

2026

2026 International Student Guide



**Southern Cross
University**
Australia



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Australian University

Transform your future

Ready for uni with a difference?

When you join Southern Cross University, you'll be studying in a revolutionary academic model that's unique in Australia.

Six-week terms, immersive learning experiences, real-world scenarios; our courses are designed for your success, both at uni and beyond.

With a focus on practical skills, critical thinking and collaboration, we offer an ideal environment for you to develop the skills and knowledge you need to succeed in a rapidly changing global job market.

We have a diverse student body and a commitment to cultural inclusiveness, making us the perfect place to start your career journey, wherever it may take you

Together, we are Transforming Tomorrow.



5-Star Skills
Development in
4 study areas



Top 100 Young
Universities (2024)



Top 700 universities
globally (2026)



Southern Cross University

Southern Cross University is a world-ranked university on Australia's east coast with main campuses at the Gold Coast in Queensland, Lismore in the Northern Rivers and Coffs Harbour in New South Wales. The regions we call home all have unique characteristics as study locations – from cosmopolitan cities, thriving industries and coastal lifestyles to living laboratories of great natural beauty and ecological diversity within easy reach of the campuses.

We have metro campuses in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth and the University's Hotel School has campuses in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane.



Legend

- Main campuses
Gold Coast, Northern Rivers, Coffs Harbour
- Metro and Hotel School campuses
Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Brisbane



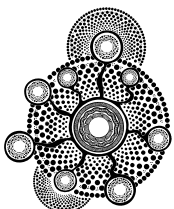
3 main campuses
4 metro campuses



20,000+ students



80,000+ graduates



We acknowledge Widjabal Country as the Country where Southern Cross University originated and grew, and from where it continues to grow. It seeded the growth of our Gumbaynggirr Campus in Coffs Harbour, our Yugambeh Campus in Coolangatta and it planted the seeds to transform the Countries we are on.

Understanding our origins will make each step into the future a more purposeful one, leading all to transform tomorrow.



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Our campuses

Gold Coast campus

Our Gold Coast campus is located at Coolangatta on the lands of the Yugambeh Nation, just 400 metres from North Kirra Beach, and adjacent to the Gold Coast Airport. Many vantage points offer stunning views of the Pacific Ocean.

The campus is spread across three contemporary buildings that house innovative learning spaces, health science laboratories, computer labs, student lounges, the University's Digital Enterprise Lab and an on-campus Health Clinic.



Transport
hub



On-campus
Health Clinic



Digital Enterprise
Lab



Beachside
campus



Take a virtual tour of our
Gold Coast campus



Our campuses

Lismore, Northern Rivers campus

Lismore is the foundation Southern Cross campus, located in the heart of the Northern Rivers on the lands of the Bundjalung Nation. Set on acres of lush rainforest that includes a koala hospital, Lismore is within easy reach of both national parks and the ocean.

It is also home to state-of-the-art engineering and environmental science facilities, specialist health labs and simulated hospital wards, a Learning Centre and library complex, heated pool and gym, on-campus accommodation and a Health Clinic.



On-campus
Health Clinic



Pool and Gym



On-campus
accommodation



Surrounded
by nature



Take a virtual tour of our
Lismore campus



Our campuses

Coffs Harbour campus

Coffs Harbour campus is located on the lands of the Gumbaynggirr Nation at the heart of an education and innovation hub. Coffs Harbour boasts a relaxed coastal lifestyle, but this growing city also hosts international sporting events and regional festivals thanks to outstanding facilities and a major regional airport.

A multi-million-dollar Health Sciences Building on campus features a biomechanics running track and high-tech simulation teaching laboratories. The campus also has a fitness centre, on-campus accommodation, sporting fields and close proximity to beautiful beaches and national parks. The University's world renowned National Marine Science Centre is located in nearby Charlesworth Bay.



Coastal lifestyle



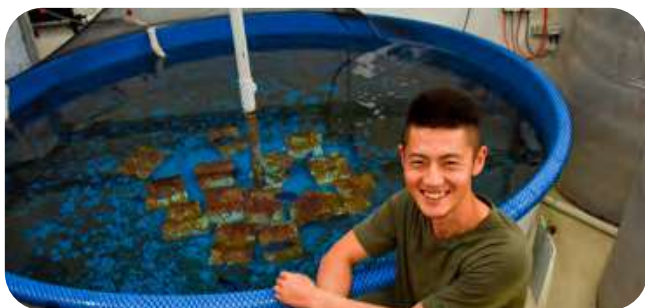
International sports



Health Sciences precinct



On-campus accommodation



Take a virtual tour of our
Coffs Harbour campus



Metro campuses

Sydney-Melbourne-Perth

Southern Cross University has metro campuses* in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth, offering courses in business, business administration, accounting, information technology, engineering and education at diploma, undergraduate and postgraduate level.

	Starts	Duration	CRICOS	Annual Fees 2026*
Diploma of Business	March, July, November	1 year	086030E	\$26,000
Diploma of Information Technology	March	1 year	111518B	\$26,000
Bachelor of Business	March, July, November	3 years	117759C	\$26,000
Bachelor of Business (Accounting)	March, July, November	3 years	117755G	\$26,000
Bachelor of Information Technology (Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity)	March, July, November	3 years	117765E	\$26,000
Bachelor of Information Technology, Bachelor of Business	March	4 years	117756F	\$26,000
Bachelor of Information Technology, Bachelor of Business (Accounting)	March	4 years	117758D	\$26,000
Graduate Certificate in Business	March, July, November	0.5 year	082684K	\$13,000
Graduate Diploma in Business	March, July, November	1 year	115300K	\$26,000
Graduate Diploma of Education (Early Childhood)	March, July, September, November	1 year	102984F	\$26,000
Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Primary/ Secondary) (Perth only)	March, July, November	1 year	117390J	\$26,000
Master of Business Administration (Business Analytics and Artificial Intelligence)	March, July, November	2 years	080919A	\$26,000
Master of Engineering (Civil)	March, July	2 years	112799B	\$26,000
Master of Information Technology (Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity)	March, July, November	2 years	117757E	\$26,000
Master of Teaching (Early Childhood)	March, July, September, November	2 years	111196D	\$26,000

*Not all facilities and activities are available on our metro campuses.

Aaditya Mahata (Nepal), Bachelor of Information Technology student, Sydney campus.

“My undergraduate education is truly transforming, laying the groundwork for my personal and academic development. I was welcomed by a vibrant group of teachers and staff that were committed to creating a stimulating learning environment.

I am enjoying the whole new way of teaching which is very different as compared to the method in my home country. I feel like making the decision to study at Southern Cross University is one of the best I have ever made in my life.”



The Hotel School

Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney

With campuses in the central business districts of Brisbane, Melbourne, and Sydney, The Hotel School offers undergraduate and postgraduate business degrees in hotel management and tourism, with skills that are transferable to other sectors. It also offers extended Work Integrated Learning and industry placements in some of the world's best brands and locations.

Courses available at The Hotel School

	Starts	Duration	CRICOS	Annual Fees 2026*
Diploma of Hotel Management	March, July, November	1 year	0100351	\$26,000
Associate Degree of International Hotel and Tourism Management	March, July, November	2 years	104631D	\$26,000
Bachelor of Business in Hotel Management	March, July, November	3 years	111082C	\$26,000
Graduate Certificate of Business in Global Hotel Leadership	March, July, November	6 months	0101395	\$13,000
Graduate Diploma of Business in Global Hotel Leadership	March, July, November	1 year	0101394	\$26,000
Master of Business Administration (Melbourne and Sydney)	March, July, November	2 years	080919A	\$26,000
Master of Business in Global Hotel Leadership	March, July, November	2 years	0101393	\$26,000



Student Support

Southern Cross Global

Southern Cross Global has a dedicated team committed to helping international students from application to acceptance and throughout your studies.

Ambassadors

Our international student ambassadors are carefully selected students who work with our international student support team. Their role is to provide a point of contact for new students, having experienced the same challenges of living and studying in a new country. Ambassadors mentor students, organise and participate in events and coordinate volunteering. They provide valuable support for international students coming into an unfamiliar environment and a new culture without the support of their families.

SCU Mates: connecting students

The SCU Mates program connects you with an experienced student mentor studying in the same discipline area as you. SCU Mates can advise on a range of student issues, from the best way to navigate an online study environment to where to buy textbooks. You and your mentor can meet face-to-face, communicate via email, or catch up on Facebook and other social media sites. The SCU Mates program is available to commencing undergraduate students and is coordinated by the Equity and Diversity Office.

For more details visit

scu.edu.au/mentor



Supporting your studies

No student is an island. No matter the extra help you need – we've got you covered.



Careers and
employability service



Equity and inclusion
services



Mentor programs



Academic skills help



Counselling
services



Student
advocacy



Dedicated international
support team



Wifi and tech
services

Life at Southern Cross

UniLife

Our UniLife program aims to encourage your academic success and support your wellbeing. You can get involved in social sports, clubs and societies, as well as University-wide events such as the University Student Awards, learn-to-surf camps, or even National Campus Competitions in photography, music or writing.

See the full list of programs offered at

scu.edu.au/unilife



Get sporty

Join team SCU for the Gold Coast Marathon, the Coffs Harbour Running Festival or the Samson Challenge in Lismore. While available sports differ at each campus, activities include mountain bike riding, swim clubs, water polo, rugby clubs, AFL, soccer, badminton, cricket and netball.

Join a club or society

Interested in something? You're bound to find others who are too! From chess to ukuleles and public speaking to yoga, there are clubs for people with all kinds of common interests, clubs for film and music, clubs for Indigenous awareness, clubs for LGBTIQ or mature-aged students. The University community joins together to celebrate our diversity and to learn more about each other throughout the year. Connect with other students at events celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, cultural diversity, social inclusion and gender and sexuality diversity.



Cost of Living in Australia

The cost of living in Australia can vary greatly. Our campuses are located in regional areas where students may benefit from a reduced cost of living. Below is a guide to approximate weekly expenses in Australia.

Expense	Private rental	Unilodge (Lismore or Coffs Harbour)	Homestay
Accommodation	\$170-\$300 room \$400-\$800 house	From \$230	\$300-\$345*
Food	\$130-180	\$130-\$180	Included
Public transport	\$30-\$60	Walk to university	Varies depending on location
Utilities	\$30+	Included	Included
internet	\$25+	Included	Included

Updated February 2025. Check online for the latest cost of living update. *Does not include placement fee

For more information, visit:

costofliving.studyaustralia.gov.au



Support to build your career

Careers and Employability team

Give your career the head start it deserves and make contact with the Careers and Employability team from the first year of your studies. The team are here to help you with online CareerSuccess resources on CareerHub and you can also have career counselling.

Career counselling appointments assist you to:

- discover your passion
- choose the right degree
- prepare job applications including for part-time work
- prepare for an interview network
- target graduate employers.

CareerHub

Browse part-time and graduate job vacancies and the latest online careers resources such as the new CareerSuccess App.

Working in Australia

International students undertaking an undergraduate or postgraduate qualification can work a maximum of 48 hours per fortnight during session, and unlimited hours during holidays and non-compulsory study sessions. PhD or Masters by research students can work unlimited hours throughout the year.

Accommodation

At the Northern Rivers and Coffs Harbour, you can enjoy quality on-campus accommodation just minutes from your classes, while the Gold Coast offers a range of private accommodation.

On-Campus

UniLodge at Lismore offers a range of four-to-six-bedroom apartments at two colleges.

Facilities at each college include internet access and on-site laundries, indoor and outdoor entertainment areas and movie facilities. Weekly room rental starts from \$230.

UniLodge at Coffs Harbour provides modern, fully furnished four-bedroom apartments with wireless internet access, laundry facilities, and a recreation lounge for group gatherings and organised social events. Weekly room rental starts from \$230.

For more details, please visit:
scu.edu.au/accommodation



Gold Coast Jobs Club

Connect with the Gold Coast Jobs Club for lunchtime expert and peer support to find part-time work and progress your career aspirations.

Bright Futures industry mentors

Second-year students are matched with an experienced graduate mentor for one session to support your career goals and help you develop industry networks and professional confidence.

Work Integrated Learning (WIL)

Many of our courses include professional placements for work integrated learning and professional experience. See the courses section from page 86 of this guide for information specific to each course.

For more information:

Email: careers@scu.edu.au

Visit: scu.edu.au/careers

Off-Campus

Check out UniStays for a range of off-campus accommodation in the local area: unistays.scu.edu.au

Local real estate agents also list private rentals.

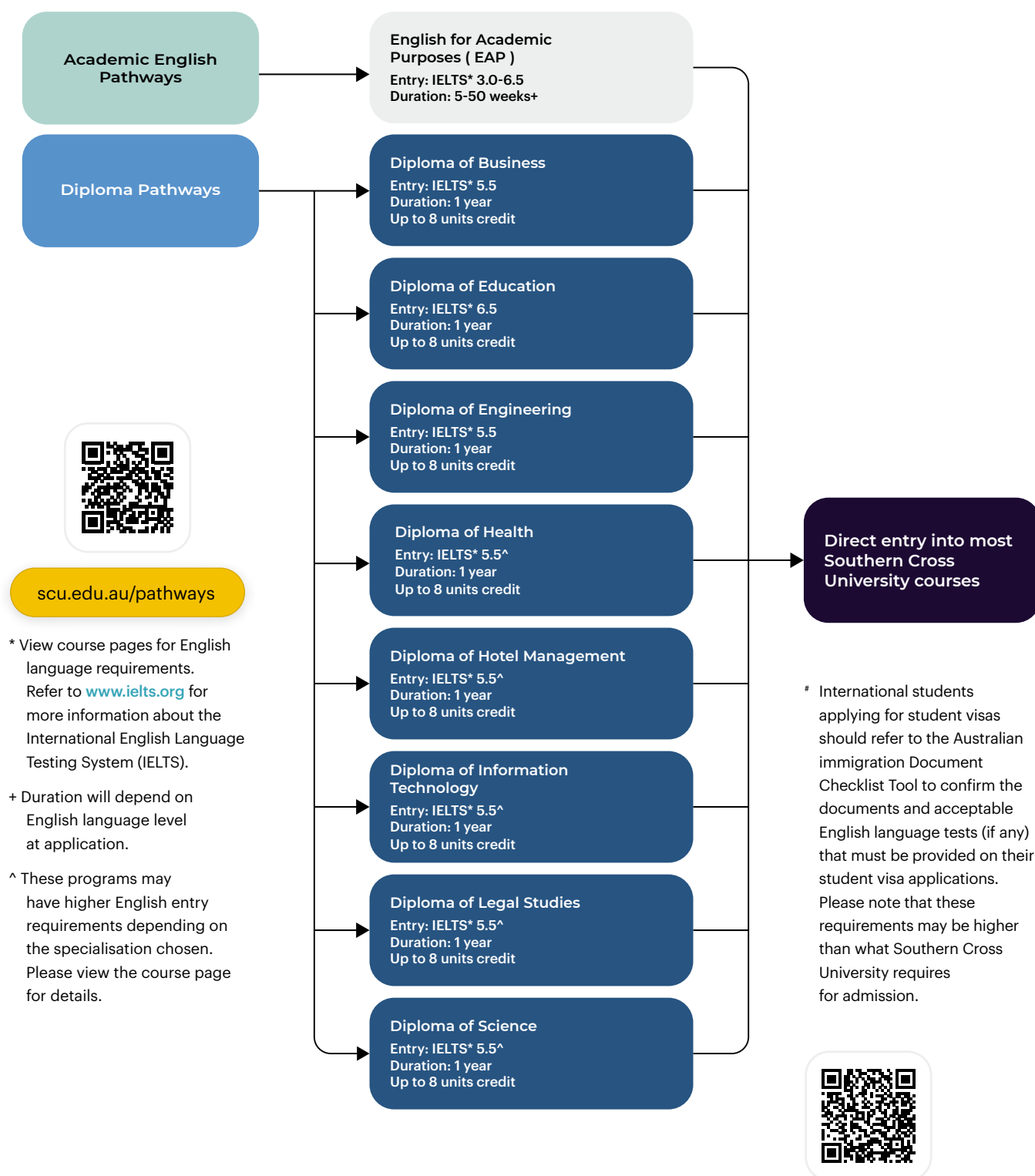
For homestay options, check out Australian Homestay Network: homestaynetwork.org



Scan here to find out more about your Homestay options

Pathways to university

There are many pathways to Southern Cross University degrees through the SCU College English language, Diploma and academic preparation programs.



Scan to use the Web Evidentiary Tool

Academic English pathways

English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

Duration	5 to 50 weeks
Starts	See table below
Location	Gold Coast
CRICOS	064715B
2026 Tuition fees*	\$460 per week for 15 weeks or less \$420 per week for 16 weeks or more \$260 enrolment fee (non-refundable)

Admission requirements: Students are admitted into an EAP direct-entry pathway based on proficiency scores (e.g. SCU College English Language Test, IELTS), presented on admission.

English for Academic Purposes (EAP) prepares students for study at Southern Cross University. EAP builds on existing English language abilities in reading, writing, speaking and listening. It then develops students' academic and digital literacy practices, including: researching, referencing, note taking, using the Southern Cross University Learning Management System and giving presentations. The length of EAP studies will depend on a student's English language level at application. Successful completion of EAP provides direct entry to a range of Southern Cross University degrees. Homestay is strongly recommended for students studying EAP, please scan the QR code on page 10 for more information.



EAP start dates

Leading into Term	Weeks of English	Start Date	End date
Term 1, 2026 Starts: Monday 9 March (O week 2 March 2026)	20	15 September 2025	13 February 2026
	15	20 October 2025	13 February 2026
	10	24 November 2025	13 February 2026
	5	12 January 2026	13 February 2026
Term 3, 2026 Starts: Monday 6 July (O week 30 June 2026)	40	18 August 2025	12 June 2026
	35	22 September 2025	12 June 2026
	30	27 October 2025	12 June 2026
	25	1 December 2025	12 June 2026
	20	19 January 2026	12 June 2026
	15	23 February 2026	12 June 2026
	10	30 March 2026	12 June 2026
	5	11 May 2026	12 June 2026
	50	29 September 2025	9 October 2026
	45	3 November 2025	9 October 2026
Term 5, 2026 Starts: Monday 26 October (O week 21 October 2026)	40	8 December 2025	9 October 2026
	35	26 January 2026	9 October 2026
	30	2 March 2026	9 October 2026
	25	6 April 2026	9 October 2026
	20	18 May 2026	9 October 2026
	15	22 June 2026	9 October 2026
	10	27 July 2026	9 October 2026
	5	7 September 2026	9 October 2026

*These are the 2026 fees. Check our website for the latest update.

Leading into Term	Weeks of English	Start Date	End date
Term 1, 2027 Starts: Monday, 08 March (O week: 01 March 2027)	50	02 February 2026	12 February 2027
	45	09 March 2026	12 February 2027
	40	13 April 2026	12 February 2027
	35	25 May 2026	12 February 2027
	30	29 June 2026	12 February 2027
	25	03 August 2026	12 February 2027
	20	14 September 2026	12 February 2027
	15*	19 October 2026	12 February 2027
	10	23 November 2026	12 February 2027
	5	11 January 2027	12 February 2027

General English

Duration	4 to 50 weeks
Starts	Monday of any teaching week
Location	Gold Coast
CRICOS	064715B
2026 Tuition fees*	\$460 per week for 15 weeks or less \$420 per week for 16 weeks or more \$260 enrolment fee (non-refundable)

Admission requirements: Students English language proficiency is assessed on arrival and throughout their studies to monitor progress and provide appropriate support and class placement.

General English helps students develop their English speaking, listening, reading and writing skills with a focus on communicative English. Students will have the opportunity to develop their language skills as well as strategies for learning and using English in a range of contexts (e.g. work, holidays). Classes may be mixed-level ability. Homestay is strongly recommended for students studying General English, please scan the QR code for more information.



*Check our website for the latest fee update.

The Southern Cross Model

At Southern Cross University, we're always looking for a better way to do things. That's why all our courses are taught in a unique academic model that's designed to set you up for success at university and beyond.

The Southern Cross Model divides the academic year into six-week terms. You'll study two units (subjects) each Term, for four Terms a year, enabling you to focus deeply on what you are learning.

Content is highly interactive, with engaging face-to-face and active learning formats that have real-world applications.

Use the QR code below to learn more about the Southern Cross Model – a better way to learn.

14%

increase in student success under the Southern Cross Model*

*Unit pass rates 2019-2024

Six-week Terms

Terms are six-weeks long with a break between each one. You'll typically study across four Terms a year.

Increased success

Since the Southern Cross Model was implemented, our students have achieved higher grades than ever before.

Immersive learning

Focus on just two units each Term for an immersive study experience. Learn more, quickly, in workshops and tutorials.

Greater completion

More students complete their units successfully in the Southern Cross Model. It's a better, and more enjoyable way to learn.

You're in control

The Southern Cross Model works with you in juggling all your other commitments – family, work, sport, friends. It's university for the 21st century.



"You work hard for a few weeks, but that time pays off. Unlike in most universities, at Southern Cross you don't need to wait six months to travel and do whatever you enjoy the most."

Jairo Escobar Lopez, Master of Teaching student from Colombia.

Education

Southern Cross graduate teachers have a lasting and profound impact on the lives of their students, from the early childhood years right through to secondary school.

All degrees engage with the most contemporary and transformative thinking in education. Initial teacher education courses include extensive and meaningful placements, ensuring that graduates are profession-ready. Dual-state accreditation expands career opportunities in both NSW and QLD, while the early childhood teacher programs are nationally accredited by ACECQA.



Extensive and meaningful work placements prepare you to work as a teacher



Global top 4% in Education
(Times Higher Education World Universities Rankings 2025)



Dynamic research community

For more info, and to apply visit

scu.edu.au/study-education



Michel Alzate Lopez, Master of Teaching alumna from Colombia

“My student advisor is always there to answer my questions. You really feel looked after, they take care of both your academic and personal welfare.”



Engineering

Engineers solve complex problems and deliver practical and innovative solutions to improve the quality of society. This dynamic discipline is involved in every facet of our lives, from rockets and robotics, health and wellbeing, roads and bridges, to coastal protection, flood mitigation and agriculture systems.

Employers are looking for engineers with practical skills and work preparedness. That's why our engineering degrees are industry-focused and designed to help you launch an exciting and rewarding professional career. It pays off – most of our students have jobs before they graduate.



Work-integrated
learning



Work around the world with
accredited degrees



State-of-the-art
engineering precinct

For more info, and to apply visit

scu.edu.au/engineering



George Jose Mattamana, Engineering alumnus from India

"Southern Cross is a great university for international students. It provided me with ample support to adapt to Australian studies and to succeed in the program."



Health

The healthcare sector offers fantastic employment prospects and a diverse range of satisfying and meaningful careers.

At Southern Cross University we are deeply committed to delivering training of the highest standard for the professionals our communities need, with a global focus on practice and learning.



2 on-campus Health Clinics provide safe and supervised environments for practicums



Global exchange opportunities



Simulation hospital environments for advanced learning

For more info, and to apply visit

scu.edu.au/health



Min Zhang, originally from China, is studying the Master of Nursing (Graduate Entry) at the Gold Coast campus.

“Some of the highlights so far are those clinical assessment skills we’ve learned – first aid, skin care, wound care, and septic skills, among others. I’ve also learned how to communicate with the patient and how to prepare a care plan for them.”



Computing and IT

A career in IT is a journey into innovation. Be at the cutting edge of tomorrow's technology where you can be a catalyst for change and a creator of solutions.

Whether you see yourself as an Artificial Intelligence maestro, a coding wizard, a cybersecurity superhero, or a data artist, our information technology courses mark the exciting starting point of a future filled with limitless possibilities.



Work with cutting-edge technology



Australian Computer Society accreditation for Bachelor of Information Technology



Global experiences and Work-Integrated Learning

For more info, and to apply visit

scu.edu.au/information-technology



Mrisha Upadhyay, Master of IT graduate from Nepal.

"I feel like there is so much room for creativity in information technology. You can make it very fun."



Law

Whether it's defending a client in court, challenging a ruling before a tribunal, building a case to protect the environment or kick-starting a corporate career, a law degree can get you there.

With a focus on social justice, critical thinking, academic rigour and work-ready skills, our professionally-accredited qualifications open the way to a range of careers in law and justice.



Diverse pathways
to law



Double degrees: expand your
career options with only one
extra year of study



Get an accredited
Law degree in just
three years

For more info, and to apply visit

scu.edu.au/law



Sarah Ashley
Clayton Utz, Brisbane
Bachelor of Laws graduate

"I learned so much at Southern Cross, it was the foundation I needed for my workplace where I'm learning, developing and growing as not only a lawyer but a person as well."



Business

Business professionals of tomorrow need more than an understanding of core business disciplines – they need adaptability, curiosity and agility to respond to a changing future.

Our business degrees have a strong emphasis on entrepreneurship and applied knowledge, developing transferable skills for a range of industries.



Global experiences



Work-integrated learning



93% graduate employment

(ComparED Graduate Outcomes Survey 2021-2023)

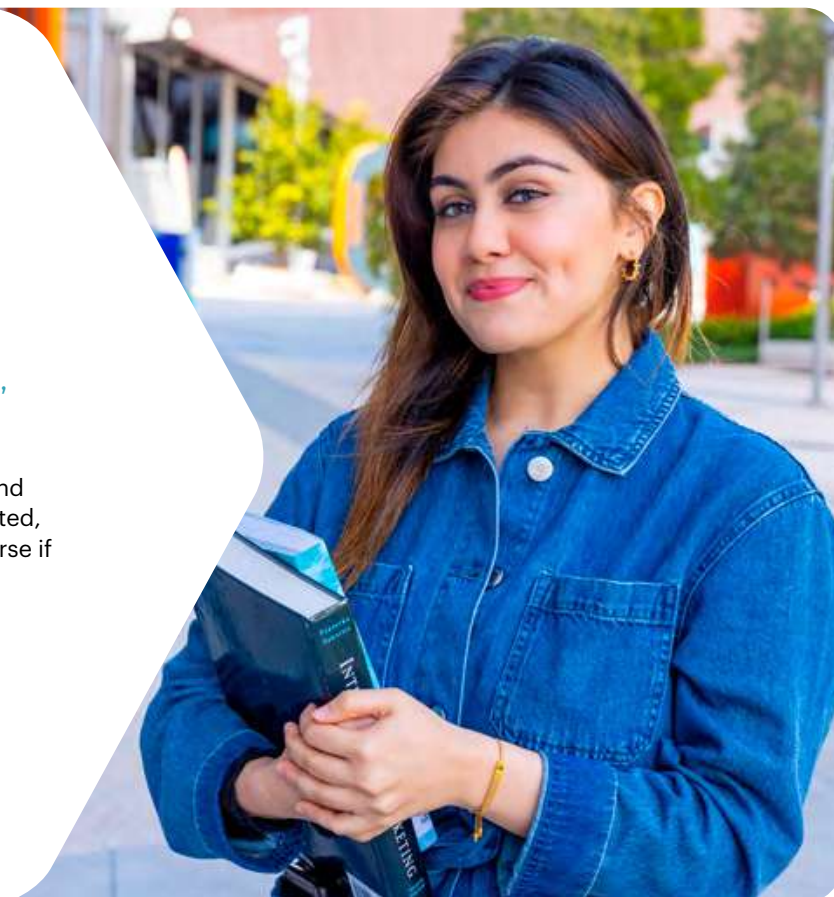
For more info, and to apply visit

scu.edu.au/business



Diksha Gidwaney, Bachelor of Business Management graduate, originally from India

“Being the first person in my family to move to Australia to study, I wanted to find somewhere I would feel safe and supported, and also where I could fast-track my course if I wanted to.”



Science

Unlock the secrets of our world with a science degree. Delve into environmental science, cultivate sustainable agriculture, or specialise in marine studies.

Our degrees develop the skills and knowledge you'll need for a meaningful career that can help solve some of the big challenges of the future.

Whether it's plant science, marine ecology, environmental management or agriculture, you'll be taught by scientists who are leaders in their fields, internationally recognised for their contributions to globally significant science.



National Marine Science
Centre: World-renowned
teaching and research facility
in a unique Coffs Harbour
location



Top 450 for
Environmental Sciences
(QS World University Rankings 2024)



Dynamic
research community.

For more info, and to apply visit

scu.edu.au/science



Social Work and Community Welfare

Be an agent for positive change with a meaningful career in social work, counselling and community welfare.

Our degrees are a rigorous foundation for high job growth areas in social work, human services, social policy and analysis, counselling, or research.

Our accredited courses include significant, supervised on-the-job training, ensuring you're ready to hit the ground running once you graduate.



Extensive on-the-job training and strong practical foundations



Global top 400 in Social Sciences
(Times Higher Education World Universities Rankings 2025)



Professionally accredited degrees

For more info, and to apply visit

scu.edu.au/social-work



Binqiang 'Johnny' Zhang,
Master of Social Work (Professional Qualifying) graduate from China

"As an international student, it's usually overwhelming at the beginning. However, I was really supported not only by my lecturers but also by my international student advisor and my friends from all over the world."



Hotel Management

Southern Cross was the first University in the country to offer tertiary studies in hotel management and tourism. The University's Hotel School has campuses in premier capital city locations of Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.

Practical training in hotels and tourism structures with mentorship from experienced management professionals forms a fundamental part of our courses. This means you will be well-prepared for the demands of this dynamic sector once you graduate, with professional networks already in place – a key factor for career success.



No.1 in Australia for learner engagement and student support in Tourism and Hospitality
(Good Universities Guide 2025)



Industry connections facilitate work placements in Australia and abroad



Global top 200 for Hospitality and Tourism Management
(Global Rankings of Academic Subjects – Shanghai Rankings 2024)

For more info, and to apply visit

scu.edu.au/tourism



Veterinary Medicine and Technology

Veterinary professionals are the first line of defence in our biosecurity and an essential part of our food production and animal health and welfare.

Building on our established expertise in agriculture and animal husbandry and backed by a vibrant community of health leaders, our veterinary courses are delivered in collaboration with industry at the Northern Rivers (Lismore) campus.

For more info, and to apply visit

scu.edu.au/veterinary



Industry collaboration



Dynamic research community



Regional location

Study Abroad

Study Abroad is arranged through your home institution or through a Study Abroad representative in your home country. Students can choose from three or four-unit options at either undergraduate or postgraduate level. Students can combine their academic studies with a trip.

Study Abroad Undergraduate

Duration:	6 months
Starts:	February, June, August, October
Units:	3 or 4
Location:	Main campuses: Gold Coast, Lismore, Coffs Harbour Hotel School campuses: Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane
CRICOS:	Main campuses: 019864G Hotel School campuses: 114985F
2026 Tuition fees*:	Three-unit: \$6,930, Four-unit: \$9,240

Admission requirements: Qualification equivalent to an Australian Year 12 with the required entry grade; and English language comparable to Academic IELTS 6.0 with no band less than 5.5.

Study Abroad Postgraduate

Duration:	6 months
Starts:	February, June, August, October
Units:	3 or 4
Location:	Main campuses: Gold Coast, Lismore, Coffs Harbour Hotel School campuses: Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane
CRICOS:	Main campuses: 019864G Hotel School campuses: 114986E
2026 Tuition fees*:	Three-unit: \$6,930, Four-unit: \$9,240

Southern Cross University offers a range of subjects in business, management, marketing, tourism and event management, hotel and hospitality management, information technology, Australia-specific cultural or Indigenous studies, social welfare, humanities, environmental science, engineering, marine science, health and exercise science. Students can choose units that suit their study program or try something completely different.

Our Study Abroad program also offers unique specialist areas including: Learning about the world's oldest living culture through Gnibi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples on our Lismore campus. Community engagement provides opportunities to volunteer with our local community or work on a group project including the Koala hospital on our Lismore campus. Environmental science units incorporate field trips to the living laboratories of World Heritage rainforest, marine parks or national parks in our surrounding regions.



See Australia while you study

Combine your Study Abroad program with a trip to see some of the most beautiful places in Australia!



A trip to the tropics

A group of our international students had the opportunity to head to Cairns in Tropical North Queensland for their study abroad trip. The students snorkelled on the Great Barrier Reef, learning about the biology of the reef and the coral larval project, a research initiative led by Southern Cross University.





For more details:

scu.edu.au/studyabroad



Course list 2026

Please note fees displayed are indicative only. Please consult the website for updated fee and course information:
scu.edu.au

	Pathways	Annual Fee 2026	Professional accreditation	IELTS	Location	Duration	Units	Starts
Business								
Undergraduate								
Diploma of Business CRICOS 079231K CRICOS 086030E (metro campuses)	EAP 1	\$26,000		5.5	Gold Coast, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney	1 year	8	March, July, November
Bachelor of Business CRICOS 117759C CRICOS 117759C (metro campuses) Specialisation in: • Accounting CRICOS 117755G CRICOS 117755G (metro campuses)	EAP 1 DIP BUS	\$26,000	CPA Australia (Accounting)	6.0	Gold Coast, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney	3 years	24	March, July, November
Postgraduate								
Graduate Certificate in Business CRICOS 082684K	EAP 1	\$13,000		6.0	Gold Coast	6 months	4	March, July, November
Graduate Diploma of Business CRICOS 081762J CRICOS 115300K (metro campuses)	EAP 2	\$26,000		6.5	Gold Coast, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney	1 year	8	March, July, November
Master of Business Administration Specialisation in: • Business Analytics and Artificial Intelligence CRICOS 079662J CRICOS 080919A (metro campuses)	EAP 2	\$26,000		6.5	Gold Coast, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney	2 years	16	March, July, November
Education								
Undergraduate								
Diploma of Education CRICOS 112794G	EAP 2	\$26,000		6.5	Gold Coast	1 year	8	March, July
Bachelor of Early Childhood Education CRICOS 110055C	EAP 2	\$26,000	ACECQA	6.5	Gold Coast	3 years	24	March, July
Bachelor of Education Specialisations in: • Early Childhood/Primary (CRICOS 110583A) • Primary/Secondary (CRICOS 110586J) • Primary (CRICOS 110584M) • Secondary (CRICOS 110585K)	EAP 3	\$26,000	NESA, QCT, AITSL, ACECQA (Primary/Early Childhood)	7.5	Gold Coast	4 years	32	March, July

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Postgraduate								
Graduate Diploma of Education (Early Childhood) CRICOS 102984F	EAP 2	\$26,000	ACECQA	6.5	Gold Coast, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney, Brisbane	1 year	8	March, July, September, November
Graduate Diploma of Teaching Specialisation in: • Primary / Secondary CRICOS: 117390J	EAP 2	\$26,000	ACECQA	7.0	Gold Coast, Perth	1 year	8	March, July, November
Master of Teaching (Early Childhood) CRICOS 111196D	EAP 3	\$26,000	NESA, AITSL ACEQA	7.0	Gold Coast, Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth	2 years	16	March, July, September, November
Master of Teaching Specialisations in: • Primary (CRICOS 110588G) • Secondary (CRICOS 110587H)	EAP 3	\$26,000	NESA, AITSL ACEQA	7.0	Gold Coast	2 years	16	March, July, September, November
Engineering								
Undergraduate								
Diploma of Engineering CRICOS 111853J	EAP 1	\$26,000		5.5	Gold Coast, Lismore	1 year	8	March, July
Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) CRICOS 0102158 Specialisations in: • Civil Engineering CRICOS 117760K • Mechanical Engineering CRICOS 117764F	EAP 1 DIP ENG	\$26,000	EA	6.0	Gold Coast	4 years	32	March, July
Postgraduate								
Master of Engineering Specialisation in: • Civil Engineering CRICOS 112799B	EAP 2	\$26,000		6.5	Gold Coast, Sydney, Melbourne, Perth	2 years	16	March, July
Health								
Undergraduate								
Diploma of Health CRICOS 0101136	EAP 1	\$26,000		5.5-6.5^	Gold Coast	1 year	8	March, July
Bachelor of Biomedical Science CRICOS 0102161	EAP 1 DIP HEALTH	\$26,000		6.0	Gold Coast	3 years	24	March
Bachelor of Clinical Exercise Physiology CRICOS 112797D	EAP 3 DIP HEALTH	\$26,000		7.0	Gold Coast, Lismore	4 years	32	March
Bachelor of Clinical Sciences (Osteopathic Studies) CRICOS 091528C	EAP 3 DIP HEALTH	\$26,000	OBA	7.0	Gold Coast	3 years	24	March
Bachelor of Counselling CRICOS 114108G	EAP 1	\$26,000	ACA	6.0	Gold Coast	3 years	24	March
Bachelor of Exercise Science and Psychological Science CRICOS 0102160	EAP 3 DIP HEALTH	\$26,000	APAC, ESSA	7.0	Gold Coast, Coffs Harbour	4 years	32	March

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^ Some streams require up to IELTS 6.5

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Bachelor of Health Science (Health and Lifestyle) CRICOS 108299A	EAP 2 DIP HEALTH	\$26,000		6.5	Gold Coast	3 years	24	March, July
Bachelor of Midwifery CRICOS 078636G	EAP 3	\$26,000	NMBA	7.0	Gold Coast, Coffs Harbour	3 years	24	March
Bachelor of Nursing CRICOS 016165C	EAP 3 DIP HEALTH	\$26,000	NMBA	7.0	Gold Coast, Lismore, Coffs Harbour	3 years	24	January*, March, July <i>*January start for Diploma of Health graduates only</i>
Bachelor of Nursing - Enrolled Nurse to Registered Nurse pathway) CRICOS 093295K	EAP 3	\$26,000	NMBA	7.0	Gold Coast, Lismore, Coffs Harbour	2 years* <i>*For students who have completed the approved Health Training Package Diploma in Nursing</i>	24	March, July
Bachelor of Occupational Therapy CRICOS 082680C Optional major in: • Indigenous Health	EAP 3 DIP HEALTH	\$26,000	OTA OTC	7.0	Gold Coast, Coffs Harbour	4 years	32	March
Bachelor of Psychological Science CRICOS 071464B	EAP 1 DIP HEALTH	\$26,000	APAC	6.0	Gold Coast, Coffs Harbour	3 years	24	March, July
Bachelor of Psychological Science with Honours CRICOS 071465A	EAP 1	\$26,000	APAC	6.0	Gold Coast, Coffs Harbour	1 year	8	March
Bachelor of Psychological Science, Bachelor of Business CRICOS 117766D Business specialisations see page 28	EAP 1 DIP HEALTH	\$26,000	APAC	6.0	Gold Coast	4 years	32	March
Bachelor of Speech Pathology CRICOS 085520F Optional major in: • Indigenous Health		\$26,000	SPA	8.0	Gold Coast, Coffs Harbour	4 years	32	March, November
Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science CRICOS 059883F Majors in: • Business and Management • Physical Education • Strength, Conditioning and Coaching	EAP 3 DIP HEALTH	\$26,000	ESSA, AusActive ASCA	7.0	Gold Coast, Lismore, Coffs Harbour	3 years	24	March

Postgraduate

Master of Naturopathic Medicine CRICOS 108576G	EAP 3	\$26,000	ANTA, ANPA, ATMS, CMA, ARONAH	7.0	Gold Coast	2 years	16	March, July
Master of Nursing (Graduate Entry) CRICOS 113008H		\$36,000	NMBA	7.0	Gold Coast, Coffs Harbour, Lismore	2 years	16	January, August
*Master of Osteopathic Medicine CRICOS 098206J <i>*Undergraduate education in Osteopathy is required prior to admission, enrolment in the Bachelor of Clinical Sciences (Osteopathic Studies), or an equivalent award from another Australian institution provides a direct entry pathway.</i>	EAP 3	\$26,000	OBA	7.0	Gold Coast, Lismore	1.5 years	12	March

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Computing and IT								
Undergraduate								
Diploma of Information Technology CRICOS 111518B	EAP 1	\$26,000		5.5	Gold Coast, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney	1 year	8	March
Bachelor of Information Technology CRICOS 117765E Specialisations in: • Cybersecurity • Artificial Intelligence	EAP 1 DIP IT	\$26,000	ACS	6.0	Gold Coast, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney	3 years	24	March, July, November
Bachelor of Information Technology, Bachelor of Business CRICOS 117756F Specialisation in: • Accounting (CRICOS 117758D)	EAP 1 DIP IT	\$26,000	ACS	6.0	Gold Coast, Sydney, Melbourne, Perth	4 years	32	March
Postgraduate								
Master of Information Technology Specialisations in: • Cybersecurity • Artificial Intelligence CRICOS 117757E	EAP 2	\$26,000		6.5	Gold Coast, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney	2 years	16	March, July, November
Law								
Undergraduate								
Associate Degree of Law (Paralegal Studies) CRICOS 016182B Optional major in: • Conveyancing	EAP 1	\$26,000	NSW Fair Trade (Conveyancing major)	6.0	Gold Coast	2 years	16	March, July
Diploma of Legal Studies CRICOS 115098G	EAP 1	\$26,000		5.5	Gold Coast	1 year	8	March, July
Bachelor of Laws CRICOS 102591A	EAP 1	\$26,000	LPAB	6.0	Gold Coast	3 years	24	March, July
Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies CRICOS 022342G Optional major in: • Conveyancing	EAP 1	\$26,000	NSW Fair Trade (Conveyancing major)	6.0	Gold Coast	3 years	24	March, July

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Science								
Undergraduate								
Diploma of Science CRICOS 086408J	EAP 1	\$26,000		5.5	Lismore	1 year	8	March
Bachelor of Science CRICOS 117712G Specialisation in: • Agriculture • Environment • Marine	EAP 1 DIP SCI	\$26,000		6.0	Lismore Marine specialisation available at National Marine Science Centre Coffs Harbour	3 years	24	March
Social Work and Community Welfare								
Bachelor of Social Work CRICOS 102204F	EAP 3 DIP HEALTH	\$26,000	AASW	7.0	Gold Coast	4 years	32	March, July
Bachelor of Community Welfare CRICOS 102202H	EAP 2 DIP HEALTH	\$26,000	CWA	6.5	Gold Coast	3 years	24	March, July
Postgraduate								
Master of Social Work (Professional Qualifying) CRICOS 082686G	EAP 3	\$26,000	AASW	7.0	Gold Coast	2 years	16	March, November
Graduate Certificate in Social Sciences for Social Work CRICOS 117391H	EAP 2	\$26,000		6.5	Gold Coast	0.5 years	8	July, November
Tourism and Hotel Management								
Undergraduate								
Diploma of Hotel Management CRICOS 0100351	EAP 1	\$26,000		5.5	The Hotel School Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane	1 year	8	March, July, November
Associate Degree of International Hotel and Tourism Management CRICOS 104631D	EAP 1	\$26,000		6.0	The Hotel School Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane	2 years	16	March, July, November
Bachelor of Business in Hotel Management CRICOS 111082C	EAP 1	\$26,000		6.0	The Hotel School Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane	3 years	24	March, July, November

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Postgraduate								
Graduate Certificate of Business in Global Hotel Leadership CRICOS 0101395	EAP 2	\$13,000		6.5	The Hotel School Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane	0.5 year	4	March, July, November
Graduate Diploma of Business in Global Hotel Leadership CRICOS 0101394	EAP 2	\$26,000		6.5	The Hotel School Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane	1 year	8	March, July, November
Master of Business in Global Hotel Leadership CRICOS 0101393	EAP 2	\$26,000		6.5	The Hotel School Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane	2 years	16	March, July, November
Veterinary Studies								
Bachelor of Veterinary Technology CRICOS 115654F	EAP 1	\$36,000		6.0	Lismore	3 years	24	March

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Key to professional bodies:

AASW	Australian Association of Social Workers	CPA	Certified Practising Accountants
ACA	Australian Counselling Association	CMA	Complementary Medicine Australia
ACECQA	Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority	CWA	Community Work Australia
ACS	Australian Computer Society	EA	Engineers Australia
ACWA	Australian Community Workers Association	ESSA	Exercise and Sport Science Australia
AITSL	Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership	LPAB	Legal Profession Admission Board (NSW)
ANMAC	Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council	MMA	Massage and Myotherapy Australia
ANPA	Australian Naturopathic Practitioners Association	NESA	NSW Education Standards Authority
ANTA	Australian Natural Therapists Association	NMBA	Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia
AOAC	Australian Psychology Accreditation Council	OBA	Osteopathy Board of Australia
APAC	Australian Psychology Accreditation Council	OTA	Occupational Therapy Australia
ARONAH	Australian Register of Naturopaths and Herbalists	OTC	Occupational Therapy Council
ASCA	Australian Strength and Conditioning Association	QCT	Queensland College of Teachers
ASLM	Australasian Society of Lifestyle Medicine	SPA	Speech Pathology Australia
ATMS	Australian Traditional Medicine Society	TPB	Tax Practitioners Board
CA ANZ	ANZ Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand		

English language requirements

Most applications must include evidence of English language proficiency. Academic IELTS is the benchmark score indicated in the admission requirements for each course. All English language results must have been achieved in the past two years.

For most Diploma programs, the minimum score required is IELTS of 5.5 with no band less than 5.0.

For most undergraduate degrees, the minimum score required is IELTS of 6.0 with no band less than 5.5 with the exception of health sciences, nursing and midwifery degrees.

For most postgraduate degrees, the minimum score required is IELTS of 6.5 overall. The English language requirement may also be satisfied by completing an English for Academic Purposes or pathway program with SCU College.

IELTS	5.5 no band less than 5.0	6.0 no band less than 5.5	6.5 no band less than 6.0	7.0 no band less than 6.5	7.0 all bands
TOEFL (Internet)	46 W: 17 R: 5 S: 17 L: 5	60 W: 17 R: 11 L: 11 S: 17	79 W: 21	94 W: 24	94 W: 27 R: 24 L: 24 S: 23
C1 Advanced	162 -168	169 – 175	176 - 184	185 – 190	185 – 190
C2 Proficiency	162 -168	169 – 175	176 - 184	185 – 190	185 – 190
ISPLR	3 in all 4 skills	3+ or better in all 4 skills	4 in all 4 skills	4 in all 4 skills	4+ in all 4 skills
CEFR	-	B2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pearsons PTE	42 Com score: 36	50	58 Com score: 50	65 Com score: 58	65 Com score: 65

NOTE: SCU College offers free English language proficiency placement testing for students going into non-award College programs such as the English Language Program and the Undergraduate Qualifying Program. Contact scucollege@scu.edu.au for our regular test dates and times.



Academic requirements

The minimum academic requirement for undergraduate degrees is displayed in the 'Academic Score by Country' shown on the International Future Students admission requirements tab of the website.

For postgraduate degrees, assessment is made on an equivalent Australian Bachelor degree plus any other course-specific requirements.

Advanced standing refers to previous study undertaken which may reduce the duration of your degree. You need to apply for advanced standing at the time of application.

When assessing applications against the relevant Academic Standards, the University will use accepted educational resources, including Australian Education International – National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (NOOSR), United Kingdom National Recognition Information Centre (UK ENIC), University Admissions Centre (UAC) Assessment of Qualifications Manual and the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) Schedule to establish the Australian equivalent of an applicant's overseas qualifications.

For more information visit scu.edu.au/international/apply

Please note that some courses in nursing, midwifery, health sciences and veterinary technology have inherent requirements.

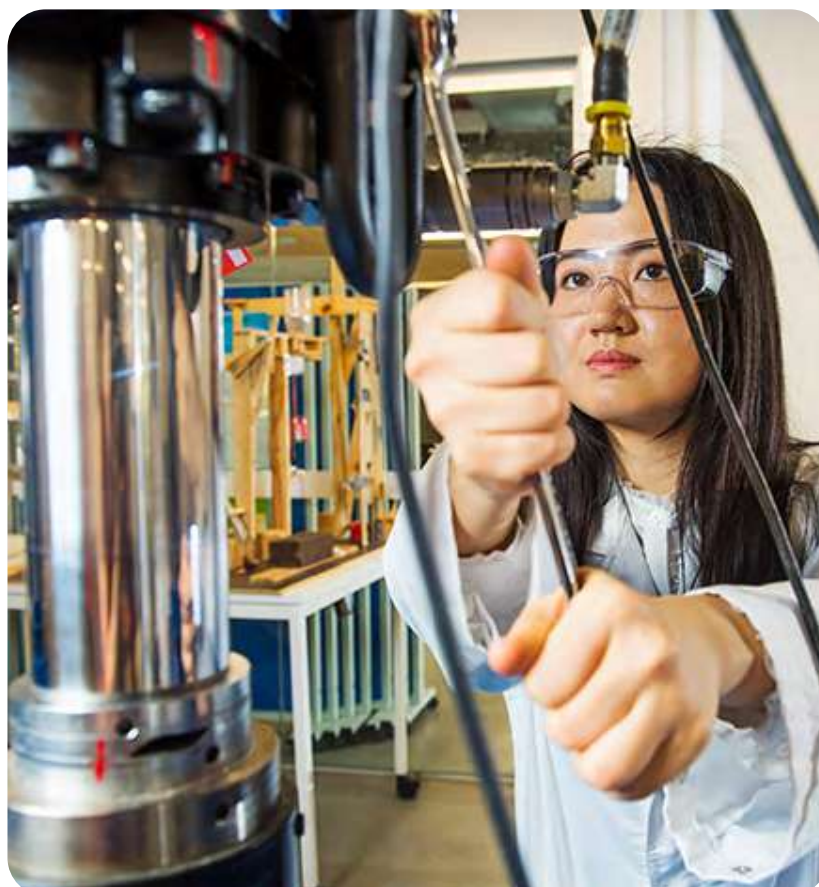
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'English language comparable to Academic IELTS 6.0 with no band less than 5.5' means that to meet the English requirement, the minimum overall IELTS score is 6.0, and no band in reading, writing, speaking or listening can be below 5.5.

Southern Cross University also accepts comparable scores from CPE (Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency), CAE (Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English), TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language – internet-based test), PTE (Pearson Test of English), ISPLR (International Second Language Proficiency Rating), CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages), and Southern Cross University's direct-entry EAP pathway.



How to apply

Step 1. Start your application

Apply online at

scu.edu.au/international



Step 2. Assessment

Applications will be acknowledged and responded to within 10 days*.

Successful applications receive an International Offer Package (Offer) including:

- Offer
- Information for Accepting Your Offer
- Offer Acceptance Agreement.

*Time period relates to complete application for the immediate study period. International students applying for student visas should refer to the [Australian immigration Document Checklist Tool](#).

Step 3. Accept

1. Review the Offer to make sure all information is correct and submit extra documents if requested.
Once conditions are met, send the signed Offer Acceptance Agreement before the Offer Lapse Date.
2. Pay the 'fee payable on acceptance' amount on the Offer once Genuine Student Requirement (GSR) conditions are met.
3. Once all documents are received and conditions are met, Southern Cross University will issue an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCOE) so you can apply for an Australian visa.



Under 18 application and admission

If you are under the age of 18 years, you can apply to the main campuses of Southern Cross University and The Hotel School, however your parent or guardian must sign your letter of offer on your behalf.

Accommodation and welfare

If you are an under 18 international student visa holder and will not be accompanied by a parent or guardian, they must request, in writing, that Southern Cross University accepts responsibility for your accommodation and welfare arrangements until your 18th birthday. Your accommodation will be arranged for you with Southern Cross University's approved accommodation provider, Australian Homestay Network, and you must stay at this address until at least your 18th birthday. You will have a student advisor appointed to meet with you every fortnight to manage your welfare and wellbeing until your 18th birthday. They will also assist you to access appropriate learning or personal support services if required.

You will be issued with a Confirmation of Appropriate Accommodation and Welfare (CAAW) form once these arrangements have been agreed, together with your eCoE (Electronic Confirmation of Enrolment) for the purposes of applying for a visa.

Information and support

You will be provided with clear, appropriate information before you arrive, during orientation and throughout your studies to ensure you are informed about your academic progress, support services available to you, and ways to keep yourself safe and manage an emergency.



Students are required to pay Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for the duration of their visa in advance. In addition, students will be charged a Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF), and indicative non-tuition fees. Visit: scu.edu.au/international for more information. Published by Southern Cross University July 2025.

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