

OUR
ACU
your choice



WHY STUDY AT ACU?

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UNIQUE

Australian Catholic University has six campuses around Australia. We aim to empower our students to think critically and ethically, and gain the skills to bring about change in their communities, professions and industries.

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WE VALUE YOU

As a publicly funded university, we welcome staff and students of all beliefs and backgrounds, and uphold a respectful, open-minded and culturally diverse learning environment.

We support our students in attaining the highest level of academic achievement through the provision of quality teaching and resources.

We are committed to providing equal access to education for all people.

We provide flexible learning options such as part-time study and pathway courses to meet the ever-changing needs of our students.

3

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

We build and maintain strong links with our communities and industries to produce highly skilled professionals who are leaders in their field.

Throughout the course of their studies, students undertake professional placements, volunteer work and community service, with many securing excellent jobs before they graduate.

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MORE THAN STUDY

University is a great place to meet new people and have new experiences.

Each campus student association regularly hosts events such as barbecues, balls and concerts. There are also clubs, societies and initiatives, and sporting events such as ACU Games and University Games.

We are committed to the development of social and community engagement by providing opportunities such as volunteer experience programs which allow students to give back to their communities and make a difference.

5

TRAVEL THE WORLD

Students don't have to wait until they graduate to see more of Australia and the world.

ACU students can attend an overseas university in more than 16 countries, complete an internship with Disney, and work in community programs around the world – all while receiving credit towards their degree.

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YOUR SUCCESS

We understand that success means different things to different students.

The Office of Student Success works closely with students to meet their unique personal and academic needs. The Office provides academic skills, career development and counselling services, and support for people with special needs or disabilities on each campus.

Campus Life Coordinators and the ACU National Student Association (ACUNSA) ensure students have the resources they need to achieve a healthy study/life balance.

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CATHOLIC INTELLECTUAL TRADITION

As Australia's leading Catholic university, ACU is fortunate to be supported by the richness of more than 2,000 years of Catholic intellectual tradition.

As a member of the International Federation of Catholic Universities, we are devoted, through research as well as teaching, to communicating truth in every field of knowledge, and to promoting the dignity of all people and the common good.

Where can
**ACU
TAKE
YOU?**



Benny Callaghan

Benny, an arts graduate from ACU, is now Chief Executive of the School of Social Entrepreneurs which runs nine-month programs for would-be entrepreneurs. Benny's students have provided affordable fresh food hampers to struggling families, helped girls in Sierra Leone attend school, and given young people access to driving lessons.

"The school is not about taking experienced entrepreneurs; we're taking ordinary, everyday people with big passion and ideas."

The school is built on the premise that people who experience problems first-hand often have the best ideas on how to solve them, but often lack the skills, confidence, experience and networks to bring them to life.

"Every day I get to associate with some pretty inspired and remarkable individuals, and see their projects go from an idea to an initiative which is changing people's lives."



James Ajaka

James' passion for building brands began while studying a Bachelor of Commerce at ACU, and has taken him from the world of boxing to the role of CEO at Nudie juices.

One of James' first adventures in business came after meeting boxer Kostya Tszyu. "I felt there were so many things he should be doing with his brand," said James, who then went on to secure Kostya a line of boxing equipment, a DVD and a triple book deal. "We put together a whole bunch of initiatives for Kostya which are still around today."

Then in 2002, James was approached by Tim Pethick to launch a fruit juice business. "When we started, there was a blender, one truck and some fruit – we sold 40 bottles in our first week. Now [Nudie is] in every Coles, Woolworths and McDonald's in Australia.

"I always think back to my days at ACU... On a day-to-day basis I still use the things that I learnt at school."



Sarah Forgan-Doane

Sarah chose to study education at ACU because she wanted to make a positive impact on people's lives.

"I was really drawn to ACU's involvement with people," Sarah said. "I admire that. It makes you think outside your own little square."

After graduating from her degree, Sarah took up a teaching position at St John's Primary School in Auburn. Inspired by the impact she was having there, she began to think about what she could do to improve education in poorer nations, and turned her sights to Africa.

She boarded a plane for Namibia where she took up work training teachers and educating students in western Africa.

"The thing I love the most is seeing the teachers' faces after they have developed something new at a workshop and how proud they are of their new resources and skills. It was a very humbling experience."

Sarah later returned to ACU to complete a Masters of Education to better understand how to consult communities about their own goals, rather than imposing an agenda on them as an outsider.



Heather Machin

Bachelor of Nursing graduate Heather never knows what her day will bring, but that's to be expected when you work in a flying hospital and treat blind patients all over the world.

The 32-year-old is Director of Nursing for the ORBIS Flying Eye Hospital, which brings together dedicated eye care professionals and aviators to give the gift of sight to developing countries.

Onboard the refurbished DC-10 jet aircraft, local doctors, nurses and technicians from developing countries work alongside ORBIS's international medical team to exchange knowledge and improve their skills.

"It's an incredibly diverse role and on any given day I can be working on accreditation and policy development, as a nurse, flight attendant, or even loading cargo."

In the 48-seat classroom at the front of the plane, doctors give lectures, discussions and live broadcasts of surgical procedures being performed in the Flying Eye Hospital operating room.

In the two years since she got the job, Heather has been to India, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Oman, Nigeria, Uganda, China, Indonesia, Vietnam and more.

"I particularly love returning to places I have worked before and seeing how the skills we helped them develop have made such a big difference to their practice," she said.



Jean Madden

Realising the negative effects that lack of sleep and lying on concrete has on the physical and mental health of homeless people, ACU graduate Jean Madden came up with the Street Swag.

Made from lightweight waterproof canvas and a foam mattress, the swag can be folded into a bag, helping preserve the dignity of the homeless and acting as a deterrent to theft and violence.

In 2009, Jean beat actor Brad Pitt to win the prestigious INDEX design awards "people's choice" category for her invention.

In 2010, she was named Queensland Young Australian of the Year.

Jean who has both a Bachelor of Education (Primary) and Master of Arts (Theology) from ACU, said that more than 15,000 Street Swags have been distributed to those sleeping rough around Australia so far.

"The Street Swag is not about solving homelessness, but about keeping people alive for as long as possible. It's a great privilege to be able to help."

A dark grey silhouette of Australia is centered on a teal background with a fine, repeating pattern of diagonal lines. A bright yellow banner with a slight 3D effect is draped across the middle of the map. The word "CAMPUSES" is written in white, bold, uppercase letters on the top part of the map. The banner contains the text "across Australia" in a white, elegant script font. A small white airplane icon is shown flying over the southern coast of Australia.

CAMPUSES

across Australia

ACU is the only university listed as a national institution by the official Universities Australia body.



BALLARAT CAMPUS

Ballarat is 125 kilometres west of Melbourne. The campus is located near Ballarat's commercial centre within easy reach of facilities, and offers programs in education, nursing, paramedicine and theology.



BRISBANE CAMPUS

Situated in the suburb of Banyo, the campus is set on 40 hectares of natural surroundings and offers programs in arts, business, education, exercise science, midwifery, nursing, paramedicine, physiotherapy, psychological science, social science, speech pathology and theology.



CANBERRA CAMPUS

Situated about five kilometres from the Canberra city centre, the campus offers programs in education, nursing, paramedicine, social work, theology.



MELBOURNE CAMPUS

The campus is conveniently located close to the cafés and galleries of Brunswick Street, and offers programs in arts, business, education, exercise science, international development studies, law, media, midwifery, nursing, occupational therapy, paramedicine, psychological science, social science, speech pathology, theology and visual arts and design.



NORTH SYDNEY CAMPUS

Just a five-minute train ride from the city centre over the Sydney Harbour Bridge, the campus offers programs in business, environmental science, information technology, nursing, occupational therapy, physiotherapy and speech pathology.



STRATHFIELD CAMPUS

The campus is located 15 kilometres west of the city centre on beautifully landscaped grounds and offers programs in arts, education, exercise science, international development studies, psychological science, social work, theology and visual arts and design.

Support

WHILE YOU STUDY



Academic skills support

Get help with your writing skills, time management, exam preparation, oral presentations and much more. The Academic Skills Unit conducts workshops and individual tutorials and provides the resources that all students need to be successful at university.

Visit: www.acu.edu.au/academicskills



Bringing your campus to life

Campus Life supports the development of the ACU community through the facilitation of a rich, enjoyable, diverse and caring campus culture. Students, staff and the wider community are invited to engage in a vibrant and dynamic campus life through activities such as orientation, mentoring programs and clubs and societies.

Visit: www.acu.edu.au/campuslife



Free counselling

Free and confidential counselling is available to students with personal, study or work-related issues. Experienced staff provide a safe professional environment for students to discuss any areas of concern. The service also provides opportunities for students to develop general life skills to enhance their overall learning experience.

Visit: www.acu.edu.au/counselling



Disability support

The University is committed to ensuring that every student's ACU experience is free from discrimination and harassment. A range of services, support and advice is available through the Equity and Disability Unit to help students overcome barriers that could hinder their university education.

Visit: www.acu.edu.au/equityanddisability



Find your next job

We encourage all students to gain practical experience and develop professional contacts by undertaking internships and work placements in their chosen field while they study. Through the Career Development Service students can explore their career options, develop employable skills and prepare to transition into the workforce. Find out what's happening in the employment market, get help with job applications and interview skills, or search for your next job on ACU's CareerHub.

Visit: www.acu.edu.au/yourcareer

Office of Student Success

your success = our success

The Office of Student Success is where you can access most of the student support options we've listed below. They are an enthusiastic bunch of staff who are here to help you get the support you need so you can succeed in your studies and enjoy every day of your life at ACU. Want to find out more? Head to www.acu.edu.au/oss



Online support

Every ACU student has an email account and access to the online learning system. This allows you to submit assignments, get your marks, look up lecture notes, and view your academic progress. Some lectures are also recorded and available online, so you can either review the class or catch up if you missed it.



Orientation

Held at the start of the academic year, orientation is a great chance to learn your way around campus and meet new people. You'll get tips on organising your timetable and keeping up to speed with your classes, and find out more about your specific course requirements.

Visit: www.acu.edu.au/orientation



Transport

All ACU campuses are convenient for public transport, with easy access to buses or trains. There is also parking available at some locations if you prefer to drive, and our Strathfield and Brisbane campuses offer a free shuttle service to and from the train station.



Libraries

Our libraries are an important learning space for students, and a place to meet friends, work on group projects, and finish assignments. ACU libraries have extensive print and online collections, and offer a range of services including inter-campus borrowing, past exam papers and internet access.

Visit: www.acu.edu.au/library



Religious services

ACU is founded on a long history of commitment to truth in a spirit of freedom and service and is open to students of all beliefs. Through Campus Ministry, ACU works to bring this distinctive identity to life. Students have the opportunity to take part in World Youth Day (in 2011, more than 90 students travelled to Spain), explore the link between faith and reason, and attend talks by international speakers on the latest trends in theology and philosophy.

GO OVERSEAS + GET CREDIT

All ACU students have the opportunity to study overseas for one or two semesters as part of their degree. Participating in the Study Abroad and Student Exchange programs is an exciting and challenging way of broadening your horizons in a new environment. You also get the chance to improve your language skills and cultural understanding, increase your self confidence, and gain career opportunities.

The University has exchange agreements with more than 60 institutions all over the world, from Turkey, Chile and Mexico, to Germany, Sweden and the United States.

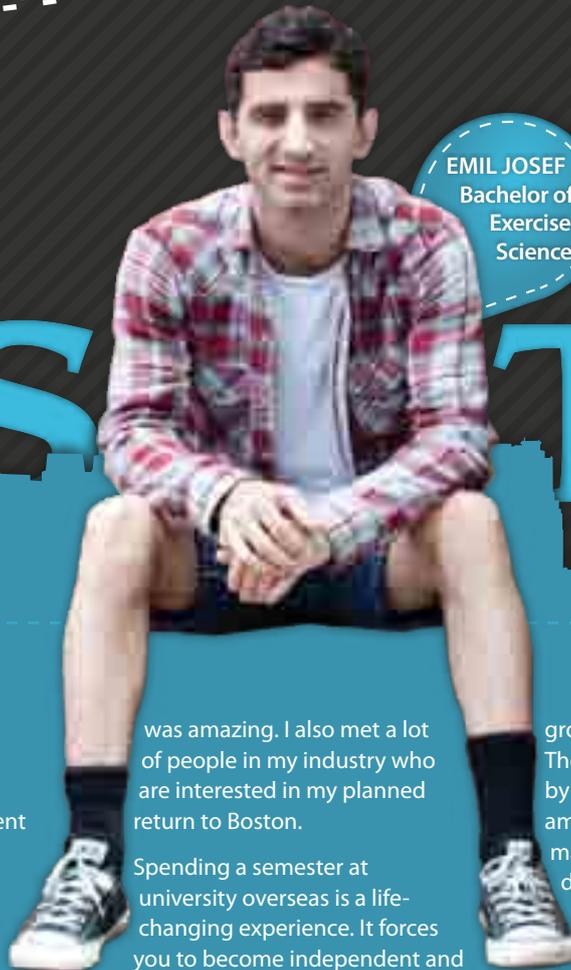
There are a variety of financial assistance programs available for students who wish to study overseas, including a grant of up to \$2,500 towards your airfare.

For more information on ACU's Study Abroad and Exchange programs visit www.acu.edu.au/internationalexchange

Three of the many ACU international programs...



EMIL JOSEF
Bachelor of
Exercise
Science



STUDY ABROAD & EXCHANGE

"I'd always wanted to live in the United States for a little while – to experience college life and sports, and make connections in exercise science – so I spent a semester last year at the University of Massachusetts in Boston.

I met people from all over the world, and going to Red Sox and Celtics games

was amazing. I also met a lot of people in my industry who are interested in my planned return to Boston.

Spending a semester at university overseas is a life-changing experience. It forces you to become independent and

grow emotionally, socially and spiritually. There are plenty of ups and downs, but by the end of it you have met so many amazing people and accomplished so many things – it was by far the best decision I've ever made."

ACU GAP YEAR

ACU recognises that significant, transformative learning can often take place outside the classroom. The Action, Learning and Reflection in the Gap Year unit is now available to all students, allowing them to integrate social justice actions, learning, and reflection in the

context of a gap year-style community engagement placement, either locally or overseas.

Students undertaking this unit will complete a three to 12-month placement with a community agency.

For more information please contact ACU's Institute for Advancing Community Engagement (IACE) on (02) 9701 4346 or iace@acu.edu.au

STEVE SASSEN
Bachelor of
Visual Arts and
Design



Disney
International
PROGRAMS
A World of Opportunity

"I spent a semester in the United States last year after I was accepted for an internship at the *Walt Disney World Resort* in Florida.

Meeting and networking with so many people from around the globe was an amazing experience and helped me grow in all aspects of my life. I never thought that I would be brave enough to step out of my comfort zone, and I now feel better prepared for whatever the world has to throw at me.

Being a visual arts student, I try to be creative everywhere I go, and by completing Disney's Creativity and Innovation course in Florida I feel as though I have a better understanding of my own creativity and how to apply it to my work.

It was the time of my life."

ACU: BOOKS AND MORE

JOIN A TEAM OR CLUB

ACU has a long tradition of supporting organisations run by students, for students, that are stimulating, fun and a great way to meet new people.

If sport is your thing, there is a wide range of teams on each campus which compete in everything from oztag and netball, to beach volleyball, basketball and badminton.

Each year students get the chance to represent ACU at the Australian University Games and University Championship Snow Sports, or battle it out between the six ACU campuses at ACU Games.

If business is what interests you, the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) use their economics, finance and business skills to deliver community outreach programs. A global non-profit organisation, SIFE is run at more than 1,700 universities in 42 countries.

Then there are the performing arts clubs, choirs and ACU Wired – a national radio station run by staff and students from a recording studio on each campus.

If you can't find a club dedicated to your particular passion or hobby, then why not start your own? ACU encourages the creation of new clubs and societies, and is always looking for ways to help bring your campus to life.



Photo: Matthew Duchesne, Milk & Honey / Photography (pool table)

INDIGENOUS SUPPORT

ACU is committed to access to education for Indigenous Australians, and received the maximum five-star rating for Indigenous Participation in *The Good Universities Guide* for 2012.

Indigenous higher education units on each campus focus on the provision of academic, personal and cultural support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Flexible undergraduate courses are also available, allowing Indigenous students to live and work in their own communities, while travelling to Sydney or Brisbane to complete the face-to-face component of their course.

Ongoing assignments, further study and online learning are completed throughout the year from their home base.

For more information visit www.acu.edu.au/indigenous



CHANTELLE STENNER
BACHELOR OF NURSING

"ACU is a not just a great place to study, but a great place to meet new people. There is a huge range of cultural diversity and getting to know other students from different cultures and learn about their traditions has been a highlight for me.

There are also lots of social activities to get involved in. I played in the Indigenous All Stars team at ACU Games and we had a great time - I'm looking forward to doing it again next year!

I'm really enjoying my course and glad I decided to study at ACU. It has an excellent learning environment, great support, and is welcoming to everyone."



ACU NATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

ACUNSA is the national representative body for students on campus. It comprises the Presidents of each of the six individual Student Associations and the Student Senator.

ACUNSA manages the Student Advocacy Service, and aims to promote the welfare and interests of students, ensure they have a voice at executive level and generate an active university social life.

ACU students are represented on their local campus by student associations and elected student leaders.

ACUNSA runs a range of events and programs throughout the year such as ACUmates, which bridges the gap between international and Australian students, lunchtime barbecues, harbour cruises and ACU Games, an annual inter-campus sporting event.

For more information visit www.acunsa.com.au



Apply in

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easy steps

STEP 1

CHOOSE THE COURSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO STUDY

- » Read through ACU's 2013 Undergraduate Guide
- » Go to www.acu.edu.au/courses
- » Arrange a campus tour by emailing campustour@acu.edu.au
- » Attend an information session at one of our campuses
- » If you have any questions, phone 1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228) or email futurestudents@acu.edu.au

To be eligible for entry to ACU undergraduate courses you must have completed your studies and gained an OP (Queensland), ATAR (NSW, ACT, VIC), or completed an equivalent qualification such as a UniAccess course, TAFE course or STAT test, or met the criteria for direct entry into the University.

STEP 2

CHECK OUT THE SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED TO FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

ACU offers a number of scholarships, bursaries and prizes funded by the University Foundation, the Commonwealth Government and various benefactors. Some are open to all students; others are restricted to students in particular courses or at particular campuses. They are awarded at the discretion of the University and are subject to available funding. For more information see page 78 or visit www.acu.edu.au/scholarships

STEP 3

CONSIDER ACU'S DIRECT-ENTRY PROGRAMS AND FIND OUT IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ACCESSACU BONUS ENTRY POINTS

ACU offers a range of direct entry options for future students including the Early Achievers' Program and Elite Athletes' Program. You might also be eligible for bonus entry points through accessACU. For more information visit www.acu.edu.au/access, call 1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228) or email futurestudents@acu.edu.au

STEP 4

APPLY THROUGH THE RELEVANT CENTRE

- Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) - www.qtac.edu.au
- University Admissions Centre (UAC) for NSW and ACT students - www.uac.edu.au
- Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) - www.vtac.edu.au

If you have any questions about your ACU application, phone 1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228) or email futurestudents@acu.edu.au

OP conversion table*

ATAR	99	98	96	94	92	90	87	85	82	80	-	75	-	70	-	65	-	60	55	-	50	-	45	40	30
OP	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25

*The conversion table above is intended as a comparative guide for the conversion of Year 12 results across Australia. It is intended as an approximate guide only.

TAILOR YOUR DEGREE

Whether you know exactly which subjects you want to study, or you need a little time to work it out, ACU has a flexible system which will benefit you.

For arts and business degrees, if you don't have an exact profession in mind but know what you're interested in, you can start studying your chosen subject straight away, along with additional subjects to expand your breadth of knowledge.

If you want to study for a degree that allows you to practise in a particular profession, such as a teacher, nurse or physiotherapist, then your program will concentrate on the core subjects connected to your degree from the start. This sort of degree offers less flexibility as it must satisfy the requirements of the relevant professional organisation, but you do still get to choose some electives that interest you.

Most of the three-year undergraduate degrees at ACU comprise 24 units of study, totalling 240 credit points.

8
MAJOR UNITS

16
MAJOR UNITS

+

or

+

4
MINOR UNITS

8
DOUBLE MAJOR UNITS

+

4
MINOR UNITS

Units

are the classes you study in a semester. There are usually four units per semester, 12 weeks in each semester, and two semesters a year.

Major

is your chosen area of in-depth study or specialisation. Once you have selected your major, you must complete a defined set of units, to complete your course. For some courses the degree major is explicit in the course title, for example Bachelor of Nursing, whilst in other courses you will need to select a major study from those available within the degree.

Minor

is a recognised set of units which you may be required to complete as part of your course. Minors are designed to complement your major course of study and intended career path, or can be something that interests you personally.