

BOSTON COLLEGE

Australia



Office of International Programs



Welcome to Australia

Australia was first inhabited an estimated 45,000 years ago by tribes that settled in the deserts and rainforests. European explorers arrived in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, and in 1788 the British arrived at what is now Sydney Harbor. Despite the escalating conflict between Europeans and Aborigines, which led to the near-total annihilation of the Aborigine people, the country continued to thrive and expand. Influenced by its past as well as new immigrant groups, Australia today is a country with a unique culture, strong economy, vibrant urban centers, and spectacular beauty. With its proximity to Asia, Australia has become a major economic and political player in the region and

serves as an important bridge and meeting point between Asia and the West.

Boston College students wishing to spend a semester or year in Australia have many options. BC study abroad locations include the larger cities of Sydney and Melbourne and the smaller but exciting cities of Perth and Brisbane. Students can choose from programs based at large, comprehensive universities or smaller institutions like the University of Notre Dame Australia. BC students are completely integrated at all of the Australian universities and study alongside their Australian counterparts. No matter what students' academic and personal interests entail, they will find a suitable program in Australia.



BRISBANE

With a population of about two million people, Brisbane is the largest city in Queensland and the third largest city in Australia. Situated on the Brisbane River near beautiful Moreton Bay, it is a perfect location for exploring some of Australia's natural wonders. Brisbane has a rich and interesting history, including its role as the South West Pacific headquarters for General MacArthur during World War II. The city also offers vibrant cultural communities and hosts many annual festivals and events, such as the Brisbane International Film Festival. Gold Coast beaches and the Sunshine Coast's national parks and rainforests are located a short distance away.



The Program

www.uq.edu.au

One of Australia's prestigious Group of Eight schools, the University of Queensland (UQ) has a stunning main campus in St. Lucia located not far from Brisbane center and easily accessible by riverboat or bus. With a student body of approximately 38,000, UQ is particularly strong in the sciences, economics, business, and the arts, and its professors have won many national teaching awards. BC students select three or four courses from across a broad range of disciplines and can partake in research opportunities in most subject areas. Students live in residential colleges or in off-campus apartments.

Program Highlights

- Course-related field trips to the rainforest and Great Barrier Reef research stations
- Wide range of independent research opportunities
- Over 150 clubs, societies, and sports clubs and outstanding facilities
- Option to live in St. Leo's or Duchesne Catholic colleges or International House
- Approximately 7000 international students

PROGRAM KEY



FALL



SPRING



FULL YEAR

MELBOURNE

The fastest-growing city in Australia, Melbourne has a population of almost four million and is Boston's sister city. Located in the southeastern part of Australia, it is the capital of Victoria, which boasts more breathtaking scenery and dramatic contrasts in landscape than any other part of Australia. Situated on the shores of Port Phillip Bay, Melbourne is a major commercial and industrial center and also has a rich cultural life including museums, theaters, and orchestras. Known as a multicultural city of contrasts, Melbourne has something for everyone.

The Program

BC students take courses at either the University of Melbourne or Monash University. Both institutions are members of Australia's prestigious Group of Eight schools, ranked among the top forty universities worldwide. The universities each offer a wide curriculum and have large international student bodies.

Monash University

www.monash.edu.au/international/studyabroad

Monash is a dynamic, multicultural university of 50,000 students, including 12,000 from abroad. The university's main campus is situated in a suburb of Melbourne which is easily accessible to the city center. Monash has excellent curricular offerings in the sciences, liberal arts, management, education, and women's studies. BC students live in residence halls on campus.



Program Highlights

- Australia's largest, most diverse university
- Students may choose from several off-shore campuses such as Malaysia or South Africa
- BC students live with both Australian and international students

University of Melbourne

www.unimelb.edu.au

Founded in 1853 and located in central Melbourne, the University of Melbourne was Victoria's first university. With 40,000 students, including about 10,000 international students, "Melbourne Uni" offers excellent programs in the arts and sciences, Aboriginal studies, education, and business. BC students live in either residential colleges, which are a unique community living experience, or in off-campus accommodations.

Program Highlights

- Student-run Melbourne Welcome program
- Competitive academic internships, including potential placements in Parliament
- A "School Experience International" course allows BC education majors to complete a practicum



Melbourne

FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT

PERTH

Located on Australia's west coast, Perth has one and a half million inhabitants and is the country's fourth-largest city. The beautiful climate, the spectacular coastline along the Indian Ocean, and many cultural events make Perth one of Australia's most livable cities. Twelve miles from Perth is the port city of Fremantle, which has Victorian and Edwardian architecture and is a popular site for dining and nightlife. Rottnest Island, a short ferry ride from Fremantle, also provides excellent recreational opportunities.

The Program

BC students take courses at either the University of Notre Dame Australia or the University of Western Australia. Both institutions offer a wide curriculum and the chance to learn about Western Australia's unique environment.

University of Notre Dame Australia ●●●
www.nd.edu.au

The University of Notre Dame Australia (NDA) is a small, private, Catholic university with strong academics and personal service and support. Beautifully restored historic buildings and streets lined with restaurants abut the campus, which is easily accessible to Perth and the region's natural resources. A wide range of disciplines is offered, including environmental sciences and ecology, liberal arts, theology, Aboriginal studies, business, education, and behavioral sciences. BC students live in university housing that is on campus or nearby.

Program Highlights

- Credit-bearing Business Internship course
- Australian History and Society course has excursion to learn about Aborigines
- Business in Asia course includes trip to Asia
- Students may also apply to NDA's campus in Sydney

University of Western Australia ●●●
www.uwa.edu.au

Located about three miles from Perth center, the University of Western Australia (UWA) has a beautiful campus with about 21,000 students. A Group of Eight school, UWA has an international reputation for teaching and research excellence and is considered among the top-ranked universities worldwide. The university offers a broad range of courses spanning all disciplines, and is especially strong in the arts and humanities, sciences, social sciences, environmental studies, business, economics, and education. Boston College students live in one of five residential colleges or in off-campus housing.

Program Highlights

- Multicultural community with 4400 international students from over ninety countries
- Over 100 clubs, societies, and sports groups available through the Student Guild
- International Student Services help local and visiting students become acquainted
- Option to live in residential colleges such as St. Thomas More, a Catholic residence



Uluru/Ayers Rock

SYDNEY

Sydney, which emerged from a convict settlement established in the eighteenth century, is Australia's first city and the country's most populated metropolis. Known for its sunny, temperate climate and location on a stunning harbor that is part of a beautiful coastline, Sydney is an exciting, cosmopolitan city offering more entertainment, shopping, and sightseeing than any other place in Australia. The city is home to major cultural institutions, including its famous Opera House and the Australian Museum. Sydney has five major universities that attract a wide range of students and researchers.

The Program

www.studyabroad.unsw.edu.au

Located twenty minutes from downtown Sydney in the Kensington area, the University of New South Wales (UNSW) has approximately 50,000 students, including 14,000 from abroad. The university has an international reputation for excellence in teaching and research, and is a member of Australia's prestigious Group of Eight schools. UNSW offers strong programs across the curriculum, with strengths in management, the arts, sciences, and Asian studies. BC students reside in off-campus housing.

Program Highlights

- Credit-bearing internships in marketing, political science, media studies, and other areas
- Optional pre-semester program at Lady Elliot Island on the Great Barrier Reef
- A wide variety of student activities and sports clubs
- BC students participate in a comprehensive orientation program
- International student population from 130 countries



Sydney Harbor Bridge

In addition to these BC programs, students also have the choice to enroll in an approved external program. For details visit www.bc.edu/international.



Sydney Opera House