

NKU Academic Exchange in *Perth, Australia*



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Spend a semester or an academic year studying at

Edith Cowan University!

A brief introduction...



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NKU Academic Exchanges

The Office of Education Abroad offers academic exchanges as a study abroad option for independent and mature NKU students interested in a semester or year-long immersion experience in another country. The information in this packet is meant to provide an overview of the experience available through an academic exchange in Perth, Australia. However, please keep in mind that this information, especially that regarding visa requirements, is subject to change. It is the responsibility of each NKU student participating in an exchange to take the initiative in the pre-departure process with regards to visa application, application to the exchange university, air travel arrangements, housing arrangements, and pre-approval of courses. Before and after departure for an academic exchange, the Office of Education Abroad will remain a resource and guide for participating exchange students.

Australia

Australia, made up of eight distinct states, is the sixth largest country in the world. Each state has its own unique qualities that attract tourists, from the sunny beaches of the Gold Coast to the rugged outback in the west. Australia is famous for its extensive eco-diversity and wide range of habitats, including the Great Barrier Reef, the world's largest coral reef, just a short distance off the northeast coast. Comprised of the mainland and also numerous islands surrounding it, including Tasmania, the Commonwealth of Australia has a long and rich history. Indigenous Australians inhabited the mainland for 42,000 years before it was settled by Europeans in the 18th century. Though the capital of Australia is Canberra, you may be more familiar with its larger cities including Melbourne, Perth, Brisbane, or Sydney. Throughout Australia it is generally warm and dry all year long.

Perth

Surrounded by unspoiled beaches, blue skies, breathtaking scenery, and the friendly faces of Western Australia, it's hard to imagine a more picture-perfect destination for a semester or year long academic exchange. The city center, located only 12 miles from the Indian Ocean and the coast of Western Australia, bustles with activity and offers a wide range of choices for shopping. Nestled along the coasts of the calm and picturesque Swan River, popular activities in Perth include river cruises, picnics in one of the many parks, or admiring the countless historical buildings. For those that like long walks along clean sandy beaches, water sports on sunny days, or just lazing on a beach towel, head to Perth's Sunset Coast. The beaches on this long stretch of coastline are only a short drive from the city center and popular for safe swimming, walking and cycling paths, and seaside cafes. Enjoy the greenery and beach-lifestyle of Perth or spend time exploring the many boutiques, art galleries, restaurants, or thriving nightlife.

Edith Cowan University

Edith Cowan University (ECU), located in Perth, Western Australia is a contemporary university with a wide range of course options. The second largest university in Western Australia, ECU is home to more than 3,000 international students from over 90 countries. Students have the option to "mix and match" courses from different disciplines, including Business, Communications, Education, Psychology, Performing Arts, Social Sciences, Health, Mathematics, Information Technology, Engineering, and Biological Sciences, to suit their individual academic needs. ECU's campus is very modern and includes state-of-the-art sport and fitness centers, cafeterias, and performance venues to ensure that there is always something exciting happening.

With its dedication to becoming a leader in international education and the multitude of courses offered, ECU offers students quality instruction and flexibility in pursuing a variety of academic programs. Students should note that because it is summer in Australia when it is winter in the U.S. and vice versa, ECU runs on a moderately different academic calendar than NKU. Semester 1 runs from the end of February until the end of June, including exams, and Semester 2 runs from the end of July through the end of November.

Housing

Students have the opportunity to live on campus, or search for an off-campus apartment. ECU consists of two main campuses, Joondalup and Mt. Lawly. Where you will stay and study during your exchange will depend upon the types of classes you will be taking. Each on-campus housing village is located on campus and close to all campus facilities including the cafeteria and bookstore. Local shops and sports and recreation facilities are within walking distance or easily accessible by public transport.

On-campus apartments at each location generally contain six fully-furnished single bedrooms with a common kitchen, living room, and two shared bathrooms. Students are responsible for providing their own bed linens and towels and have the option to apply for access to the internet via an outside internet provider.

Transportation

Students staying at the Joondalup campus can travel the 16 miles to Perth via a 20 minute train ride. Students living at the Mt. Lawly campus, only 2 miles from downtown Perth, can easily navigate the extensive bus system of Greater Perth. There are also numerous train stations within the city that allow you to travel throughout both Perth and Australia.

Visa and Health Insurance

U. S. citizens who participate in the semester or academic year exchange **will** require a visa for entry into Australia if the visit will last longer than three months. A valid passport is also required, regardless of the length of stay.

Students are required by ECU to purchase Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) through Worldcare. This is basic health insurance and covers emergency medical conditions, public hospitals and most of the cost of visiting a doctor. Please note that pre-existing illness may not be covered. Additional cover for services such as dental and optical is available at additional cost.

Useful Links

U.S. Department of State information: <http://travel.state.gov>

Perth: <http://perthtouristcentre.com.au/>

Edith Cowan University: www.ecu.edu.au/

General Living Expenses

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Semester Estimated Budget

Please use the following budget only as a general guide for expenses for one semester. Also note that expenses are estimated and subject to fluctuate according to currency rates* and general economic inflation.

Tuition	\$4236	(undergraduate, in-state tuition for 12-16 hours)
Round-trip airfare	\$2300 - 2500	
Passport	\$135	
Visa	\$305	
Accommodation	\$4800	
Housing Application Fee	\$50	
Amenities Fee	\$20	
Food	\$1500	
Local Transportation	\$50 - \$300	
Health Insurance	\$180	
Personal Spending	\$2500	
Total	\$ 16076 - 16526	

* July 2014 currency rate: **1 Australian dollar = 0.94 U.S. dollars**