

ALL CAMPUSES

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Southern Cross University (SCU) is an Australian public university, proud of the quality of its graduates, awards and research achievements. It is a full member of the more than 500 strong global Association of Commonwealth Universities. The University is named after the constellation of stars that appears in the night sky of the Southern Hemisphere and that also appears on the Australian flag. It is a proud and significant symbol in Australia's history associated with this country's move to establishing its national identity and is a fitting symbol for this progressive University. The University, through its predecessor institutions, has a 38-year history of excellence in teaching. Southern Cross University undertakes applied and fundamental research across key areas of specialisation. Research endeavours are focused around two Special Research Centres, six Research Centres and several research clusters. The University's expertise in geochemistry was rated five 'well above the rest of the world' in the Excellence for Research in Australia Report 2010. The University has a strong commitment to maintaining high academic standards, quality services, and enhancing the prospects for successful outcomes of its graduates.

More than 16,000 students study at our campuses and by distance education including about 4,000 international students from more than 80 countries who study via domestic collaborations and with offshore collaborating institutions in China, Hong Kong, Malaysia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Thailand and the USA. Our programs combine a strong practical emphasis with a rigorous appreciation of theory. Links with industry are an important feature of our courses and many include internship placements.

Just as importantly, the University prides itself on its commitment to providing its international students with quality support services to help them achieve a successful academic and personal experience.

Situated on the eastern seaboard of Australia, the University's footprint spans 320 kilometres from the Gold Coast to northern New South Wales and the Mid North Coast of New South Wales, with campuses at the Gold Coast, Lismore and Coffs Harbour. These modern, sophisticated regional cities have the key facilities found in Australia's larger cities while offering a safe, secure and quiet study environment.

Lismore hosts the University's main campus – a complex of modern facilities set on 75 hectares of lush, sub-tropical grounds, 3km from the Lismore central business district. Lismore is the hub of the rapidly developing North Coast of New South Wales. It is a rural industry centre with a population of 46,000, a thriving arts community and a dynamic live music scene.

The Coffs Harbour campus is located, 3km from the Coffs Harbour central business district. It is a modern facility located in an educational precinct shared with other education providers. Coffs Harbour has a population of more than 65,000 and is located on the coast and near World Heritage rainforest. The city has several spectacular surfing beaches and is gateway to the Solitary Islands Marine Park, a protected marine habitat. The University's marine science students and researchers also use the University's National



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Marine Science Centre, located 3km north of Coffs Harbour.

Queensland's Gold Coast is Australia's sixth largest city and a major international tourist destination, with long white beaches and heritage listed rainforests forming part of its many attractions. The University's newest campus is located at the southern end of the Gold Coast, adjacent to the Gold Coast Airport and close to North Kirra Beach. Currently the Faculty of Business and Law teaches undergraduate business, law and tourism management degrees at this campus. The foundation building features a student hub, a one-stopshop for student needs, and facilities include a library with views of the Pacific Ocean. The University operates two smaller teaching facilities at Tweed Heads, a short drive from the Gold Coast campus. SCU Lakeside at Calooloa Drive, Tweed Heads offers undergraduate courses in nursing, midwifery, occupational therapy and education, while the main focus of the Riverside campus at Brett Street, Tweed Heads is secondary education, social science and sport management (surfing studies). Postgraduate tourism and hospitality management, and business management degrees are also taught here.

OPEN DAYS, EXHIBITIONS AND INTERVIEW SESSIONS

In Australia

Southern Cross University runs personalised campus tours, guided by current students, at all campuses throughout the year to meet the individual needs of prospective students. If you would like a personal tour of any campus, call +61 2 6620 3975.

For an appointment to discuss courses, call the International Office 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 1 (between February and June)
- Session 2 (between June and October)
- Session 3 (between October and February).

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' in this booklet or check the *International Undergraduate Prospectus 2012* at www.scu.edu.au/international/futurestudents/index.php/dds for intakes for each course.

Session 1, 2012 (February)

International Student Orientation Monday 13 – Friday 17 February 2012
Session start Monday 20 February 2012

Session 2, 2012 (June)

International Student Orientation
Session start

Monday 11 – Friday 15 June 2012
Monday 18 June 2012

Session 3, 2012 (October)

International Student Orientation
Session start

Monday 8 – Friday 12 October 2012
Monday 15 October 2012

Academic calendar

For important dates relating to teaching periods, study breaks and vacation periods check the main University Calendar at www.scu.edu.au/teachingcalendar

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 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) in 2011
- an International Baccalaureate in 2011
- a New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement Level 3 in 2011.

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 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 any additional selection criteria. These criteria may 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 to a course that has additional selection criteria that you will find difficult to meet, contact the International Office at SCU.

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
- 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. Contact the University for details on Freecall 1800 626 481 (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 through UAC International. Visit www.scu.edu.au

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
- Business
- Contemporary Music
- Education
- Environmental, Marine and Forest Science and Management
- Exercise Science and Nutrition
- Hotel and Tourism Management
- Information Technology
- Law and Justice
- Media
- Nursing and Health Care
- Psychology
- Sport Management
- Visual Arts.

Double and combined degree options are also popular such as the B Contemporary Music/B Education (Secondary), B Arts/B Education (Secondary) or the B Environmental Science/B Laws.

For course descriptions, visit the course search on the UAC International website at www.uac.edu.au/international/course-search. To download the *International Undergraduate Prospectus 2012* visit www.scu.edu.au/international/futurestudents/index.php/dds

TUITION FEES

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

At Southern Cross University 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 on pages 57–59 are for eight units.

In order to accept any offer from Southern Cross University students should complete the appropriate acceptance form and pay the first session fees in full. Upon receipt of this payment, Southern Cross University will issue a CoE for the selected program.

Fees policy

The refund policy for overseas students can be downloaded from www.scu.edu.au/international/futurestudents/index.php/27

LIVING EXPENSES

Read page 35 for general information about living expenses.

One of the great advantages of living in Lismore, Coffs Harbour or the Gold Coast is the cheaper cost of living compared with that in Australia's major capital cities. In particular, accommodation costs are much lower than in the major cities. This can lead to major savings. In general, a budget of A\$230–A\$385 per week should cover all non-tuition costs associated with studying at the University, including rent, food, public transport, Overseas Student Health Cover, textbooks and course materials.

This indicative budget does not include purchasing or running a car or bringing family members to Australia. Students with school-age children should also be aware that school fees in local schools are between A\$4,500 and A\$5,500 per child per year.

A sample budget can be found in SCU's *International Undergraduate Prospectus 2012*, which can be downloaded from www.scu.edu.au/international/futurestudents/index.php/27

SCHOLARSHIPS

Read page 35 for general information about scholarships.

The University offers a limited number of competitively awarded scholarships to international students. However, 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 (ADS) program, Australian Leadership Awards, and the various Endeavour scholarship programs. Information about these can be viewed at www.australianscholarships.gov.au

SPONSORED STUDENTS

Read page 35 for general information about sponsored students.

OVERSEAS STUDENT HEALTH COVER (OSHC)

Read page 36 for general information about OSHC.

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 campus offers a fully accredited medical practice offering a range of general practitioner services, with a limited service also available at Coffs Harbour campus. Medical facilities are available in close proximity to the Tweed Heads and Gold Coast campuses.

All campuses offer access to free confidential and professional counselling services in person, by telephone and email. For more information visit www.scu.edu.au/international/futurestudents/index.php/9

WORKING WHILE STUDYING

Read page 36 for general information about working while studying.

Students are permitted to work 20 hours per week during session times and unlimited hours per week during the session breaks. In order to gain employment in Australia while studying, students need to apply for an Australian Tax File Number, which can be done by calling the Australian Taxation Office. 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 our Pre-Departure Information Service, SCU has prepared student guides for each campus. These are called *Living and Learning*. A copy can be downloaded from "ACCEPT" at <http://www.scu.edu.au/international/futurestudents/index.php/dd>

ACCEPTANCE, ORIENTATION, ENROLMENT AND DEFERMENT

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

Acceptance

Acceptance instructions for each campus can be downloaded from www.scu.edu.au/international/futurestudents/index.php/27. The acceptance form should be completed and sent to the International Office together with the first payment.

Orientation and enrolment

A compulsory orientation program is organised by the International Office 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 in this week, 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, the International Office 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 the International Office at SCU.

STUDENT SUPPORT

The University prides itself on providing international students with a high level of support. The staff-student ratio in the International Office 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
- organisation of social activities and excursions
- airport reception
- visa and health insurance advice
- accommodation assistance
- a farewell function for graduating students.
- comprehensive orientation
- student advisers
- English language assistance

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.scuvillage.com.au

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

CAMPUS SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Careers advice

Southern Cross University 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 resume 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 CareerHub, an online job board accessed through MySCU. For more information call +61 2 6622 3220 or visit www.scu.edu.au/services/oasis/index.php/17

Chaplaincy and multifaith service

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 multifaith 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/services/supportservices

Learning assistance

The Academic Skills Development Unit at SCU provides 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/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

SCU encourages applications from people with disabilities and provides facilities for students with special needs. If you would like to discuss your special requirements in confidence, call the Equity and Disabilities Officer on +61 2 6620 3943 or visit www.scu.edu.au/services/supportservices

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 Tweed Heads and Gold Coast campuses and nearby commercial and residential areas.

FAQS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information visit www.scu.edu.au/international or contact the International Office on +61 2 6620 3876 or email intoff@scu.edu.au