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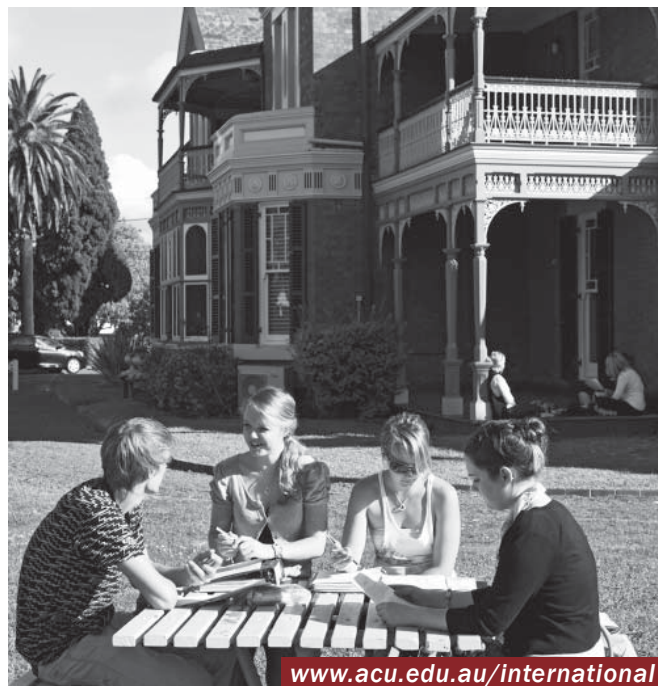
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Australian Catholic University (ACU) is Australia's outstanding Catholic university and is open to students and staff of all beliefs and backgrounds. The University is national in its reach with nearly 20,000 students and 1,200 staff across six campuses (Brisbane, North Sydney, Strathfield, Canberra, Ballarat and Melbourne) as well as off-campus activity throughout Australia and overseas.

ACU provides programs in the arts, business information systems, commerce, education, environmental science, exercise science, human resource management, marketing, media communication, midwifery, music, nursing,



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paramedicine, physiotherapy, psychology, social sciences, social work, theology, and visual arts and design. The University supports, develops and promotes research related to the needs of Australia and the international community. ACU hosts students from over 75 countries of all beliefs and backgrounds. The University is a supportive, safe and tolerant community that enjoys high course completion and student satisfaction rates.

Beyond academic merit, ACU is committed to community engagement and serving the common good, and encourages staff and students to contribute to their community.

For more information, visit www.acu.edu.au/international, email futurestudents@acu.edu.au or call 1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228).

OPEN DAYS, EXHIBITIONS AND INTERVIEW SESSIONS

In Australia

Canberra – 9am to 4pm
North Sydney – 9am to 4pm
Strathfield – 9am to 4pm

Saturday 27 August 2011
Saturday 3 September 2011
Saturday 10 September 2011

Overseas

Australian Catholic University participates in a range of exhibitions and interview sessions overseas. For more information on when staff from ACU will be visiting your country, email international@acu.edu.au

For details of ACU's overseas agents/representatives, email international@acu.edu.au

IMPORTANT DATES

The academic year at ACU is divided into two main sessions:

- Semester 1 (between February and June)
- Semester 2 (between July and November).

It is possible to start many courses in either semester 1 or semester 2. Refer to the 'Table of courses' in this booklet or check the *International Undergraduate Prospectus* at www.acu.edu.au/international/international_student_guide/ to see when you can commence each course.

Orientation sessions are held before both semesters 1 and 2:

- Semester 1 orientation commences two weeks before lectures, and
- Semester 2 orientation commences one week before lectures.

Academic calendar

For important dates concerning teaching periods, study breaks and vacation periods, check the University Calendar at www.acu.edu.au/calendars_and_timetables/

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Read page 22 for general information about admission requirements.

Admission requirements are the minimum qualifications you need before you can be selected for admission to a course of study.

As an international student attempting one of the following qualifications, you will apply for admission through UAC International and will generally be selected on the basis of your performance in these studies (that is, your ATAR or equivalent):

- an Australian Year 12 qualification (either offshore or in Australia)
- an International Baccalaureate
- a New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement Level 3.

When assessing your application, Australian Catholic University may take any or all of your qualifications or attempts at study into account.

Limited ATAR

The University accepts the NSW Limited ATAR for admission purposes – read section 6.8 in Part 1.

Additional selection criteria

In addition to achieving the standard of performance required for admission, for certain courses you must also satisfy additional selection criteria. These criteria include portfolio, interview, audition, questionnaire or test and are taken into account either instead of, or in conjunction with, your ATAR or equivalent.

Details of additional selection criteria and how applicants can meet these requirements are outlined in the course descriptions. For course descriptions, visit the course search on the UAC International website at www.uac.edu.au/international/course-search/

If you are undertaking your Year 12 studies offshore and are applying for a course that has additional selection criteria which you will find difficult to meet, email international.admissions@acu.edu.au

Offers made to applicants who have an ATAR (or equivalent) below the cut-off

Australian Catholic University has a number of alternative pathways for admission, which may allow applicants to receive an offer to a course even though they have an ATAR or equivalent below the cut-off. They are:

- Elite Athlete Scheme
- Disadvantaged Schools Entry Scheme.

Elite Athlete Scheme

Australian Catholic University supports elite athletes in their study and aims to help them achieve their academic and personal potential. Elite Athlete Co-ordinators offer course and enrolment advice as well as assisting students with finding flexible study options. To apply for consideration under the Elite Athlete Scheme you need to complete an 'E' form available from www.acu.edu.au/eliteathletes/

Disadvantaged Schools Entry Scheme

The University recognises applicants from ACT and NSW schools who have been designated as disadvantaged. Applicants from these schools will receive bonus points where they include Australian Catholic University preferences.

This adjustment will be made automatically before offer rounds commence. Eligible applicants are not required to submit an application for this adjustment. Ask your careers adviser whether your school has been included in the scheme.

International applicants applying for admission on the basis of qualifications other than those listed above must apply directly to the University, not through UAC International. For details, visit www.acu.edu.au/international/

STUDENTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

Before you are granted a student visa, the Australian Government must be satisfied that you have appropriate accommodation, support and general welfare arrangements in place for the period that you will be under 18 years of age whilst in Australia.

ACU does not accept responsibility for welfare arrangements for international students who are under 18 years of age.

For more information on what arrangements need to be in place, visit www.immi.gov.au/students/students/573-1/eligibility-student-18.htm

AREAS OF STUDY

ACU offers a wide range of undergraduate courses in:

- Arts
- Business Information Systems
- Commerce
- Education
- Environmental Science
- Exercise Science
- Human Resource Management
- Marketing
- Media Communication
- Midwifery
- Music
- Nursing
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Social Sciences
- Social Work
- Theology
- Visual Art and Design.

For course descriptions, visit the course search on the UAC International website at www.uac.edu.au/international/course-search/

For information on course structure, visit www.acu.edu.au/courses/

TUITION FEES

For information about tuition fees, refer to the 'Table of courses' in this booklet or visit the course search on the UAC International website at www.uac.edu.au/international/course-search/

Australian Catholic University tuition fees are comparable with those of other Australian universities. Tuition fees may increase by up to three per cent per year for the minimum duration of the course. No guarantee is made for tuition fee increases beyond the minimum duration.

In addition to tuition costs, the tuition fees cover:

- assistance with finding accommodation (for degree courses only)
- orientation program
- access to all student services and facilities that are available to local students
- study skills assistance.

Students should also check the individual course descriptions for any additional items that may need to be purchased. These will usually only apply to small items such as special uniforms required for nursing courses. For further information regarding fees and additional course expenses, contact the International Education Office or the appropriate course authority at the University.

In order for Australian Catholic University to issue a Confirmation of Enrolment, applicants must pay the fee amount indicated in the 'Offer of Place' letter.

For more information, visit www.acu.edu.au/international/fees_living_costs/

Fees policy

For information regarding the Australian Catholic University refund policy, visit www.acu.edu.au/international/refund_policy/

LIVING EXPENSES

Read page 35 for general information about living expenses.

The cost of living varies from city to city. Students require a minimum of approximately A\$17,000 per year for living expenses. This covers accommodation, food and transport, but does not allow for luxuries.

For further information regarding living costs, see our *International Student Guide* at www.acu.edu.au/international/international_student_guide/ or www.acu.edu.au/international/fees_living_costs/

SCHOLARSHIPS

Read page 35 for general information about scholarships.

SPONSORED STUDENTS

Read page 35 for general information about sponsored students.

OVERSEAS STUDENT HEALTH COVER (OSHC)

Read page 36 for general information about OSHC.

OSHC WorldCare is Australian Catholic University's preferred OSHC provider for all newly commencing international students.

For more information, visit www.oshcworldcare.com.au. Australian Catholic University requires students to pay the full cover for the length of their visa with their first-semester tuition fee.

WORKING WHILE STUDYING

Read page 36 for general information about working while studying.

International students who wish to seek employment in Australia must first apply for a work visa. Applications for work visas cannot be submitted until after students have arrived in Australia and started their classes. Although many international and local students are successful in obtaining casual and part-time employment to help subsidise their living costs while studying, students should not rely on this when calculating a budget.

For more information, visit www.acu.edu.au/international/fees_living_costs/

PREPARING FOR STUDENT LIFE

Before coming to study at Australian Catholic University, learn more about life in Australia and at Australian Catholic University by visiting www.acu.edu.au/international/

ACCEPTANCE, ORIENTATION, ENROLMENT AND DEFERMENT

Read page 17 for general information about acceptance, orientation, enrolment and deferment.

Acceptance

If applicants are successful through UAC International, Australian Catholic University will send an 'Offer of Place' letter which will outline the course details including fees payable. Applicants wishing to accept their offer should sign and return the Offer Acceptance and Payment Advice forms together with evidence of payment of the indicated fees.

For more information, visit www.acu.edu.au/international/how_to_apply/

Orientation

The focus of Orientation is to familiarise new students with issues of studying and living in Australia. Information is included on Australian study methods, Australian social customs and general procedures to be followed by international students. There are also social functions to allow new students to meet each other.

Orientation Week for semester 1, 2012 starts on Monday 6 February. For more information, visit www.acu.edu.au/international/services_facilities/

Enrolment

Students manage their own enrolments via Australian Catholic University's online enrolment process, Student Connect – Managing Your Studies. Assistance with this process is available during Orientation and through Student Centres.

For more information, visit www.acu.edu.au/student_resources/student_connect/

Deferment

Students seeking deferment may do so by contacting the International Admissions Office. For details, visit www.acu.edu.au/international/contact_us/

STUDENT SUPPORT

At Australian Catholic University we have many services to help you achieve your personal, academic and career goals, including:

- international student advisers
- airport reception program
- counselling services
- academic skills advisers.

For more information, visit www.acu.edu.au/international/services_facilities/

ACCOMMODATION

Students may choose to live alone, share with a friend, or board at a hostel. Although every effort is made to help students find suitable accommodation, the University provides no guarantees about the type of accommodation. Contact the International Education Office for more information.

Accommodation information for each campus can be accessed from www.acu.edu.au/international/accommodation/

CAMPUS SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Australian Catholic University provides a broad range of services and facilities for students. For more information on these services, visit www.acu.edu.au/international/services_facilities/

Careers advice and counselling services

Student counsellors are located on each campus to provide counselling, careers advice and welfare services such as accommodation, budgeting and employment.

Chaplaincy

Campus ministers are available to care for the spiritual and liturgical needs of students.

Learning assistance

The Academic Skills Unit helps students raise their academic performance by facilitating learning development through individual consultation or workshop programs.

Library/computing services

At each campus the libraries hold a substantial and growing collection of books and audiovisual items in support of courses. Computer laboratories are available on each campus for student use.

Student organisations

The Student Association offers a wide range of services to assist students during their time at Australian Catholic University. These services include liaising with academic staff and management about issues relating to their studies, organising social events both on and off campus at various times during the year and being available to answer any questions that might arise. It also provides facilities for relaxation.

Students with disabilities

For information about support services and facilities, call the Disabilities Adviser in Sydney on +61 2 9701 4300 and in Canberra on +61 2 6209 1170.

FAQS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information about studying at Australian Catholic University as an international student, visit www.acu.edu.au/international/faqs/