**Southern Cross University**

**About**

Southern Cross University (SCU) is a vibrant, multi-campus university with a growing teaching and research profile. With around 15,000 students enrolled at SCU, its campuses are inspiring places to study – from the southern Gold Coast, to Lismore and Coffs Harbour including the National Marine Science Centre. The University operates The Hotel School Sydney in partnership with Mulpha Australia and branch campuses in Sydney and Melbourne. New student facilities include the Learning Centre at the Lismore campus, which provides contemporary and collaborative learning spaces. Students connect with their local communities through work placements, field trips and recreational activities. SCU also has world-leading research strength in a number of fields. Visit www.scu.edu.au/era.

Undergraduate degrees are offered in business and information technology; tourism and hospitality management; creative and performing arts; engineering; environmental forest and marine sciences; regional and urban planning; humanities; allied health including osteopathy, speech pathology and podiatry and pediatrics; nursing and midwifery; health sciences and psychology and law.

**Admission Requirements**

Read section 3 in Part 1 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 completing one of the following qualifications in 2015, you will apply for admission through UAC and will generally be selected on the basis of your performance in these studies (ie your ATAR or equivalent):

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

When assessing your application SCU may take any or all of your qualifications or attempts at study into account.

**Limited ATAR**

The University accepts the Limited ATAR for admission purposes – read section 8.6.

**Additional selection criteria**

In addition to achieving the standard of performance required for admission, for certain courses you must also satisfy any additional selection criteria. These criteria may include a personal statement, questionnaire, portfolio of work, audition, interview 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 international course search on UAC’s website at www.uac.edu.au/international/course-search.

If you are undertaking your Year 12 studies offshore and are applying to a course that has additional selection criteria that you will find difficult to meet, contact SCU International.

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

SCU 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:

- STAR Entry Scheme
- Regional Year 12 School Bonus Scheme

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**All Campuses**

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| **Postal Enquiries** |  |  |
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| | facebook: | www.facebook.com/scuinternational |
| | twitter: | http://twitter.com/scuonline |

**In Person**

| Lismore Campus: | Military Road East Lismore NSW 2480 |
| Coffs Harbour Campus: | Hogbin Drive Coffs Harbour NSW 2450 |
| Gold Coast Campus: | Southern Cross Drive (access via Terminal Drive Gold Coast Airport) Bilinga QLD 4224 |
| The Hotel School Sydney: | 60 Phillip Street Sydney NSW 2000 |

**Open Days, Exhibitions and Interview Sessions**

**In Australia**

SCU hosts info days at the following campuses:

- Coffs Harbour: Monday 7 December 2015
- Gold Coast: Friday 11 December 2015
- Lismore: Wednesday 9 December 2015
- The Hotel School Sydney: Saturday 12 September 2015

For more information, visit www.scu.edu.au/scuinfodays.

SCU runs personalised campus tours, guided by current students, at all campuses. For an appointment call SCU International in Lismore on +61 2 6620 3876.

**Overseas**

SCU participates in a range of exhibitions and interview sessions overseas. For details of SCU’s overseas agents/representatives, visit www.scu.edu.au/international/agents.

**Important Dates**

The academic year at SCU is divided into three main sessions:

**Session 3, 2015–16 (October–February)**

- International Student Orientation: Monday 12 – Friday 16 October 2015
- Session start: Monday 19 October 2015

**Session 1, 2016 (February–June)**

- International Student Orientation: Monday 22 – Friday 26 February 2016
- Session start: Monday 29 February

**Session 2, 2016 (July–October)**

- International Student Orientation: Monday 4 – Friday 8 July 2016
- Session start: Monday 11 July 2016

It is possible to start all courses in session 1. There is a more limited offering in session 2 and session 3. Refer to the ‘Table of courses’ starting on page 39 or check the international course guide at www.scu.edu.au/international/courses and visit the study options page to see when you can commence each course.

**Academic Calendar**

For important dates relating to teaching periods, study breaks and vacation periods, check the 2016 teaching calendar at www.scu.edu.au/teachingcalendar.
■ academic pathway through SCU College
■ consideration of other specified criteria for some courses;
  for example, strong performance in Year 12 subjects relevant to
  the course of study, and/or personal interview and/or submission
  of supporting documentation.

STAR Entry Scheme
The University’s STAR Entry Scheme is available to Year 12 students studying
at a school or college within the University’s feeder region, bordered in the
south by the NSW Central Coast, west to the NSW–SA border, north to the
Darling Downs, Queensland, and east to include the Greater Gold Coast.
If you have been recommended by your principal and have satisfied specific
University entry criteria, you will be considered by the University under this
scheme. Applications are sent to the schools and TAFE institutes involved
and must be completed in addition to the UAC application. Call the University
for details on 1800 626 481 (freecall within Australia).

Regional Year 12 School Bonus Scheme
As further evidence of its commitment to the region, SCU will add five bonus
points to the admission rank of Year 12 students within the feeder region.
Eligible applicants do not have to apply for this bonus.

International applicants applying for admission on the basis of qualifications
other than those listed above must apply directly to the University, not

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 while in Australia.
SCU will consider accepting responsibility for welfare arrangements for
international students who are under 18 years of age. For more information
on accommodation, support and general welfare arrangements or any
restrictions that may apply, visit www.scu.edu.au/international.

AREAS OF STUDY
Southern Cross University offers innovative course options in:
■ Arts and Social Science
■ Biomedical Science
■ Business
■ Contemporary Music
■ Convention and Event Management
■ Engineering, Environmental, Marine and Forest Science and Management
■ Hotel and Tourism Management
■ Information Technology
■ Law and Justice
■ Media
■ Nursing, Midwifery, Allied Health and Clinical Sciences
■ Occupational Therapy
■ Pedorthics and Podiatry
■ Psychology
■ Regional and Urban Planning
■ Science
■ Speech Pathology
■ Sport and Exercise Science
■ Visual Arts.
For course descriptions, visit the international course search on UAC’s
website at www.uac.edu.au/international/course-search. To download the

TUITION FEES
For tuition fees, refer to the ‘Table of courses’ starting on page 39 or refer to
the course descriptions on the international course search on UAC’s website
at www.uac.edu.au/international/course-search or visit www.scu.edu.au/
international.
At SCU International student fees are calculated on a per-unit-of-study basis.
In most cases, in order to meet the requirements of the Confirmation of
Enrolment (CoE) and student visa, students need to enrol in four units per
session. A typical year is made up of eight units. The annual fees quoted in
the ‘Table of courses’ are for eight units.
In order to accept any offer from SCU, students should complete the
appropriate acceptance form and pay the first session fees in full. Upon receipt
of this payment, the University will issue a CoE for the selected program.

Student Services and Amenities Fee
The Commonwealth Government has passed legislation to introduce a
Student Services and Amenities Fee. This fee was capped at $286 in 2015
(and is indexed annually).

Fees policy
The refund policy for overseas students can be downloaded from

LIVING EXPENSES
Read section 7.3 for general information about living expenses.
SCU students may benefit from the reduced cost of living compared to
Australian capital cities.
We recommend that you use the travel, tuition and living expenses, as
outlined on the Australian Government Department of Immigration and Border

SCHOLARSHIPS
Read section 7.4 for general information about scholarships.
There are a large number of scholarships offered by the Australian
Government to students from a range of countries through programs such
as the Australian Development Scholarship program, Australian Leadership
Awards, and the various Endeavour scholarship programs. Information about
these can be viewed at www.australiaawards.gov.au.

SPONSORED STUDENTS
Read section 7.5 for general information about sponsored students.

OVERSEAS STUDENT HEALTH COVER
Read section 2.6 for general Information about Overseas Student Health Cover (OSH).
Medibank Private is the preferred provider of OSHC for all newly commencing
international students. For more information, visit www.medibank.com.au.
It is a student visa requirement that students obtain and maintain private
health cover.

HEALTH SERVICES ON CAMPUS
The Lismore and Gold Coast campuses offer fully accredited medical
practices providing a range of general practitioner services, with a limited
service also available at Coffs Harbour campus.
All campuses offer access to free confidential and professional counselling
services in person, by telephone and email. For more information, visit

WORKING WHILE STUDYING
If you are in Australia on a student visa you can work 40 hours a fortnight
(including volunteer or unpaid work) while your course is in session. Work
undertaken as part of your course is not included in this total. You can
work unlimited hours during official course breaks.
Read section 2.5 for general information about working while studying.
The Department of Immigration and Border Protection determines work
entitlement for students. For more information, visit www.immi.gov.au/
students.
While there is a limited range of part-time jobs in the local community and
on-campus in Lismore and Coffs Harbour, casual employment opportunities
are greater on the Gold Coast.

PREPARING FOR STUDENT LIFE
As part of your arrival support, SCU will provide useful information to assist
with your visa, what to bring, getting here, greeting service and orientation.
ACCOMMODATION
The University places a high priority on ensuring that international students have access to appropriate accommodation on or close to its campuses. All students are assisted in finding suitable accommodation.

Accommodation for students in colleges at both Lismore and Coffs Harbour campuses is managed by Campus Living Villages. For information, visit www.scuillage.com.au.

All the University’s campuses provide a list of off-campus accommodation available in their area. Visit www.scu.edu.au/accommodation.

STUDENT SUPPORT
The University prides itself on providing international students with a high level of support. The staff–student ratio at SCU International is among the best at any university in Australia. International students on all three regional campuses are provided with a range of specialist services, which include:

- pre-departure information
- local airport reception
- comprehensive orientation
- student advisers
- assistance with accommodation
- English language assistance
- social activities and excursions during Orientation Week
- visa and health insurance advice
- returning home meeting.

ACCEPTANCE, ENROLMENT, ORIENTATION AND DEFERMENT
Read section 6 for general information about acceptance, enrolment, orientation and deferment. For specific information about SCU procedures, visit scu.edu.au/international/apply.

Acceptance
Check the details in your Offer of Admission and make sure any additional documentation, including special conditions are met. For more information, visit www.scu.edu.au/international/accept.

Enrolment and orientation
A compulsory orientation program is organised by SCU International at each campus. It is designed to familiarise and assist new students with settling in and adjusting to the Australian way of life. Enrolment choices are finalised during orientation, student ID cards issued, and information sessions provided about the study, support and leisure facilities and services available to students. Most importantly new students can expect to start making new friends.

If your student visa is not issued in time to start classes, SCU International will defer the CoE and make you an offer to the next available study period for any chosen course.

Deferment
It may be possible to defer your enrolment at SCU for up to 12 months. For more information, contact SCU International.

STUDENT AND CAMPUS SERVICES

Careers advice
SCU provides helpful vocational counselling for students. The Careers Adviser at the Lismore campus can help with course and career choices, counselling, library, resources, and casual employment. Regular seminars and workshops are held to develop CV writing and interview skills. The service also invites employers to visit the University for information sessions and interviews with final year students. Casual work and graduate employment is advertised on an online job board. For more information, call +61 2 6622 3220 or visit www.scu.edu.au/careers.

Chaplaincy
By helping to connect people, this service seeks to serve the University community during ordinary times of life and in times of crisis. Chaplaincy support is ecumenical and multi-faith in nature and maintains strong links with the major denominational churches and faiths in the region. For more information, email chaplaincy@scu.edu.au or visit www.scu.edu.au/chaplaincy.

Learning assistance
Staff within the Division of Teaching and Learning provide educational support to students, staff and the University as a whole. The unit’s primary role is to improve the quality of learning by developing students’ critical thinking and academic language and learning skills as well as providing strategies for effective study. For more information, visit www.scu.edu.au/academicskills.

Library and computing services
The library provides an extensive range of resources and services. Libraries are located at Lismore, Coffs Harbour, and Gold Coast campuses and can be accessed electronically. Visit www.scu.edu.au/library.

Computing services include internet access, email, MySCU (personalised online learning and support), and computer labs supported by the IT call centre, lab support/helpdesks and the computing website. For more information, visit www.scu.edu.au/it.

Students with disabilities
The University aims to assist with the special needs of students who have disabilities or chronic health problems. Any prospective student who thinks they might have special support needs or who has a concern regarding their mobility, accommodation, library usage, exams or note taking, or would like to discuss any aspect of life on-campus, should contact the manager, Student Equity and Disability Service, located at the SCU Health Clinic (Lismore campus); email disability@scu.edu.au or visit www.scu.edu.au/disabilitysupport.

Transport
Private bus companies provide regular links from the city centres of both Lismore and Coffs Harbour to the campuses. Regular services are also provided between the Gold Coast campus and the Tweed Heads teaching facility and nearby commercial and residential areas. Visit www.scu.edu.au/travel for more information.

FURTHER INFORMATION
For more information visit www.scu.edu.au/international, call SCU International on +61 2 6620 3876 or email international@scu.edu.au.