A World of Opportunity

College of Business

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When you study with RMIT University incorporating an international experience into your studies gives your education the competitive edge needed in today’s global knowledge economy.

In most cases, you do not have to speak a foreign language and the benefits of studying overseas include:

- Enhancing job opportunities and professional networks;
- Developing interpersonal skills by living and studying in another culture;
- Experiencing different teaching styles and ways of learning;
- Gaining an international perspective on your studies and professional knowledge.

You can gain credit points towards your degree by doing:

- a two or three-week study tour
- a one week study intensive
- a semester/year long exchange
- an international work placement.

Overview of Opportunities

Student Exchange
Allows you to study overseas for either one semester or one year. You may find being immersed in another culture will help you understand what you learn and how you learn. At the same time you will experience life with a different flavour, and make friends from all over the world.

Studying Abroad
Some business programs are offered at RMIT Vietnam (Saigon South and Hanoi) and partner institutions around the world. This provides opportunities for you to complete part or all of your studies towards an RMIT award outside of Australia.

Work Placements
Overseas work placements are currently available to Higher Education students enrolled in a program.

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RMIT International Industry Experience and Research Program (RIIERP)
RIIERP offers degree students the opportunity to undertake a paid internship in Europe, Asia or the USA with International organisations.

- www.rmit.edu.au/RIIERP

RMIT Education Abroad Office
Creates international mobility opportunities for all RMIT students: linking with key partners; maximising existing offerings at RMIT Vietnam and coordinating mobility programs for students.

For more information about these opportunities please visit: www.rmit.edu.au/globalpassport/outgoing

Study Tours
International study tours are a unique feature of RMIT’s business and law programs allowing you to combine an overseas travel and cultural experience with coursework completed in intensive mode.

- Study intensives are generally one week in duration and you will learn in a classroom setting.
- Study tours are generally for two to three weeks, and you may learn through a combination of classroom face-to-face learning, site visits and cultural experiences.
- Study programs — The College of Business offers multi-destination three week international study programs which are particularly suited to accounting students.

Who is Eligible to go on a Study Tour
Tours are open to students from across the university, studying at undergraduate or postgraduate level. Course content is designed to be generalist so that all students can participate.

Some may also be best suited to students studying particular courses or programs. Please check the information about each study tour destination to ensure you meet eligibility requirements.

Study Tour Destinations
Destinations include Asia, Europe and North America and are equivalent to either 12 or 24 credit points. If you are planning to include a study tour as part of your program, you are advised to check that you have the required number of student electives or credit points available.

Benefits of a Study Tour
Undergraduate and postgraduate students from any discipline are encouraged to find out how a study tour can give you the opportunity to work in multi-disciplinary teams, and benefit from exposure to the ideas, knowledge and skills of peers from other disciplines, programs and year levels.

Study Tour Dates
Study tours depart during the Australian summer or winter vacations.
Asia

China Study Tour
Introduction to issues related to business globalisation within a Chinese context and understanding Chinese culture and business. Advances in transportation, technology and communication have dramatically increased the level of global interaction in China.
This study tour is a collaboration between the Shanghai University of International Business and Economics (SUIBE), Fudan University and RMIT’s College of Business.

Thailand Study Tour
Meet with senior personnel from Thai industry and government to experience the impact of increased interaction and integration of national business systems through the growth of international trade and investment. The tour introduces you to the multifaceted nature of change associated with globalisation.

Vietnam Study Tour
Introduction to a range of issues related to business globalisation within a Vietnamese context.

Vietnam Study Intensive (Postgraduate only)
Study south-east Asian business practices and the challenge of developing economies in a cross-cultural context. You will develop an understanding of international business and the challenges of establishing businesses in developing countries.

Europe

Denmark Study Tour (Postgraduate only)
Expand your knowledge of Europe and the European Union. You will learn the importance of Danish/EU relationships both from a cultural and business perspective.

Europe Accounting International Study Program
This multi-country study program gives you the chance to gain insight into international business and accounting practices by meeting with key executives in manufacturing, technology, accounting and regulatory bodies in Europe.

France Study Tour (Undergraduate only)
An introduction to a unique overseas travel and cultural experience. Gain a greater understanding of cross-cultural relationships with studies relating to intercultural and international business, with a focus on the European Union.

France Study Intensive (Postgraduate only)
Develop a range of perspectives and skills to understand the complexities of working and managing a business in Europe. Focus on management and leadership approaches within France and examine the European Union and how business practice is facilitated across the member states.

Germany Study Tour (Undergraduate only)
An introduction to a unique overseas travel and cultural experience. Study the importance of the European Union, its relationships with its members and the rest of the world. This tour gives you an insight into Germany’s political and economic history.

North America

Canada Study Tour
The Canadian study tour provides a unique opportunity to critically appreciate and evaluate relationships between global and Canadian businesses and gain an insight into the practical challenges of working in global companies.

Canada and USA Accounting International Study Program
Broaden your international accounting perspective and gain invaluable insights into, and expand knowledge of international business and accounting practices. Meet with leading executives in organisations in the entertainment, education, IT and regulatory fields.

USA Study Tour
An introduction to issues related to business globalisation within a North American context. Gain first hand knowledge of cross-cultural differences and understanding business behaviour in a diverse global environment.
This study tour is offered in association with the Robert H Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland and will include time in Washington, DC and New York City.

Winner of a Carrick Citation Award for the development of sustainable study tours enhancing internationalisation of the student learning experience.

Winner—Australian Learning and Teaching Award.
Winner—RMIT University Teaching Excellence Award.

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Academic Content
When you are accepted on a study tour you will enrol in its dedicated elective course. The coursework you must complete will depend on which tour you choose. Once overseas the program may include going on site visits to local businesses, attending classes at an overseas university, joining a cultural tour, or a combination of any of these. During your time overseas, you participate in assessment tasks and in most cases, complete additional requirements when you return to RMIT. For example, assessment tasks may include a group presentation, a business report, a reflective learning journal or an individual assignment. Regardless of the destination the content undertaken overseas is taught entirely in English. Each destination's program is coordinated in conjunction with RMIT, for RMIT students.

Cost
The cost of a study tour will vary depending on the destination. The cost will generally include airfares, taxes, insurance, accommodation and visa fees. In addition, students pay tuition fees associated with studying the equivalent of RMIT general elective course(s), including any related materials fee associated with these electives.

Scholarships
Travel grants, scholarships and bursaries may be available. www.rmit.edu.au/globalpassport/financialsupport

Additional Travel
You will have an opportunity to undertake additional sightseeing on each of the tours. Prior to and upon completion of studies, you will be free to travel around the world. Certain study tours offer city tours, welcome dinners as well as field trips to local businesses and attractions.

Information Sessions
Each study tour is coordinated by an academic tour leader and regular information sessions are scheduled so you can find out detailed information for each tour.

How to Apply
An application form must be completed and returned by the due date and early application is advised. (Applications received after the closing date may still be considered subject to availability). The application form and and further information can be found at the RMIT Business Study Tour website.

Pre-Departure
Once you have gained a place on your chosen study tour you will be invited to attend pre-departure workshops. They include health and safety tips and offer a chance to meet other students travelling with you.

— Pre-Departure Workshops
Pre-departure workshops explore cross-cultural issues associated with engaging in business across the globe. They also cover the itinerary, information on joining the study tour and provide detail about organised dinners and social activities whilst on the tour.

RMIT Responsibility
While you are away you have the support of RMIT and International SOS which provides 24 hour medical and security advice and assistance.

Student Responsibility
— Passport
Ensure your passport has at least six months validity from the date of entry.
— Visa
If a Visa is required for your Study Tour it is your responsibility to apply for the Visa in a timely manner. Visa requirements depend on which country has issued your passport.
— Travel Insurance
It is a condition of your participation that you obtain adequate travel insurance. You must also complete an RMIT International Mobility Travel Insurance Declaration. www.rmit.edu.au/globalpassport/traveladvice

Changing your Mind
There is a grace period from application to withdrawal date when you can cancel your tour participation without penalty. You will be liable for a withdrawal fee after the withdrawal date (see application form).

Lucia Philip
Master of Marketing
USA Study Tour

“This was a once in a lifetime experience. The two week course allowed me to study a range of business topics that enhanced my RMIT degree. Visiting the World Bank and the IMF were both experiences that I could never have organised as a member of the public—real highlights!”

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