

Study Options is responsible for handling UK-based applications to Australian and NZ universities

We are a free resource for students,
careers advisors and schools

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How do the systems compare?

- Australia and New Zealand's education systems are based on the same model as the UK
- Many features of university life are much the same as they are in the UK
- Excellent recognition of Australian and New Zealand degrees in the UK and globally (for both general and professional qualifications)
- Australian and New Zealand universities are research-led and their qualifications and research are recognised and respected all over the world
- Large proportion of Australasian universities feature in the three international ranking systems of the world's top universities (QS, Times Higher Education and Shanghai Jiao Tong)
- Universities considered to be world-leaders in a wide range of academic areas

Rankings

Politics and International Studies

ANU 8; University of Sydney =24

University of Oxford 4; LSE 5; University of Cambridge 6, Kings 15

Sport-related subjects

University of Queensland 3; University of Sydney 4, Deakin University 9, Otago 13

Loughborough University 1; University of Birmingham 6; University of Exeter 10

Anatomy and Physiology

University of Melbourne 13; ANU, 21, University of Western Australia 23;

University of Oxford 1; University of Cambridge 2; UCL 5; Kings College 21

Architecture and built environment

University of Melbourne 17, University of Sydney 18; RMIT 25

UCL 3; Manchester School of Architecture 8; University of Cambridge 9

Teaching culture

- Strong emphasis on undergraduate teaching
- Higher contact teaching hours than in the UK
- Accessible, dedicated academics
- Informal and approachable learning culture

Broader, more flexible undergraduate degrees

Bachelor of Arts

300 level							
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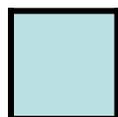
Year 3

100 level	200 level						
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Year 2

100 level							
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Year 1



Courses from arts or other degrees



Other courses from arts and humanities



Arts major courses

Professional and specialist degrees (eg engineering, law, medicine) follow set, structured study programmes that offer little or no opportunity to take electives

Bachelor of Engineering with Honours

Year 4 – 3rd Professional



Year 3 – 2nd Professional



Year 2 – 1st Professional



Year 1 - Intermediate

ENGR 101	EMTH 118	EMTH 119	EMTH 171	PHYS 101	100 Level	100 Level	100 Level
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Professional years



Required intermediate courses in engineering, mathematics and physics



Other intermediate courses in physics, chemistry, computer science, engineering and electives

Student life

- Various accommodation options – we recommend on campus accommodation for first year
- Outdoor lifestyle – amazing weather, beaches!
- Hundreds of clubs and societies on offer
- Multicultural Australia – meet students from all over the world
- Opportunity to travel around Australia (or further afield) in university holidays
- Support services if you need them for help with studies, health, accommodation, employment etc
- Regular social activities arranged for international students

Costs

- Budget for tuition fees and living expenses
- Each university sets its own tuition fees for each course. There is a lot of variation - please encourage students to check this carefully and use it as part of their decision making process:

Australia fee range:

Bachelor of Arts	A\$22,000 – A\$35,000	(£12,500 - £19,500)
Bachelor of Commerce	A\$26,000 – A\$40,000	(£14,500 - £22,500)
Bachelor of Science	A\$26,000 – A\$40,000	(£14,500 - £22,500)

New Zealand fee range:

Bachelor of Arts	NZ\$23,000 – NZ\$30,000	(£12,000 - £15,500)
Bachelor of Commerce	NZ\$26,000 – NZ\$32,500	(£13,500 - £17,000)
Bachelor of Science	NZ\$29,000 – NZ\$33,000	(£15,000 - £17,000)

- Least expensive courses are lecture-based (eg Bachelor of Arts). Most expensive are professional clinical courses (eg MBBS)
- Can work up to 20 hours per week on a student visa and full time in the holidays

Scholarships

- In most cases universities will automatically assess applicants for scholarships
- In the majority, scholarships are academic based
- No sports scholarships offered (to international students)
- Offerings differ a lot depending on university

Straightforward application process

- Entry requirements (points/grade requirements) at many top universities in Australia and New Zealand are lower than at equivalently ranked universities in the UK BUT often more specific about subject pre-requisites
- No additional tests for majority of degrees*
**Exceptions: Medicine and dentistry (additional tests) and performance-based subjects (portfolios/auditions/interviews)*
- Require predicted grades at A-Level or IB (formal, issued by school) in order to make applications.
Apply by Easter of Year 13
- Our application process is completely separate from UCAS. We also allow students to apply to up to five universities, but within that each university allows them to nominate a first and second course preference, so this effectively becomes 10 course applications
- Study Options does not require students to drop any conditional offers. They can hold all five through to results day if they wish to. No need to decide anything before results are received

Study Options: What do we do?

- Provide full assistance with choosing courses and universities; also with making and submitting applications (including pre-screening to make sure they are as good as they can possibly be).
- Waive university application fees for qualified applicants. These fees range from \$75 to \$500, but students do not have to pay if they apply through Study Options.
- Provide a full student visa application checking and support service
- Offer full pre-departure support, including helping students to secure the right accommodation, book flights, open a bank account before they leave, get the right medical insurance and answer any and all questions they or their families have!

Study Options is the official application support service for students wanting to enrol at Australian and New Zealand universities. We are a free service, because we are funded directly by our university partners in New Zealand and Australia to help students on their behalf

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