Exchange Scheme with the University of Sydney

Where is the University of Sydney?
- Founded in 1850
- University of Sydney is a public research University, the 1st University founded in Australia. The campus is located across Sydney’s inner-city suburbs of Camperdown and Darlington, it was ranked in the top 10 World’s most beautiful universities by the British Daily Telegraph. Ranked as 60th top university in the world by The Times, the university currently has 60,711 students studying here.

Who can go?
- Four places will be made available to York undergraduate students in 2017/18
- This will replace your 2nd year of study at York for integrated programmes (or the 2nd/3rd year of study if you’re on a 4 year programme). Please speak to your department about the availability of extended degrees that allow you to take an additional year to study abroad.
- Please consult the opportunities by department webpage to see if your subject is eligible for exchange. [https://www.york.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/opportunities/](https://www.york.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/opportunities/)

Courses
- Students will be expected to take a course load of 24 credits per semester (48 credits per year). Most units are worth 6 credits, so students are expected to take 4 units per semester.
- All credits should be taken in the student’s degree subject in order to achieve the equivalent of 120 York credits.
- For Music students, there may be additional costs concerned with courses, for more information talk to the Centre for Global Programmes.
- Students are expected to take units of 2000 and 3000 level. However students must check that they meet the units pre-requisites.
- The structure of the academic year in the Southern Hemisphere means that exchange students arrive at the start of the second semester in July. So when choosing courses, please be aware of this.

How will my marks be assessed/converted?
- Grade Conversion Tables for each institution will be made available to successful applicants.
- Please ensure that you are fully aware of how your grades will be converted on your return to York.
  Students on additional years will have different arrangements to those on integrated study.

Costs

1) **Tuition Fees**: Students will pay no tuition fees to Sydney and in 2016/17 their University of York fees were reduced to 15% of the full academic fee.
2) **Visas:** There is an associated fee with the Australian Student Visa application of **AUS$550**

If students are required to provide information about finances, it would be the following:

Evidence of your financial capacity. You must provide either:

- sufficient funds to cover your travel costs and 12 months of living and tuition fees for you and your accompanying family members and school costs for any school aged dependants, or
- evidence that your spouse or parents are willing to support you and they have an annual income of at least AUD 60,000 for single students or at least AUD 70,000 for students that are accompanied by family members

3) **Medical insurance and waiver:** Overseas Student Health Cover is required in order for students to obtain their Australian Student Visa. Cost of the cover will vary with the type of plan. For more information on the health cover, visit: [https://www.oshcallianzassistance.com.au/about_oshc.aspx](https://www.oshcallianzassistance.com.au/about_oshc.aspx)

4) **Additional costs to consider:** Flights, accommodation, travel insurance and visas (see below), living costs (food, books, money for additional travel/activities)

**Visa**

- The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) has recently instituted a series of changes to the student visa framework for international students coming to Australia. From 1 July 2016 onwards, all international students will apply online for the same subclass 500 student visa. Link: [http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/500](http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/500).
- Sydney will ask you to formally accept your study abroad offer and arrange Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) before issuing you an electronic Certificate of Enrolment (eCOE) by email.
- Students can then apply for their Australian Student visa, more information about the application process can be found here: [http://sydney.edu.au/study/admissions/apply/visas.html](http://sydney.edu.au/study/admissions/apply/visas.html)
- International students going on exchange are advised to apply for an Australian visa in their home country and not in the UK.

**Where will I live?**

Students are guaranteed accommodation offered at Urbanest, an independent student residence, however students are able to apply to colleges on-campus for accommodation or look for off-campus housing. To further research both on and off-campus accommodation, visit this site [http://sydney.edu.au/campus-life/accommodation.html](http://sydney.edu.au/campus-life/accommodation.html).


**On-Campus Housing:**

- Students will need to make a direct application to the university for on-campus Accommodation in one of the residential colleges, however due to very high competition for places, accommodation on-campus is not guaranteed.

**Off-Campus Housing:**

- The majority of study abroad and exchange students look for shared rental housing or private apartments off-campus.
The ISSU provides support and advice to help students find off-campus accommodation, though students are advised to arrive two weeks before orientation to ensure students have enough time to find accommodation before the semester starts.

Contact details at University of Sydney

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Useful web links:

Main Sydney website: https://sydney.edu.au
Study Abroad and Exchange students: http://sydney.edu.au/study/overseas-exchange.html
Third Year Abroad: http://www.thirdyearabroad.com/
FCO: https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/australia

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