

**2020 STUDY ABROAD  
AND EXCHANGE**  
*Guide*



**BE REMARKABLE**

# About Griffith

At Griffith, we believe in, strive for and celebrate the Remarkable. We rank among the world's best universities and continue to improve our international standing. In the largest and most credible world university rankings, we are ranked in the top 350—placing us in the top 2% worldwide.



## *Ranked in the top 2% worldwide*

Griffith ranks alongside some of the best universities in the world.\*



## *Creating global citizens*

Our courses have an international focus, preparing you for work around the world.



## *Global impact*

Through our teaching and research we support you to make a difference in the world.



## *Future focused*

Prepare for the future of work with courses informed by industry and based on cutting-edge research.



## *Dedicated Griffith Global Mobility team*

To help you with everything from your application to maximising your time at Griffith.



## *Community Internship*

Make a difference while developing professional skills and gain credit towards your degree.



## *2,500 courses*

Undergraduate and postgraduate level courses can be pre-approved.



## *Australia's most awarded university for teaching & learning*

Learn from the best, with teachers who have won more Australian Government awards, citations, and fellowships than any other university in the past five years.\*\*

2019 U.S. News Best Global Universities: **240**

2019 Times HE World University Rankings: **251-300**

2019 CWTS Leiden Ranking: **264**

2019 QS World University Rankings: **329**

2019 Academic Ranking of World Universities: **301-400**

2018-2019 University Ranking by Academic Performance: **279**

\*Based on the International Association of Universities – World Higher Education Database, listing more than 18,500 institutions of higher education. Current as at July 2018.

\*\*Griffith University teaching staff have won more Australian Government awards, citations and fellowships than those of any other university in the past five years

## *Griffith in numbers*

*6 campuses*

*50,000+ students*

*8,500+ international students*

*200,000+ graduates*

*130+ nationalities*

*200+ degrees*

# Top subjects

Griffith ranks highly for a range of subjects in the most recent QS World University Subject Rankings and Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU):

## Top 50

- Hospitality & Tourism Management (#1 in Australia)^
- Nursing (ranked #1 in Australia)^
- Performing Arts (ranked #50 & #1 in Queensland)\*
- Sports-related Subjects (ranked #33)\*
- Law (ranked #29 & #1 in Australia)^

## Top 51-100

- Energy Science Engineering^
- Oceanography^
- Education^
- Water Resources^
- Political Sciences^
- Development Studies\*

\*2019 QS World University Subject Rankings  
^2019 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU)



## Welcome

Studying overseas for even a short time can have a long term impact. Spending time at Griffith University will provide you with a different perspective on your academic studies, while you will also have the opportunity to immerse yourself in the multicultural lifestyle of Australia's beautiful South East Queensland. Griffith University is proud to welcome students from 130 different countries every year, as well as having approximately 40,000 local students from diverse backgrounds. With campuses in both Brisbane and the Gold Coast, Griffith offers a range of programs and many of them offer short term study options. The biggest challenge is deciding between the vibrant city of the Gold Coast and the cosmopolitan State capital, Brisbane, with both offering a range of events and activities, as well as a remarkable student experience. I hope you find this Guide informative, and that you will have the chance to find out for yourself why so many students from around the world travel to Griffith University.

**Professor Sarah Todd**  
*Vice President (Global)*

# Know your options

Griffith's Study Abroad and Exchange programs embody our commitment to forward thinking education. We provide you with specialised courses and activities to make sure you have a remarkable experience in Australia.

## How much will it cost?

### Study Abroad program

Undergraduate and postgraduate

30CP - **\$9,130**

40CP or 50CP - **\$10,135**

### Queensland Conservatorium (music)

30CP, 40CP or 50CP - **\$11,575**

### Exchange program

Exchange students are nominated by a Griffith partner university and are not required to pay tuition fees to Griffith University. Any tuition fees are paid to your home university.

Most students will be required to cover the cost of Overseas Student Health Cover.

## How many courses can I study?

At Griffith, a typical full-time study load is 30 to 40 credit points (CP). One course (subject) is usually worth 10CP. You can choose from the following options per trimester:

- 30CP - 3 courses
- 40CP - 4 courses
- 50CP - 5 courses

10CP = 3 to 4 credits in the US system

10CP = 7.5 ECTS in the European system

**Note:** the above information should be used as a guide only.

## English + University

Our English + University program is the best way to meet Griffith's English language entry requirements before you begin your Study Abroad trimester (or year). English + University students complete Griffith English Language Institute's award winning Direct Entry Program then begin their Griffith University Study Abroad program as a confident English speaker, listener, reader and writer. Additional fees apply.

[griffith.edu.au/geli](http://griffith.edu.au/geli)

## Engineering research project

If you are an undergraduate (bachelor degree) student enrolled in an engineering or related degree, you may be eligible to undertake the 4604ENG Internship Research Project as part of your Study Abroad or Exchange program. This 40 credit point course is equivalent to a full-time trimester study load and gives you the opportunity to complete a research internship with a Griffith University academic supervisor.

## Community Internship

The Community Internship is a 10 credit point course, available to students from all degrees. Through this course you will be able to make a difference in a local community organisation while developing a range of professional and personal skills. You will spend a minimum of 50 hours in a volunteering placement and combine this with academic learning. With hundreds of internship opportunities, we can tailor the internship to match your study area or interests.

[griffith.edu.au/servicelearning](http://griffith.edu.au/servicelearning)



*'I have absolutely loved my trimester at Griffith because of the people, the weather, and the location. The course convenors are passionate about the subjects they teach and I have made so many new friends that I now consider family.'*

**Gabrielle, USA**

Business administration student



# Study areas

Griffith has over 2,500 courses for you to choose from, as well as unique Specialised Trimesters.

## What study areas are available?

### Architecture, construction and planning

- Architecture - G 
- Construction Management - G
- Urban and Environmental Planning - N

### Business and government

- Accounting\* - G N
- Asian Studies - G N
- Economics\* - G N
- Employment Relations\* - G N
- Entrepreneurship & Self Employment\* - G N S
- Event Management\* - G N
- Finance & Financial Planning\* - G N
- Government & International Relations\* - G N
- Human Resource Management\* - G N
- International Business - G N 
- International Tourism & Hotel Management - G N
- Logistics & Supply Chain Management - G N
- Management\* - G N
- Marketing\* - G N 
- Politics & Public Policy - G N
- Real Estate & Property Development\* - G N
- Sport Management\* - G N
- Sustainable Enterprise\* - N 
- Tourism Management\* - G N

### Criminology and law

- Criminology - G M 
- Criminal Justice\* - G M 
- Law - G N 

### Education

- Health & Physical Education - G 
- Music Education - S 
- Primary Education\* - G M 
- Secondary Education\* - G M 
- Special & Inclusive Education - M 

### Engineering, IT and aviation

- Aviation & Aviation Management - N 
- Civil Engineering - G N
- Computer Science - G N
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering - G
- Electronic Engineering - N
- Electronic and Computer Engineering - N
- Electronic and Energy Engineering - N
- Electronic and UAV Engineering - N
- Engineering Project Management - G
- Environmental Engineering - N
- Industrial Design - G
- Information Technology\* - G N
- Mechanical Engineering - G N
- Multimedia - G N
- Software Engineering - N

### Humanities, languages and social sciences

- Australian & Indigenous Studies - G N 
- Creative Writing & Literature\* - G N
- History\* - G N
- International Studies\* - G N
- Islam-West Relations\* - G N 
- Journalism\* - G N
- Languages - Japanese, Chinese, Spanish & Italian\* - G N 
- Linguistics\* - G N
- Media & Communication\* - G N 
- Public Relations\* - G N
- Screen Studies & Production\* - G N
- Security Studies\* - G N
- Social Sciences\* - G N 

### Medicine, dentistry and health

- Biomedical Science - G N
- Counselling\* - G M
- Environmental Health - G
- Exercise Science - G
- Health Science - G
- Human Services - G L
- Medical Science - G N
- Nursing - G N
- Nutrition - G
- Psychological Science\* - G M
- Public Health - G
- Social Work - G

### Music and performing arts

- Composition - S 
- Music & Sound Design - G 
- Music Technology - S 
- Musical Theatre - S 
- Performance - Brass, Classical Voice, Guitar, Jazz, Keyboard, Percussion, Strings, Woodwind - S 
- Popular Music - S 

### Science and environment

- Applied Mathematics & Statistics\* - G N
- Aquatic Ecosystems - N
- Bioinformatics - G N
- Biochemistry & Molecular Biology\* - G N
- Chemistry\* - G N
- Geography\* - G N
- Marine Biology\* - G
- Microbiology\* - N
- Physics\* - G N
- Wildlife Biology\* - G N
- Climate Change Adaptation - N
- Ecology & Conservation Biology\* - G N
- Environmental Health - G
- Environmental Management\* - N 
- Environmental Protection & Pollution - N
- Environmental Science\* - G N
- Environmental Sustainability - N
- Physical Environmental Science - N
- Soil and Water Science\* - N
- Urban Environments\* - G N
- Water Resources - N

### Visual and creative arts

- Animation - S 
- Art Theory - S
- Creative and Interactive Media - S G
- Contemporary Indigenous Art - S
- Design - S G
- Film and Screen Media Production - S
- Fine Art - S 
- Games Design - S
- Industrial Design - G
- Photography - S

#### Legend:

**G** Gold Coast campus

**L** Logan campus

**N** Nathan campus

**M** Mt Gravatt campus

**S** South Bank campus

 Specialised Trimester option

 Only available to students who are doing a degree in this study area

\*Courses available in Trimester 3

### Specialised Trimester

A Griffith Specialised Trimester is the perfect way to demonstrate your expertise in a particular study area. Choose one of the specialised study areas marked  on this page, and study three or more courses in that area. Upon completion of your Specialised Trimester you will receive a personalised certificate.

To find a course in one of the listed areas visit [degrees.griffith.edu.au](https://degrees.griffith.edu.au) and search by 'courses'. For information on course availability and restrictions visit [griffith.edu.au/inbound-study-options](https://griffith.edu.au/inbound-study-options).

# Life in Queensland

Find out about food, transport, places of worship, shopping, arts and entertainment, sport, and more at [griffith.edu.au/life-at-griffith/off-campus](http://griffith.edu.au/life-at-griffith/off-campus)



## Gold Coast

Beautiful beaches, an excellent quality of life and friendly people make the Gold Coast a popular study destination.



Average temperature: 15°C – 25°C



Population: More than 500,000



300 days of sunshine a year



Spans nearly 60 km of coastline with some of the best beaches on the planet



100,000 hectares of World Heritage-listed rainforests



Culturally diverse population:  
28% of Gold Coast's residents were born overseas



## Brisbane

Brisbane is a vibrant, expanding city, offering world-class education, a beautiful climate and superb lifestyle. It is an ideal place to study and develop your career.

- Average temperature: 15°C – 26°C 
- Population: 2.27 million 
- 283 days of sunshine a year 
- One of the world's most liveable cities 
- Culturally diverse population:  
28% of Brisbane's residents  
were born overseas 
- State capital of Queensland 

## At a glance

- Dinner: \$19.50 
- Movie ticket: \$12.50 
- Glass of tap beer: \$6.00 
- Fast food meal: \$9.00 
- Return trip to campus: \$4.50 
- Regular coffee: \$4.50 
- Men's haircut: \$23.00 
- Monthly gym membership: \$53.00 
- Loaf of bread: \$2.50 

The information above is based on 2019 costs. Please be advised prices above are indicative and individual differences mean prices will vary.

# Our location



# Accommodation

Whether you would like to live on-campus or off-campus, there are a number of options you can explore to find housing to suit your needs.

## Off-campus

In Australia, share housing – where you share a house or apartment with a number of other students – is the most common form of off-campus accommodation.

When looking for suitable off-campus accommodation you will need to consider:

- the cost of rent (usually advertised weekly)
- if utilities are included in your rent (electricity, water, gas)
- if internet is included in your rent
- if the accommodation is furnished
- how close the accommodation is to your campus
- access to public transport.

You may wish to organise temporary accommodation for your first few days or weeks in Queensland.

[griffith.edu.au/international-accommodation](http://griffith.edu.au/international-accommodation)

## Homestay

Homestay accommodation gives you the option of living with an Australian family while you study.

[griffith.edu.au/homestay](http://griffith.edu.au/homestay)

## On-campus

On-campus accommodation is available at all campuses except South Bank. On-campus accommodation is usually fully furnished and provides access to laundry facilities, gym equipment, common rooms, internet and organised student activities.

[griffith.edu.au/accommodation/on-campus](http://griffith.edu.au/accommodation/on-campus)

## Griffith University Village

Griffith University Village (GUV) is our preferred supplier for on-campus accommodation at the Gold Coast campus, providing affordable, self-catered accommodation options.

 **griffith university village**  
gold coast campus

[griffithuv.com.au](http://griffithuv.com.au)



# Cost of living

Australia is an affordable and friendly place to study and offers a combination of quality education and high living standards.

The cost of living in South East Queensland, where our five Griffith University campuses are located, is considered more affordable than other major Australian cities such as Sydney and Melbourne\*.

The Australian Government requires students to have access to a minimum of **A\$20,290 (Australian dollars) per year** to meet their living costs.

\*In the QS Best Student Cities 2018 rankings, Brisbane and the Gold Coast are ahead of Sydney and Melbourne in the Affordability Rank.

## Calculating your total cost of study

Your total cost of studying in Australia will include:

- tuition fees
- visa application fees
- Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)
- flights
- cost of living
- other personal and study-related expenses.

Find out more at [griffith.edu.au/international-costs](http://griffith.edu.au/international-costs)

## Free airport pickup service

Have a friendly face to meet you at the airport when you arrive in Australia! International students commencing at Griffith University can apply for free airport pickup, which takes you from the airport directly to your pre-arranged accommodation. The service is free for eligible international students arriving into the Brisbane or Gold Coast airports.

Find out more at: [griffith.edu.au/airport-reception](http://griffith.edu.au/airport-reception)

## Weekly cost of living estimate

	Self-catered on-campus	Share house off-campus	Homestay off-campus
Campus availability	<b>G N M L</b>	<b>G N M S L</b>	<b>G N M S L</b>
Rent	\$170 - \$317	\$160 - \$450	\$255 - \$275 p/week
Food	\$80 - \$280	\$80 - \$280	Included
Transport to university	Walking distance	\$20 - \$40	\$20 - \$40
Electricity and gas	Included	\$20 - \$50	\$20 - \$50
Mobile phone and internet	\$20 - \$55 (internet included at Mt Gravatt and Nathan campuses)	\$20 - \$55	\$20 - \$55
Entertainment	\$80 - \$150	\$80 - \$150	\$80 - \$150

## Work while you study

Key facts about working in Australia:

- Student visa holders can work a maximum of 40 hours per fortnight (2 week period) during the teaching period, once classes have started.
- Student visa holders can work unlimited hours during scheduled University-wide teaching breaks.
- Australia has a high national minimum wage.
- Work rights in Australia mean you are entitled to a healthy and safe work environment, regular breaks and rest periods.

Griffith's Careers and Employment Service can help you find part-time paid work while you are studying through Unitemps, provide you with advice on how to apply for a job, and help you prepare for finding your first graduate job.

[griffith.edu.au/careers](http://griffith.edu.au/careers)

[griffith.edu.au/careers-employment/unitemps](http://griffith.edu.au/careers-employment/unitemps)

# Your student experience

Meet new people, make friends, enjoy the Australian lifestyle and, most importantly, have fun! We want you to have the best possible experience with your studies and enjoy your time at Griffith.

## Sport and fitness

Griffith offers a variety of sporting facilities and competitions.

- Join Griffith Sport for social sport competitions.
- Enjoy discount student memberships for facilities including:
  - on-campus gyms
  - athletics track – Gold Coast
  - Mt Gravatt Tennis Centre
  - swimming pools at Mt Gravatt and Gold Coast campuses.

[griffith.edu.au/sport](http://griffith.edu.au/sport)

## Orientation

Orientation is when you get to know Griffith and have fun meeting people before you start classes.

- Find out about studying and living in Australia at the compulsory International Student Welcome and Orientation Day.
- Discover Brisbane or Gold Coast highlights on a free Twilight City Walking Tour with the Griffith Mates.
- Enjoy free food and activities on your campus.

[griffith.edu.au/orientation](http://griffith.edu.au/orientation)

## Religion

Each Griffith campus provides access to prayer facilities as well as multi-faith chaplains.

[griffith.edu.au/chaplaincy](http://griffith.edu.au/chaplaincy)

## Griffith volunteer community

### Griffith Bush Care group

(Brisbane campuses)

Help restore the Australian bush environment and, if you are lucky, see koalas, possums, and sugar gliders. Join us to develop your teamwork skills, learn more about the environment and meet new people.

### Griffith Beach Care group

(Gold Coast campus)

Help restore and care for our beautiful coastal environments with the Griffith Beach Care group. This is a great way to give back to the environment, meet new people and see the beaches of the Gold Coast.

[griffith.edu.au/mates](http://griffith.edu.au/mates)

## Explore blog

Explore is the Griffith International blog – it has thousands of readers with all stories written by Griffith students.

[griffith.edu.au/explore-blog](http://griffith.edu.au/explore-blog)

## Clubs and societies

Griffith has over 120 clubs in cultural, religious, political, educational, sporting, professional and special interest areas.

There are also international student societies from the following countries: Africa, Bangladesh, China, Europe, Philippines, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Korea, Latin America, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka and Vietnam.

[griffith.edu.au/clubs](http://griffith.edu.au/clubs)

## International Student Buddy Program

The International Student Buddy Program runs from Week 1 to Week 4 of Trimester, with two drop-in style 'Mates Meetups' each week at the Gold Coast and Nathan campuses. Current students (Senior Buddies) provide peer support to commencing international students (Junior Buddies) with each weekly session, covering topics to help ease your transition to university life. This is a safe and comfortable environment where you can ask questions about Griffith, life in Australia, as well as practise your English. It's also a great way to make friends!

[griffith.edu.au/international-buddy](http://griffith.edu.au/international-buddy)



*'Studying abroad in Australia was one of the best decisions I have made. Griffith is a very welcoming community and creates many opportunities for students to do a wide array of activities from ice-skating to surfing on the beautiful Gold Coast with very low costs. There are always new events happening on and off campus that I look forward to trying out.'*

Riley, Canada  
Business student



# How to apply

You can complete your Study Abroad or Exchange program application in **four** simple steps.

## Step 1

### *Study Abroad applicants*

**Check you meet academic entry requirements.**

You must have an above average overall Grade Point Average (equivalent to 4.5 on Griffith's 7.0 scale).

Students straight from high school may be eligible for this program.

### *Exchange applicants*

**Request nomination from your home university.**

If you are from an exchange partner university, you must be nominated by your home university and meet their exchange program requirements to be eligible for the program.

## Step 2

**Check you meet English language entry requirements.**

If you are from a non-English speaking background, you must provide proof of English language proficiency, equivalent to IELTS 6.0 (6.5 for postgraduate students).

## Step 3

**Prepare supporting documentation.**

Including certified copies of your most recent official academic transcript, proof of English language proficiency and a copy of your passport.

## Step 4

**Apply online.**

Apply online or via a registered recruitment representative.

Fee information is on page 2.

## Application deadlines\*

### *Study Abroad*

- Tri 1 (Feb to Jun): 30 Jan 2020
- Tri 2 (Jul to Oct): 30 May 2020
- Tri 3 (Oct to Feb): 30 Sep 2020

### *Exchange*

- Tri 1 (Feb to Jun): 15 Oct 2019
- Tri 2 (Jul to Oct): 15 Apr 2020
- Tri 3 (Oct to Feb): 15 Jul 2020

\*You will need to apply in sufficient time to allow you to obtain a student visa.

[griffith.edu.au/  
global-mobility-inbound-apply](http://griffith.edu.au/global-mobility-inbound-apply)

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## 2020 Key dates

### 1 Trimester 1

<i>Orientation</i>	17 February - 21 February
<i>Teaching weeks</i>	24 February - 22 May
<i>Study days</i>	25 May - 27 May
<i>Exam period</i>	28 May - 6 June

### 2 Trimester 2

<i>Orientation</i>	29 June - 3 July
<i>Teaching weeks</i>	6 July - 2 October
<i>Study days</i>	6 October - 7 October
<i>Exam period</i>	8 October - 17 October

### 3 Trimester 3

<i>Orientation</i>	19 October - 23 October
<i>Teaching weeks</i>	26 October - 29 January (2021)
<i>Study days</i>	1 February (2021) - 3 February (2021)
<i>Exam period</i>	4 February (2021) - 13 February (2021)

[griffith.edu.au/global-mobility-inbound](https://griffith.edu.au/global-mobility-inbound)

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