

Australian Catholic University



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Open days	
North Sydney	Saturday 3 September 2016
Strathfield	Saturday 10 September 2016
Canberra	Saturday 27 August 2016
Important dates	
Application closing dates	
Application closing dates, including final closing dates for each course, are listed in the course search on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/postgraduate/course-search .	
Enrolment dates	
Enrolment	Monday 17 October 2016 – Sunday 26 February 2017
Lectures commence	Monday 27 February 2017

ABOUT

Australian Catholic University (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, international study opportunities, 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. Students have the option to travel the world and study with one of more than 130 partner institutions across the globe or at ACU's very own Rome Centre.

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

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

For admission to ACU's postgraduate education coursework programs you are expected to have a Bachelor degree or equivalent qualification from a recognised tertiary institution, a grade point average (GPA) equivalent to an ACU GPA of 4.0, the required background studies to meet the local state registration authority requirements and relevant to the subject specialist areas available within the course.

You will also need to satisfy English language requirements and be selected in competition with other eligible applicants.

In exceptional cases an applicant may be admitted as a candidate for a specific course if the applicant submits other evidence of academic and/or professional experience.

Overseas qualifications and English proficiency

If you hold overseas qualifications from countries where English is not the standard language of instruction, you must provide evidence of English language proficiency. Refer to ACU's English language proficiency requirements on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/postgraduate/admission/elip.shtml.

SPECIAL/ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

You may have to submit additional material as part of your application process depending on which course/s you apply for.

Check the individual course description on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/postgraduate/course-search to see whether special requirements apply.

Where do you submit your additional material?

Check the individual course descriptions at www.uac.edu.au/postgraduate/course-search for details.

When do you have to submit your additional material?

Submit your material by the date specified in the course description at www.uac.edu.au/postgraduate/course-search.

TYPES OF PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

ACU offers a range of graduate entry teaching courses through UAC. A full range of postgraduate courses are listed on ACU's website at www.acu.edu.au/courses.

ENROLMENT

Advanced standing/Academic credit

Applications for advanced standing/academic credit must be made at the time of enrolment.

Deferment of offer

Deferment is not available for postgraduate students.

FEES AND CHARGES

ACU offers postgraduate awards through UAC as Commonwealth-supported places (CSP) or fee-paying (FEE) places.

The Australian Government has proposed changes that will affect the fees that universities can charge. For the latest information, including loan and government scholarship assistance details, visit www.studyassist.gov.au.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Eligible Commonwealth-supported students enrolled in a non-research course may have access to the Commonwealth Government's HECS-HELP scheme.

The Australian Government has proposed changes that will affect the way that students will repay the debt accumulated under HELP. For the latest information, including loan and government scholarship assistance details, visit www.studyassist.gov.au.

COURSES AVAILABLE BY DIRECT APPLICATION

ACU offer a range of postgraduate coursework programs, including graduate or postgraduate certificates and diplomas, Masters degrees, professional doctorates and PhDs. You need to apply online directly to the University.

Visit www.acu.edu.au/courses to find your chosen course and the application requirements (listed under 'Applying for Admission') within each course entry.

If you are interested in applying for a Higher Degree by Research (HDR), visit www.acu.edu.au/research for further information.

INTERNATIONAL FEE-PAYING STUDENTS

Postgraduate international fee-paying students must apply directly to the ACU International office. For further information, visit www.acu.edu.au/international/contact_us, email study.international@acu.edu.au or call +61 3 8676 7040.

International applicants should also contact the Australian diplomatic post in their own country to ascertain procedures for obtaining an appropriate visa.

STUDENT AND CAMPUS SERVICES

Careers and appointments

The Career Development Service helps students develop career management skills as well as gain knowledge, concepts and attitudes that allow them to manage their career throughout their lives. It provides guidance with job applications, cvs and interviews and a range of resources on CareerHub, a web-based system for managing employment vacancies and career-related information for university students. ACU has also introduced a new initiative whereby current students can seek employment opportunities while they are still studying. The Student Jobs on Campus program helps students to supplement their income while studying at ACU.

Chaplaincy

We invite students to participate in a range of activities based around faith and spirituality, community building, social justice and wellbeing. We also provide support for students when needed, especially at times of crisis or celebration. We have an open-door policy and no bookings are required.

Counselling

The counselling service is free, voluntary and confidential and is staffed by psychologists or social workers who adhere to their professional association's ethical guidelines. Personal concerns including psychological, relationship and university issues can affect a student's capacity to achieve their academic goals. Counselling can assist students to understand and assess any personal concerns within a supportive relationship. The counselling service also provides online psycho-educational resources and workshops on topics relevant to student experience.

Exchange programs

The International Office supports off-campus activities overseas. It offers an extensive international exchange program with opportunities in more than 80 universities in 20 countries, including Brazil, Canada, Japan, France, Germany, the UK and the USA. If you are an Australian student admitted to the exchange program, you may apply for an ACU Vice Chancellor's Travel Grant to help with your airfare and you will not have to pay any extra tuition fees to the host university. You may also be eligible to apply for the Australian Government's OS-HELP Loan to support your studies abroad. We also host international students from more than 98 nationalities and provide an extensive range of services and programs to help ease international students into university life.

Learning assistance

Academic Skills Advisers can help you study successfully at university and to develop learning, writing and language strategies. We offer workshops, individual consultations and online and print resources.

Student organisations

The Student Association on each campus offers a wide range of services including promoting student involvement in on-campus and off-campus activities, organising social, spiritual, sporting and cultural events, and liaising with academic and administrative staff on behalf of students.

Students with disabilities

The Equity and Disability Unit offers services to students with disabilities and chronic medical conditions. A disability may be physical (eg mobility), sensory (eg hearing or vision impairment), a learning disability, a chronic medical condition, or a mental health condition. A disability adviser can help you with co-ordination of physical access, liaison with university staff about teaching and assessment adjustments, as well as provision of services such as examination adjustments, note taking, assistive technology and alternative formats, sign language interpreters and library support.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information on the areas of postgraduate study is available at www.acu.edu.au/courses/postgraduate