

Study Abroad

Your guide to
study at UniSC



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UniSC Sunshine Coast

Studying abroad not only provides life-changing opportunities, but it is also an academic and cultural adventure – an adventure that allows you to move across the globe, and continue to undertake your academic studies, while fully immersing yourself in Australian culture.

At UniSC Sunshine Coast you will be studying at one of Australia's highest rated public universities, rated* five stars in key areas of student satisfaction, for teaching quality, overall experience, learner resources, skills development, social equity, student support, first generation and learner engagement (postgraduate).

Located one hour north of the Queensland State capital, Brisbane, the campus is located on a 100 hectare nature reserve, home to Australian flora and fauna (including the Eastern Grey Kangaroo).

UniSC's student population is made up of around 90 percent Australian students as well as international students from more than 70 different countries around the world, providing an authentic Australian study experience.

We offer you two different study abroad experiences which allow you to fully personalise your overseas adventure.

* Good Universities Guide 2023/24.

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For visa information, visit immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas

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UniSC study options



UniSC Diploma and Study Abroad programs allow students to have an overseas study experience for one or two semesters.

If you are enrolled in university study at home, you can explore areas of interest that complement your studies, or try something new.

If you have recently graduated from high school, our Study Abroad program allows you to have a taster of university life and study courses that might be credited toward any future study you do.

With a wide variety of courses and disciplines on offer, you will have the flexibility to design a program that suits your needs.

Option 1: Diploma program

Option 2: Study Abroad program

Academic calendar

Semester commencement and finish dates are generally as follows:

Semester 1 (Spring)

- ✓ Classes commence: **February**
- ✓ Exam Period and end: **June**

Semester 2 (Fall)

- ✓ Classes commence: **July**
- ✓ Exam period and end: **November**

Important information and exact dates can be found on the relevant academic calendar: usc.edu.au/calendars



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Join Andre and Asha on a UniSC Sunshine Coast tour around our beautiful campus!



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Take a virtual tour



OPTION 1: Diploma program

Complement your current studies, improve your career prospects and enhance your English language fluency and cross-cultural knowledge.

By choosing UniSC's Diploma program, on successful completion, you will graduate from UniSC with a recognised qualification from the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF).

Use your overseas study experience to gain an international perspective, a cultural experience and make yourself stand out from the crowd.

If you are eligible, you could earn up to 50 percent credit for prior study and complete the Diploma in one semester.

Diploma programs are available in:

- Animal Ecology
- Business
- Business Innovation
- Communication
- Criminology and Justice
- General Studies
- Outdoor Environmental Studies
- Social Science

The courses on offer within the Diploma are taken directly from several of UniSC's undergraduate programs, you will enrol in classes with local students, study at undergraduate Bachelor level and have the flexibility to choose your preferred courses.

Complete a Diploma in one semester

UniSC offers eligible students the opportunity to apply for their preferred diploma with up to 50 percent credit transfer*, which means students could complete the program in one semester.

- ✓ Students can apply for credit for up to four courses (48 units)
- ✓ If four courses of credit transfer are granted, students will be required to successfully complete the remaining four courses (48 units) at UniSC to graduate
- ✓ Eligibility of credit transfer can only be assessed once an application has been received. If you are currently enrolled at a tertiary institution, you need to check with your home institution about the possibility of credit transfer for courses studied at UniSC.

* To be eligible, students with recognised prior tertiary studies must apply for and receive credit transfer.

Choose your courses and have them approved by UniSC and your home institution before you arrive.

COURSE	CRICOS CODE
Diploma in Animal Ecology	107195F
Diploma in Criminology and Justice	0100425
Diploma in Business	084894F
Diploma in Communication	084895E
Diploma in Business Innovation	109234K
Diploma in General Studies	084896D
Diploma in Outdoor Environmental Studies	088627D
Diploma in Social Science	084897C

Study location	Sunshine Coast
Commence	Semester 1 (February) or Semester 2 (July)
Program length (full-time)	One semester (with credit) Two semesters (without credit)

A shortened duration may be available for eligible students who are successfully awarded credit transfer.





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the Diploma
programs

OPTION 2: Study Abroad program

Study Abroad is a one or two semester program, offering students the opportunity to choose courses in a range of disciplines.

As a study abroad student, you get the opportunity to select from a range of undergraduate courses and study with the both local students and international students from across the globe. Choose whether to study for 1 semester or a full-year, and a 3 or 4 course option. Study Abroad students generally study four courses per semester, which equates to approximately 30 ECTS or 15-18 US credit points.

This program is tailored to students who would like an overseas study experience, have the flexibility to pick courses from a diverse course offering and choose their study load (ie three or four courses).

COURSE	CRICOS CODE
Study Abroad (one semester)	026639B
Study Abroad (two semesters–full year)	056828D
 Study location	Sunshine Coast
 Commence	Semester 1 (February) or Semester 2 (July)

You will have the opportunity to choose from over 200 courses for your Study Abroad experience. Here's a sample of some of the courses on offer:*

Popular Study Abroad course options:

Semester 1 Study Abroad courses

- OES104 Learning in Australian Landscapes
- DES103 Fundamentals of Photography
- SPX101 Introduction to Sport and Exercise Science
- SCS130 Introduction to Indigenous Australia
- CMN204 Social Media: Content Curation and Creation

Semester 2 Study Abroad courses

- OES101 Foundations of Outdoor Environmental Studies
- SGD103 Introduction to Game Production
- DES205 The Photography Professional
- CRM102 Understanding Crime
- ANM104 Marine Vertebrates: Sharks, Seabirds, Fish, Turtles and Whales



Jason Librock

United States

"My name is Jason Librock and I am from the United States. I studied at UniSC for one semester, and it's been the best experience of my life. Like many students preparing to study in a different country, I was extremely nervous. However, after settling in on the Sunshine Coast, I met some great people that also had an interesting perspective on the world, since many of the students that I met were from a variety of different countries. Seeing the UniSC campus the first-time during orientation week was a memorable experience, not to mention the kangaroos grazing around the campus. If I would give one piece of advice for anyone studying or thinking about studying abroad at UniSC: Just do it! These experiences will change how you look at the world around you for the better, as it definitely has for me."

* Course options and availability are subject to change and are current at the time of publishing. Some courses may require prerequisites or prior learning to be met.

UniSC offers a limited number of postgraduate level courses to students who are currently enrolled in a master level program at their home institution or who have completed their undergraduate studies. For more information about Postgraduate Study Abroad please contact the International Office.



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Semester 1
course list



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Semester 2
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What will I study?

Diploma program

Diploma program students can review the courses on offer within the program on the relevant Diploma program page on the UniSC website. The program structure and available course offerings are listed under the 'Program detail' tab.

Study Abroad program

UniSC has a Study Abroad course list with all the course options available for Study Abroad students.

- Read through the Study Abroad course list: usc.edu.au/SAcourses
There are two main course-choice lists:
 - Semester 1 (February–June)
 - Semester 2 (July–November)

Course approval

Requesting course approval from UniSC is simple. During the online application process you can outline your preferred course choices. UniSC will then assess your eligibility and advise you via email of the outcome.

If you are currently enrolled at a tertiary institution, you need to check with your home institution about the possibility of credit transfer for any courses studied at UniSC. Be sure to have your courses approved by both UniSC and your home institution before you arrive.



Study areas:

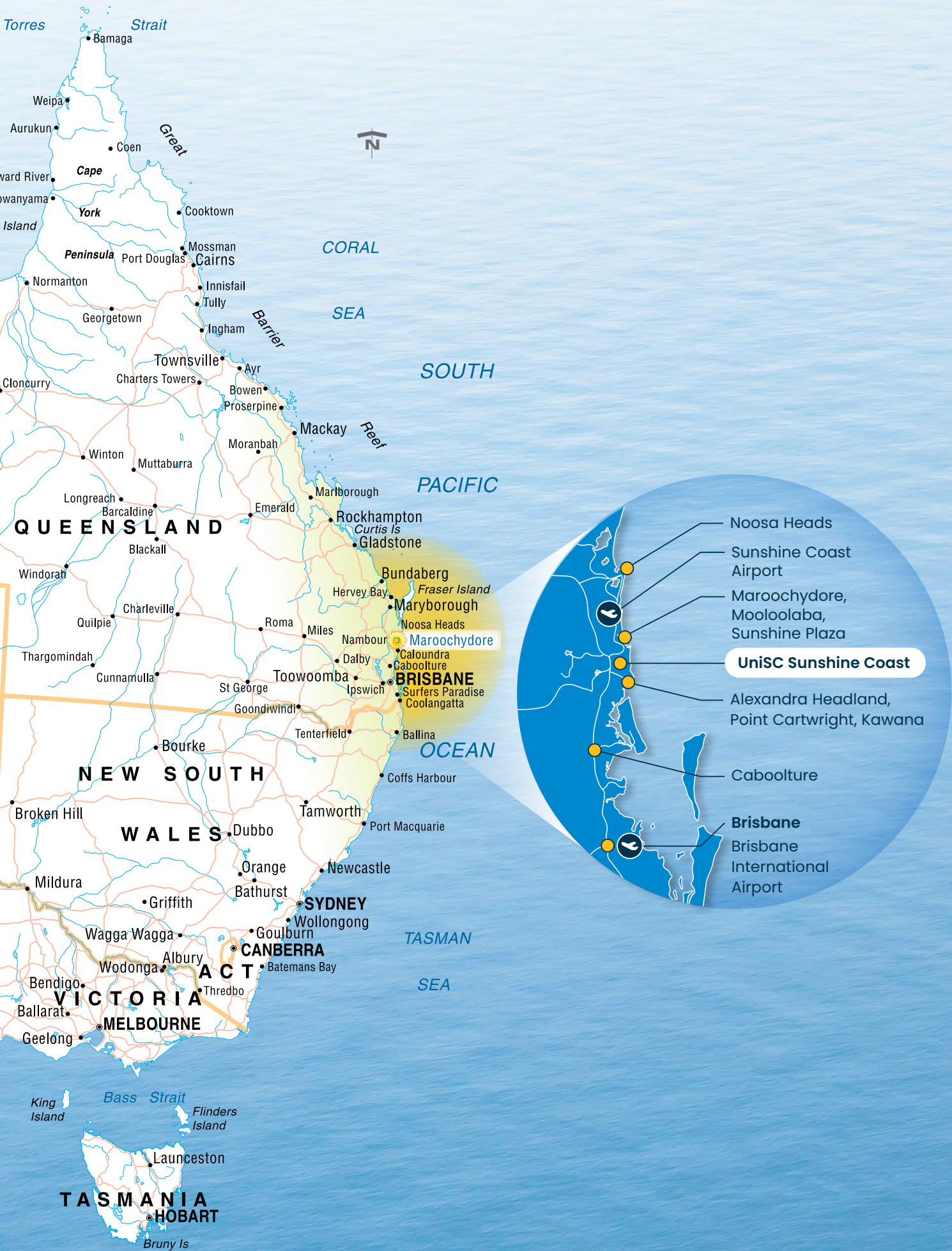
- ✓ Arts and Humanities
- ✓ Business and Commerce
- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Creative Industries
- ✓ Design
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Engineering
- ✓ Environmental Studies
- ✓ Law and Criminology
- ✓ Medical and Health Sciences
- ✓ Nursing
- ✓ Psychology and Social Science
- ✓ Science
- ✓ Sport and Exercise Science
- ✓ Technology



AUSTRALIA



TRAVEL TIMES	DISTANCE BY ROAD			
	ROUTE	KILOMETRES	MILES	FLIGHT TIMES
	Sunshine Coast–Brisbane	90	55	N/A
	Sunshine Coast–Sydney	1,032	641	1.20 hrs
	Sunshine Coast–Melbourne	1,798	1,117	2.30 hrs
	Brisbane–Sydney	927	576	1.20 hrs
	Brisbane–Adelaide	2,054	1,276	2.20 hrs
	Brisbane–Cairns	1,680	1,043	2 hrs
	Sydney–Adelaide	1,374	853	1.30 hrs
	Sydney–Melbourne	869	539	1.10 hrs
	Sydney–Perth	3,952	2,455	5 hrs





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Queensland's Sunshine Coast

The state of Queensland is renowned for its warm climate, pristine beaches, tropical rainforests, and access to the Great Barrier Reef. It also boasts vibrant cities and some of Australia's favourite coastal towns, including Noosa.

The Sunshine Coast encompasses Queensland's best qualities and offers many lifestyle benefits, including beautiful beaches and stunning hinterland, a warm climate, and a relaxed and friendly community. Approximately 370,000* people call the Sunshine Coast their home, making it the third most populous region in Queensland. It is one of Australia's premier beach destinations and there is something to do for everyone.

SURF: Learn to surf, paddle or kite board, or sit back and enjoy the laid-back beach lifestyle the Sunshine Coast has to offer.

HIKE: Explore the Sunshine Coast hinterland, hike one of our popular mountains, visit waterfalls or go on a walk through subtropical rainforests.

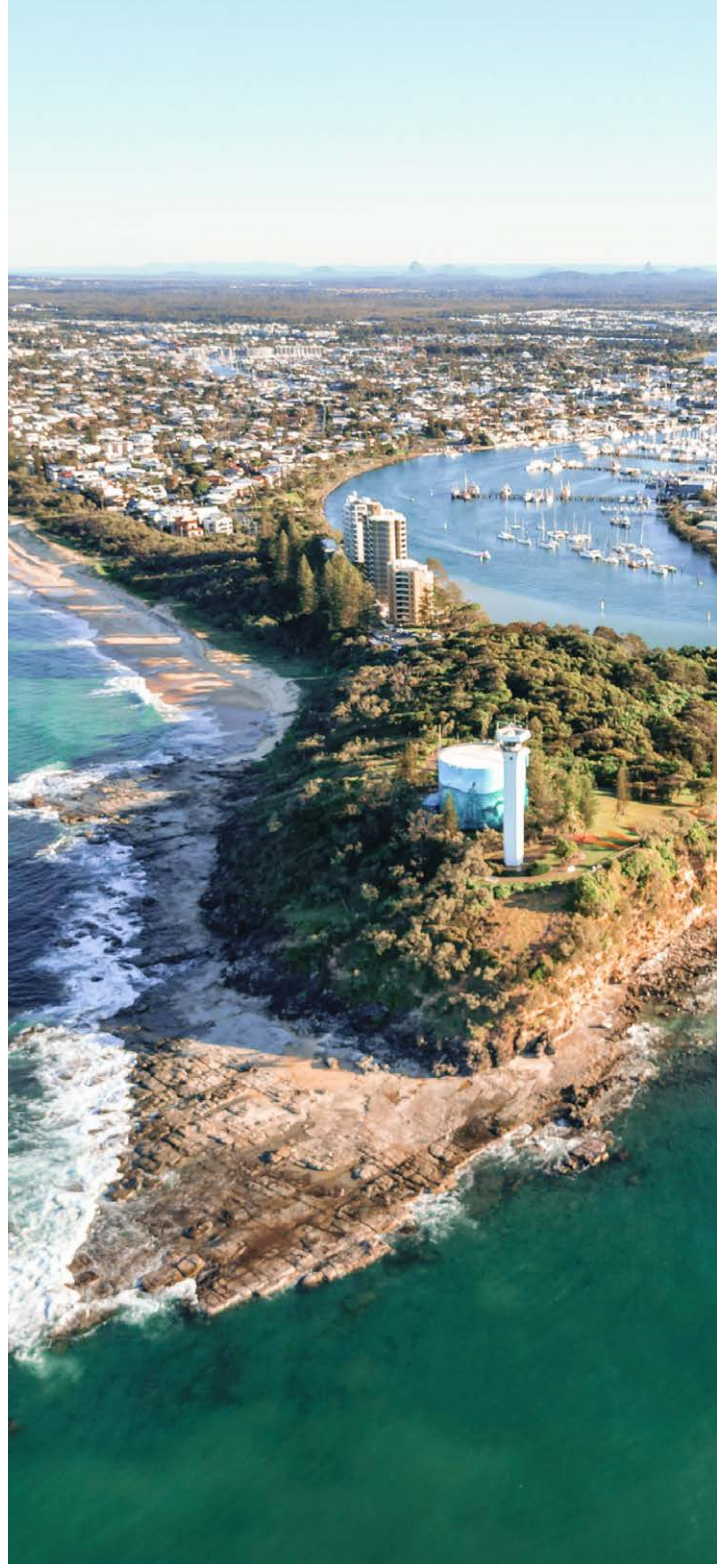
SHOP: Go shopping along the esplanade at one of the many boutique shops, or take in a movie, and shop to your heart's content at one of the Sunshine Coast's modern shopping malls.

UNWIND: Enjoy a coffee or cold drink at one of the many cafes or restaurants, and experience Australia's famous cafe and coffee culture. Or listen to some live music and dance the night away at one of the local nightlife venues.

EXPLORE: The Sunshine Coast is also an ideal base for exploring Australia's big cities, the legendary Outback or the tropics. Road trip north to the Great Barrier Reef, or take a flight to Sydney or Melbourne from the Sunshine Coast's local airport.

CULTURE: Immerse yourself in Australian culture and explore local history and heritage, participate in an indigenous experience such as a local cruise or walk on traditional country.

* sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Experience-Sunshine-Coast/Statistics-and-Maps/Population-Growth



Sunshine Coast weather and seasons



Summer: December to February, 18–30°C, hot, humid and stormy



Autumn: March to May, 11–27°C, becoming cooler



Winter: June to August, 7–22°C, becoming cooler



Spring: September to November, 10–27°C, becoming warmer

Accommodation

It is essential for international students to organise either short-term or long-term accommodation before arrival.

There are a variety of accommodation options close to campus whether you want to live in a student village, share a house or find a place of your own.

Privately owned accommodation providers on the Sunshine Coast

Many students studying at the UniSC Sunshine Coast campus choose to live in one of the two privately owned, fully furnished accommodation complexes that are conveniently located next to the University.

UniCentral and **Varsity Apartments** all offer modern self-contained accommodation in resort-style complexes and are linked by a pathway to the campus and supermarkets.



10-minute walk to the local supermarkets
Coles and Woolworths



5-minute walk to UniSC Sunshine Coast
Transit Centre



5-minute walk to UniSC
Sunshine Coast campus

You can book directly through the private accommodation providers' websites. Once you've signed a lease, it can be difficult and expensive to change your accommodation, so it's important you understand the terms and conditions of your lease arrangement.

Students studying at our other campuses, or those who'd like to find a place of their own, should visit our accommodation and housing page for more information.

usc.edu.au/accommodation

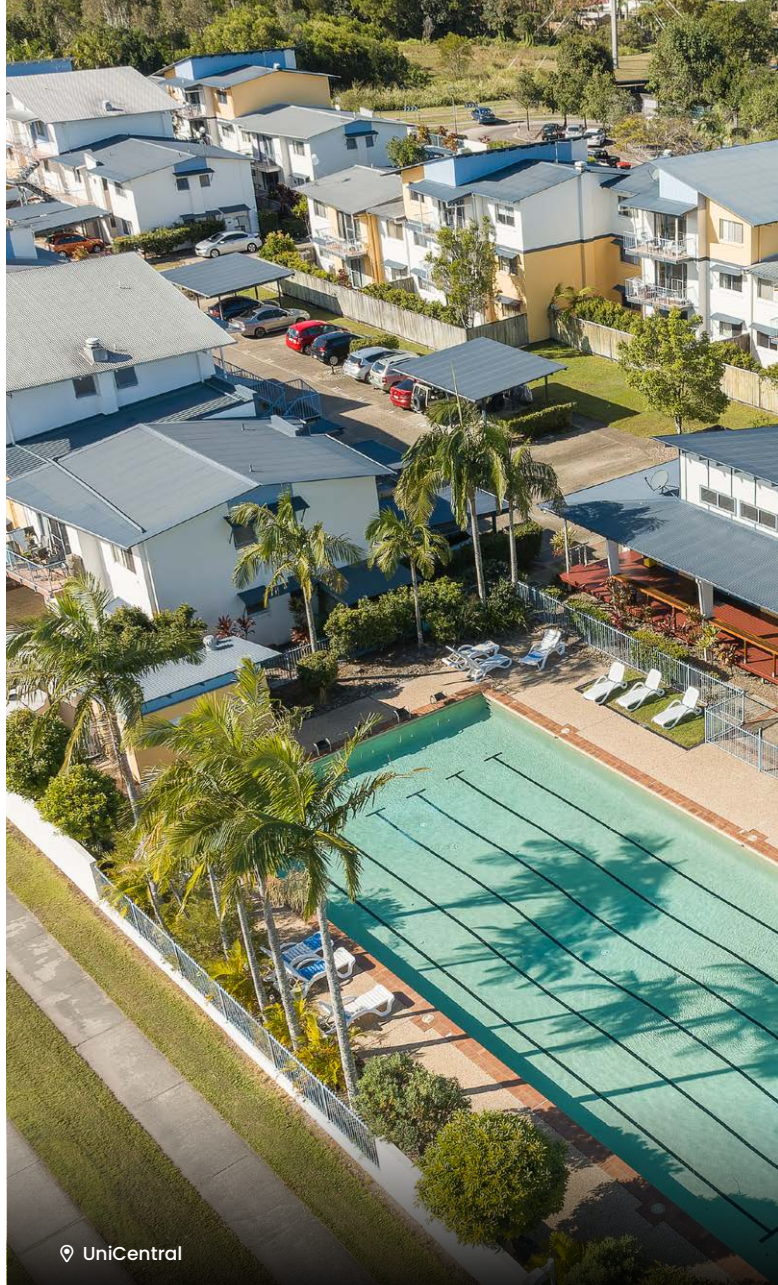
If you'd like to rent your own house, apartment or townhouse, real estate agents and private providers often advertise on the following websites:

- flatmates.com
- domain.com.au
- realestate.com.au
- easyroommate.com.au



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Please note: The University of the Sunshine Coast doesn't provide accommodation or screen information, nor does it act as an agent in the provision of accommodation information. It's your responsibility to determine whether the housing arrangements are suitable. Any person utilising third party information, such as the privately owned accommodation provider information, is advised to read UniSC's Disclaimer usc.edu.au/disclaimer



UniCentral

UniCentral

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unicentral.net.au



UniCentral offers four-share accommodation in modern, self-contained apartments. Each unit has a shared lounge, kitchen and laundry, and a courtyard or balcony. Each private bedroom has a double bed, bathroom, telephone, study desk and chair, internet connection, free UniSC intranet, and an intercom.

Facilities include:

- six-lane, 25-metre swimming pool, tennis/ basketball court, and a volleyball court
- outdoor recreational area with barbecues and a recreational pavilion with pool tables, table tennis, and more
- on-site managers and night security.



Transport

The Sunshine Coast is also an ideal base for exploring Australia's big cities, the Outback or the tropics. Brisbane, the capital of Queensland, is just over one hour away by car, and there are public transport connections from our Sunshine Coast campus.

Public transport

Public bus services operate between UniSC's bus interchange and coastal communities, giving you access to local beaches, shopping centres, restaurants and the nightlife of the Sunshine Coast. From UniSC's bus interchange, you can use an integrated bus and rail service to travel around the region.

Airport connections

UniSC is less than 30 minutes by car from the Sunshine Coast Airport and around 75 minutes from Brisbane international and domestic airports. Airport transfers can be arranged upon request with local providers (charges apply). Sunshine Coast Airport has direct flights to Sydney (1.5 hours), Melbourne (2.5 hours) and New Zealand (three hours). Brisbane has both domestic and international airports, meaning you have easy access to explore Australia and overseas!

Getting around campus

The UniSC Sunshine Coast campus is easily accessible by public transport and private transport. Many students opt to walk or ride to and from campus. With easy access between buildings, students can get to and from classes in a timely manner. Even choose to rent a bike from the local student groups. The surrounding suburb of Sippy Downs has plenty of amenities and services including restaurants, cafes, grocery stores and health facilities.

Varsity Apartments*

Tel: +61 7 5450 2000

varsityapartments.com.au



Varsity Apartments is a four-star, resort style property. All four-bedroom apartments are self-contained with shared lounge and kitchen. Each bedroom has a private bathroom, double bed, and 100GB of Wifi per month included in your accommodation fee.

The apartments are fully furnished and the complex has on-site managers and security.

Facilities include:

- lap pool and resort-style swimming pool with spa
- beach volleyball, basketball and tennis courts
- gym, function and games room
- multiple barbecue areas around the complex

*Varsity is a member of the Student Accommodation Association (SAA) and one of the few student accommodation complexes in Australia to meet the criteria of the National Property Accreditation Scheme (NPAS) for students.



Why choose UniSC



Five stars in key areas of student satisfaction, for teaching quality, overall experience, learner resources, skills development, social equity, student support, first generation and learner engagement (postgraduate).



Wide range of study options



Excellent academic and student support services



Authentic experience with 90 percent of the student population being Australian



Ideal location to explore all Australia has to offer



Explore a UNESCO Biosphere, the Sunshine Coast is a site of excellence accoladed for its commitment to protecting and enhancing the region, communities, the economy and natural assets.



Modern campus with world-class facilities



Nearby privately owned student accommodation providers

How to apply

You can find step-by-step instructions, entry requirements and important information at usc.edu.au/internationalapply



Apply via a Partner Institution

If you are applying via one of UniSC's partner institutions, please visit your home institution's International Office.



Apply via an agent

If you would like assistance with your application, apply through one of our agents usc.edu.au/internationalreps



Need assistance?

If you need help with the process, or have any questions, email study@usc.edu.au

UniSC accepts applications via the International Application Portal, visit usc.edu.au/internationalapply



Tuition fees

If you are applying direct or via an agent, you can find our tuition fees for both programs at usc.edu.au/internationalprograms

If you are applying via one of UniSC's partner institutions, contact your home institution.

Hear from a UniSC student and chat with an Ambassador!



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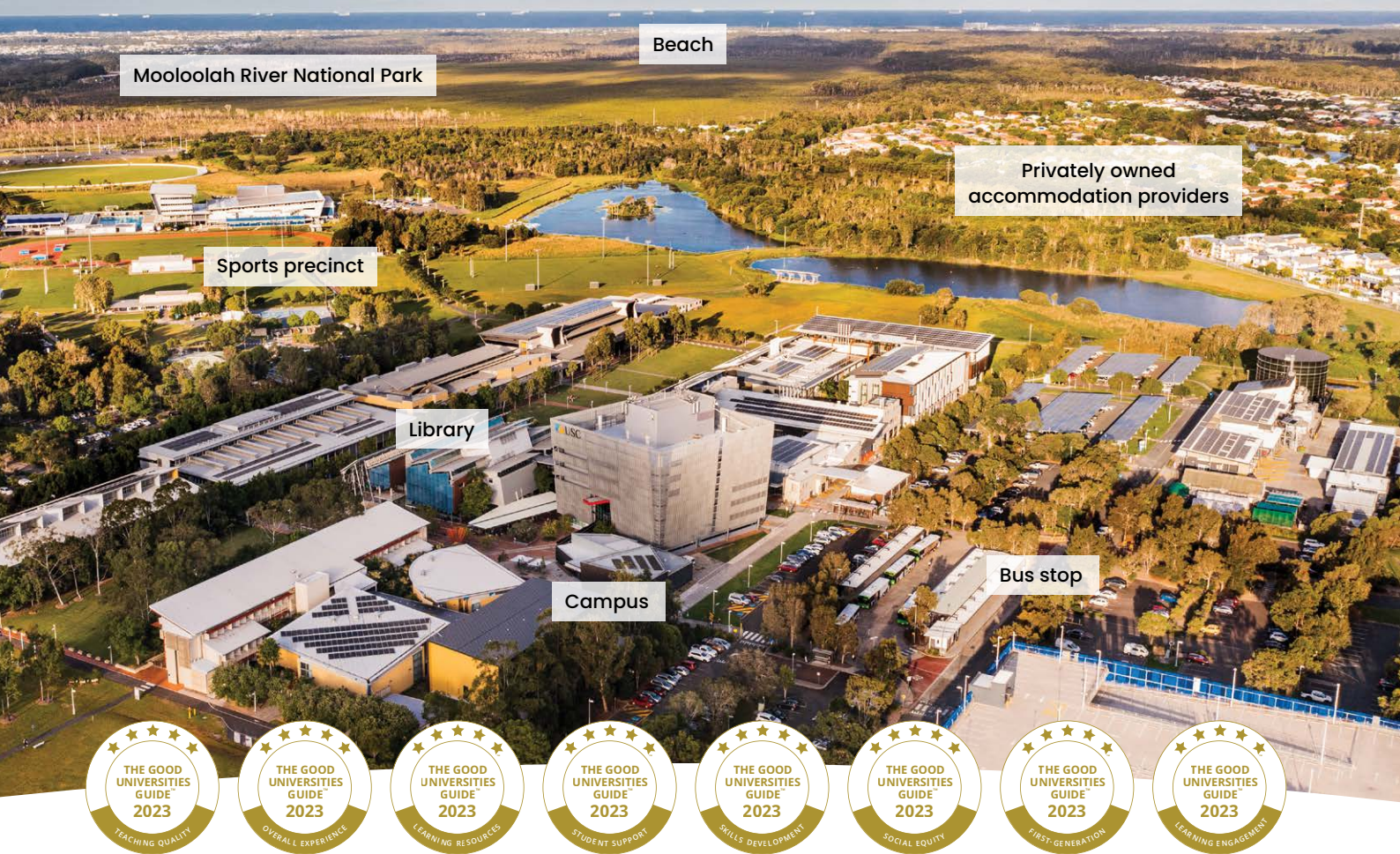
Established: 1996

Type of institution: Public university

Student population: 10,856

Location: Sippy Downs,
Sunshine Coast, Australia

Sunshine Coast population: 370,000+



Have any questions, or want to learn more?

Contact the International Office
and we would be happy to assist
you further.

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