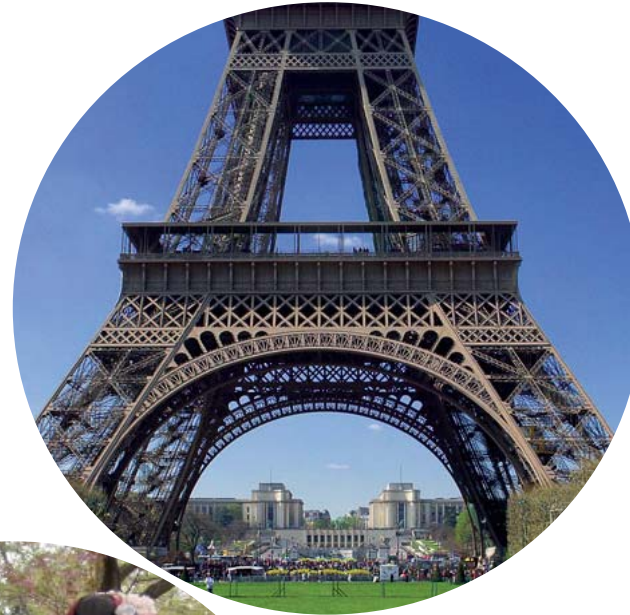


# Exchange Programs for UNE Students



Want to see the world  
but continue your  
studies at the same  
time?



Then going on  
**exchange**  
is for you!

Exchange programs give you the chance to study overseas as part of your UNE degree. It is a great way to meet new people, see new places and experience a different culture.

International travel will broaden your horizons, teach you new life skills and improve your job prospects – all this without putting your education on hold, as well as having a fantastic overseas experience!

### when can i study overseas?

Students must have completed and received final marks for at least one year of full-time study (8 units) before applying for exchange. Exchange study usually works best in the middle of a degree while there is still flexibility in choosing the units required to graduate. Some Schools may have regulations about when students can go, so students should speak to their course coordinator for details. OS-Help Loans are only available to students who have at least 4 units to complete in their degree when they return from overseas.

### will i get credit for my overseas study?

All students going on exchange must gain credit for their overseas study and this must be finalised before leaving. Students will need to discuss the proposed overseas units with their course coordinator and the advanced standing staff in the student centre, and have them confirm in writing that the proposed units will be counted towards the degree.

It is recommended that students seek general approval for an exchange from their course coordinator early in the process, to learn of any possible restrictions or regulations that they may need to abide by and in case any exchange may not be feasible for a particular UNE program.

### what marks do i need to be eligible?

All applicants are required to have good academic standing, especially in the most recent semesters. It is expected that students have achieved a credit average or better and have not failed any units within the last year.

### can external, postgraduate or international students apply?

External students are certainly eligible and are required to enrol as full-time internal students during the overseas exchange semester.

Although exchange is primarily for undergraduates, postgraduate students may be eligible for certain programs, mainly in Europe, Canada or Hong Kong. Exchange to other countries (US, UK) are restricted to undergraduate level units. Please contact International Marketing and Pathways (IM&P) to investigate the possibilities in more detail.

International students can apply for exchange but eligibility and participation is subject to Department of Immigration and Citizenship regulations. For more information visit the DIAC website at <http://www.immi.gov.au> or contact IM&P.



## what scholarships and loans are available for overseas study?

Exchange Scholarships are available to UNE students for approved exchange at partner institutions. Scholarships for a semester or more of study are worth \$1,000 each. These are available as general scholarships open to all applicants and are assessed on academic merit. Scholarship applications need to be submitted by March 31st for study in Semester Two and by September 30th for study in Semester One the following calendar year.

### OS-HELP LOANS

Commonwealth-Supported Australian citizens and Permanent Humanitarian Visa Holder students can be financially assisted in their overseas studies that count towards their course of study (e.g. an overseas exchange program) by a cash payment loan from the Australian Government. This loan scheme is referred to as OS-HELP.

OS-Help is designed to encourage and assist Australian students to study overseas. Loans of up to \$5,523 per semester are available with a maximum of two loans. The loans are then added to your FEE-HELP debt. More information can be found on DEEWR's Going to Uni website <http://www.goingtouni.gov.au>. Students must have completed eight units and have a minimum of four units to complete upon their return to Australia to be eligible. Forms and further information are available from International Marketing and Pathways.

## can I still receive austudy or youth allowance?

Students currently receiving Austudy or Youth Allowance can continue to receive these payments for the duration of their exchange as long as the overseas study is credited to a UNE degree (this does not include Rent Assistance). Students should check with Centrelink in advance for any specific advice on payments. If accepted for exchange, students should ask IM&P for a letter of confirmation, which must be submitted to a Centrelink office before leaving Australia.

Centrelink has requested that students contact them no less than 4 days before leaving Australia to confirm the date of departure and estimated date of return; if this is not done, students may experience difficulties with payments.

## how do i pay for my tuition while on exchange?

All exchange students are required to pay their tuition fees to UNE as they usually do for the semester/s that they will be overseas. Tuition fees will be waived for you by the host university and, in most cases any applicable general service fees overseas will also be waived.

Before leaving to go overseas ALL students must ensure that they have enrolled at the Student Centre for the relevant semester/s.

## what other costs may be involved?

Students will need to pay for their accommodation at the overseas university and often some minor expenses like sports fees, internet/phone connections etc. Other payments include travel insurance, travel costs, a student visa for most countries, a passport and textbooks. It is recommended that students have access to at least AUD6,000 for a semester of study.

Please note that US universities require a financial statement demonstrating sufficient funds for the exchange; there is also a fee (US100) required for all students applying for US student visas.

## how much does accommodation cost overseas?

Prices vary and full details are usually available on the University websites (click on "accommodation" links for universities listed on the exchange options website) or contact IM&P for assistance. Costs are

sometimes subsidised by governments in parts of Europe and Asia. For most of UNE's partners, rent can cost as little as AUD75 or as much as AUD130 a week, not including meals. Prices are usually slightly higher than those at UNE and will fluctuate with international exchange rates.



### i am studying (or know) another language - what's available for me?

The School of Arts and IM&P jointly manage language exchanges with universities in Japan, China, France, Austria, Italy and Germany. If planning to study OSLS units overseas, students should apply for the program through the School of Arts. Students who are fluent in another language and who wish to study other subjects overseas should apply through International Marketing and Pathways and need to check the website for options.

### i am going to study OSLS units. how do i apply for an exchange?

The School of Arts has its own procedures and deadlines for approving students for exchanges involving OSLS units (overseas language study). Students should check the School website at <http://www.une.edu.au/arts/> for the relevant academic staff member for details on applying for these programs.

### i can only speak english - where can i study?

UNE has partnerships with Universities in England, Canada, the USA and Hong Kong, as well as some options for certain fields of study (especially business or arts) offered in English in Germany, Austria, Japan and Korea. More information is located in the back of this brochure or check online for university and subject options at <http://www.une.edu.au/imp>

Please note that spaces at some partner universities are limited. In particular, students applying to English speaking universities are advised to research and apply for both a first and second option for their exchange; further details are included on the application form.

### how do i apply for an exchange?

Students should contact IM&P about their interest in an exchange program well in advance of application deadlines, and then select a university that suits them best.

Students should ensure that they meet the established criteria of both IM&P and their course coordinator for an exchange program before proceeding with an application. Application forms are available on the website at <http://www.une.edu.au/imp>

Students should ensure that they have sufficient funds to cover expenses they are expected to incur

during their exchange (particularly the cost of accommodation). If applying for an exchange to the US, students should be prepared to submit a financial/bank statement (their own, or their family's if they agree to support in writing) along with the application. As noted above, scholarships and loans may be available to assist students with costs.

Students should select potential overseas units, including several alternatives, with advice from their UNE course coordinator. Students should seek confirmation that the units are appropriate for their degree and that advanced standing will be granted. Students should then take details of their proposed units, and the advanced standing form to the Student Centre for an official letter of confirmation. Students must choose possible units and begin discussions with their School and the Student Centre before submitting the exchange application to IM&P.

OSLS Students should discuss study options with their Language Coordinator.

Students should complete and return the exchange application forms by the closing date with the following:

- a personal statement;
- two references.

### how do i apply for a student visa?

Students are responsible for applying for their own student visa. However you can seek general advice from IM&P and School of Arts staff.

General guidelines on student visa requirements for Australian citizens are listed below. Students should check with the relevant consulate for up to date rules and application procedures, as these are subject to change.

- The USA, Hong Kong and Austria require all students to have a student visa.
- The University of Hong Kong organises student visas.
- Applicants for US student visas are required to pay a SEVIS fee (online or by other means) and attend an interview at their nearest US Consulate. This can be a lengthy process and students need to apply well in advance. For more information visit the US Consulate website at <http://sydney.usconsulate.gov/consular/visas.html>.
- Germany typically requires student visas for stays of a semester or longer.
- Canada and the UK only require students to have a visa for stays of longer than six months but students are unable to work unless they have a student visa.

### is insurance required to participate in an exchange program?

Yes, UNE requires ALL students to purchase an appropriate insurance policy for the duration of the exchange. It is recommended that students buy a comprehensive travel insurance policy that includes unlimited (or a very high level of) medical coverage as well as coverage for repatriation and medical evacuation in cases of emergency.

All students must submit a copy of their insurance policy to International Marketing and Pathways or the School of Arts (for Language students). Many of UNE's partners, as well as some overseas immigration departments, also require proof of insurance for incoming international students.

UNE's American exchange partners typically offer their own university insurance policy that can be purchased. However, most of them will agree to allow students to buy their own policy from Australia, provided that it meets their basic requirements and also those of the US immigration services. Students should check online for current minimum insurance requirements for exchange students going to the US, as stated by the US Department of State (costs are listed in US dollars) - <http://exchanges.state.gov/education/jexchanges/>

Germany and Austria have their own insurance for international students and it has been reported that Germany has required female students to purchase a German Insurance Policy in addition to the one purchased in Australia. If purchasing an insurance policy in-country, students should ensure that they have travel insurance covering travel to and from the country and for a week overlap.

Most of UNE's exchange partners in other countries will allow students to choose their own insurance policy and coverage. In some cases students will need to show proof of the insurance to the partner university on arrival and also to immigration authorities in order to apply for a visa.

### what are the deadlines for applications?

30th September for exchanges beginning in UNE's Semester One

31st March for exchanges beginning in UNE's Semester Two

Remember that the northern hemisphere works on a different timetable for an academic year. First semester can begin in September and go through to December or even February and second semester can start in January or February and finish in May or June. There are variations on this in each country e.g. terms rather semesters, and you should carefully check this. Generally the northern hemisphere summer break runs from June to the end of August.

### who can i contact for more information?

Exchange Coordinator

International Marketing and Pathways

p: 6773 2454

e: [studyabroad@une.edu.au](mailto:studyabroad@une.edu.au)

School of Arts

Faculty of Arts and Sciences



# UNE's International



## Austria

KARL-FRANZENS-UNIVERSITÄT  
Graz  
German language study and English options in  
Arts, Business and Law  
<http://www.kfunigraz.ac.at>

UNIVERSITÄT KLAGENFURT  
Klagenfurt  
German language study and English options in  
Arts & Business  
<http://www.uni-klu.ac.at/uniklu/index.jsp>



## Canada

UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG  
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada  
Arts, Sciences & Business  
<http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/>

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA  
Prince George, British Columbia, Canada  
Arts, Business and Sciences  
<http://www.unbc.ca/>

UNIVERSITÉ LAVAL  
Quebec City, Quebec, Canada  
French language study  
<http://www.ulaval.ca>



## China

SHAANXI NORMAL UNIVERSITY  
*Xi'an*  
Chinese language study  
<http://www.snnu.edu.cn/english/index.html>



## Denmark

UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN  
Copenhagen  
Faculty of Life Sciences, Sciences  
<http://www.life.ku.dk/english.aspx>



## France

UNIVERSITÉ D'ANGERS  
Angers  
French language study  
<http://www.univ-angers.fr/>

UNIVERSITÉ JEAN MONNET  
Saint-Etienne  
French language study  
<http://portail.univ-st-etienne.fr/>

ESC CHAMBÉRY  
Chambéry  
French language study and  
Options in Business  
<http://www.esc-chambery.fr/-Higher-education-.html>



## Germany

UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES  
Nuremberg  
German language study and  
options in Business  
<http://www.fh-nuernberg.de/>

UNIVERSITÄT TRIER  
Trier  
German language study  
<http://www.uni-trier.de/>

# Exchange Partners

CARL VON OSSIETZKY UNIVERSITÄT  
Oldenburg  
German language study  
<http://www.uni-oldenburg.de/uni/international.html>

UNIVERSITÄT KOBLENZ-LANDAU  
Koblenz  
German Language Study  
<http://www.uni-koblenz-landau.de/international>



## Hong Kong

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG  
*Hong Kong*  
Arts, Science, Business, Education and Law  
<http://www.hku.hk/>



## Italy

UNIVERSITY OF MACERATA  
*Macerata*  
Italian Language Study  
<http://www.unimc.it>



## Japan

CHUBU UNIVERSITY  
*Aichi-ken*  
Japanese Language Study  
<http://www.chubu.ac.jp/english/>

NAGOYA GAKUIN UNIVERSITY  
*Seto City*  
Japanese language study  
<http://www.ngu.jp/index.php>

DAITO BUNKA UNIVERSITY  
Tokyo  
Japanese language study  
<http://www.daito.ac.jp/english/>

KAGOSHIMA UNIVERSITY  
*Kagoshima*  
Japanese language study  
<http://www.kagoshima-u.ac.jp>

HIROSHIMA UNIVERSITY  
*Hiroshima*  
Japanese Language Study  
<http://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/>



## United Kingdom

UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA  
Norwich  
Arts, Sciences, Law & Business  
<http://www.uea.ac.uk/>



## United States

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING  
Laramie, Wyoming  
Arts, Sciences, Business, Education, Rural Science, Law  
<http://www.uwyo.edu/>

LOCK HAVEN UNIVERSITY  
Lock Haven, Pennsylvania  
Arts, Sciences, Business and Education  
<http://www.lhup.edu/>

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY  
(UNE college RA's only)  
Pullman, Washington State  
Arts, Sciences, Business and Rural Science  
<http://www.wsu.edu/>

PURDUE UNIVERSITY  
West Lafayette, Indiana  
All disciplines  
<http://www.purdue.edu/>

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