



Education Abroad  
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## UMD Exchange: University of Sydney (Australia) (Exchange Program) (Outgoing Program)

- **Locations:** Sydney, Australia
- **Program Terms:** Fall, Spring, Year (Fall-Spring), Year (Spring-Fall)

Fact Sheet:

**Credit Type:** Transfer Credit

**Class Eligibility:** Junior, Senior,  
Sophomore

**Non-UMD students eligible to apply:** No

Program Description:

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Fact Sheet:

**Housing Options:** Apartment, Independent Housing,  
Residence Hall

**Language of Instruction:** English

**Program Type:** Exchange

**All students accepted to an Exchange program are automatically considered for an award of \$1,000! See Cost tab for more information.**

### Host Institution

The University of Sydney is Australia's first university and its reputation spans 160 years. They are regularly ranked in the top 0.3% of universities worldwide. The cross-disciplinary nature of the university's 9 faculties (colleges) and schools allows them to offer the widest range of academic programs of any Australian university, giving students the flexibility to personalize your study.

From your first day at the University of Sydney, students have the opportunity to learn from aspiring academics. Sydney continues to rank

among the top teaching and research universities in the world and offers a cutting-edge curriculum.

### **Host City**

The iconic city of Sydney is best known for its distinctive Opera House, incredible Harbor, and its exciting and dynamic lifestyle. Sydney ranks first as the world's friendliest city of tourists and fourth best city for students. Sydney has many cultural events and festivals throughout the year. Explore how art, technology and commerce intersect at the Vivid City event, walk along the spectacular Bondi coastal walk and revel in three weeks of live music, visual arts, theater, food, and film during the Sydney Festival.

*University of Sydney CRICOS Code 00026A*

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Exchange programs are highly competitive and space in each program is limited. You must meet the following eligibility requirements in order to apply to this program:

- 3.0 GPA
- Completion of 2 semesters at UMD

Exchange programs are a good fit for students looking for immersion, personal growth, and the opportunity to strengthen qualities such as independence and adaptability.

### **Student Visa Information**

A student visa is required for participation on this exchange. For more information, please visit our [study abroad visa guide](#) to view instructions for the country you will be visiting. Please note that visa information is subject to change and you are responsible for checking the [embassy website](#) for updates.

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1. Click "Apply Now" at the top of this page. You will log in with your UMD directory ID and password.
  2. Submit all application materials by the deadline listed below. This includes meeting with your EA advisor (listed at the top of this page), and may include requesting a faculty letter of recommendation, and submitting an official transcript. If a letter of recommendation and/or official transcript are required, it will be listed in MyEA once you start an application for this program.
  3. After the application deadline, we will review all completed applications and nominate students for available spots in each exchange program.
  4. If you are nominated to participate in this exchange, you will work with your EA advisor (listed above) to apply directly to the host university, who will formally admit you to the exchange program. Nominated students **must** complete the host university application in accordance with the host university's stated deadlines and instructions.
  5. Nominated students will then work with their EA advisor (listed above) and our partner universities to coordinate all aspects of the stay at the host university such as course registration, visas and arrival.
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### **Academic Planning**

Visit the [Academics & Study Abroad page](#) which outlines key considerations for your academic planning as you navigate different phases of study abroad:

- [Pre-Departure Course Selection & Approval](#)
- [Finalizing Course Enrollment Abroad](#)
- [Transcripts and Credits on your UMD Record](#)

## **Coursework**

The University of Sydney has the largest selection of subjects (courses) offered by any university in Australia. Students can choose from 9 Faculties and Schools:

- Agriculture & Environment
- Architecture, Design, and Planning
- Arts & Social Sciences
- Business
- Education & Social Work
- Engineering and Information Technologies
- Health Sciences
- Music
- Science
- Veterinary Science
- Visual Arts

Postgraduate Medicine, Dentistry, and Psychology are not open to exchange students. Also note Law, Veterinary Science and Media & Communications are open to students enrolled in those degrees at UMD.

[University of Sydney](#)  
[Course Evaluations](#)

There may be other [course offerings](#) on this program that are not currently listed in the Study Abroad Course Database (SACD). If you are interested in taking a course not listed in the SACD, please submit a [transfer credit evaluation request](#).

## **Research**

The University of Sydney is on of the world's top research universities. Exchange students can take part in interdisciplinary research on campus offered through many different centers such as Sydney Environmental Institute, Sydney Southeast Asia Center, National Centre for Cultural Competence, and Australian Centre for Field Robotics.

## **Internship**

The University of Sydney has a robust internship placement program for study abroad students. While exchange students are not guaranteed placement this option will enhance your experience at the University of Sydney and in Australia. Additional fees are associate with internship placement, learn more on the [Sydney website](#).

## Credit

All credit you earn on this program will count as [transfer credit](#) towards your UMD degree. Most courses at the University of Sydney will be converted as follows:

University of Sydney Credit	UMD Credit
1 Sydney credit	0.66 UMD credit
6 Sydney credits	4 UMD credits

The chart above was last approved by the UMD Transfer Credit Committee on November 12, 2015.

## Grading

Undergraduates must receive a C- equivalent or better in order to be eligible for the transfer of credit.

University of Sydney Grade	UMD Grade
50/P	C -

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Housing placement at the University of Sydney is guaranteed. The University has eight residential colleges on the downtown campus. The University also offers furnished rooms in shared or self-contained apartments and houses, usually located within walking distance of campus.

Learn more about housing on the [University of Sydney website](#).

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## Exchange Program Cost of Attendance

UMD students participating in an Exchange program have the benefit of paying UMD tuition rates to attend an institution abroad. For specific information about this Exchange program, please reference the Cost of Attendance Chart.

[Cost of Attendance Chart](#)

Tuition and fees for exchange programs are charged directly to your UMD account, which means you can apply UMD scholarships, state and federal financial aid, and alternative loans towards the cost of an exchange. Housing costs are paid directly to the host institution or on-site housing agency.

You can use the [cost of attendance comparison worksheet](#) to view how study abroad programs compare to each other and the amount you pay on campus at UMD. As always, your EA advisor (listed above) is available to help you complete this worksheet and find affordable programs that fit your study abroad goals.

### **Exchange Scholarship**

All students accepted to an Exchange program are considered for an automatic award of \$1,000! To be considered for this scholarship, you must:

- Be a current degree seeking undergraduate UMD student (graduate students are not eligible for this award)
- Not currently receive full tuition scholarship/benefits (i.e. Banneker Key, tuition remission, Frederick Douglass Scholarship, etc.)

### **Additional Financial Resources**

- [Financial Aid](#)
  - [Scholarships](#)
  - [Financial Policies](#)
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Maximize your time abroad by taking advantage of resources at your host institution!

### **Student Clubs and Organizations**

The University of Sydney has more than 200 student [clubs and societies](#), including the student Global Exchange Society – a student group for study abroad and exchange students.

### **International Welcome/Orientation**

All incoming study abroad and exchange students are required to participate in an [Orientation](#) session on arrival in Sydney. The University of Sydney also offers the MATES Abroad mentoring program where you will be paired with a local student mentor to ease your transition into Sydney life.

### **Counseling & Health Services**

[General Practitioner services](#), as well as [counseling and mental health services](#), are available at the University of Sydney.

### **[Resource Guide for Students with Disabilities\\*](#)**

### **[Resource Guide for LGBTQ+ Identities\\*](#)**

\*These resource guides provide general information about services at UMD's partner institution. For more information, consult your EA advisor.

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<b>Term</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Last Day to Apply</b>	<b>Decision Date</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Year (Spring-Fall)	2024	10/01/2023	10/11/2023	TBA	TBA
Spring	2024	10/01/2023	10/11/2023	TBA	TBA
Year (Fall-Spring)	2024-2025	03/01/2024	03/11/2024	TBA	TBA
Fall	2024	03/01/2024	03/11/2024	TBA	TBA

**Indicates that deadline has passed**