James Cook University

Information sheet for exchange partners 2014

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Location and number of students	JCU's main campuses are located in the cities of Townsville and Cairns, in tropical northern Queensland. Approximately 15,000 students study at JCU on-campus; with 12% being international students.	
Semester One (Study Period 1) 2014 dates	Compulsory welcome session Orientation Week: Study Period 1: Examination dates: Results publication date:	14 February 17 - 21 February 24 February – 20 June 9 – 20 June 7 July

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Semester Two (Study Period 2) 2014 dates	Compulsory welcome session 18 July Orientation Week: 21-25 July Study Period 2: 28 July – 21 November Examination dates: 10-21 November Results publication date: 8 December
Link to Academic Calendar	www-public.jcu.edu.au/handbook17s2012/JCU_092992
Full time credit load per semester:	9 credit points, but most students complete 12 credit points
Typical credit load value per subject:	3 credit points
Estimated living costs	Accommodation (on campus): AUD$195-$300/week Accommodation (off campus): AUD$100-$150/week(based on students sharing) Food (on campus): Minimal if living on campus Food (off campus): Approx. $75/week Transport/travel (off campus): Approx. $30-$40/week Books and supplies Approx. $350-$450 per semester Miscellaneous (photocopying, Printing, entertainment, laundry): Approx. $70/week Field trips: Varies by subject (see Prospectus)
Fees* applicable to exchange students	- Student Services and Amenities (SSA) fee: currently at $40.95 per 3 credit points, to a maximum of $273 for the 2013 calendar year. - Overseas Student Health Cover (see Medical Insurance page 4). **Fees are correct at time of update and are subject to change.*

EXCHANGE RELATED INFORMATION

Application deadlines	Semester One (Teaching Period One): **1 January** Semester Two (Teaching Period Two): **1 June**
Are application materials available online?	Application forms are available to download online: www.jcu.edu.au/international/studyabroad/index.htm
Who can go on exchange?	Refer to Academic and English entry requirements for Undergraduate and Postgraduate students: www.jcu.edu.au/international/studyabroad/JCU_077621.html.
How are applications accepted?	The preferred method is by email with scanned certified copies of transcripts and grading scales; however applications are also accepted by fax or post.
Supporting documents that must accompany an application	- Certified academic transcripts and certificates (with English translations if applicable) - Grading Scale used where the studies were undertaken - English language scores, if required - Copy of passport if possible at the time of application
Language requirements for students applying from non-English speaking countries	**IELTS:** overall score of 6.0 with no component less than 5.5. **TOEFL (paper based):** overall score of 550 with a Test of Written English (TWE) of at least 4.0; **TOEFL (internet based):** overall score of 79, with a minimum writing score of 19. **Pearson (PTE Academic):** overall score of 57. For details of other accepted tests of English language please see: www.jcu.edu.au/international/studyabroad/JCU_077621.html

Areas of study open to exchange students

Accounting
Agriculture
Anthropology
Aquaculture
Archaeology
Australian Studies
Biochemistry
Biology
Biomedical Sciences
Botany
Business
Chemistry
Chinese
Communication
Computer Science
Creative Media
Criminology
Cultural Heritage Studies
Digital Media
Digital Visual Arts
Earth Sciences
Ecology
Economics
Education
Engineering (chemical, civil, computer systems, mechanical, electrical and electronic)
English
Environmental Science
French
Geography
Geology
German
Graphic Design
History
Hospitality Management
Indigenous Australian Studies
Information Technology
International Business
Japanese
Journalism
Law
Management
Marine Biology
Marine Science
Marketing
Mathematics and Statistics
Microbiology
Music
Nursing
Occupational Therapy
Pharmacology
Physics
Physiology
Politics & International Relations
Psychology
Public Relations
Rainforest Science
Social Science
Sociology
Speech Pathology
Sport and Exercise Science
Sustainability
Theatre
Tropical Biology
Tourism
Visual Arts
Women's Studies
Zoology

Programs that are not open to exchange students

Not all subjects are available to exchange students. In particular Medicine, Physiotherapy, some subjects within Biomedical & Veterinary Sciences, and some subjects within the School of Education.

Students cannot apply for MD, ML, PC, PS, RH, TV subjects. See: www.jcu.edu.au/international/studyabroad/JCU_077617.html

Exchange students cannot take Honours subjects, some External or Limited mode subjects are restricted (US Financial Aid students should check that subject choices will not affect your funding options) and Block subjects with inappropriate dates. If unsure, you may select the subject and we will check if you are able to take it.

Are subjects available online?

Use the online Study Finder to search for subjects: https://secure.jcu.edu.au/app/studyfinder/index.cfm

Are exchange students guaranteed for approval in their chosen subjects?

No, exchange students are accepted individually by each Faculty depending on prerequisites and space available.

ACCOMMODATION

Is on-campus housing available?	Yes, there are catered and self-catered accommodation options available. NOTE: on-campus accommodation is limited, students should submit applications as soon as possible after receiving an offer.
Is accommodation guaranteed for exchange students?	No, students are advised to submit their accommodation application as soon as possible. JCU can help students find off-campus accommodation if needed.
Application procedures for accommodation	Students can apply online as soon they have received their offer letters. Students will need to provide their Confirmation of Enrolment certificate (CoE) to accept accommodation offers.
When should accommodation applications be submitted?	For Semester One (Teaching Period One): from September For Semester Two (Teaching Period Two): from April A $55 non-refundable application fee applies.
Is there assistance in finding off-campus accommodation?	Yes, JCU's Accommodation Service maintains a database of off-campus accommodation and provides advice about renting privately
Weblink for accommodation information and on-campus applications	www.jcu.edu.au/accommodation

MEDICAL INSURANCE

Are exchange students required to purchase a compulsory plan?	It is a condition of the student visa that a student is covered by a recognised private health insurer for the duration of their studies. JCU organises Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for students with Allianz Global Assistance. Norwegian, Swedish and Belgium students are not required to take out OSHC.
How much does OSHC cost?	**AU$259 per semester** and **AU$605 for full year** students. *Note: Above estimates outlines the current 2013 rate. Rates are subject to change. Additional charges apply if student elects to bring a partner or family members for all or part of their exchange experience.*

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