Abroad Program you must have successfully completed Australian Year 12 or equivalent. You can find more information **here**.

Tuition fees (2027 rates)*

A$12,000 per semester for four units

A$9,000 per semester for three units

*For partner institution rates, please contact the Study Abroad team for further information.

How to apply

To apply, please use the **Online Application Portal**.

Semester 1 (Feb–Jun) deadline
23 January 2026

Semester 2 (Jul–Nov) deadline
26 June 2026

Applications will only be accepted after the deadlines above on a case-by-case basis.

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English language requirements

IELTS Academic	6.0 with no band below 5.5
TOEFL iBT	64 with no band below 8 in reading, 7 in listening, 16 in speaking, 18 in writing
PTE Academic	50 with no communication skills less than 45
Common European Framework	B2
Cambridge English (C1)	169, with no band less than 162
UK/Cambridge GCE O Levels	Grade C and successful completion of UK A levels
GCE A Levels	A 'C' grade in one of the following AS or A Level: General Paper, General Studies, English Language, English Literature or English Language and Literature
International Baccalaureate (IB)	At least grade 4 in English A, English B Standard Level or Higher Level
Denmark	Studentereksamen: Grade 7 in English Level or Grade 10 in English Level B
Germany	Fachhochschulereife: 3 in English Abitur: 7 in English DAAD Language test: 4 stars in all sections
Netherlands	Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs: 6 in English HAVO: 7 in English MBO: 7 in English
Norway	Vitnemal den Videragaende Skole: 4 in English
Sweden	Avgangsbetyg/Slutbetyg: VG in English

For study abroad and exchange programs, students may provide an official letter from their home university stating that they meet English requirements equivalent to B2 of the Common European Framework.

Note: English language proficiency can be no more than two years prior to commencing studies at Swinburne (and no more than five years for students from Austria, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland)

More information

Application tips

Developing your study plan: You will need to find and select the classes (units) you wish to study at Swinburne. You must nominate at least 8 units at the time of application for assessment.

Search for units: We recommend browsing through our courses or search by study area **here**. You can also search for units and get a detailed unit description by using the **single unit search engine**.

It is the student's responsibility to make sure that the classes/units chosen will be credited back to their home university.

Visa

Upon **acceptance of your offer letter**, Swinburne will send you a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) for your visa application.

Please note: Swinburne Abroad and Admissions staff are not able to provide any information or advice about visas. Students will need to contact the Department of Home Affairs directly with any visa enquiries: **www.homeaffairs.gov.au**

Study load

International students are required to take on a full-time study load per semester for visa purposes. At Swinburne:

- the minimum full-time study load is 37.5 credit points
- the maximum full-time study load is 50 credit points.

Most units of study (but not all) equal 12.5 credits, so students may study 3 or 4 classes per semester, across all Swinburne study areas. Students can mix and match classes to suit their needs, as long as they meet the required prerequisites for the classes they choose.

Health insurance

All international students on a student visa must have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) as part of Australian visa regulations. This cover provides medical and hospital insurance. You and your dependents must maintain suitable OSHC for the duration of your visa. Swinburne can arrange this health cover on student's behalf. For more information, visit our **website**.

Living in Melbourne

Study abroad and exchange students will be based at our main campus in Hawthorn. Just ten minutes by train from Melbourne's city centre, Hawthorn is blessed with boutique shops, parks, restaurants, public transport, a cinema, gym and public swimming pool.

Beyond Hawthorn, Melbourne was voted the 'world's most liveable city' for seven years in a row, and offers a fantastic blend of culture, sport, art, shopping, coffee (a must!) and dining.

Discover more about life in Melbourne **here**.

Accommodation

Swinburne Abroad cannot guarantee or arrange housing for students. Melbourne is a large city with a range of housing options available. However, it is important to start searching for accommodation as early as possible to find something suitable to you, and avoid stress about finding somewhere to live. Students can choose to apply for on-campus accommodation or off-campus housing. More information about accommodation can be found **here**.

Students can contact the accommodation team for housing information or assistance with accommodation contacts, reviewing leases and housing advice at **accommodation@swin.edu.au**

Academic transcript

At the end of your studies in Melbourne, students will receive instructions on how to download their digital transcript via My eQuals. Upon request, Swinburne can send a digital transcript directly to your home university or your agent.

Extra resources

Clubs and activities
Student support services
Student visas
Plan your arrival in Melbourne
Money, living costs and banking in Melbourne
Virtual campus tour

Contacts

Student Exchange

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Study Abroad

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