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 61st top university in the world by The Times, the university is currently home over 60,000 students.

Who can go?

- **Two** places will be made available to York undergraduate students in 2020/21.
- This will replace your 2nd year of study at York for credit-replacing 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 Subject](#) webpage to see if your department is eligible for exchange.

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.
- The catalogue of 2018 courses can be used as a general guide to see what could be on offer: [sydney.edu.au/future-students/documents/sydney-abroad-units.pdf](#)

How will my marks be assessed/converted?

- Grade Conversion Tables for each institution will be made available to successful applicants. Grades will only be converted for credit replacement students.
- University of York staff can access Grade Conversion Tables here: [york.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/accepted/#tab-5](#)
- 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 credit-replacing exchange.

Costs

*Please note that the costs below are based on previous years and are provided for guidance only. Exact costs may vary due to exchange rates, inflation, personal circumstance and/or other reasons.*
• **Tuition Fees:** Students will pay no tuition fees to Sydney and in 2018/19 their University of York fees were reduced to 15% of the full academic fee.

• **Visas:** There is an associated fee with the Australian Student Visa application of AU$620.

• If students are required to provide information about finances, it would be 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 AU$60,000 for single students or at least AU$70,000 for students that are accompanied by family members.

• **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: oshcallianzassistance.com.au/about_oshc.aspx

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

**Financial Assistance**

• **York Futures Scholarship** new for 2019/20. Support for personal and professional development. Funding of up to £6000 available to students applying to study abroad in 2020/21. There are two rounds of applications for this funding, Autumn Term and Easter Vacation/start of Summer Term. We recommend that you apply for the first round of funding to secure this before you have received confirmation of your study abroad place. For more information please see the following web pages: york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/skills/work-experience/yfs/

**Visa**

*Please be aware that Centre for Global Programmes staff are not qualified to offer consultations or in-depth advice regarding visa applications. Immigration laws are complex and subject to frequent changes. Therefore if you do have any further questions about the process of applying for your visa you will need to contact the appropriate Embassy directly. The information below is intended as guidance only and unless otherwise stated applies only to UK citizens without exceptional circumstances.*

• The [Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP)](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au) 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](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/). 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)](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au) by email.

• Students can then apply for their [Australian Student Visa](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au), more information about the application process can be found here: 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.

• In order to receive a visa you must show that you have sufficient funds available in your bank account. More information on these financial requirements can be found on the Department of Home Affairs website [here](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au).

**What’s it like to study there?**

"The University expertly balances an academic environment whilst encouraging internationals to jump right into life in Sydney. The environment of the Sydney area is simply stunning. Having such a beautiful modern metropolis just a short boat ride from the beach is something that won't get old- and I've certainly taken advantage of it! Sydneysiders have a tremendously laid back attitude to life and have been nothing but welcoming. Since arriving I've become a writer for the student newspaper, as well as making a lot of friends- something that the University facilitates within days of arrival. I've been surfing a lot on the weekends and being accompanied by a small pod of dolphins in the waves was a particular highlight- although I must admit the site of a dorsal fin gave me a bit of a fright!"
Rory, English Literature, Year Abroad 2017/18

“I'm loving the sunshine and general landscape of Australia! The first week or so I spent exploring Sydney and also getting to know my flat better. I went on a weekend trip organised by the university which I'm so glad I did because it meant I got to meet lots of other students in the same position as me, and got to see some amazing parts of Australia about 3 hours outside of Sydney. The university accommodates for exchange students so well, there have been lots of welcome events where I've met lots of people. It can be a bit overwhelming to be back in the position where you have to make a whole fresh set of friends, but it's also really refreshing.”

Charlotte, Politics, Year Abroad 2019/20

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 the University’s Accommodation webpage here.

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 apartment’s 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.

Is it the right choice for me?

- When thinking about choosing your destination for studying abroad please look through the Considerations Checklist on our web pages.
- This will help you find the best opportunity for your degree and personal circumstances.

Contact details at Sydney

- Priya Sivaraj - Inbound Exchange Advisor
- Address: Level 4, Jane Foss Russell Building, Darlington Campus, The University of Sydney, NSW
- Email: priya.sivaraj@sydney.edu.au (temporary Sept 2019)
- More information on their website here.

Useful web links

- Main Sydney Website
- Sydney Incoming Students Webpage
- Urbanest Accommodation
- Global Graduates
- Foreign Commonwealth Office Advice
- Cost of living Comparison Site
- Alternative cost of living comparison site

*Please note: The websites listed here are not intended to represent a comprehensive list. The Centre for Global Programmes cannot be held responsible for the content of external websites.*

*All information included in these guidelines correct at time of printing, October 2019.*

*Students are responsible for researching their own exchanges and making sure that they have considered all costs and the compatibility of the overseas programme to their own degree, in discussion with their departments and supervisors. The Centre for Global Programmes are here to offer support.*