



Southern Cross University



All campuses

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In person

Lismore campus	Student Services 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 4225
The Hotel School Sydney	60 Phillip Street Sydney NSW 2000

Open days

Southern Cross University hosts info days at the following campuses:

Coffs Harbour	Monday 4 December 2017
Lismore	Tuesday 5 December 2017
Gold Coast	Thursday 7 December 2017

For more information, visit scu.edu.au/scuinfofadays.

Campus visits

Southern Cross University runs personalised campus tours, guided by current students, at all campuses. To book, call 1800 626 481 or email campustours@scu.edu.au.

Important dates

The University operates a three-session academic year.

Session 1

Orientation	Wednesday 21 – Friday 23 February 2018
Session 1	Monday 26 February – Saturday 9 June 2018

Session 2

Orientation	Wednesday 4 – Friday 6 July 2018
Session 2	Monday 9 July – Saturday 20 October 2018

Session 3

Orientation	Wednesday 31 October – Friday 2 November 2018
Session 3	Monday 5 November 2018 – Saturday 9 February 2019

Our locations provide living laboratories for learning and creative hubs, enriching our students with a sense of belonging and community. The University also operates The Hotel School Sydney and the Hotel School Melbourne and has branch campuses in Sydney and Melbourne.

Bold and progressive, at just 23 years of age Southern Cross University is ranked in the top 150 universities in the world by the Times Higher Education Young University Rankings. The University's research profile includes ratings of 'at world standard or above' in 24 key research areas in the most recent national evaluation – Excellence in Research for Australia.

Students can pursue an innovative range of health-related degrees in state-of-the-art laboratories, as well as degrees in law and justice, arts and humanities, education, environmental sciences and engineering, business, tourism and information technology. Professional placements are a feature of most degrees.

The popular pathway program, Preparing for Success, as well as Associate Degrees and Diplomas, are available through SCU College. Successful graduates are guaranteed entry to related Bachelor degrees.

Gold Coast campus

Progressive, fresh and contemporary, the Gold Coast campus provides an exciting learning environment. You will study in state-of-the-art facilities just minutes away from North Kirra Beach and a short walk to Gold Coast Airport.

If you are studying one of our health science degrees, you will learn in discipline-specific laboratories with high-tech interactive models to provide simulated training experiences, specialist labs, professional standard manufacturing facilities for footwear and orthotic supports, midwifery birthing suites and industry-standard equipment for sports science, speech pathology and occupational therapy. Degrees are also offered in arts, business and tourism, education, IT, law, social science and social welfare.

Lismore campus

Our Lismore campus in its beautiful rainforest setting hums with vitality. It exudes creativity befitting the music, media and visual arts degrees for which it is renowned.

It is also home to state-of-the-art engineering and environmental science facilities where you will find laboratories for activities as diverse as concrete stress testing and hydraulic water flow modelling, to 3-D printing and synchrotron technology that offers access to the nanoscale world.

Our sports science and nursing facilities, where students learn in specialist labs and simulated hospital wards, and use the latest high-tech models, are second-to-none. The Learning Centre and library complex, heated pool and gym, and lush grounds with an abundance of wildlife, provide a unique setting in which to study. Lismore campus is home to Gribi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples.

Coffs Harbour campus

Intimate and friendly, our Coffs Harbour campus is a place where you instantly feel at home.

Uniquely located with North Coast TAFE and a senior high school, this coastal campus is surrounded by a beautiful natural environment, with an abundance of birdlife, amazing beaches and views of the Pacific Ocean from the hilltop above the campus.

You will study in a contemporary setting with discipline-specific equipment and facilities including a midwifery birthing suite and anatomy, physiology and neuroscience laboratories for nursing, midwifery and psychological science. Courses also include sport and exercise science, education, business and tourism.

The Gathering Space in the heart of the campus is the ideal place for student activities, or head to the UniLounge to relax with friends. Coffs Harbour is also home to the University's National Marine Science Centre, one of the world's best located facilities for studying coastal and marine habitats.

ABOUT

Southern Cross University is a vibrant, contemporary, multi-campus regional university, with a strong teaching and research profile.

Our campuses are uniquely located at the southern Gold Coast adjacent to Gold Coast Airport, Lismore in the Northern Rivers of New South Wales and Coffs Harbour on the Mid North Coast, where the University's National Marine Science Centre is also located. Southern Cross delivers degrees on campus and online.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

An applicant who has one or more of the following qualifications is eligible for admission to the University. However, an applicant who is eligible for admission may not necessarily gain a place in a particular course when competing with other candidates. Some courses require interviews, portfolios and/or tests for admission – read course descriptions for additional selection criteria.

Australian secondary studies

2017 Australian Year 12 students

If you are a 2017 Australian Year 12 student you will be selected for admission on the basis of your ATAR or equivalent. You may also be admitted on the basis of a strong performance in individual subjects relevant to the course you want to study.

Offers made to applicants who have an ATAR below the published cut-off

Southern Cross University has a number of alternative pathways for admission which may allow 2017 NSW and ACT Year 12 applicants to receive an offer to a course if they have an ATAR below the published cut-off. These include:

- Educational Access Scheme (EAS) – special admission scheme
- Testing and Assessment Program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians
- STAR Early Entry
- Regional Year 12 School Bonus Scheme
- special consideration for elite athletes or performers
- 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.

Regional entry – STAR Early Entry Scheme

STAR Early Entry is available to Year 12 students who attend school in the Greater Gold Coast, Northern Rivers, Mid North Coast, Upper Hunter, Namoi, New England, or North West NSW regions. 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. For further information, visit scu.edu.au/star. The University also adds five bonus points to the admission rank of Year 12 students within the feeder region; visit scu.edu.au/feederregion for details.

Australian Year 12 students prior to 2017

If your only qualification is an Australian Year 12 before 2017, you will be selected for admission on the basis of your ATAR or equivalent. If you have subsequent qualifications, such as TAFE or university, read 'Australian tertiary studies' below.

Australian tertiary studies

If you have attempted any tertiary studies you will be considered for admission on the basis of your grade point average in these studies.

Exclusion: Applicants who are currently under exclusion that extends into 2018 are not usually eligible for admission.

Overseas qualifications

Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia with overseas qualifications should call the University on 1800 626 481 to discuss eligibility for admission before applying through UAC. Visit uac.edu.au/undergraduate/admission/overseas.shtml for information on overseas secondary qualifications.

If you hold overseas secondary or tertiary qualifications from countries where English is not the standard language of instruction, you must provide evidence of English language proficiency – visit uac.edu.au/undergraduate/admission/elp.shtml.

Alternative entry and pathways

Personal Competencies Statement

If you do not have formal qualifications or your formal qualifications are not sufficient for entry, you can provide a Personal Competencies Statement. Visit scu.edu.au/matureapplicants for further information.

Pathway courses

Southern Cross University offers a range of Associate Degree qualifications that provide pathways into our degree programs for students who do not meet the direct entry requirements.

For courses available, read page 233 or visit scucollege.scu.edu.au.

Applicants 18 years of age and over

Applicants aged 18 and over on Thursday 1 March 2018 who do not meet the admission requirements outlined above may be considered for admission on the basis of a satisfactory level of performance in one or more of the following:

- completion of a one-year foundation course, including the TAFE Tertiary Preparation Certificate
- completion of the Preparing for Success at SCU Program

- study equivalent to at least six months full-time at a university, TAFE or accredited private institution at Certificate III level or higher
- completion of the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)
- work or field experience equivalent to at least one-year full-time. Visit uac.edu.au/undergraduate/apply/documents.shtml for further information on providing documents
- post-secondary qualifications, including healthcare qualifications, commissioned officer qualifications, apprenticeships and traineeships
- interview.

Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)

The University strongly advises applicants who have no formal qualifications or who have performed poorly in other studies to sit the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) Multiple Choice test. It's accepted for:

- non-2017 Year 12 applicants
- applicants who are 18 years or over on 1 March 2018.

Visit stat.acer.org for more information.

Limited ATAR

Southern Cross University accepts the Limited ATAR for applicants sitting the NSW HSC. Read section 2.4 in Part 1 for details on the Limited ATAR.

EDUCATIONAL ACCESS SCHEMES

Southern Cross University has an Educational Access Scheme (EAS) to assist applicants who believe they have been educationally or financially disadvantaged. EAS applications are processed centrally through UAC.

Read section 5.5 in Part 1 for more information on EAS.

EQUITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Southern Cross University offers three types of Equity Scholarships: Equity Scholarships, Equity Book Bursaries and Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships, which are open to all eligible applicants applying to, or enrolled at, the University. All Equity Scholarships applications are processed centrally through UAC.

Read section 7.6 in Part 1 for more information on Equity Scholarships.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

Southern Cross University is a member of the Australian Sports Commission's Elite Athlete Friendly University program. Elite athletes and exceptional performers in other areas, whose training and competitive commitments have affected their preparation for the HSC, may be eligible for special consideration even if they are not eligible for the University's Educational Access Scheme.

If you feel you may be eligible for special consideration under the University's Elite Athletes and Performers Program, call the University Sports Officer on (02) 6620 3220.

You may be asked to submit a letter (with supporting documentation and your UAC application number) requesting special consideration directly to the University. This must be received by **Friday 24 November 2017**.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AUSTRALIANS

Indigenous Australian Student Services (IASS) provides an extensive service to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who are studying at Southern Cross University. There are IASS officers at each campus. For information, visit scu.edu.au/iass or call IASS on 1800 769 763 or email iass@scu.edu.au.

BRIDGING COURSES

The Preparing for Success at SCU Program is available at every teaching session to people who have a passion for learning and who may not meet the formal entry requirements for enrolment in a degree. Learn more about this program at scu.edu.au/preparingforsuccess.

ENROLMENT

Acceptance of offer

Information about acceptance and enrolment procedures will be emailed to you by the University with your offer of admission.

Advanced standing/academic credit

If you have undertaken study elsewhere like TAFE or university, or had work experience at a professional level during the past 10 years, you may be

eligible for Advanced Standing (credit, exemption or recognition of prior learning) which could shorten the length of your study at Southern Cross University. Apply for advanced standing at scu.edu.au/advancedstanding.

Deferment

Initial deferment of one year (except for STAR Early Entry offers) is available, but a deferred offer can be deferred again in the following year.

Applicants must request deferment directly to the University after acceptance of their offer. For details visit scu.edu.au/defer.

Fees and charges

For 2018 fee information visit scu.edu.au/fees.

All students must pay student contributions for a Commonwealth-supported place (CSP) – read section 7.2 in Part 1. In addition, students can choose to pay student association fees.

All students must pay a Student Services and Amenities Fee. Eligible students are able to apply for a SA-HELP loan scheme to defer these fees. Visit scu.edu.au/fees/ssaf for more information.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Youth and student allowances

For details on Youth Allowance, Austudy and ABSTUDY, visit humanservices.gov.au.

Scholarships

Rising Stars Scholarships

These scholarships are available to commencing and continuing students on a competitive merit basis. Scholarship eligibility and criteria varies. For further details, call 1800 626 481, email scholarships@scu.edu.au or visit scu.edu.au/scholarships.

STUDENT AND CAMPUS SERVICES

Southern Cross University has a range of student support services. These include counselling, chaplaincy, academic assistance and learning support, and employment and career advice. Facilities vary depending on the campus and may include a medical centre, computing centre, sporting and recreation facilities, and a childcare centre.

The University supports a variety of student organisations, clubs and societies for students to become involved in campus life.

For more information, visit scu.edu.au/studentsupportservices.

For students with disability and special needs Southern Cross University has dedicated disability and equity services through Student Access and Inclusion. Email disability@scu.edu.au or call (02) 6626 9131.

Accommodation

All the University's campuses provide a list of off-campus accommodation available in their area. Visit scu.edu.au/accommodation. Accommodation for students in colleges at both Lismore and Coffs Harbour campuses is managed by Campus Living Villages. Visit scuvillage.com.au.