Australia: University of Sunshine Coast
Open to: All Majors

TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM
The USC is considered an outstanding performer in higher education and has been one of the fastest growing Universities in Australia. Located an hour away from Queensland's capital, Brisbane, the Sunshine Coast is considered one of Australia's most beautiful regions. Students will live in apartments that are walking distance to campus and just a short distance from the beach.

While USC offers a wide-range of subject areas for students to choose from, those students interested in sustainability and regional engagement may find the research and course offerings particularly interesting. USC places a very strong emphasis on sustainability which is evident throughout all facets of the University. 

Past participants have regularly commented on the excellent support services and teaching quality available at USC. USC's also organizes a number of optional excursions for international students each year. Some past excursions have included a trip to Fraser Island, a surfing trip, and a whale watching trip.

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WHEN CAN I GO?
- Fall 2018 (Semester 2): July - November (19 weeks)
- Non-Traditional Academic Year: February - November (40 weeks)
- Winter 2019 (Semester 1): February - June (19 weeks)

WHERE WILL I LIVE?
Students are housed off-campus in fully-furnished apartments that are designated for university students. Each apartment offers a single bedroom, a shared kitchen and living room. The apartments are conveniently located next to the university (between two and six kilometers). Bikes are the main transportation used by students.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?
2.5 GPA required. Students must be degree seeking and have attended at least one semester at GVSU.

HOW DO I APPLY?
To apply for this program, log on to www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad to begin your online application.

APPLICATION DEADLINES
- Winter 2018 (February - June): September 10, 2017
- Fall 2018 (July - November): February 1, 2018
- Non-traditional Academic Year 2018-19 (February - November): September 10, 2018

WHAT CREDITS WILL I RECEIVE?
University of the Sunshine Coast offers courses in many subjects including:

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FOR A FULL LIST OF COURSE OPTIONS: (Academic Program & Course Information):
www.usc.edu.au/study/international-students/study-at-usc/study-abroad
Additional information on this program can be found here.
Students participating in a partnership program will either register for courses that have been pre-approved or will go through a Course Approval Process.
General Education Requirements: This program is ideal for students needing to fulfill the Issues General Education requirement, and World Perspectives. With prior approval, students may also earn credit for General Education Foundations requirements.

HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?
The approximate fee for this program is ESTIMATED COST: $18,631 $20,631 (per semester based on 2016-2017).

FINANCIAL AID
Students typically pay for study abroad through a combination of financial aid, personal funds, scholarships/grants and alternative loans. Early application for financial aid is strongly recommended. To contact the Financial Aid office, email finaid@gvsu.edu with “Study Abroad” in the Subject line. Include your G Number and Total Projected Cost of the program in the e-mail.

GRANTS
EXCHANGE STUDENT DISCOUNT: $300 payment for OSHC insurance instead of full priced insurance.
STUDY ABROAD SEMESTER GRANT: The average study abroad semester grant award is $500 per semester. Students who complete an online study abroad application by the designated priority deadline, have a 2.5 GPA and a FAFSA on file, may be eligible for a study abroad grant ranging from $500-$1,750/semester. Due to limited funding, not all eligible students will receive a grant. Visit www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/scholarships for more information on these and other grants/scholarships.

WHO CAN TELL ME MORE?
Padnos International Center
130 Lake Ontario Hall
616-331-3898
studyabroad@gvsu.edu
Monday - Friday: 8am - 4pm
Hours extended on Wednesday until 7pm during Fall and Winter Semesters
USC website: http://www.usc.edu.au/study/international-students