Welcome

We hope the current academic year is rolling along smoothly for everyone. We’re already at mid-semester break, which is hard to believe. This has been a busy year here, primarily due to the implementation of a new student system as well as the restructure of our team. We’re continually appreciative of the hard work contributed by universities, providers, government and support services that make international education possible. We’re pleased to be affiliated with the many outstanding individuals in this profession, and we look forward to another year working with you.

Because the majority of questions we receive are related to selecting subjects, this issue of our newsletter is primarily focused on areas of study at the University of Melbourne and the resources available to identify subjects/classes of interest.

If you have questions or need further information regarding items noted here, please contact Jennifer Flannery, jfl@unimelb.edu.au

Sincerely,
The Study Abroad and Exchange Team at the University of Melbourne

Announcements

→ New brochure available – The newest version of our study abroad and exchange brochure is now available and can be downloaded from www.mobility.unimelb.edu.au/resources/SAEX_brochure_2011.pdf You’ll find the most recent fees, semester dates, as well as one summary page of web links to use as a handy resource. Hard copies are in process of being mailed but in an effort to be as green as possible, we hope the PDF is equally as helpful.

→ Housing is an important part of a student’s experience and we have a full-time staff member who is dedicated to assisting study abroad and exchange students and their advisors with housing and arrival assistance. This role is not new to Melbourne, however, Clair Richards is now the person in this role. The email address remains the same as it has always been, saex-housing@unimelb.edu.au but Clair is now the contact. We’re thrilled to have Clair on the team!

→ Improved Format to Authenticate and Send Documents – As part of the new online application process, an Institutional Approval Form needs to be completed by the student AND their coordinator. The form can also be signed by a program provider/agent. The document is the first requirement in the second part of the application, and students must download the form from the link provided in the application. The form has three primary purposes.
1. Because documents are now uploaded and not required to be mailed, the form confirms that the advisor has seen and thus verified the original transcript. This replaces the need to print, sign and mail originals. One form now addresses all documents.
2. It confirms the home institution (or program provider/agent) approves the study overseas, and is aware that the student has applied for exchange or study abroad. This is in response to requests from advisors that they are sometimes unaware students have applied. It also serves as the formal nomination in the case of exchange.
3. It notifies us of the status of the application documents. For example, should we be expecting them by email, fax or have they been uploaded.

→ We’re excited to announce the new Culture Card Victoria is now available for all international students. Students can pick one up after arriving on campus. The card gives discounts on a variety of events and activities as well as some activities made available only to card holders. This is a great way for students to explore Melbourne and Victoria every day of the semester. www.culturecardvictoria.com.au

→ If you are interested in further information for students studying science or engineering, please let us know as we have a newly established process to assist with curriculum matching in these areas.
Special notes

→ The starting point on our website for students interested in coming to the University of Melbourne is www.mobility.unimelb.edu.au/incoming

→ The University of Melbourne publishes a newsletter each year at NAFSA. This year’s focus was on the launch of our new Student System, staff changes, Advisor Training sessions, and new subject offerings. If you did not receive a copy of this, please let us know and we’d be happy to email a copy to you.

→ If you are new to working with Melbourne, we have an advisor pack available that can be mailed to you. It has advising resources to get you started and that you can use in your office. In addition, we are happy to schedule a teleconference to provide a more personable overview of admissions processes, unique student opportunities, staff contacts and to answer any questions.

→ The new Handbook is published by the first of November of each year. Please encourage students to confirm their chosen subjects will be offered. We will also send them a reminder email as soon as the new version is available. While we rarely see significant changes, it is a student’s responsibility to confirm once the new Handbook is published.

→ If you have experienced staff changes in the past year, please let us know if we need to add or remove anyone from our contact lists.

→ The email address for all students coming to Melbourne is: studyabroad-exchange@unimelb.edu.au and the list of staff names for the Melbourne Global Mobility Office can be found at www.mobility.unimelb.edu.au/about-mgm/contact-us.html

New Rankings Released

→ Melbourne’s placement in the prestigious Shanghai Jiao Tong University 2010 Academic Rankings of World Universities (ARWU), released in August 2010, is a rise of 13 places from last year, and 30 places since the rankings began in 2003. It makes the University the most rapidly rising institution in the top 100 in the past year and one of only three Australian universities in that group. Melbourne ranked second nationally after the Australian National University and fourth in the Asia-Pacific region.

→ The University of Melbourne has been placed top in Australia and 36th in the world by the Times Higher Education rankings of the world top 200 universities (September 2010). Melbourne was also the leading university in the Oceania region. The University ranked top in Australia in Teaching (the learning environment), Research (volume, income and reputation) and Citations (measuring research influence); it was also second in Industry Income (innovation and knowledge transfer) and third in International (looking at the proportion of international staff and students).

→ The University was placed 38th in the world in the recent QS World University Rankings table (September 2010) which was previously published jointly with the Times Higher Education. Melbourne was rated in the top 40 of all five areas surveyed.

Australian Student Ambassador Program

The AusTrade North American Student Ambassador Program has begun for the 2010-2011 academic year. Thirty-five outstanding students were jointly nominated by their North American and Australian institutions to serve as “student ambassadors” for the Embassy of Australia. Students will organize two events per semester that promote Australia’s unique and prestigious opportunities for study abroad and use their firsthand experience to serve as a resource. Three Melbourne alumni are participating: Ashley Bradley (University of Pennsylvania), Michelle Mintz (Haverford College), and Amanda Moore (Vanderbilt University). www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/sia/en/help/NorthAmerica/connected/Student_Ambassadors.htm
Searching for Subjects

Two of the great things about studying at the University of Melbourne are the number of subjects available and the many areas available. However, we realise the difficulty can be finding subjects. The following information can help you with your search.

1. WEBSITE
2. Select “What can I study”. Click this link and you will see options to choose several pages with further information about what you can study.
3. On this page, www.mobility.unimelb.edu.au/incoming/planning/study-areas/ you will see a list of general areas. Click on any one of these for information.

2. FACULTY/SCHOOL WEB PAGES
1. Each of our Faculties/Schools have information about our degrees, which includes information about subjects available to study at Melbourne.
2. Visit www.mobility.unimelb.edu.au/incoming/planning/study-areas/ and click on “University Faculty websites can also help in subject selection.” You should be here: www.unimelb.edu.au/az/faculties.html
3. This page that lists all of our Faculties by area. For example, if you select Science, you can see all information about both undergraduate and graduate study in science.

3. UNIVERSITY HANDBOOK
The Handbook is Melbourne’s searchable database of all courses and subjects offered.
1. Search by Subject Area
3. In the Quicksearch box, choose “Subjects” as this way you will see only subjects/classes on the list and not degrees/courses in this area.
4. In the box just below type a topic that interests you, such as biology, marketing, or Australia.
5. When the list appears, click the link “display all results” to see the full list.
6. The list is based on the keyword you used. If the keyword you entered is noted in the title of the subject or in the description of the subject, the subject will appear on the list.
7. Click the name of the subject and a new page will open with more detailed information about the subject. For example, pre-requisites, how it is assessed, how much is lecture versus lab versus fieldwork, and if it is offered in Semester 1 or 2.
8. Please confirm you have studied the required subjects/information listed under pre-requisite on the description page to ensure you are eligible to take the subject.
9. Make sure the subject will be offered during the semester that you plan to be in Melbourne.
10. You will need the Subject Name and Code for your application.

Tips for searching

→ We’ve recently renamed all subjects and the relevant codes. The first number in the sequence refers to the year or level of the subject. Numbers 1-3 are undergraduate, 4 is often the Honours year here thus could be UG or PG, and 5-9 would indicate a graduate level subject. For example, HORT20012 is an undergraduate subject, year 2 and BTCH90005 is a graduate level subject because it has 9 as the first number.
→ If you are interested in graduate level subjects but are currently enrolled as an undergraduate, some subjects may still be open to you. Please read the description in the Handbook to ensure you meet the pre-requisites and then email our office to inquire if the subject is open to undergraduates.
→ At Melbourne we may name subjects/classes differently than other universities so students need to think broadly when searching. Don’t look for just one word, try a few searches. For example, if you are looking for molecular biology, search using “molecular biology” but also “biology” to see a broader list of related subjects.
→ The list is based on the keyword you used. If the keyword you entered is noted in the title of the subject or in the description of the subject, the subject will appear on the list.
→ To retrieve a comprehensive list of all subjects within a specific stream, enter the Department prefix in the search engine of the Handbook instead of a key word. This will produce a list of all subjects within that area offered at all levels. For example, HIST will return all subjects offered in the History Department; COMP for Computer Science or UNIB for University Breadth subjects.
→ For many science subjects, laboratory/practicum is included under the primary subject name and description. “Labs” are not always offered separately. Review the subject description to learn the percentage of lecture versus lab/practicum time, as well as fieldwork requirements.
Study Areas

Your semester in Melbourne is a great opportunity to explore new areas of learning, continue in your current subjects, or a combination of both. The University of Melbourne offers a wide range of choices to allow you to choose the subjects you most want.

Wide variety of choices: The information below outlines the numerous disciplines taught at the University of Melbourne. There are 12 Faculties or Schools and you can find subjects available in nearly every area.

Choose a variety of subjects: You will take 3-4 subjects while enrolled, and as long as you meet the pre-requisites, you may combine these from any area. For example, you may take 2 in Science, 1 in Business, 1 in Arts.

All areas are open: Of all the subjects listed in the Handbook, there are only a few specialist areas not open to visiting students. These include Theatre, Film/TV, Media, Medicine, Dentistry, Health Sciences and Veterinary Science.

Space is not limited: No matter which subjects you select, there is sure to be space, including students in architecture, design studios, and fine/performing arts.

If you are interested in graduate level subjects but are currently enrolled as an undergraduate, some subjects may still be open to you. Please read the description in the Handbook to ensure you meet the pre-requisites and then email our office to inquire if the subject is open to undergraduates.

AUSTRALIAN AND INDIGENOUS STUDIES
- Architecture
- Arts and culture
- Business and economics
- Environments and sustainability
- History
- Indigenous education and culture
- Landscape
- Literature
- Media
- Politics
- Wildlife

ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT
- Architecture
- Architectural history
- Design

BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS
- Accounting
- Actuarial studies
- Commerce
- Economics
- Finance
- International business
- Management
- Marketing

COMPUTER SCIENCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
- Computer science
- Geomatics
- Informatics
- Information systems
- Software engineering
- Telecommunications engineering

EDUCATION
- Adult education
- Early childhood education
- Elementary education
- Professional practice and school observation
- Secondary education

EDUCATION BREADTH
- Creativity, Young People And Learning
- Creativity and Learning Communities
- Youth Citizenship and Identity
- Understanding Knowledge
- Sports Coaching: Theory and Practice*
- Deafness and Communication*
*Single subject only

ENGINEERING
- Biomedical
- Chemical and biomolecular
- Civil
- Computer science and software
- Electrical and electronic (including telecommunications)
- Engineering management
- Environmental
- Geomatics
- Mechanical and manufacturing
- Mechatronics
- Mining

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
- Development technologies
- Ecology
- Energy studies
- Environmental law
- Environmental policy
- Environmental science
- Environmental studies
- Forest ecosystem science
- Surveying
- Water resources management

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
- American studies
- Ancient world studies
- Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Arabic studies
- Art history
- Asian studies
- Cinema and screen studies
- Classics
- Creative writing
- Criminology
- Cultural studies
- Development studies
- English literary studies
- Gender studies
- History
- History and philosophy of science
- Indigenous arts management
- International studies
- Islamic studies
- Jewish studies
- Linguistics and applied linguistics
- Medieval studies
- Philosophy
- Political science
- Public policy
- Social theory
- Socio-legal studies
- Sociology
- Theatre studies
LAND, FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT
- Agriculture
- Agricultural economics and agribusiness
- Animal science and management
- Biotechnology
- Conservation and ecology
- Food science
- Forest ecosystem science
- Genetics and breeding
- Geography
- Landscape management
- Natural resource management
- Plant sciences
- Soil science
- Urban horticulture
- Viticulture and wine technology

PSYCHOLOGY
- Experimental psychology
- Quantitative psychology
- Developmental psychology
- Behavioural neuroscience
- Personality and social psychology
- Cognitive psychology
- Industrial / organisational psychology
- Human psychophysiology

SCIENCES
- Agricultural science
- Atmosphere and ocean sciences
- Biochemistry and molecular biology
- Bioengineering systems
- Biotechnology
- Cell and developmental biology
- Chemical systems
- Chemistry
- Civil systems
- Computer science
- Domestic animal science
- Ecology and evolutionary biology
- Electrical systems
- Environmental science
- Food science
- Genetics
- Geography
- Geology
- Geomatics
- Human structure and function
- Marine biology
- Mathematical physics
- Mathematics and statistics
- Mechanical systems
- Microbiology, infection and immunology
- Neuroscience
- Pathology
- Pharmacology
- Physics
- Physiology
- Plant science
- Psychology
- Science informatics
- Software systems
- Zoology

MUSIC
- Music performance (audition required)
- Ensemble performance (audition required for some ensembles)
- Music history
- Music language (theory)
- Introductory music subjects (no pre-requisites)

LANGUAGES
- Arabic
- Chinese
- French
- German
- Hebrew
- Indonesian
- Italian
- Japanese
- Russian
- Spanish

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS
- Asia Pacific media systems
- Creative writing
- Culture and media
- Editing and publishing
- Global media
- Language and media
- Marketing communications
- Media communications theory
- Media futures and new technologies
- Media law
- Media, politics and society
- Media studies
- Net communications

UNIVERSITY BREADTH
- An Ecological History of Humanity
- Body, Mind and Medicine
- Climate Change II
- Climate Change III
- Critical Thinking With Data
- Deafness and Communication
- Drugs That Shape Society
- Food for a Healthy Planet
- Food for a Healthy Planet II
- Generating the Wealth of Nations
- Genetics, Health, and Society
- Global Health, Security and Sustainability
- Human Rights and Global Justice
- Internet Meets Society
- Introduction to Climate Change
- Language and Computation
- Learning Cultures: Minds, Ideas, Objects
- Living Longer: A Global Diagnosis
- Logic: Language and Information
- Poetics of the Body 1
- Poetics of the Body 2
- Poetics of the Body 3
- Seeing: The Whole Picture
- Sex, Race and Social Justice
- Sex: Science and the Community
- Water for Sustainable Futures
- Wines of the World

Quick Facts

There are more than:

- 150 subjects related to the study of Australia and some include a travel component or fieldwork in locations around Australia.
- 25 subjects related to science in Australia, such as flora, wildlife and the environment, open to both science majors, and non-majors.
- 60 subjects directly related to the study of Asia, not counting related subjects such as languages, travel subjects or case studies utilised as assignments.
- And hundreds of subjects about culture, immigration, indigenous studies, history, international relations, language and communications.
Unique Study Options

UNIVERSITY BREADTH SUBJECTS

The University of Melbourne offers a unique collection of subjects called “University Breadth” subjects.

Each subject involves the interdisciplinary study of a particular topic and there are nearly 30 from which to choose. University Breadth subjects are specially designed to explore challenging and complex questions from many points of view.

For example, issues such as climate change preoccupy thinkers and leaders all over the world, but cannot be fully understood from the perspective of a single discipline.

In examining these big questions, you will be led by expert teachers and researchers from across the University, and learn from leading thinkers in a wide range of fields across the sciences, social sciences and humanities.

See page 5 for a full list of available subjects.

ADDITIONAL INTERDISCIPLINARY SUBJECTS

The Melbourne Graduate School of Education (MGSE) also offers interdisciplinary breadth subjects. The interdisciplinary nature of these subjects has broad application and students from any major should consider enrolling. If you are interested in creative play in children, sports coaching, community practice in the arts, digital technologies, social identities or the theory of knowledge, these will develop your understanding of ways of learning and youth culture. There are 16 subjects available and they are in 6 themed areas:

- Creativity, Young People and Learning
- Creativity and Learning Communities
- Youth Citizenship and Identity
- Understanding Knowledge
- Sports Coaching: Theory and Practice*
- Deafness and Communication*

*Single subject only

Sample University Breadth Subjects

INTRODUCTION TO CLIMATE CHANGE

This subject is an introduction to the major topics in climate change, including the scientific basis of the greenhouse effect, the history of Earth’s climate, energy options, economics and public policy, the effect of climate change on food, water and health, and the national and international legal frameworks for the management of climate change. Students will explore and debate the issues on a range of topics, with an emphasis on the international and global implications.

GLOBAL HEALTH, SECURITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

This subject explores the root causes of disease, poverty, injustice and inequity that exist in the world today. It will feature eminent speakers from a range of academic disciplines and students will be encouraged to draw on disciplines in law, arts, engineering, economics, biosciences and medicine to explore and understand the depth, complexity and multi-dimensionality of current global health challenges.

LEARNING CULTURES: MINDS, IDEAS, OBJECTS

In this subject students will be introduced to cross-cultural and cross-disciplinary research methodologies. Leading researchers in fields as diverse as physics, archaeology, history and materials science will present their ideas and methods. The collections and data sources of the University and of major collecting institutions in Melbourne will be used to demonstrate the nature of interdisciplinary collaboration and its potential for research and problem solving.
Unique study areas

RESEARCH PROJECTS
Science and Engineering students can request to undertake a practical placement in a laboratory or research group during their semester. These are arranged on an individual basis in a variety of areas. This can be done just for experience outside lectures, or if students want academic credit, they should note the corresponding subject and code on their application.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS INTERNSHIPS
Through a few limited offerings, students will have an active experience by working in a policy role (research, formulation, management) in a public affairs-oriented organisation such as a government department (Commonwealth, State or local), an independent statutory authority, an NGO or community-based organisation, or a private firm which has a strong public policy component to its work. The central task will be to complete a policy research report or a combination of smaller, research-related pieces of work such as briefings) of relevance to the organisation. These subjects require academic enrolment in addition to the internship and can be applied for at the time of admission.

EXPLORING CENTRAL AUSTRALIA
This interdisciplinary subject guides students towards a ‘shaping’ experience of Central Australia. In the context of a first-hand encounter, students will engage the environment and cultures of the region. Topics will focus on the contested histories and contemporary realities, with particular attention to issues of race and culture, in the town of Alice Springs, and also exploring the ‘meanings’ of Uluru for both the Anangu people and non-Indigenous Australians. This subject is taught through a combination of seminars at the University and an intensive field trip (at additional cost) to Central Australia. Students will be encouraged to produce research and writing that investigates issues, challenges stereotypes, and draws upon their fieldwork observations and interactions. This subject is only one of the many offered that examine Australian culture or Indigenous Australia.

FACULTY OF THE VCA AND MUSIC (VCAM)
The Faculty of the VCA and Music brings together a wide range of creative disciplines including Art, Music, Dance, Theatre, Production and Film and Television. The majority of subjects are offered on the Southbank Campus, located in the heart of Melbourne’s Art Precinct, only 30 minutes by tram from the main Parkville campus.

It is considered a small and elite teaching facility and a rare opportunity for performance based students to join other elite performance based artists, connect with Melbourne’s performing arts community, receive focused attention, and add to their portfolio.

VCAM is considered intensive professional training and thus open only to students currently enrolled in a Fine Art, Dance, Music or Production major at their home university. Students should have sufficient work to submit a portfolio or audition DVD. Film/Television and Drama/Theatre are not open to study abroad and exchange due to the structure of this degree program.

If you are not working on a performance degree you can enrol in subjects offered at the Parkville campus or join one of more than 50 clubs whose activities focus on theatre, choirs, music, photography or orchestra.

Did you know?

Buddy Program
The Faculty of Business and Economics offers a buddy program called interCom. New international students can choose to be matched up with later-year students in an effort to improve the quality and speed of your transition to Melbourne. The email exchange starts four weeks prior to semester commencement, and ends two weeks after the semester starts.

You can get answers to questions you may have about university life and Melbourne, practice your English language skills and start your social network before you arrive.

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