

Study Abroad Guide 2011



Why choose Queensland?

Study abroad at Griffith for one or two semesters and enjoy an incredible life experience while earning credit towards your home degree. Located in the northeast of Australia, the state of Queensland offers students a combination of rewarding study opportunities and an amazing lifestyle. With access to tropical rainforests, magnificent beaches and cosmopolitan cities, Queenslanders enjoy a relaxed, outdoor lifestyle in a safe, multicultural environment.

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IMAGE:
BRISBANE CITY

Why choose Griffith?

Combine study with an amazing cultural and lifestyle experience to broaden your horizons, enhance your employment prospects and explore your potential. The Griffith Study Abroad Program offers international students the opportunity to complete one or two semesters of study in Australia and earn credit towards their home degrees.

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IMAGE:
BRISBANE CITY FROM SOUTH BANK

Life at Griffith

Study Abroad staff are available throughout the semester to ensure students take advantage of their time at Griffith and fulfil their academic and personal goals. As a Study Abroad student you can enrol in courses that interest you over one or two semesters.

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IMAGE:
QUEENSLAND COLLEGE OF ART

Griffith study options

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IMAGE:
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Environment

Queensland's subtropical climate is close to perfect, with typically mild winters and warm summers. Temperatures typically average between 21 °C and 32 °C in summer and 9 °C and 20 °C in winter.

The Queensland environment lends itself to an outdoor lifestyle and typical weekend activities include barbecues, the beach, bushwalking, cycling and other outdoor pursuits.

Cost of Living

Students should allow approximately AU\$ 9,000 per semester for living expenses

The cost of living is nearly 50% lower than in other global destinations such as Tokyo and London. It is more economical to study in Australia when compared with the United Kingdom, France, China, Germany, Vietnam, Indonesia and Singapore. Brisbane has one of the lowest costs of living of all the Australian capital cities. (Source: William M Mercer Cost of Living Survey 2004).

Item	AUD
Local telephone call	\$ 0.50
Loaf of bread	\$ 2.50
Chocolate bar	\$ 2.50
Cup of coffee from café	\$ 3.50
Toothpaste	\$ 3.50
Burger – take away	\$ 5
Movie ticket – student price	\$ 12
T-shirt (no brand)	\$ 20
Main meal from restaurant	\$ 15–30
Music CD	\$ 30
Weekly average spend on food for one person (from supermarket)	\$ 75
T-shirt (popular brand name)	\$ 60
Running shoes	\$ 100
Television – 51 cm screen	\$ 300
Car insurance and registration – 1 year	\$ 1,250
Computer (new pc laptop)	\$ 1,500
Car (small, new)	\$ 15,000

Culture and Recreation

Griffith's Study Abroad Program allows students to compliment their academic studies with a huge range of exciting travel and cultural experiences.

Home to 1.7 million people, Brisbane offers all the social, cultural and recreational facilities you would expect of a capital city, in a beautiful, riverside setting. Whether you're looking for an Irish pub, a cosmopolitan café, adventure activities or a vibrant live music scene, you'll find it in Brisbane.

The Gold Coast is Australia's premier tourist venue, with amazing theme parks, wildlife sanctuaries, national parks and some of the best beaches on earth. The Gold Coast also offers a wide range of international cuisine and cultural entertainment.

Queensland is also a gateway to other parts of Australia, the Pacific and Southeast Asia and the Brisbane and Gold Coast international airports offer Griffith students ease of access to all of these destinations. Refer to the Travel Map below for travel times to popular destinations.

New ways to Learn

As new discoveries are made and our society changes, so too should universities.

The keys to the Griffith approach are flexible, multi-disciplinary programs that allow students to tailor their study to match their interests, helping them gain an edge in specialised industries or broaden their career options. Students have access to hundreds of courses delivered within the multi-disciplinary programs offered at Griffith, providing them with the opportunity to broaden the scope of their current studies.

First Class Support

Study Abroad students are supported by a dedicated Study Abroad team.

Experienced staff take a personal approach to guiding you through your entire program, from application through to returning home. This includes advice and assistance on courses, visa application processes, health insurance, airport reception, accommodation and activities for your spare time.

Griffith Exchange Program

Griffith has bilateral exchange partnerships with more than 200 institutions worldwide providing students from partner universities with an opportunity to spend one or two semesters at Griffith.

For a full list of partner institutions and information on the Exchange Program please visit:

www.griffith.edu.au/exchange.

World-class Facilities

At Griffith, innovative learning facilities take students far beyond the lecture theatre.

IT and multimedia students at Griffith's Gold Coast campus have access to a \$10 million multimedia complex which provides world-class facilities, including the only visualisation laboratory in Queensland education.

At Griffith's Nathan campus, the EcoCentre is one of Australia's most cutting edge environmental education centres, allowing staff and students to research new developments in sustainable energy. Other outstanding facilities include the Griffith Business School's virtual trading rooms where students get to put theory into practice in a fully simulated online trading environment.

Griffith's Education students at Mt Gravatt campus learn smarter ways to teach the next generation. The world-class Vision Impairment Laboratory, provides pioneering technology to teach the visually impaired.

At Griffith's South Bank campus, the Queensland Conservatorium's state-of-the-art facility houses a 650-seat theatre with the finest acoustics in the Southern Hemisphere. On the same campus, the Queensland College of Art boasts multi-million dollar facilities including public exhibition space, cinema and conference facilities, a multimedia art gallery and Australia's most modern and versatile studios.

Accommodation

Griffith Accommodation offers a friendly service to help students find the right place to live.

Options include: on-campus accommodation on the Gold Coast, Nathan and Mt Gravatt campuses or off-campus accommodation including student hostels, flats/houses/apartments, shared accommodation and homestay.

Brisbane Students

www.griffith.edu.au/ocs/accommodation

Gold Coast Students

Off-Campus accommodation: www.gugcstudentguild.com.au

On-Campus accommodation: www.griffithuv.com.au

Student Support

The Study Abroad team is available to support and advise you throughout the semester to ensure you fulfil your academic and personal goals. A specialised Orientation session is provided by the team in the week before semester begins (attendance compulsory) to provide information that is vital to your success at Griffith.

If you need assistance during the semester, the Study Abroad staff can assist or refer you to a range of specialist support services at the University including:

- Counselling
- Medical Centre
- Disability Services
- Learning Support
- English Language support
- Chaplaincy

A number of free workshops are offered every semester in areas such as academic writing, exam preparation, research skills, time management and computing skills and the Study Abroad team can provide information on how to access these.

2011 Key Dates

Semester 1

Orientation	21 - 25 February
Start date	28 February
Mid-semester vacation	25 - 29 April
End of teaching	3 June
Study week	6 - 10 June
Exams	13 - 25 June

Semester 2

Orientation	18 - 22 July
Start date	25 July
Mid-semester vacation	26 - 30 September
End of teaching	28 October
Study week	31 October - 4 November
Exams	7 - 19 November

Please note: dates for Griffith University may vary from dates detailed above.
To find out more information regarding key dates please visit:

www.griffith.edu.au/academiccalendar

Program Costs

The 2011 Study Abroad Program fee is AU\$8,280 per semester or AU\$9,280 for Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University.

Students are required to purchase Overseas Student Health Cover which is AU\$210 per semester (correct at Feb 2011 but subject to change).

Living costs per semester are estimated to be AU\$9,000.

Areas of Study

Griffith offers courses in most subject areas including the following:

- Arts & Communication
- Australian Culture & Society
- Business & Commerce
- Criminology
- Education
- Engineering & IT
- Environment & Planning
- Film and Media
- Health Sciences
- International Studies
- Law
- Music
- Science & Technology
- Tourism & Sports Management
- Visual & Creative arts

To view which areas of study are offered at each campus use the Study Areas Map below. Detailed information on individual courses is available at:

www.griffith.edu.au/programsandcourses

(Click on Course (unit of study) search)

Selecting Your Courses

As part of the Study Abroad application process you are required to indicate which campus you would like to attend and list the courses you would like to take at that campus. All Study Abroad students must be enrolled full-time.

Although most students take three or four Griffith courses during their Study Abroad semester, it is recommended that you list at least eight courses on your application for approval. A Griffith course code is made up of four numbers and three letters (e.g. 1001 MGT).

Due to the distance between campuses it is not advised that you study at more than one campus location. However, it may be possible for you to enrol in courses at more than one of the Brisbane campuses if there is no schedule conflict.

Full course lists with descriptions and detailed outlines can be found online at: www.griffith.edu.au/programsandcourses then click on Course (unit of study) search.

Courses with a practical component, such as Nursing and Teacher Education, are restricted and not available to Study Abroad students.

Credit Point System

Credit points are calculated by the hours of work involved. A standard course at Griffith is 10 credit points and is considered to equate to approximately 10 hours per week, including all forms of teaching contact and private study. A typical full-time study load at Griffith is 40 credit points.

Approximate credit point translations:

10 credit points = 4 credits in the USA System

10 credit points = 7.5 ECTS in the European System

10 credit points = 5 credits in the Swedish System

10 credit points = 2.5 credits in the Norwegian System

Please note this should only be used as a guide. Please consult the program convenor at your home institution for how your studies will be credited.

Research Study Abroad

A range of options exists for Study Abroad students at Griffith to conduct or participate in undergraduate research during their semester or year abroad. Research options may be available in the following disciplines:

- Engineering
- Health (excluding Nursing & Psychology)
- Information & Communication Technology
- Science/Environmental Science

The opportunity to undertake research in your chosen discipline is subject to your academic history and the availability of a suitable supervisor at Griffith. Fields other than those listed above may be available on request.

If you wish to include a research component in your Study Abroad Program at Griffith, please refer to the Study Abroad Entry Requirements at:

www.griffith.edu.au/studyabroad

Postgraduate research students can also study abroad at Griffith for up to three semesters through the Research Study Abroad program, subject to meeting the normal entry criteria and suitable academic supervision being available.

More information is available at:

www.griffith.edu.au/rhd/studyabroad

Entry Requirements

To apply for the Study Abroad Program at Griffith University you must:

- Accurately complete the Study Abroad Program application form and submit it with supporting documentation and course selection.
- Have an above average academic record (pass or higher, e.g. cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4 point scale for the USA).
- Meet the relevant English language entry requirement (for non-native English speakers). For details visit www.griffith.edu.au/studyabroad
- Students applying straight from high school will be considered and must provide their high school Certificate (or equivalent) in English.

How to Apply?

You can apply directly to the Griffith Study Abroad Office by completing the application form submitting it with all relevant documentation.

Click Here to Download our Printed Application Form

If you would like some assistance with your Study Abroad Program application process, a full list of approved provider and agency representatives can be found on our website.

What Happens when I Apply?

Successful applicants will receive official notification including:

- letter of offer for the Study Abroad Program
- course approval information
- essential information for Study Abroad students

Once you accept your offer for the program you will be given the documentation needed to obtain a student visa and provided with detailed arrival information.