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Open days, exhibitions and interview sessions

In Australia

Canberra	Saturday 27 August 2016
Strathfield	Saturday 10 September 2016
North Sydney	Saturday 3 September 2016

Overseas

ACU participates in a range of exhibitions and interview sessions overseas. For more information on when staff from ACU will be visiting your country, email international@acu.edu.au.

For details of ACU's overseas agents/representatives, email international@acu.edu.au.

Important dates

The academic year at ACU is divided into two main sessions:

- semester 1 (between February and June)
- semester 2 (between July and November).

It is possible to start many courses in either semester 1 or semester 2. Refer to the 'Table of courses' starting on page 37 or check ACU's 2017 International Student Guide at www.acu.edu.au/international/library for course start dates.

Orientation sessions are held before both semesters:

- Semester 1 orientation commences two weeks before lectures
- Semester 2 orientation commences one week before lectures.

Academic calendar

For important dates concerning teaching periods, study breaks and vacation periods, check the University calendar at www.acu.edu.au/international/arrival_orientation_and_enrolment/?a=384449.

ABOUT

Australian Catholic University (ACU) is a publicly funded university, open to all. ACU students do more than read about and study those who are change-makers. They become change-makers.

Grounded in our Catholic intellectual tradition and heritage, ACU's commitment is to empower students with the knowledge, skills and professional experience needed to make a difference in our world.

ACU's variety of courses gives students a chance to make a difference in fields such as arts, teaching and education, allied health, science, exercise science, health, nursing and midwifery, psychology and counselling, social work, business, information technology, law, theology and philosophy.

As part of this commitment to students, ACU brings together leading academics, strong industry connections, world-class research, and excellent facilities and services to provide a life-changing university experience.

All ACU students have the chance to undertake professional placements and volunteer work throughout their studies, ensuring they are work-ready upon graduation.

Community engagement is also a core part of the experience at ACU, giving students opportunities to contribute to communities in need in Australia and overseas.

The University is open to people of all beliefs and backgrounds. ACU has campuses in Brisbane, Sydney (Strathfield and North Sydney), Canberra, Melbourne, Ballarat and Adelaide and a centre in Rome, Italy.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Read section 3 in Part 1 for general information about admission requirements, including English language proficiency.

Admission requirements are the minimum qualifications you need before you can be selected for admission to a course of study.

As an international student completing one of the following qualifications in 2016, you will apply for admission through UAC and will generally be selected on the basis of your performance in these studies (ie your ATAR or equivalent):

- an Australian Year 12 qualification (either outside or in Australia)
- an International Baccalaureate
- a New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement Level 3.

When assessing your application, ACU may take any or all of your qualifications or attempts at study into account.

Limited ATAR

The University accepts the Limited ATAR for admission purposes – read section 8.6.

Additional selection criteria

In addition to achieving the standard of performance required for admission, for certain courses you must also satisfy additional selection criteria, such as a personal statement, questionnaire, portfolio of work, audition, interview or test. These criteria are taken into account either instead of, or in conjunction with, your ATAR or equivalent.

Details of additional selection criteria and how applicants can meet these requirements are outlined in the course descriptions on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/international/course-search.

If you are undertaking your Year 12 studies offshore and are applying for a course that has additional selection criteria that you will find difficult to meet, email international.admissions@acu.edu.au.

Offers made to applicants who have an ATAR (or equivalent) below the cut-off

ACU has a number of alternative pathways for admission, which may allow applicants to receive an offer to a course even though they have an ATAR or equivalent below the cut-off. They are the:

- Elite Athlete and Performer Program
- Early Achievers' Program
- Passion for Business – Early Entry Program.

Elite Athlete and Performer Program

ACU supports elite athletes in their study and aims to help them achieve their academic and personal potential. Elite Athlete and Performer Program co-ordinators offer course and enrolment advice and help students with finding flexible study options. Under this program, bonus points are awarded to applicants depending on their level of sporting and/or performance representation. Applicants requesting consideration under this program should complete the Elite Athlete and Performers Program Additional Information (E) form available at www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternative_entry/elite_athlete_and_performer_program.

The closing date for submitting forms is **Friday 25 November 2016**.

Early Achievers' Program

Students who demonstrate a commitment to their communities as well as their studies can gain early acceptance into the University through the Early Achievers' Program. The hugely successful program recognises the achievements and contributions made by prospective students to their communities through sustained voluntary activities undertaken through their school, church, sporting or cultural organisations. For further information and details about applying, visit www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternative_entry/early_entry.

Passion for Business – Early Entry Program

ACU's new Passion for Business (P4B) program provides a unique opportunity for students with a passion for business. Current Australian Year 12 students who have completed, or are completing, a business-related subject in Year 11 and/or Year 12 are eligible to apply for entry to ACU through the P4B Program.

In addition to applying through UAC, you must complete the P4B online application, including:

- the business subject(s) you have completed or are currently studying
- a 200–300 word response to 'Why you are passionate about Business'.

For further information and to complete the online application, visit www.acu.edu.au/about_acu/faculties_institutes_and_centres/law_and_business/school_of_business/passion_for_business. Applications close 14 September 2016.

International applicants applying for admission on the basis of qualifications other than those listed above must apply directly to the University, not through UAC. For details, visit www.acu.edu.au/international.

STUDENTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

Before you are granted a student visa, the Australian Government must be satisfied that you have appropriate accommodation, support and general welfare arrangements in place for the period that you will be under 18 years of age while in Australia.

ACU does not accept responsibility for welfare arrangements for international students who are under 18 years of age.

For more information on what arrangements need to be in place, visit www.border.gov.au.

AREAS OF STUDY

ACU offers a wide range of undergraduate courses in:

- Accounting
- Arts
- Biomedical Science
- Business
- Commerce
- Counselling
- Education
- Exercise Science
- Human Resource Management
- Information Systems
- International Development Studies
- Law
- Marketing
- Media and Digital Communication
- Midwifery
- Music
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy
- Psychological Science
- Public Health
- Social Sciences
- Social Work
- Speech Pathology
- Theology
- Visual Art and Design.

For course descriptions, visit the international course search on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/international/course-search.

For information on course structure, visit www.acu.edu.au/courses.

TUITION FEES

For information about tuition fees, refer to the 'Table of courses' starting on page 37 or visit the international course search on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/international/course-search.

ACU tuition fees are comparable with those of other Australian universities. Tuition fees may increase by up to 3 per cent per year for the minimum duration of the course. No guarantee is made for tuition fee increases beyond the minimum duration.

The tuition fees also cover:

- support from international student advisers
- orientation program
- access to all student services and facilities that are available to local students
- study skills assistance.

Students should also check the individual course descriptions for any additional items that may need to be purchased. These will usually only apply to small items such as special uniforms required for nursing courses. For further information regarding fees and additional course expenses, contact the International Education Office or the appropriate course authority at the University.

In order for ACU to issue a Confirmation of Enrolment, applicants must pay the fee amount indicated in the 'Offer of Place' letter. For more information, visit www.acu.edu.au/international/costs_and_scholarships/tuition_fees.

Student Services and Amenities Fee

International students are also required to pay a Student Services and Amenities Fee. The fees for 2016 were:

- full-time students – \$145 per half year (\$290 annually)
- part-time students – \$108 per half year (\$216 annually).

The University reviews fees annually.

Fees policy

For information regarding the Australian Catholic University refund policy, visit www.acu.edu.au/international/costs_and_scholarships/refund_policy.

LIVING EXPENSES

Read section 7.3 for general information about living expenses. For further information, visit www.acu.edu.au/international/living_in_australia/living_costs.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Read section 7.4 for general information about scholarships.

SPONSORED STUDENTS

Read section 7.5 for general information about sponsored students.

OVERSEAS STUDENT HEALTH COVER

Read section 2.6 for general information about Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC).

ACU's preferred provider is Allianz Global Assistance. For further information, visit www.oshcallianzassistance.com.au.

ACU requires students to pay the full cover for the length of their visa with their first-semester tuition fee.

WORKING WHILE STUDYING

Read section 2.5 for general information about working while studying. For further information, visit www.acu.edu.au/international/living_in_australia/working_in_australia.

PREPARING FOR STUDENT LIFE

Before coming to study at ACU, learn more about life in Australia and at ACU by visiting www.acu.edu.au/international/living_in_australia.

ACCEPTANCE, ENROLMENT, ORIENTATION AND DEFERMENT

Read section 6 for general information about acceptance, enrolment, orientation and deferment.

Acceptance

ACU will email an 'Offer of Place' letter to successful applicants. The letter will outline the course details, including fees payable. Applicants wishing to accept their offer should sign and return the 'Offer Acceptance and Payment Advice' form enclosed with the letter, together with evidence of payment of the indicated fees.

For more information, visit www.acu.edu.au/international/accept_your_offer.

Enrolment

Students manage their own enrolments via ACU's online enrolment process, Student Connect. Assistance with this process is available during orientation and through AskACU Centres.

For more information, visit www.acu.edu.au/international/arrival_orientation_and_enrolment/enrolment.

Orientation

The focus of orientation is to familiarise new students with the practicalities of studying and living in Australia. Information is included on Australian study methods, Australian social customs and general procedures to be followed by international students. There are also social functions to allow new students to meet each other.

Orientation Week for semester 1, 2017 starts on Monday 13 February 2017. For more information, visit www.acu.edu.au/international/arrival_orientation_and_enrolment/orientation.

Deferment

Students seeking deferment must contact the International Admissions Office. For details, visit www.acu.edu.au/international/accept_your_offer/defer_your_offer.

STUDENT SUPPORT

At ACU we have many services to help you achieve your personal, academic and career goals, including:

- international student advisers
- airport reception program
- counselling services
- academic skills advisers.

For more information, visit www.acu.edu.au/international/why_choose_acu/services_for_international_students.

ACCOMMODATION

Students may choose to live alone, share with a friend or board at a hostel. Although every effort is made to help students find suitable accommodation, the University provides no guarantees about the type of accommodation. Contact the ACU International Office for more information.

Accommodation information for each campus is available at www.acu.edu.au/international/living_in_australia/accommodation.

STUDENT AND CAMPUS SERVICES

ACU provides a broad range of services and facilities for students. For more information on these services, visit www.acu.edu.au/international/why_choose_acu/services_for_international_students.

Careers advice and counselling services

Student counsellors are located on each campus to provide counselling, careers advice and welfare services such as accommodation, budgeting and employment.

Chaplaincy

Campus ministers are available to care for the spiritual and liturgical needs of students.

Learning assistance

The Academic Skills Unit helps students raise their academic performance by facilitating learning development through individual consultation or workshop programs.

Library and computing services

At each campus the libraries hold a substantial and growing collection of books and audiovisual items in support of courses. Computer laboratories are available on each campus for student use.

Student organisations

The Student Association offers a wide range of services to assist students during their time at ACU. These services include liaising with academic staff and management about issues relating to their studies, organising social events both on and off campus at various times during the year and being available to answer any questions that might arise. It also provides facilities for relaxation.

Students with disabilities

For information about support services and facilities, call the Disabilities Adviser in Sydney on +61 2 9701 4300 and in Canberra on +61 2 6209 1170.