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SYDNEY

Situated on a stunning harbor that is one of the world's most beautiful harbors, Sydney is home to major cultural institutions, including its famous Opera House and Sydney Opera House. Sydney is one of the world's most liveable and vibrant cities, offering more entertainment, shopping, and sightseeing than any other place in Australia.

BRISBANE

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Brisbane

With a population of about 2 million peo-
ple, 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
close ties to the South Pacific and the Aus-
tralian Government’s New Guinea campaign for
General MacArthur during World War II. It
also offers vibrant cultural opportunities,
including diverse restaurants, museums, and
casinos.

The University

One of Australia’s prestigious Group of Eight
universities, the University of Queensland (UQ)
has a stunning main campus in St. Lucia.
Located near the business center and easily
accessible by riverboat or bus, with a
population of about 38,000 students, UQ
ranks among the top forty universities worldwide.

Program Highlights

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

Program Details

Located about three miles from downtown
Brisbane, the University of Western Australia
(UWA) is a dynamic, multicultural university with
a strong student body, including students from
over ninety countries worldwide.

Program Highlights

• Multicultural community with 40 interna-
tional student associations
• Over 100 clubs, societies, and sports clubs
• Credit-bearing Business Internship course

Program Details

Located on the coast of Western Australia,
the University of Western Australia (UWA)
is a Group of Eight school, UWA has research
excellence and is considered among
the top universities worldwide.

PROGRAMS IN SYDNEY

Sydney, which emerged from a convict settle-
ment established in the eighteenth century,
is Australia’s first city and the
country’s most populated metropolis.

Program Highlights

• Credit-bearing Business Internship course
• Australian History and Society course has
resources to learn about Aborigines

Program Details

Located about three miles from downtown
Sydney, the University of Western Australia
(UWA) has a beautiful campus with an
international student population of 14,000.

PROGRAMS IN UNITED KINGDOM

London

The Program

www.bc.edu/international

Brick Lane in the Shoreditch area of London
is a popular site for dining and entertainment,
with a diverse range of restaurants and
bars.

The University

The University of London is the largest
university in the United Kingdom, with
a strong academic reputation and
international student body.

Program Highlights

• A “School Experience International” course
• Optional pre-semester program at Lady
Mansfield Hall

Program Details

London has a rich and dynamic culture,
including diverse museums, galleries,
and theaters.

Putting it all Together

To learn more about these BC study
abroad programs, visit the OIP web site at
www.bc.edu/international
The fastest-growing city in Australia, Melbourne has a population of about three million and is Victoria’s capital city. Located about two million and is Boston’s sister city. Located twenty minutes from downtown Sydney on the Picturesque harbor, the University of New South Wales (UNSW) is one of Australia’s most distinguished universities. The University of Western Australia (UWA) offers a wide range of courses spanning all disciplines and is especially strong in the arts and humanities, sciences, social sciences, and business. Boston College students live in one of our five residential colleges or in off-campus housing.

Melbourne

Located on 14,000 acres that include a campus in the Blue Mountains and have a beautiful campus with about 21,000 students, including 12,000 international students from over 130 countries. UNSW offers strong programs across a broad range of disciplines and opportunities in research in all the major subject areas. Students live in residential colleges or in off-campus apartments.

One of Australia’s prestigious Group of Eight schools, Monash University offers excellent academic programs in the arts and sciences, business, education, and cultural studies. BC students live in one of five residential colleges, which are unique community living experiences, or in off-campus accommodations.

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University of Melbourne

Founded in 1853 and located in central Melbourne, the University of Melbourne was established as the University of Melbourne College. Located in Australia’s capital, the University of Melbourne College offers excellent academic programs in the sciences, arts, humanities, sciences and ecology, liberal arts, theology, Aboriginal studies, and the region’s natural resources. A wide range of recreational and cultural activities and entertainment are within a short distance, with restaurants and shops, and streets lined with restaurants and shops, and streets lined with restaurants and shops.

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University of Melbourne

• International Student Services help local and international students become acquainted.
• Credit-bearing Internship course

Program Highlights

• Multicultural community with 4000 international students
• Average class size: 20
• Over 100 clubs, societies, and sports clubs
• International Student Services help local and international students become acquainted
• Open to live in residential colleges such as St. Thomas More, a Catholic residence

Program Highlight

• Credit-bearing Internship course in marketing, political science, media studies, and 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 an international internship program
• International student population from 130 countries
Sunshine Coast’s national parks and rainforests, such as the Brisbane International The city also offers vibrant cultural communities, including its famous Opera House and the Sydney Opera House. Known for its sunny, temperate climate and location on a sheltered harbor that as a 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 the Sydney Opera House. Sydney has five major universities that attract a wide range of students and researchers. One of Australia’s prestigious Group of Eight universities, the University of Queensland (UQ) is easily accessible to the city center. Monash University is situated in a suburb of Melbourne which is easily accessible to the city center.

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