WHY WAIT UNTIL YOU GRADUATE TO GO OVERSEAS?
DON’T JUST READ ABOUT IT
GO ON EXPERIENCE IT!
The International Student Exchange Program gives you the opportunity to study overseas for one or two sessions of your UOW degree. You will become immersed in the life and culture of another country while completing an appropriate program of study at one of UOW’s 100+ partner overseas universities in over 30 countries.

You will receive credit towards your degree for subjects completed overseas and with careful planning, “going on exchange” will not add any additional time to your studies. This means that you will be able to combine study and travel without delaying your graduation from UOW. If you have ever dreamed of seeing the world, student exchange can offer you the educational adventure of a lifetime!

APPLICATION CRITERIA

You Must:

> Be enrolled in a degree program at the University of Wollongong
> Have a “credit” average (65%) or higher at UOW
> Completed the equivalent of one full-time year of study (48 credit points) at UOW by the time you depart on exchange

www.uow.edu.au/student/exchange/
COURTNEY ENSOR
UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD, UK

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"Going on exchange added to my UOW experience by giving me the chance to study in a different environment, meet great new people and visit some awesome places. One of the highlights of my exchange were the college football games. Walking into the stadium filled with over 80,000 people for the first time, and seeing the "Sea of Red" in person was an unbelievable site, and the atmosphere was amazing. My exchange semester was definitely one of the best 6 months of my life."
GO ON EXCHANGE!

STUDY, MEET NEW PEOPLE, SEE THE SIGHTS AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME!

EXCHANGE DESTINATIONS

ASIA:
Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, South Korea & Thailand

EUROPE:
Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland & the United Kingdom

CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA:
Brazil, Colombia & Mexico

NORTH AMERICA: Canada & the United States of America

A list of UOW's partner universities in each country is available from the Study Abroad & Exchange Office or online via the exchange website.

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“Hello there future exchange students! I left Wollongong to study in Mexico City for one semester of exchange and my exchange experience was so amazing! I chose to go to Mexico to study Spanish and continue my BA degree. After only one semester my Spanish was still lacking and I loved the place, so I stayed! Two semesters was much better than one.”
TEN REASONS TO CONSIDER STUDENT EXCHANGE

1. Gain a truly 'international education' by living and studying overseas for 6 – 12 months
2. Study at some of the most prestigious universities for teaching and research around the world
3. Broaden the scope of your degree by taking subjects that may not usually be available at UOW
4. Experience life overseas as a 'local' not just as a tourist!
5. Combine study and travel without extending or delaying your degree!
6. Enjoy the unique student lifestyle of an overseas university
7. Develop a greater understanding of both your own and other cultures
8. Meet new people and form life-long friendships around the world
9. Gain self-confidence and independence
10. Enhance your employment prospects by graduating from UOW with an 'international edge'.

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“Going on exchange was my first real experience of being away from home and my family. It really opened my eyes to the amazing world in which we live and the diverse range of people and cultures that exist. The experience was so amazing that I went on exchange a second time, this time to another country!”
CAN I AFFORD IT?

Yes! All eligible students receive a minimum $1000 Student Exchange Travel Grant from the University of Wollongong with some additional Targeted Travel Grants offered up to the value of $5,000.

> The Australian Government offers OS-HELP loans allowing eligible undergraduate students to borrow up to $5,000 per session of overseas study (maximum of two sessions) to use towards airfare, accommodation and other travel/study expenses. OS-HELP loans are then repaid with your accumulated HELP debt (including HECS) after your graduation from UOW.

> If you currently receive Austudy or Youth Allowance, you may continue to receive these benefits while you are away on exchange. Contact Centrelink for further details.

> You may also be able to work part-time while on exchange to assist in funding of your exchange depending on the host country visa regulations.

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SIGN ME UP!

Attend an Information Session held every Tuesday and Thursday at 12.30pm in Student Central. Come and learn how to start planning for your exchange. Visit us at Counter No1, Student Central or email studyabroad@uow.edu.au for more information.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Application deadlines are posted on the exchange website and are also displayed inside the Study Abroad & Exchange Office located in Student Central.

> For exchange commencing in January/February (UOW's Autumn Session):

APPLICATIONS CLOSE END JULY/MID AUGUST

> For exchange commencing in August/September (UOW's Spring Session):

APPLICATIONS CLOSE BETWEEN DECEMBER AND MARCH

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“I can't study overseas – I don't speak another language”

Although the Exchange Program does provide opportunities for students to learn a new language or improve their existing language skills, you can study in English at many of UOW's partner universities around the world. There are programs taught in English in both English-speaking and non-English speaking countries, including: Canada, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, the UK and USA (to name just a few!).

“I can’t afford to go on exchange”

Going on exchange is affordable! You will continue to pay tuition to UOW (upfront or deferred via HECS) rather than to your host university. Eligible undergraduate students may also borrow up to $5,000 per session of overseas study (max. two sessions) through the Australian Government's OS-HELP loan scheme. All students receive a $1,000 travel grant from The University of Wollongong and we also offer targeted travel grants of up to $5,000 to eligible students.

“I won’t be able to graduate on time if I go on exchange”

With careful planning, studying overseas should not delay your graduation from UOW. Part of the exchange application process involves meeting with academic advisors to ensure that you will receive credit towards your UOW degree for subjects completed overseas. Almost all fields can be studied while on exchange and students can complete courses to fulfill both major requirements and electives.

“Studying overseas sounds like a luxury that isn’t going to help me find a job after graduation”

International study and experience is highly valued by employers as it demonstrates your ability to take initiative, work independently and function in a cross-cultural environment. While you are on exchange, you will also have the opportunity to establish professional and career opportunities by networking with people from around the world.

A successful exchange gives your resumé an added dimension and will give you a competitive edge in the employment market.
The opportunity to study in Japan has been one of the highlights of my university career. A scholarship and an OS Help loan gave me the (otherwise impossible) chance to combine two of my greatest passions: learning and travelling! I am glad I chose to travel to a challenging destination like Japan. I gained a vastly different cultural experience and met some of the kindest, most generous people I have known. Over the year I travelled to Japan’s 5 main islands with some new friends and saw some fantastic sights! I would STRONGLY urge every student to GO ON EXCHANGE, rarely will you find the chance to experience a foreign country in such a profound and unique way.
DREW ELPHICK, UPPSALA UNIVERSITY, SWEDEN

"Spending a semester studying in Sweden was not only an excellent way for me to experience and appreciate a completely different culture, it also gave me the opportunity to travel throughout Europe and make new friends from all around the world. I highly recommend this opportunity for all students."
TAKE A CHANCE AND SEE THE WORLD!

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