

## AUSTRALIA

### Facts about Australian Universities:

- The University of Sydney is the oldest university in Australia. Founded in 1850, it now has an enrollment of 35,000 students.
- There are a total of 50 Universities within Australia ranging in size and location. The smallest has an enrollment of 1,300 students (University of Notre Dame in Fremantle) and the largest has 42,000 (Monash University in Melbourne).
- Most universities are funded by the Australian government and are relatively inexpensive for Australian citizens.
- Within the fifty universities, there is a "group of eight" whose membership comprises the presidents or vice-chancellors of Adelaide University, The Australian National University, The University of Melbourne, Monash University, The University of New South Wales, The University of Queensland, The University of Sydney, and The University of Western Australia. These universities are considered the leading universities within Australia because they "...are engaged in and committed to high-quality teaching, research and scholarship. The Group of Eight universities conduct 70% of all Australian university research and produce between 60% and 80% of internationally recognized Australian university research publications in every field of research."

### University Applications:

- Because Australia is in the Southern Hemisphere, their academic calendar is different from the United States and Europe. Most universities begin their academic year at the end of March or early April, have a semester break during June and/or July, and end the academic year in November or December.
- Application procedures vary with each university. Generally, however, students complete an application through each university's admission office (either in paper or online) and submit their application along with a copy of their high school transcript.
- For Australian universities, the successful completion of an IB certificate program may be enough to gain entrance into the university, although various programs have specific IB scores that must be earned, and the IB Diploma is the most direct route to gain admission.
- Most universities require the SATs or ACTs be submitted if the student has earned a U.S. equivalent diploma.
- Some universities require that students who have earned a U.S. equivalent diploma successfully complete the first year, foundation program, of a Bachelor degree at an approved university (Monash University).
- Australian students (living in Australia or abroad) apply through the state-based Tertiary Admissions Centers for semester one admissions. These Centers manage and promote the application procedure, receive and process applications for most university courses within their state, and inform applicants of outcomes. Each university is responsible for the selection of its own students. The Centers calculate

standardized tertiary entrance ranks or the University Admissions Index used in the admissions process. These are not scores/grades but are rankings calculated out of 100 in increments of 0.05. Entry scores for Australian undergraduate courses are expressed as the Tertiary Entrance Ranks (TER). Different states call these ranks different names, for example in Victoria ENTER (Equivalent Tertiary Entrance Rank); NSW and ACT use UAI (Universities Admissions Index) and Queensland uses OP (Overall Position on a scale of 1-25). IB aggregate scores are equated to TER's on a translation agreed to by state universities. (See [www.vtac.edu.au/general/ibaggregate.html](http://www.vtac.edu.au/general/ibaggregate.html).) The Tertiary Admissions Centers issue offers to successful applicants on behalf of the universities in January for first semester intake. Students only receive one offer—for the course listed highest in their preferences for which they have met the entry requirements.

## **Resources**

### **AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY WEB SITES**

Australia Education Network  
<http://www.edna.edu.au/>

Australian National University  
[www.anu.edu.au](http://www.anu.edu.au)

Group of Eight  
[www.go8.edu.au](http://www.go8.edu.au)

Monash University  
[www.monash.edu.au](http://www.monash.edu.au)

University of Adelaide  
[www.adelaide.edu.au](http://www.adelaide.edu.au)

University of Melbourne  
[www.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.unimelb.edu.au)

University of New South Wales  
[www.unsw.edu.au](http://www.unsw.edu.au)

University of Queensland  
[www.uq.edu.au](http://www.uq.edu.au)

University of Sydney  
[www.usyd.edu.au](http://www.usyd.edu.au)

University of Western Australia  
[www.uwa.edu.au](http://www.uwa.edu.au)

New South Wales  
[www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)

Victoria

Western Australia  
[www.tisc.edu.au](http://www.tisc.edu.au)

Federal Government  
[www.education.gov.au](http://www.education.gov.au)

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