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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+ overseas partner universities.

With careful planning, ‘going on exchange’ should not add any additional time to your studies, as you can receive credit towards your degree for subjects completed overseas. 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
“Exchange is a perfect time to embrace new experiences. It also helps you to be more analytical in your studies through addressing the concerns of cultures other than your own. It forced me to become more mature and independent and made me learn a lot about my strengths and weaknesses as an individual.”

“I decided I wanted to be completely immersed in a new culture and learn a new language, while still studying in English. My fondest memories are enjoying coffee with friends, learning about the countries they came from, their culture and languages. I learned so much from the friends I made, and have fallen in love with Europe and its people. There is so much to see and do and experience in this world, and international exchange revealed this to me.”
10 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 lifelong friendships around the world
9. Gain self-confidence and independence
10. Enhance your employment prospects by graduating from UOW with an international edge

TIME OF YOUR LIFE!
UOW Exchange Destinations

Asia:
Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea and Thailand

Europe:
Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom

Central & South America:
Mexico

North America:
Canada and 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 at www.uow.edu.au/student/exchange
Can I afford it?
Yes! While you are away you continue to pay tuition to UOW, not the overseas uni! You will pay for your airfare, visas, overseas accommodation and any applicable host uni fees. All eligible students receive a minimum $1,000 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 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.

For a listing of targetted travel grants on offer please see the exchange website.

Short and Sweet
If you think going on exchange for 6–12 months might be too long, why not consider going on a short term program?

Programs can now be chosen from UOW partner universities, or if you find another program that looks interesting you can talk to your academic advisor about getting approval. Short term programs usually run in the UOW session breaks so it won’t interrupt your UOW semester studies.

For more information, see our website or visit us in Student Central.

www.uow.edu.au/student/exchange
"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.

"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 advisers 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.
“If there is anyone wondering whether or not to go on exchange, then my advice is go for it! The uni will help you out financially, even without a targeted travel grant, and the experiences you will have overseas are absolutely priceless. It has also allowed me to show future employers that I am motivated and adaptable. This photo is of me in front of my ‘favourite Rocky Mountain’ in Alberta, Canada. I will never forget my exchange, it is one of the best choices I’ve ever made!’

“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.”
“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.”

“Overall, I am extremely glad I decided to come on exchange to Aarhus University in Denmark. I have met some wonderful friends who I am sure I will have for life. I have seen so many amazing things, been to amazing cities and have basically been having the time of my life. I have learnt so much already, and I am not even halfway through! I recommend anyone who even has the slightest inkling to go on exchange to go ahead and do it – it truly is a once in a lifetime experience.”
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 in 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 of July/mid August

> For exchange commencing in August/September (UOW’s Spring Session): Applications close between December and March