



# Welcome to Macquarie University

PRE-ARRIVAL INFORMATION FOR INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENTS

## 2016 / 2017 Academic Calendar Dates

	Session 2, 2016	Session 1, 2017
<b>Orientation week</b>	From 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	From 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2017
<b>Session Start</b>	1 August	27 February
<b>Classes (first-half)</b>	1 August– 16 September	27 February – 16 April
<b>Mid-session break</b>	19 September– 30 September	17 April – 30 April
<b>Classes (second half)</b>	3 October– 11 November	1 May – 11 June
<b>Examination Period</b>	14 November – 4 December	12 June
<b>Session End</b>	5 December	1 July

Making the decision to travel to the other side of the world to study a session or a year takes a lot of courage and commitment, so the Study Abroad and Exchange team here at Macquarie University commends you on making that decision. Ahead of you are opportunities, experiences and challenges that may change the way you see life, the world and your place in it.

### Excited? Scared? Questions?

We know you will go through a rollercoaster of emotions before jumping on your flight to Australia, so relax, it's natural. Much of the apprehension comes from not knowing what to expect. Below are some frequently asked questions you're probably asking yourself right now. Check out the web links provided and of course if you have any other questions don't hesitate to contact your Macquarie Abroad Advisor. Your advisor's contact details are on the last page of your Offer Letter.

**Q1. How do I accept my offer?**

**Q2. What is OSHC?**

**Q3. How do I get a Student Visa for Australia?**

**Q4. When do I get my CoE?**

**Q5. How do I get from the Airport to my accommodation?**

**Q6. What about housing? Where will I live? How do I arrange housing?**

**Q7. Where can I get information on housing not provided by the University?**

**Q8. Do I have to attend the Orientation?**

**Q9. How can I see what my class timetable will look like?**

**Q10. How can I get a copy of my course syllabus?**

**Q11. Can I work while studying in Australia?**

### Q1. HOW DO I ACCEPT MY OFFER?

In general, please read the information outlined in your Offer Letter and follow the specified instructions. The signed acceptance portion of your Offer Letter is required to acknowledge the conditions of study.

If for any reason you decide not to attend Macquarie University or wish to defer for a session please let your university or program provider know as soon as possible.

### Q2. WHAT IS OSHC?

Overseas Student Health Cover is an Australian government requirement for all international students studying in Australia on a Student Visa. Macquarie University students are covered by the insurance company OSHC Allianz Assistance. OSHC gives all students the same basic level of cover that Australian citizens receive. If you need to pay for your OSHC, please do so directly to Macquarie University, and not to OSHC Allianz Assistance. (If you are unsure whether you need to pay check with your International Office) More information on coverage is available from OHSC

### Q3. HOW DO I GET A STUDENT VISA FOR AUSTRALIA?

You will be sent a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE), once you accept your offer. The CoE is an official government document that is required when applying for an Australian Student Visa. Please see the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) web site for details on how to apply. Please note that students from certain countries can apply online while others will have to apply to the *nearest DIBP Office*.

### Q4. WHEN DO I GET MY COE?

In most cases you will be sent the CoE when your OSHC is paid and you have paid your tuition fee (if applicable). If your university pays OSHC and tuition on your behalf you will be sent the CoE once you have returned your signed acceptance.

### Q5. HOW DO I GET FROM THE AIRPORT TO MY ACCOMMODATION?

Macquarie University offers a free airport pick up service that can take you from the airport to your accommodation in the city or close to the university. You can apply at: [Airport pickup reservation](#)

### Q6. WHAT ABOUT HOUSING? WHERE WILL I LIVE? HOW DO I ARRANGE HOUSING?

If you are arranging your own housing, the link below will give you information you require as well as information on how to apply for housing. <http://www.students.mq.edu.au/support/accommodation/home/>

Macquarie University guarantees housing for all Study Abroad/Exchange students wishing to have housing arranged through the Macquarie University Accommodation Office. Accommodation preferences cannot be guaranteed. To increase your chances of getting your first accommodation preference please, be sure to apply as soon as you have accepted your Offer Letter.

If you have any queries on accommodation you can email: [housing@mq.edu.au](mailto:housing@mq.edu.au)

### Q7. WHERE CAN I GET INFORMATION ON HOUSING NOT PROVIDED BY THE UNIVERSITY?

Many students obtain their own housing near the beach or the city centre. For information on other housing options including shared accommodation, finding your own flat and finding a roommate go to [Private Accommodation](#)

### Q8. DO I HAVE TO ATTEND THE ORIENTATION?

We highly recommend you attend the orientation session. The Orientation session will introduce you to university life in Australia. You'll find out how to register in your classes and how to change your program of study. We will send more information about orientation closer to the commencement of the session. Please note the orientation period for Exchange and Study Abroad is different to what you might read on the website for other international students.

### Q9. HOW CAN I SEE WHAT MY CLASS TIMETABLE WILL LOOK LIKE?

You can create a sample class timetable by going to <http://www.timetables.mq.edu.au/>

### Q10. HOW CAN I GET A COPY OF MY COURSE SYLLABUS?

Course syllabi are referred to as Unit Outlines at Macquarie University. You can find online versions of the unit outlines and PDF (print versions) by going to <https://units.mq.edu.au/>

### Q11. CAN I WORK WHILE STUDYING IN AUSTRALIA?

A12. Yes, if you are studying in Australia on a Student Visa. You are able to work up to 40 hours per fortnight, from the commencement of session. You will not be required to apply for a separate work permit, as your student visa entitles you to work up to 40 hours fortnightly during the session and unlimited hours during semester break. *More information about visa conditions [here](#).*