Education Abroad Programs: Australia

Whether you have browsed the OSU GO website or just know you would like to have an abroad experience in Australia, you should be aware that there are many options. To help you narrow down your search, set goals and ask yourself what you want out of your abroad experience in Australia. Doing a bit of background research to narrow down the number of programs you're interested in will not only help your advisor but will make you feel much more prepared and less overwhelmed. Below are several tools to help you explore programs and the many wonderful sites in Australia!

1) Research your program options

Study Abroad Program Website: http://international.oregonstate.edu/osugo/students
International Internship Website: http://international.oregonstate.edu/osugo/international-internships

2) Define your goals and ask yourself what you want out of the experience

- Are you looking for hands-on field experience in the environmental sciences?
- Are you open to going to a non-coastal region, if the cost savings were greater?
- Are you interested in living in a city or are you open to a smaller community? Keep in mind that larger cities like Sydney or Melbourne are typically more expensive for day-to-day living.
- What do you prefer for housing – on campus or nearby apartment? Australian Universities may offer traditional British style "College" residences, which are a great way to meet and integrate with locals, but may be more expensive than off-campus.
- Are you looking for specific credits in your major, or are you open to a site that might offer "Bacc Core" or other types of credit toward your program of study?
- How LONG do you want to go? ALL programs in Australia and New Zealand are 16-week semesters and students can participate for a semester or full year, including:
  - Semester 1 (beginning of academic year in Australia): February – June
  - Semester 2 (second term there, summer/fall at OSU): July - November
- Are you an in-state resident, interested in paying OSU tuition? Look at Exchange offerings via OSU or IE3 Global. The application process is more involved than for some other Study Abroad options, but the cost savings makes it worth the extra effort. Exchange options are described below.

3) What is an *Exchange*, and what are the exchange options in Australia?

With an *Exchange* option, students pay their OSU tuition (and some fees) and trade places with a student from another country, in terms of enrollment at each University (not in respective

coursework- each student chooses their courses). This is most financially beneficial for students who are Oregon residents, but it is possible for students who are non-residents to participate by paying tuition (and some fees) directly to the overseas institution (this is called "*Study Abroad*"). In some cases, the *Study Abroad* option may still be less than the cost of OSU non-resident tuition. With IE3 Global programs, for example, the non-resident program fee, which includes tuition, is often less than an out-of-state resident already pays in tuition at OSU.

The Exchange Application will include essays, recommendations and an interview with the Program Coordinator, among other items. There are a limited number of 'slots' available, so there is a GPA requirement for each. There is a limited number of Australian government scholarships available for OSU students who study at each of the OSU Exchanges listed here.

Exchange Offerings in Australia:

OSU, and **IE3 Global** offers 2 exchanges, which are open to students from all public Universities in Oregon. Non-residents may opt in to any of these and pay tuition directly to the overseas institution. For additional questions about the IE3 Global wide exchanges, contact Marit Legler at: Marit.Legler@ie3global.org

OSU Exchange: **Macquarie University, Sydney**
Macquarie is located in the city of Sydney, in a park-like setting with easy access to public transportation and shops.

Look at course offerings, application deadlines and review the application process here:
http://international.oregonstate.edu/studyabroad/programs/australia/osu-australia-macquarie-university-sydney

OSU Exchange: **Charles Sturt University** (3 campus options: Albury-Wodonga, Wagga Wagga, Bathurst – depending on the courses sought). CSU is an appealing option for students

interested in 'hands on' and field-based learning, in a small class setting and a chance to experience 'real Australia.'
http://international.oregonstate.edu/studyabroad/programs/australia/osu-australia-charles-sturt-university

IE3 Global Exchange: **Deakin University**
Deakin has four campuses- Burwood, located in the heart of Melbourne; waterfront and Waurn Pond campuses, located in Geelong; and Warrnambool, situated along the Hopkins River. This University offers a wide variety of courses at four very unique and scenic campuses.
http://international.oregonstate.edu/studyabroad/programs/australia/ous-australia-deakin-university

See IE3 Global's website for info: http://ie3global.org/school/oregon-state-university/study-abroad/?country=australia&programID=deakin-university-osu

IE3 Global Exchange: **James Cook University**
JCU has two campuses – in Townsville and Cairns, and is in a unique setting along the Great Barrier Reef and the Daintree National Rainforest in northeastern Australia. This is a popular exchange option, and students not offered an exchange 'slot' may wish to consider paying the "Study Abroad" rate for this opportunity.
See OSU's website: http://international.oregonstate.edu/studyabroad/programs/australia/ous-australia-james-cook-university

See IE3 Global's website for info: http://ie3global.org/school/oregon-state-university/study-abroad/?country=australia&programID=james-cook-university

4) Research program locations

- General travel information about the country (climate, visa options, plants and animals, cities & territories, culture): http://www.australia.com/

OSU Exchange Location Information, Other Resources:

- **Sydney**
  - Things to do: http://www.australia.com/explore/cities/sydney.aspx
  - Map of city and surrounding suburbs: http://www.lonelyplanet.com/australia/sydney
  - Blogs/reviews: http://www.lonelyplanet.com/australia/sydney/travelblogs

  Macquarie University

  - Undergraduate course catalogue: http://courses.mq.edu.au/list/undergraduate
  - Accommodation options: http://www.students.mq.edu.au/support/accommodation/home/

- **Charles Sturt University**

    CSU Albury-Wodonga

    - Things to do: http://www.lonelyplanet.com/australia/new-south-wales/albury-wodonga
    - Course catalogue: http://www.csu.edu.au/courses
    - Virtual campus tour: http://www.csu.edu.au/about/locations/virtual-campus-tours/albury-wodonga

    CSU Bathurst

    - The spectacular Blue Mountains National Park: http://www.lonelyplanet.com/australia/new-south-wales/blue-mountains
    - Course catalogue: http://www.csu.edu.au/courses
    - Virtual campus tour: http://www.csu.edu.au/about/locations/virtual-campus-tours/bathurst

    CSU Wagga Wagga

    o Things to do: http://www.lonelyplanet.com/australia/new-south-wales/wagga-wagga
    o Course catalogue: http://www.csu.edu.au/courses
    o Virtual tour: http://www.csu.edu.au/about/locations/virtual-campus-tours/wagga-wagga

IE3 Global Exchange Location Information, Other Resources:

- **Deakin University**
    Melbourne- Burwood campus
    - Things to do in and around the city: http://www.lonelyplanet.com/australia/melbourne
    - Blogs/reviews: http://www.lonelyplanet.com/australia/melbourne/travelblogs
    - study options: http://www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/study-options
    - virtual campus tour: http://www.deakin.edu.au/campus-life/melbourne-burwood-campus

    Geelong- Waurn Pond campus
    - Things to do in and around city: http://www.lonelyplanet.com/australia/victoria/geelong
    - Blogs/reviews: http://www.lonelyplanet.com/australia/victoria/geelong/travelblogs
    - Virtual tour: http://www.deakin.edu.au/campus-life/geelong-waurn-ponds-campus
    - Course catalogue: http://www.deakin.edu.au/current-students/courses/allcourses.php

Geelong-waterfront

- virtual tour: http://www.deakin.edu.au/campus-life/geelong-waterfront-campus
- Course catalogue: http://www.deakin.edu.au/current-students/courses/allcourses.php

Warrnambool

- Things to do in and around the city: http://www.lonelyplanet.com/australia/victoria/warrnambool
- The Great Ocean Road and the Seven Apostles: http://www.visitvictoria.com/Regions/Great-Ocean-Road.aspx
- Course Catalogue: Course catalogue: http://www.deakin.edu.au/current-students/courses/allcourses.php
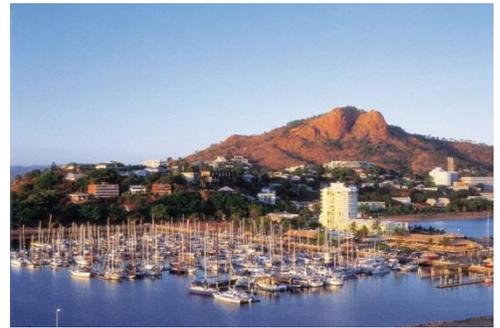
- **James Cook University**
    Townsville campus
    - Things to do in and around town: http://www.lonelyplanet.com/australia/queensland/townsville
    - Course catalogue: http://www-public.jcu.edu.au/courses/undergraduate/index.htm
    - Magnetic Island National Park: http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/parks/magnetic-island/index.html
    Cairns Campus
    - Things to do in and around town: http://www.lonelyplanet.com/searchResult?q=cairns
    - Fitzroy Island National Park: http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/parks/fitzroy-island/index.html
    - Course catalogue: http://www-public.jcu.edu.au/courses/undergraduate/index.htm

Other Options: Students interested in studying abroad in Australia may opt for a "Co-provider" program, such as those offered through IFSA-Butler, CIEE or SIT. For most of these programs, students enroll directly at an Australian University (SIT students participate in a study/research program). All credits are earned as OSU "resident credit," allowing use of credits for major or minor specific coursework or program requirements. Students apply for a Co-provider program option in conjunction with OSU International Program recommendations. Internships are another option for experiencing Australia and gaining valuable work experience. See links below for information on location, cost and applying:

IFSA Butler: http://www.ifsa-butler.org/australia-overview.html

CIEE: http://www.ciee.org/study-abroad/australia/

SIT: http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/studyabroad.htm#.ULUw6IfAd8E

IE3 Global Internships: http://ie3global.org/school/oregon-state-university/internships/