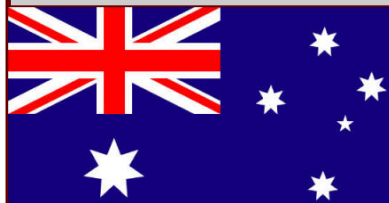


Australia



STUDY ABROAD AT

Edith Cowan University

California State University, Sacramento Study Abroad Program

Named in honor of Edith Dircksey Cowan, the first woman elected to an Australian Parliament in 1912, **Edith Cowan University** is located in Perth, Western Australia and has a well-deserved reputation for teaching excellence. ECU has two metropolitan campuses where students participating in this program can take courses: the Joondalup Campus to the north of Perth with its state-of-the-art facilities, multi-million dollar recreation center, and kangaroos; and the Mount Lawley Campus located minutes from the central business district of Perth with its sport and fitness centre and the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts.

Facilities at ECU include the latest in music, arts and media study venues, science laboratories, computing laboratories accessible 24 hours a day, a library at each campus, sporting venues on each campus, a state-of-the-art health and fitness center at the Joondalup Campus, health and medical services, proximity to public transportation, and excellent student services.

Beautiful Perth itself is the largest city in and capital of Western Australia with a population of about 1.4 million and is located on the shores of the Indian Ocean. It has an excellent standard of living and low crime rate. Perth is known as friendly, safe, and relaxed, yet it offers all the cosmopolitan attractions of a large international city. There are thousands of restaurants, cafés, cinemas, and music venues as well as great shopping. The Swan River runs through Perth and out to the Indian Ocean at the charming port city of Fremantle, which is only 19 kilometers from Perth. The magnificent Kings Park in Perth offers 400 hectares of natural bushland and parkland, a botanical garden, and incredible views of the city. Many intriguing fieldtrips and travel destinations are located not far from Perth.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Edith Cowan University offers many undergraduate and graduate courses at its two campuses. Those disciplines relevant to our students are:

Faculty of Business and Law: accounting; business; business law; criminology and justice; event, sport, and recreation management; finance; forensic investigation; hospitality and tourism management; human resource management; law studies; management; management information systems; marketing; marketing, advertising and public relations; planning; psychology and criminology; security and justice studies; sport management; tourism management; and urban and regional planning.

Faculty of Computing, Health and Sciences: applied & analytical chemistry; applied mathematics and statistics; biological sciences; biomedical science; computer and network security; computer science; counterterrorism, security, and intelligence; engineering (civil, electrical power, mechanical, mechatronics, instrumentation control and automation, electronics and communications, computer systems, software); environmental forensics; environmental health; environmental management; exercise and sports science; forensic and biomolecular science; games programming; human biology; information technology; library technology; marine and fresh water biology; network technology; nursing; nutrition and dietetics; occupational therapy; physics; psychology; psychology and addiction studies; psychology and children and family studies; psychology and criminology; psychology and disability studies; psychology and women's studies; public health; security and justice studies; security management; security science; social science (children and family studies, disability studies, community studies, women's studies, youth work); speech pathology; and strength and conditioning.

Faculty of Education and Arts: Australian cultural studies, communication studies (advertising, broadcasting, journalism, mass communications, media and cultural studies, public relations, scriptwriting), contemporary arts (contemporary fashion; contemporary performance; visual arts includes painting, printmedia, sculpture, textiles and electronic arts), creative industries (creative music technologies, photomedia, film and video, game design and culture, graphic design, interactive media development, interior and spatial design), digital media, education (early childhood studies, kindergarten through primary education, music), English, French, geography, history, Japanese, politics and government, social sciences (includes geography, history, politics and government, sociology and anthropology), and writing (creative writing, professional writing and publishing, scriptwriting). Included within this faculty is the **Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts**, offering courses in dance and classical music.

Be sure to choose only courses offered at the Joondalup Campus (JO) or the Mount Lawley Campus (ML). **Graduate students should be aware that graduate level course availability will need to be approved on a case by case basis.**

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should have **upper division standing with a declared major** or **classified graduate standing** at this university by the time of departure, **good academic records**, and a **2.75** cumulative grade point average for undergraduates and a **3.0** for graduates or better at the time of the application deadline. The applicant also should be prepared to accept the challenge of study in a country with an educational system different from our own. All applicants should check to ensure that they are on track for meeting the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR). In most cases, the **lower division courses** of the appropriate field of study must have been completed prior to participation in this program. Applications will be accepted for **one semester** or **one academic year**. Students are required to be **full-time** while studying in Australia and, thus, take the equivalent of 15 units during each semester for undergraduates and 12 units per semester for graduates.

Please note that students applying to take courses in dance or classical music will have to submit an audition tape in addition to the other requirements for application.

CALENDAR

Courses are taught on a semester basis at Edith Cowan University. Classes for the fall semester (first semester) begin around the third week in February and end around the third week in June. The spring semester (second semester) classes begin in late July and end around the third week of November. Participants should plan on attending the International Student Orientation, which takes place about two weeks prior to the start of classes.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Students accepted to the program will **pay the usual California State University, Sacramento fees, remain eligible for financial aid** (except work/study), if otherwise qualified, and receive **resident credit** just as if they were attending classes at this university. (Please note that equivalency of courses falls under the jurisdiction of the academic department.) ECU has agreed to waive non-resident tuition, approximately AUD 19,200 depending on courses taken (approximately \$16,428) per year, making this a particularly attractive opportunity for participants. Students will pay for their travel to and from Perth, room and board, books, and incidentals. In addition, each student must have the required insurance during his or her stay in Australia. Expenses for a semester in Perth are estimated at the following: usual undergraduate fees - \$2,450 (graduates would pay the graduate fee), airfare - \$1,920, insurance - \$210, housing and meals for 18 weeks - \$4,620, books - \$350, incidentals for 18 weeks (including local transportation, clothing, entertainment) - \$2,100. Total \$11,650. The estimated expenses for an academic year are about \$21,380. This estimate is given for planning purposes only and is subject to changes from currency fluctuation, inflation, and fee changes. Keep in mind that the costs to obtain a passport and a student visa are not included in this estimate.

SCHOLARSHIPS

For information on scholarships for study abroad, you should register for and attend a scholarship workshop in the Office of Global Education.

HOUSING AND MEALS

ECU International assists international students arriving in Perth for the first time in arranging temporary accommodation if requested. Temporary accommodation arrangements are made only once ECU has received the completed Airport Reception Form provided in the Pre-departure Guide upon acceptance by ECU.

There are several options available for permanent accommodation. On-campus accommodation is available in self-catering units at the Joondalup and Mt. Lawley Campuses. The minimum tenancy period is one semester. Most units have six separate single bedrooms. Each unit has a large well-equipped kitchen and lounge area and two bathrooms. The bedrooms are furnished, but students must supply their own bed linen, pillows, blankets, crockery, and cutlery. On the Joondalup and Mount Lawley Campuses, the student residences are set on the university campus and places are limited. Thus, students should apply early for on-campus accommodation.

Many students choose to live off campus in rented accommodation, typically an apartment, townhouse, villa, or house. These can be furnished or unfurnished. There are many affordable options in the suburbs around the ECU campuses.

Students also can choose to live in a private home with an Australian family. The chance to be involved in the daily life, the learning of the Australian culture and customs are just some of the reasons homestay is popular. The Off-Campus Housing Service has a list of homestay providers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

You should consult these resources for further information:

Office of Global Education home page: <http://www.csus.edu/oge>

ECU home page: <http://www.ecu.edu.au>

ECU Housing Office: <http://www.ecu.edu.au/fas/village>

ECU information for international students: <http://www.ecu.edu.au/international>

ECU Faculties and Schools: <http://www.ecu.edu.au/about-ecu/faculties-and-schools>

ECU On-line Handbook: <http://handbook.ecu.edu.au> for course descriptions

ECU Timetable: http://simo.ecu.edu.au/ecudev_calprod/viewsemtable.jsp (for course locations and times)

International Undergraduate Student Guide:

<http://www.reachyourpotential.com.au/futurestudents/downloads/ECU-UG-international.pdf>

International Graduate Student Guide:

<http://www.reachyourpotential.com.au/futurestudents/downloads/ECU-PG-international.pdf>

For more information about Perth, visit:

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com>

<http://www.pertheducationcity.com.au>

<http://www.gowesthandbook.com>

<http://www.tourism.wa.gov.au>

To obtain an application or to speak with a study abroad advisor, please call the **Office of Global Education** at **278-6686** or go to **Lassen Hall, Room 2304**. Applications, references, and transcripts should be sent to the address below. The **deadline** for materials to be received is **March 1**. Please note that there is an interview process for this application, also.

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