

Study Abroad Prospectus **2013**



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OUR LOCATIONS

Singapore



Cairns



Townsville



James Cook University

A brighter future for life in the tropics, world-wide

James Cook University (JCU) is the second oldest university in Queensland and Australia's leading university in the tropics. Offering excellence in teaching and research, JCU is a vibrant, multi-campus university with its main sites in the tropical Queensland cities of Townsville and Cairns, and an international campus in Singapore. Total student enrolments are more than 18,000 and growing, including over 5,000 international students from 100 countries. There are over 300 programs available to international students to study at JCU.



Did you know



JCU is ranked in the top 4% of universities worldwide based on 2011 assessments by two of the world's leading university ranking systems – the Shanghai Jiao Tong University and Higher Education and Accreditation Council.

Our research capabilities mean that undergraduate and postgraduate students enjoy unique opportunities for field trips, industry links and experience at research stations.

James Cook University's Singapore campus also offers a study abroad program with an Australian university in an Asian environment. For more information visit www.jcu.edu.sg

Over the past five years, JCU academics have won 31 national awards for teaching excellence from the Australian Teaching and Learning Council – more than many larger universities.

Our locations Townsville



Townsville is a thriving coastal city and port with a population of over 181,000, making it Australia's largest tropical city. Situated in the dry tropics, most days are sunny, with an average daytime temperature of between 25°C-30°C (77°F-86°F).

The City

Townsville is the major administrative centre of north-eastern Australia. Its varied and fast growing economy means that there are many employment opportunities in the city, both for JCU graduates and for students seeking part-time work to help finance their study. The city is also a stepping off point for visiting the Great Barrier Reef – two hours away by boat, and is one hour from the Wet Tropics rainforests of Paluma. The resort regions of Mission Beach and the Whitsunday islands are also within easy reach. Students have a wealth of sporting, cultural and entertainment options available.

www.townsville.qld.gov.au

www.townsvilleenterprise.com.au

The Campus

James Cook University's largest campus, with over 12,000 students including approximately 1,500 enrolled international students, is located in a peaceful 386-hectare setting of natural bush and parkland full of native Australian flora and fauna. The campus is nestled in the residential suburb of Douglas, close to the Ross River, 13 kilometres (8 miles) from the city centre.



Did you know



The beautiful Townsville and Cairns campuses are home to a diverse range of plant and animal species. Learn more at our interactive Discover Nature website: www.jcu.edu.au/discovernature



Our locations Cairns

Over two million visitors come each year to enjoy the spectacular natural attractions and activities on offer, which include scuba diving and snorkelling on the Great Barrier Reef, exploring ancient rainforests, rivers and waterfalls, national parks, Port Douglas and Mission Beach.

The City

Cairns is one of Australia's most popular tourist destinations. Cairns has a diverse population of around 140,000. With the Great Barrier Reef only 1.5 hours away by boat, there are many opportunities for reef and island visits and diving. The city has a cosmopolitan atmosphere with many cafés, restaurants, markets and nightclubs. Students looking for part-time work during their studies in Cairns will find a variety of part-time jobs available in tourism, hospitality, retail sales and business administration. Thanks to the thriving business in international visitors, many employers value part-time workers with foreign language skills.

www.cityofcairns.qld.gov.au

www.cairnsgreatbarrierreef.org.au

The Campus

The James Cook University Cairns campus combines a spectacular natural setting with modern and innovative teaching facilities. The campus nestles below rainforest-covered mountains in the suburb of Smithfield, 15 kilometres (approximately 9 miles) north of the city centre and near the popular northern beaches suburbs.



Did you know



The Great Barrier Reef is one of the world's greatest natural wonders and is home to the largest coral reef ecosystem in the world.



A Natural Choice for Study

North Queensland Attractions and Activities

Significant for James Cook University students is the university's unique natural location. JCU's main campus cities of Townsville and Cairns are located in tropical north Queensland. Few places on earth can boast such unique natural attractions, within two World Heritage listed sites – the Great Barrier Reef and the superb tropical rainforests of the Wet Tropics region. Students studying in North Queensland also enjoy easy access to historic outback regions and diverse flora and fauna.

10 Unforgettable Townsville and Surrounds Experiences

- 1 Take a stroll down The Strand and enjoy the magnificent views across Cleveland Bay to Magnetic Island
- 2 Navigate your way around Magnetic Island on a Mini Moke
- 3 Take a walk in the clouds at Paluma Range, on one of the many local rainforest tracks or cool off in the clear waters of Little or Big Crystal Creeks
- 4 Test your endurance and head up the Goat Track on Castle Hill for a 360 degree panoramic view of the city
- 5 Test North Queensland's internationally acclaimed home grown brew, Townsville Bitter at The Brewery
- 6 Experience the atmosphere of a National Rugby League Cowboys home game at Dairy Farmers Stadium
- 7 Put your dancing shoes on and rave all night at the famous full moon parties at Base Backpackers, Magnetic Island
- 8 Meet the ghosts of the Northern Queensland outback Ghost of Gold Heritage Trail, Charters Towers or stay overnight in a 'haunted hotel room' in Ravenswood
- 9 Get up close and personal with Australian wildlife at Billabong Sanctuary, North Queensland's interactive wildlife sanctuary
- 10 Experience the burning of cane fields during the sugar harvesting season (June to November)

10 Unforgettable Cairns and Surrounds Experiences

- 1 Take an underwater adventure and snorkel or dive the World Heritage Listed Great Barrier Reef
- 2 Experience the roar of the rapids whitewater rafting on the Tully River, Australia's best rafting destination
- 3 Skydive over Dunk Island or try an ocean kayak at Mission Beach
- 4 Tour through the ancient volcanic Tropical Tablelands region, where you can swim in beautiful crater lakes, visit picturesque waterfalls and even spot the very elusive Platypus
- 5 Experience the fabulous Cairns nightlife, from shopping at the daily Cairns Night Markets and eating and partying at funky bars and cafes
- 6 Glide just meters above rainforest canopy before descending through rainforest canopy layers and deep into the heart of the Kuranda rainforest on the famous Kuranda Skyrail
- 7 Take a guided night walk, horse ride or swim in a tropical rockpool in Cape Tribulation, situated in the World Heritage Listed Daintree Rainforest
- 8 Explore Paronella Park, where Spanish immigrant Jose Paronella built a magnificent rainforest castle with grand staircases, lakeside tunnels and bridges
- 9 Immerse yourself in the world's oldest living culture and learn about Aboriginal culture at the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park
- 10 Take a boat cruise on Hartley's Lagoon to see crocodiles in their natural environment

Living in North Queensland

Townsville and Cairns offer a range of housing options for students. Purpose-built student accommodation is available on campus in Townsville in halls of residence or colleges. In Cairns, privately owned and operated student residences are available near the campus.

APPROXIMATE LIVING COSTS

University study involves a range of expenses including living and study costs. Some are fixed and some will vary, depending on the type of course you are studying, and your lifestyle.

	LIVING OFF CAMPUS	LIVING ON CAMPUS
Rent	\$100–\$150	\$195–\$300
Food	\$75	MINIMAL
Electricity	\$20	INCLUDED
Transport/Travel	\$30–\$40	\$10–\$15
Miscellaneous	\$70	\$70
TOTAL PER WEEK	\$295–\$355	\$275–\$385
TOTAL PER SEMESTER	\$5,900 – \$7,100	\$5,500 – \$7,700

Costs are guidelines only, given in Australian Dollars and subject to change.

James Cook University's Accommodation Service helps students with on-campus accommodation in halls of residence and colleges, as well as in private rental or shared accommodation (off-campus). For students who prefer off-campus accommodation, the Service maintains a register of houses, units, apartments, shared accommodation, home stay and caretaker arrangements. On-campus accommodation is not guaranteed. More information about student accommodation in Townsville and Cairns is available at www.jcu.edu.au/accommodation

Did you know



A wide range of quality housing is available for rent near the Townsville and Cairns campuses, and students may find that renting privately is an affordable alternative to living on campus.



An application fee of \$55 applies to all students who submit an application for on-campus accommodation in Townsville.



Overseas Student Health Care Cover is compulsory for all international students studying in Australia. Fees vary depending on the length of your student visa and are subject to change. Fees are approximately \$197 for six months / \$395 for one year.

The Study Abroad Program

Each semester, JCU welcomes study abroad students from all over the world.

The Study Abroad Program at JCU offers you the opportunity to study on campus in tropical North Queensland, Australia for one or two semesters and receive credit for your studies at your home institution.

Why study abroad at JCU?



Comprehensive choice of internationally recognised subjects across a wide range of study areas at both the undergraduate and postgraduate levels.



Unrivalled access to some of the world's most beautiful regions, with many subjects offering the chance to gain hands-on experience through our extensive fieldwork options.



A student-centred learning environment where students never feel like just a number. With friendly campuses, smaller class sizes, accessible teaching staff, and excellent support services, our students receive the personal attention they need to achieve their best.



A chance to meet and study alongside individuals from around the world and gain a new perspective.

Study Areas

As a study abroad student you can enrol in any subject from any Faculty at JCU (subject to meeting pre-requisites and other requirements). Areas of study include:

- Accounting
- Agriculture
- Anthropology
- Aquaculture
- Archaeology
- Asia-Pacific Community Development
- 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
- English
- Environmental Science
- French
- Geography
- Geology
- German
- Graphic Design
- History
- Hospitality Management
- Indigenous Australian Studies
- International Business
- Japanese
- Journalism
- Law
- Management
- Marine Biology
- Marketing
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Microbiology
- Music
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy
- Pharmacology
- Physics
- Physiology
- Politics and 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

Selecting Your Subjects

As a Study Abroad student you can enrol in most subjects from any Faculty at JCU (subject to meeting pre-requisites and other requirements). Study Abroad students are encouraged to submit a list of subjects in which they would like to enrol at time of application.

Searching for JCU subjects

To choose your subjects and determine which semester and campus the subject is offered, please visit <https://secure/jcu.edu.au/app/studyfinder>

All JCU subjects have a subject code. Each subject code consists of six characters. For example:

BZ1004:03 – The Diversity of Animal Life

BZ = discipline area (Tropical Biology)
1 = year level (First year subject)
004 = together with year level, subject number

If you see the subject code appear with additional numbers at the end, for example BZ1004:03, the :03 indicates the number of credit points the subject is worth. So, BZ1004:03 = First year Tropical Biology subject worth three credit points.

Useful info

- At JCU most individual subjects have a value of 3 credit points.
- A normal, full-time study load for a Teaching Period is four subjects (or 12 credit points).
- Enrolments of more than four subjects (or more than 12 credit points) in any given Teaching Period will attract additional pro-rata tuition fees.
- The minimum allowable enrolment for study abroad students at JCU is three subjects (or 9 credit points) in any Teaching Period.

Once you have decided to accept your offer to JCU you must number all subjects in order of preference and return your Subjects page. You will be enrolled into your top 4 subjects prior to your arrival at JCU. Further information on subject selection advice will be provided during the International Welcome Sessions.

2013 Study Dates (Townsville and Cairns)

Teaching Period One 2013 (Semester One)

Arrival service	11 - 17 February
Orientation	18 – 22 February
Classes begin	25 February
Mid-semester recess	15 – 19 April
Classes end	27 May
Study/Exam Period	10 – 21 June

Teaching Period Two 2013 (Semester Two)

Arrival service	15 - 21 July
Orientation	22 – 26 July
Classes begin	29 July
Mid-semester recess	30 September – 4 October
Classes end	28 October
Study/Exam Period	11 – 22 November

Exchange at JCU

JCU has partner universities around the world which form our international student exchange network. Students on exchange at JCU come through one of our partner universities on a tuition fee waiver, paying their home university tuition fees in place of the JCU study abroad fee. Exchange students are part of the Study Abroad program and receive the same excellent services and study opportunities available to all JCU students. Students should contact the International Exchange Office at their home institution to find out more.

Did you know

As a study abroad student at JCU you do not have to select subjects from the same study area. You can choose subjects from different areas of study.

Block mode and intensive subjects (one to four-week intensive subjects) may be held before, in the middle of, or after the general JCU academic year (January, July or December).

To gain credit for specific subjects at your home university, you will need to liaise with your academic advisor to make sure that the subjects you wish to study at JCU will transfer back as official credit.

Popular Subjects Offering Field Trips

BZ2450:03 BIODIVERSITY OF TROPICAL AUSTRALIA

Teaching Period 2, Townsville and Cairns

The subject provides students with an introduction to the plants, animals, and ecosystems of tropical Australia, with an emphasis on the Wet Tropics bioregion of northern Queensland. The field trips are designed to enhance students' understanding of key concepts taught during lectures.

Pre-requisites: none

Cairns

Field Trip 1: Flecker Botanical Gardens and Centenary Lakes Boardwalk

This three-hour field trip is designed to help students familiarise themselves with the local flora.

Cost: No charge to students

Field Trip 2: Atherton Tableland and Undara

This is a two-and-a-half day excursion commencing Friday afternoon and ending Sunday. Students visit a variety of different rainforest and savanna habitats and go spotlighting for rainforest mammals and birds.

Cost: Approximately \$55

Field Trip 3: Bush Foods Tutorial at Red Ochre Grill Restaurant

This field trip is held at the end of the semester and runs for about 2 hours on a weekday. Students get an opportunity to taste tropical Australian bush foods, which are discussed during the lectures.

Cost: Approximately \$20

Townsville

Townsville field trips include four day trips to rainforests, tropical shores and wetlands.

Cost: No cost to students

BZ2705:03 Australian Vertebrate Fauna

Teaching Period 1, Townsville and Cairns

This subject examines the biogeography, evolution and contemporary

diversity of terrestrial vertebrates and mammals in Australia. Topics include geological and climate history of Australia; biogeographic regions of Australia, origins and evolution of the vertebrate fauna; behaviour, breeding and life histories of vertebrates in relation to the Australian environment. This subject includes a weekend field trip to an outback setting.

Pre-requisites: Introductory zoology course

Cost: Approximately \$250

BZ3210:03 RAINFOREST ECOSYSTEMS

Teaching Period 1, Townsville

This subject covers the ecology of Australian closed forests and associated vegetation, including origins, classification and factors determining distribution and diversity and responses to environmental stresses (including global climate change). The field trip introduces students to rainforest ecosystems, and the basic skills needed to describe and analyse rainforest communities. It also provides the opportunity for students to work on group projects, which form the core of the on-course assessment.

Cost: Approximately \$180 (3 days)

BZ3220:03 POPULATIONS AND COMMUNITY ECOLOGY

Teaching Period 2, Townsville

Animals and plants live in populations which make up interacting biological communities. This subject presents the conceptual framework needed to understand the processes that regulate biodiversity and illustrates that framework whenever possible using examples from rainforest populations and communities, which are among the most complex and interesting ecological systems on earth. A four-day field trip to Mt. Zero allows students to observe these systems and the animals and plants inhabiting them first hand, as well as learning useful techniques for conducting biological field surveys.

Pre-requisites: Introductory

zoology course, ecology and statistics
Cost: Approximately \$180 (4 days)

BZ3740:03 WILDLIFE ECOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT

Teaching Period 1, Townsville

This subject introduces the theory and practice of the management of terrestrial vertebrates, with a strong emphasis on wildlife management in Australia, the sustainable exploitation of vertebrate species and the control of vertebrate pests. Detailed case studies of Australian examples are provided throughout. Topics include theory and practice of harvesting as applied to wildlife populations, biological invasions, prospects for control of vertebrate pests, pest management, habitat management, and population monitoring. Students gain practical experience in the capturing, handling and the formal census of Australian vertebrate fauna in an outback setting. The subject includes a three-and-a-half day field trip to a national park in western Queensland where students learn to survey fauna using mistnets, pittraps, scat surveys, active survey techniques, spotlighting and habitat descriptions.

Pre-requisites: Introductory zoology / ecology course

Cost: Approximately \$250 (3.5 days)

EA2007:03 APPLIED SOIL SCIENCE

Teaching Period 2, Cairns or Townsville

Delve into the earth's skin - the vital layer from which all terrestrial life is sustained. Areas covered: Soil functions and management. How and why soils vary through the landscape. Soil components, soil chemical, physical and biological properties and processes. Water and nutrient cycling. Problem soils and management: saline, sodic, acid, alkaline, nutrient poor, impermeable soils. Degradation, rehabilitation and sustainability. Soil classification and mapping. The subject includes field work on campus and two 3 hour excursions looking at soils and soil

management issues around Cairns or Townsville.

Cost: No cost to students

EV2401:03 AUSTRALIAN LANDSCAPE PROCESSES AND EVOLUTION

Teaching Period 1, Townsville/Cairns

The subject examines patterns and processes of the development of the Australian landscape and its soil mantle, and human interactions with these elements of the natural environment. The subject includes field work on campus, and a 2 day field trip to the diverse landscapes west of Townsville or Cairns.

Cost: Approximately \$50

EV3201:03 MANAGING COASTAL AND MARINE ENVIRONMENTS

Teaching Period 2, Townsville

This subject examines the impacts of human activities on coastal and marine environments. It explores the complex relationships among the ecological and social values of these environments and outlines strategies and tools for their management.

Cost: No cost to students

EV3406:03 CORAL REEF GEOMORPHOLOGY

Teaching Period 1, Townsville

This subject examines the geomorphology of coral reefs, covering their evolution and relationships between form and the physical, chemical and biotic processes that operate on coral reefs. The subject includes four days of field-based work conducted at JCU's Orpheus Island Research Station. Students gain hands-on experience, learning about coral reef geomorphology, geomorphological methods, and the growth and evolution of coral reefs. (limited places available)

Cost: Approximately \$150, including food and accommodation

James Cook University offers Study Abroad students an exciting opportunity to gain practical experience. Pre-requisites for each subject are listed where required. Students are responsible for the associated field trip costs as listed below. All costs are in Australian dollars and are estimates and subject to change.

IA1007:03 LINKING INDIGENOUSNESS

Teaching Period 1 & 2, Townsville/Cairns

Through field trips that enable students to interact directly with Indigenous Australians in their own 'country', this subject aims to highlight the complex interplay between Indigenous knowledge systems and western systems that are a feature of colonial Australian history. The information provided by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people teaching this subject will link the 'real' to the 're-told' by way of a carefully planned cross-cultural experience. Whilst the intended focus of this subject will be determined by the Indigenous Australians providing the fieldtrip experience, the main focus is on providing students with grounding in Indigenous knowledge issues and concerns that are affecting Indigenous communities today.
Cost: Approximately \$65

MB2050:03 FUNCTIONAL BIOLOGY OF MARINE ORGANISMS

Teaching Period 1, Townsville

This subject deals with the question of biological organisation and design in the marine environment. It aims to provide students with an understanding of how marine organisms respond to the challenges of marine existence through a study of their anatomy and structure and the nature of their habitats. Included in this subject is 4 hours of field work undertaken at 3-Mile Creek in Townsville and at Picnic Bay on Magnetic Island.
Cost: \$30

MB2060:03 MARINE ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Teaching Period 2, Townsville

The special life-history features of marine organisms make it necessary for us to understand their demographic behaviour before we can interpret their responses to environmental change. This course introduces students to the

methods of quantitative marine ecology in coastal and reef habitats with a particular emphasis on: monitoring and impact assessment; experimental design; population dynamics and processes. The subject includes 4 hours of field work at Rowes Bay.
Cost: No cost to students

MB3160:03 EVOLUTION AND ECOLOGY OF REEF FISHES

Teaching Period 1, Townsville

The biology of coral reef fishes with an emphasis on species from reefs and adjacent waters of the Great Barrier Reef. The subject covers the ecology, morphology, systematics and evolution of coral reef fishes. Practical work includes a laboratory and field program that introduces functional morphology, ecology and field identification of coral reef fishes. This subject will also provide an introduction to current research programs in tropical reef fishes at JCU. This subject includes a three-day field trip to the university marine research station at Orpheus Island.
Cost: Approximately \$350 to cover food and bench fees

MB3190:03 CORAL REEF ECOLOGY

Teaching Period 2, Townsville

A treatment of the major aspects of coral reef biology, including population dynamics, life histories, community structure and diversity, effects of disturbance, competition and predation, and reef management. This subject includes a three-day field trip to the university marine research station at Orpheus Island.
Cost: Approximately \$300 to cover food and bench fees

MB3210:03 LIFE HISTORY AND EVOLUTION OF REEF CORALS

Teaching Period 1, Townsville

An introduction to the biology of corals and processes involved in building and maintaining reefs. An overview of the life histories of sessile, modular organisms, incorporating current research

findings (e.g. with respect to sexual/asexual reproduction, larval dispersal, recruitment, growth, lifespan and mortality). A treatment of the functional morphology of corals as an example of a modular organism. An introduction to the taxonomy of reef-building corals. This subject includes a three-day field trip to the university marine research station at Orpheus Island.
Cost: Approximately \$270 to cover food and bench fees

MB3300:03 CORAL REEF ECOSYSTEMS

Block Mode (Teaching Period 7, 24 June – 2 August) Townsville

This is a field-based intensive subject held at Orpheus Island Research Station in July, focussing on the dominant taxa in reef environments and linkages between them. Emphasis is given to corals, other reef associated invertebrates (eg echinoderms and plankton) and fishes. Ecological and physiological aspects of key organisms are explored. Aspects covered include distribution of corals, coral bleaching, coral symbionts and the health of corals based on photosynthetic activity, predation on corals, the input of plankton to reefs and the role of fishes in reef environments.
Cost: Approximately \$600 to cover food and bench fees

NM2000:03 ART, ARTIST, ENVIRONMENT

Teaching Period 1, Townsville/Cairns

Art exists in a range of environments; built, natural and virtual. This subject provides students with a thorough grounding in relation to the ways in which artists engage with their environments, including an investigation of the conceptual, theoretical, ideological or metaphysical underpinnings. An environmental field trip to a tropical north location provides students with an immersion and art creation experience that links theory with practice.

Cost: Approximately \$300 depending on the location for the field trip(s).

PH2006:03 PHYSICAL OCEANOGRAPHY

Teaching Period 2, Townsville

This is a descriptive physical oceanography subject suitable for all students studying the marine environment. It provides a descriptive overview of the physical properties of the oceans of the world but has a special focus on the physical conditions of Australian coastal oceanography. This includes temperature and salinity signatures of water types; water, salt and heat budgets of the oceans; surface properties; and circulation of the oceans. The laboratory sessions cover instruments and methods, culminating in a research project. This subject also includes a field trip on the R/V James Kirby.
Cost: No cost to students

PT1410:03 PHOTOGRAPHY

Teaching Period 1 and 2, Townsville and Cairns

Block Mode (Teaching Period 6, 10 June – 2 August), Townsville

This subject introduces students to the fundamentals, basic theory, and practice of photography. It provides an introduction to photography and the use of 35mm digital SLR cameras and accessories, and is especially useful to students who need a basic level of photographic skills as an adjunct to their major area of study. Students studying journalism, creative arts, earth, biological or medical sciences, anthropology, archaeology, tourism or media related courses would find this a useful subject, as will any student with an interest in improving their photographic skills. A field trip may be arranged as part of this subject if there is sufficient student interest.

Cost: Approximately \$50-70

**NEED
MORE
INFO?**

Visit www.jcu.edu.au/international/studyabroad for a full list of subjects with field trips

Fees and Entry Requirements

General Entry Requirements

The following is a guide to JCU's minimum academic and English entry requirements for the Study Abroad program.

UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	POSTGRADUATE ACADEMIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
<p>Successful completion of one semester (six months) of study at a recognised higher education institution with above average academic record. For e.g. 2.8 on a 4.0 point scale for the USA*</p> <p>Students applying straight from high school are also eligible and must provide their high school Certificate (or equivalent)</p> <p><i>* all students with a GPA between 2.5 and 2.7 will also be considered for the study abroad program</i></p>	<p>Bachelor degree or equivalent</p>

Detailed academic entry requirements for specific countries can be found at www.jcu.edu.au/international/studyabroad

English Language Requirements

If your native language is not English, you may be required to demonstrate English proficiency by sitting a recognised test of your English language ability. The minimum English language proficiency requirement for the Study Abroad program is:

TEST	REQUIRED SCORE
IELTS	6.0 (no component lower than 5.5)
TOEFL (paper based)	550 (with a minimum Test of Written English score of 4.0)
TOEFL (internet based)	79 (minimum writing score of 19)
Pearson (PTE Academic)	57

Did you know

JCU will accept high school English results as alternative entry into the Study Abroad program for students who have completed high school studies in Germany, Netherlands, Denmark, Norway and Sweden. Further details about alternative English language entry requirements can be found at: www.jcu.edu.au/international/studyabroad

2013 TUITION AND STUDY RELATED FEES

Undergraduate Study Abroad	\$8,700 per semester
Postgraduate Study Abroad	\$9,500 per semester
Student Services and Amenities Fee	\$157.80 per semester
Books and Miscellaneous Study Expenses	\$400 per semester

All fees are in Australian dollars and additional fees may be charged for subjects that involve practical work or field trips.



"My home university in Denmark cooperates with many Australian Universities but it was the location of Townsville that made me choose JCU. I love the warm temperatures in Townsville and the wildlife around the campus. What I think I enjoy the most though is how helpful Australians are in general. I'm very impressed with JCU and how the professors make the lectures both serious and fun at the same time. There is a very open feeling at the classes and I like that a lot."

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Supportive Study Environment

JCU provides a full range of support services for students to help them make the most of their time at university. Whether you need help with an assignment, finding accommodation, or just need someone to talk to, there are dedicated services on campus to assist you.

James Cook International

The James Cook International office assists every international student at JCU to ensure their stay in Australia and at the University is a pleasant and productive one. The office should be your first point of contact if you need assistance. It provides a range of support services and information for students including:

- preparing for arrival information
- free arrival service
- orientation program
- social activities
- accommodation information
- assistance in emergencies
- personal well-being and welfare support
- Overseas Student Health Cover information
- student advice, advocacy and referral
- course admission procedures
- returning home program

Careers and Employment Services

Many students find part time work while studying is fun and a great way of making friends and earning money for travel and entertainment. The JCU Careers and Employment Service provides employment information to students. Free services include an online job finder and assistance in applying for jobs

JCU Student Association

The JCU Student Association is directed by elected members and provides services and amenities to students. These include: student representation to the University, student welfare issues, entertainment, clubs and societies, sports facilities and food outlets at both JCU campuses.

Did you know



JCU offers a free arrival and temporary accommodation booking service for all arriving students? To find out more and book these services visit:
www.jcu.edu.au/international/arrival

How to Apply

Step 1

Complete the Study Abroad application form at:
www.jcu.edu.au/international/studyabroad/applynow and attach:

- All certified academic transcripts and certificates
- English language test results (if applicable)

Step 2

Send your completed Study Abroad application form with all supporting documentation, to James Cook International or lodge your application with one of JCU's authorised overseas representatives.
www.jcu.edu.au/international/jcurepresentatives

Step 3

Once you have received your Offer, please complete and sign the Acceptance and Payment Agreement and return it with your subject preferences (numbered in order of preference) to James Cook International along with any payment as set out in your Offer letter.

Application Deadlines

1 January for Teaching Period 1 (Semester 1)

1 June for Teaching Period 2 (Semester 2)

Late applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Student Visa

It is essential that you apply for an Australian student visa before arriving in Australia. To apply you need to contact your nearest Australian Embassy, Consulate or High Commission. Their locations worldwide are listed at www.dfat.gov.au/missions

You can also contact the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC). The DIAC website contains comprehensive information about applying for visas, student work rights and restrictions, health requirements, and FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) about student visas: www.immi.gov.au/immigration.htm

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United States
of America

"I heard about JCU through my study abroad program from my home university. I picked JCU because of the environment, warm climate and I wanted to try something new. Everyone is so welcoming and I love walking around the campus and seeing all the different types of wildlife. The professors are intelligent and exciting to listen to. I like their anecdotal stories about previous work and studies in other countries."

Getting to James Cook University

Townsville

Three airlines (Qantas, Virgin Blue and Jetstar) fly from Brisbane (the capital of Queensland) to Townsville several times a day and there are numerous flights from all around the world into Brisbane. Another option for getting to Townsville is flying directly to Cairns and then taking the 50-minute shuttle flight to Townsville. Students at the Townsville campus are strongly recommended to fly into Townsville, as it is a 4-hour drive from Cairns and a 16-hour drive from Brisbane. There are also regular, direct flights from Sydney and Melbourne into Townsville.

Cairns

Cairns has Australia's fifth busiest international airport. There are direct flights from Japan (four cities), Hong Kong, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Micronesia, Bali and Singapore, with more routes planned for the future. Numerous airlines fly from Sydney and Brisbane into Cairns daily.

Singapore

Singapore is an international destination with daily flights to and from the city-state from all over the world.

● Singapore

● Cairns

● Townsville


● Brisbane


● Sydney

Melbourne ●

AUSTRALIA

Where we are

	By Air	
	Townsville to	
	Cairns	50 minutes
	Brisbane	1 hour 45 minutes
	Sydney	2 hours 45 minutes
	Melbourne	3 hours 30 minutes

	By Road	
	Townsville to	
	Cairns	4 hours
	Brisbane	16 hours
	Sydney	27 hours
	Melbourne	31 hours

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