

RMIT UNIVERSITY FACTS FOR EXCHANGE AND STUDY ABROAD

RMIT is a global university of technology with its heart in the City of Melbourne. The city is a melting pot of over 180 nationalities, and is ideally located close to beautiful beaches, mountains and wineries.

As Australia's cultural, sporting and fashion capital, Melbourne is a sophisticated, modern and friendly city with a reputation for embracing the arts. Melbourne is consistently voted the most livable city in the world. RMIT University is located in the heart of it all!

At RMIT, all students have access to a wide variety of sports, recreational and library facilities, research centres and computer laboratories. Free Internet and email access is available through our wireless network.

What is Student Exchange?

Exchange students are officially nominated by their home institution to study for one to two semesters at RMIT University under a reciprocal student exchange agreement.

What is Study Abroad?

Students who are not nominated by their home institution as exchange, can still apply as a Study Abroad (fee paying) student.

Eligibility Criteria

- » Completed at least one full year of studies at home institution
- » Minimum GPA of 2.5 or 60% or equivalent
- » Met RMIT's English language requirements
- » Be 18 years of age or over (at the time of applying)

Check our website for detailed eligibility criteria.

www.rmit.edu.au/globalpassport/incomingexchange

Application deadlines

Semester 1 (February):

- 30 October
- 30 September (architecture* programs only)

Semester 2 (July):

- 30 April
- 30 March (architecture* programs only)

*Architecture programs: Please be aware that courses in Architecture are very competitive and limits are set by the school on the number of students that can be accepted each semester. The deadline for students applying for courses in Architecture, are earlier than for general applications. Applications must be received by the Education Abroad Office (EAO) no later than the above dates.



RMIT City campus

How to Apply

Instructions and the application form can be found on www.rmit.edu.au/globalpassport/incomingexchange#Howtoapply.

Completed [application form](#) should be sent to EAO.

Academic semester dates

Higher Education

- Semester 1 2012: 27 February – 22 June 2012
- Semester 2 2012: 16 July – 9 November 2012

TAFE

- Semester 1 2012: 6 February – 15 June 2012
- Semester 2 2012: 2 July – 9 November 2012

Orientation

It is compulsory for all students (higher education and TAFE) to attend the EAO Orientation.

Semester 1 2012

- Tuesday 14 to Thursday 16 February (students should arrive by 13 February 2012)

Semester 2 2012

- Tuesday 10 to Thursday 12 July (students should arrive by 9 July 2012)



The Hub

Selecting courses

One of the advantages of choosing RMIT University is that you can choose courses from across a huge range of disciplines to design your own program. You can choose any course at RMIT as long as you have the necessary prerequisites.

RMIT offers higher education courses i.e undergraduate and postgraduate as well as TAFE. TAFE courses are typically suited to students who are studying at a community college, vocational institution or technical college.

Higher Education

36 to 48 credit points (equivalent to three to four courses) is a normal full-time load per semester. Students must undertake a minimum of 36 credit points and are not permitted to exceed 48 credit points (overload). Dropping below 36 credit points is a breach of the student visa conditions.

48 credit points at RMIT usually equate to 30 ECTS or 12 North American Credits (please check your home institution credit conversion).

TAFE

TAFE has a different structure to higher education. Course credits are based on the number of contact hours a student is enrolled in. At least 360 contact hours should be taken per semester, or as directed by the school, in order to maintain a full time load.

When selecting courses, students are asked to note the following:

- » List eight courses (to have some flexibility) on the application form
- » Check that the course is available in the preferred semester and campus
- » All courses must be selected from one campus, e.g. all at Bundoora or all at the City campus.

A full list of courses available at RMIT can be found at www.rmit.edu.au/students/courses.



RMIT orientation

How much does it cost?

Tuition fees

Students enrolled in the Exchange Program do not pay tuition fees to RMIT University but continue to pay fees to their home institution.

The 2012 Study Abroad fee is AUD \$9 840 per semester. A discount of AUD \$720 per semester is given to any applicant from one of RMIT's partner institutions.

Health insurance

It is a condition of the Australian Student Visa to have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for the duration of the student visa. OSHC can be purchased through RMIT and will cost approximately AUD \$240 per semester.

Accommodation

Being located in the heart of the City of Melbourne, RMIT does not offer on campus accommodation, but has an extensive range of recommended off campus accommodation including [RMIT Village](#).

The [RMIT Housing Advisory Service](#) can assist new students with a range of options.

Cost of living

[Living costs](#) vary according to the type of accommodation, the number of people living in the accommodation and the location.

Student Services

RMIT University provides a [range of services](#) to students, including housing, gym, legal service, chaplaincy, library, health and well being, and much more.

Contact us

Contact the [Education Abroad Office](#) for more information.

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