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CASA-Melbourne Program

About the Program

The CASA-Melbourne Program provides a unique opportunity to study abroad for a semester or year on a tailored and academically rigorous program at The University of Melbourne in Australia. The University is a leading centre for higher education and research in the Asia-Pacific region, located in the heart of Melbourne – where you can explore one of the world’s most multicultural cities. Diversity and inclusiveness are attributes that enrich our broad community and CASA students will be studying, learning from and living alongside students from all backgrounds and cultures.

Program features

- An academic orientation designed specifically for CASA students exploring the theme of *Australia’s Place* – Melbourne’s place locally and globally, its history and future, Melbourne’s links to its indigenous communities, its connections to the city and its place in the Asia-Pacific region.
- Bespoke study abroad orientation, and individual study abroad and advising throughout the semester.
- Events and excursions throughout the program, building on *Australia’s Place*.
- Extensive student support throughout the semester.

Programme at a Glance	
Location	Melbourne, Australia Melbourne, Australia is one of the world’s most liveable cities and one of its most multicultural. It is Australia’s best student city – a safe and vibrant metropolis offering world-class education, located in a region which is rapidly becoming a hub for education, research and collaboration.
Host University	The University of Melbourne is a leading centre for higher education and research in the Asia-Pacific region. With strong research performance, excellence in teaching and learning and intellectual and social capital, the University is positioned with the world’s foremost institutions. The University’s contribution to new knowledge and ideas has helped shape the City of Melbourne over the past 170 years. We are home to a vibrant medical precinct, a world-famous artistic community, a thriving start-up network, and urban and rural researchers whose cutting-edge work on sustainability will shape the future of our planet. Yet, we maintain a true sense of place, recognising the importance of the University’s relationship to the traditional owners of the land on which our six campuses stand.
Disciplines	CASA-Melbourne students select subjects from Melbourne’s extensive undergraduate catalogue. The Handbook is Melbourne’s searchable database of all subjects. This is the best place to start when looking for subjects to study. Across the University’s 10 academic divisions, available study areas include: Agriculture, Land and Food; Architecture, Design and the Built Environment; Art History; Australian Studies; Business and Economics; Computer Science and Information Technology; Education; Engineering; Environmental Studies; Humanities and Social Sciences; Languages; Media and Communications; Music; Psychology; Sciences; Visual and Performing Arts. View our complete guide about subjects and faculties at Melbourne.
Terms Available	Semester 1 (Spring Term): February to Late June Semester 2 (Fall Term): July to November Academic Year : February to November
Language of instruction	English
Deadlines	Semester 1 and Year Applications open in June and close October 31 Semester 2 Applications open in January and close April 15
Housing	The CASA Melbourne program offers guaranteed on-campus accommodation and has arrangements in place with Little Hall , International House and Ormond College – Each offering unique opportunities and facilities to meet student needs. CASA staff will assist students through the application for whichever accommodation option they wish to stay at.

Fees	Visit CASA website and contact your university's study abroad office for information about program fees and financial aid.
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Application details																													
Application	<p>The CASA-Melbourne program is open to students from all academic disciplines in good academic standing whose minimum grade point average (GPA) is 3.0 on a 4-point scale. Students should check with their home institution for their internal application process and requirements. Once approved by that institution, students will be given more information about how to directly apply to Melbourne for admission.</p> <p>Students can start their application at any time. A step-by-step guide which includes the online application link can be downloaded here. It is strongly recommended that students follow the guide carefully when completing their application.</p>																												
Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) and Visa Requirements	<p>Once your application for CASA-Melbourne program has been accepted, you will receive a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) from the University of Melbourne via email. This CoE is essential for applying for the appropriate visa to enter Australia.</p> <p>CASA-Melbourne participants from the US and European Union will need a valid visa to enter Australia. Most incoming students will apply for a Student Visa (sub-class 500, non-award sector). Students can apply for a student visa once they receive the Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) from the University of Melbourne via email. Your visa application must be submitted 4-6 weeks prior to entering Australia.</p>																												
Overseas Student Health Cover	<p>All international students in Australia on a student visa are required by the Australian Government to have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC), from an approved Australian provider. Home country/institution insurance will not be accepted. Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) will not be issued until proof of an OSHC policy purchased through the University of Melbourne or independently is provided. OSHC costs are included in the CASA Melbourne program fee.</p>																												
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Undergraduate Melbourne courses	<p>CASA-Melbourne participants will enrol in up to four subjects for a total credit load of 50 points, with most subjects worth 12.5 credit points. All CASA students must enrol in courses totalling a minimum of 50 points to receive full academic credit. Participants can take any combination of subjects from any faculty, conditional on meeting pre-requisites. Participants also have the option to select one graduate Masters-level course from a variety of disciplines, subject to approval as part of their course selection.</p> <p><i>Please note that in Australia, individual courses are referred to as subjects and are thus represented in the Melbourne Handbook and website.</i></p>																												
Australian system	<p>Each subject is taught using a combination of large lectures and small group tutorials or laboratory classes. Contact hours vary depending on the subjects you choose but are usually between 12-18 hours per week in total.</p> <p>While you may have fewer contact hours than in your home institution, the expectations placed on you to learn independently outside the classroom make the workload equivalent to that which most students experience at home. The total time commitment for each subject is approximately 170 hours.</p>																												

Assessments and grading	<p>Assessment may consist of essays, class or group exercises, case studies, projects, reports, class presentations, or exams. One subject may only require two or three pieces of assessment. In some areas, up to 80 per cent of the assessment may be based on an exam at the end of the semester. Further information on how each subject is assessed can be found in the University Handbook.</p> <p>The method of grading at Melbourne is quite different from the American system. Below is a suggested translation scale for the conversion of Melbourne marks into US or European grades. Please note that translation of grades and awarding of credit is the responsibility of your home institution.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="328 450 1461 913"> <thead> <tr> <th>Melbourne letter grade</th> <th>Melbourne percentage mark</th> <th>US system</th> <th>European Credit Transfer System</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>H1 (First class honours)</td> <td>80-100%</td> <td>A+ A</td> <td>A</td> </tr> <tr> <td>H2A (Second class honours A)</td> <td>75-79%</td> <td>A-</td> <td>B</td> </tr> <tr> <td>H2B (Second class honours B)</td> <td>70-74%</td> <td>B+</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>H3 (Third class honours)</td> <td>65-69%</td> <td>B</td> <td>C</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P (Pass)</td> <td>60-64%</td> <td>B-</td> <td>D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P (Pass)</td> <td>55-59%</td> <td>C+</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>P (Pass)</td> <td>50-54%</td> <td>C</td> <td>E</td> </tr> <tr> <td>N (Fail)</td> <td>45-49%</td> <td>C-</td> <td>FX</td> </tr> <tr> <td>N (Fail)</td> <td>0-44%</td> <td>F</td> <td>F</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Melbourne letter grade	Melbourne percentage mark	US system	European Credit Transfer System	H1 (First class honours)	80-100%	A+ A	A	H2A (Second class honours A)	75-79%	A-	B	H2B (Second class honours B)	70-74%	B+		H3 (Third class honours)	65-69%	B	C	P (Pass)	60-64%	B-	D	P (Pass)	55-59%	C+		P (Pass)	50-54%	C	E	N (Fail)	45-49%	C-	FX	N (Fail)	0-44%	F	F
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Transcripts	<p>The University of Melbourne uses a secure online system called My eEquals to distribute e-transcripts to all students approximately a week after results are released provided there are no outstanding debts or withheld or incomplete results. Students can then enter their home institution adviser's email address into the system to have it send a secure copy of their transcript.</p>																																								
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CASA Melbourne sample program		
FEBRUARY	10 February	CASA arrivals day
	13-17 February	CASA Orientation program – run by Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development
	20-24 February	University of Melbourne Orientation
	27 February	First day of classes
MARCH		CASA excursion to Philip Island
		CASA lecture on Australian History
		CASA movie night and BBQ dinner at Little Hall
		CASA Melbourne street art walking tour
		Mid-year study abroad & exchange catch up event
APRIL	7-16 April	Non-teaching period
MAY		CASA excursion to National Gallery of Victoria
		CASA excursion to AFL football match
		CASA Reflection Day
		Farewell event
	27-31 June	SWOT Vac (Study Without Teaching) – no classes this week
JUNE	3-21 June	Exams
	22 June	Departures