



STUDY IN AUSTRALIA



Griffith University is one of Australia's most progressive, innovative and dynamic universities. Strategically located in Australia's fastest-growing region - the flourishing Brisbane - Gold Coast corridor, Griffith is a five-campus university with more than 3,200 staff and 37,800 students, including 8,800 international students.

Environment

Queensland's subtropical climate is close to perfect, with typically mild winters and warm summers . Temperatures average 9°C to 20°C in winter and 21°C to 32°C in summer. www.ourbrisbane.com

Cost of living

The cost of living in Brisbane is comparatively lower than a number of international cities including Moscow, Tokyo, Seoul, Hong Kong, Osaka, Paris, Singapore, Beijing, Helsinki, New York, Los Angeles, Berlin, Stockholm, Dubai and Mumbai. Brisbane also has a low cost of living in comparison to Australia's other state capital cities. For more information go to www.citymayors.com. (*William M Mercer Cost of Living Survey 2008*)

Culture and recreation

A multicultural environment allows you to enjoy a level of personal freedom that comes with living in a safe, modern and open-minded community. You will take advantage of a lifestyle that promotes innovation and education.

Home to 1.8 million people (*Australian Bureau of Statistics 2007*), Brisbane offers all the social, cultural and recreational facilities you would expect of a capital city, in a beautiful, riverside setting. Whether you're looking for an Irish pub, a cosmopolitan café, a Chinese grocer, a Tae-Kwon-Do academy or an Islamic mosque, you'll find it in Brisbane. For more information go to www.ourbrisbane.com

The Gold Coast with a population of around 485 000 people (*Australian Bureau of Statistics 2007*), is one of Australia's premier tourist destinations, with amazing theme parks, wildlife sanctuaries, national parks and some of the best beaches on earth. The Gold Coast also offers a wide range of international cuisine and cultural entertainment. For more information go to www.verygoldcoast.com.au



In 2008, Griffith University was the **number one** Australian university destination for students from 28 countries, including Canada, Japan, Norway, Sweden, Portugal, United Arab Emirates and Brazil.

www.griffith.edu.au/international



International student visas

To study in Australia, international students must apply for a student visa. As an international student, you must maintain an enrolment load that enables you to finish your studies within the standard duration of your program, as noted in the terms and conditions of your visa. This means that in most cases you will be enrolled in 40 credit points per semester.

Currently if you want to work while holding a student visa, you will need to apply for work permission. Under current regulations you are restricted to working 20 hours per week. More information on the terms and conditions for work permission is available at www.immi.gov.au/students

Please send enquiries or applications for your student visa to your local Australian Embassy or Australian High Commission. Contact details and more information on visas is available at www.immi.gov.au/students

Key Dates 2009 - 2010

Semester 2, 2009 (Approximately 17 weeks)

Orientation	13 - 17 July
Start date	27 July
Mid-semester vacation	28 September - 2 October
End of teaching	30 October
Study week	2 - 6 November
Examinations	9 - 20 November

Semester 1, 2010 (Approximately 17 weeks)

Orientation	15-19 February
Start date	1 March
Mid-semester vacation	5- 9 April
End of teaching	4 June
Study week	7 - 11 June
Examinations	14 - 25 June
Inter-semester vacation	28 June - 23 July

Griffith University Contacts

International Office

Monday-Thursday 9am to 5pm, Friday 11am to 5pm	
Gold Coast campus	+617 5552 8819
Nathan campus	+617 3735 6425
After hours (Emergency only)	1800 800 707

Accommodation Services

Gold Coast campus	+617 5552 8297
Nathan campus	+617 3735 7575

Health Services

Gold Coast campus	+617 5552 8794
Nathan campus	+617 3735 7299

Agent contact details to be placed here.

Personal living expenses

As well as your tuition fees, you will need between A\$15,000 to A\$18,000 to meet your expenses each year for accommodation, text books, study materials, and other personal expenses including public transport, entertainment and recreation costs. These amounts will not cover major expenses such as buying a car, television, stereo or computer.

We also recommend you bring at least A\$3,000 with you to meet your establishment costs (for example, bonds on rental property, telephone connection charges and text books).

For more information on living in Australia please check student support at www.griffith.edu.au/International

Comparative costs indicator

ITEM	A\$
Car (small, new)	\$15,000.00
Computer (new pc laptop)	\$1,500.00
Car insurance & registration 1 year	\$1,250.00
Television - 51cm screen	\$300.00
Rent per week (per person)	\$110.00 [#] - 280.00 [*]
Running shoes	\$100.00
Average cost of food per week per person (from supermarket)	\$50.00 - \$90.00
T-shirt - (popular brand name)	\$60.00
Music CD	\$30.00
Main meal from restaurant	\$15.00-\$30.00
T-shirt (no brand)	\$20.00
Weekly bus ticket 2 zones	\$12.00
Movie ticket - student price	\$11.00
Burger - take away	\$5.00
Toothpaste	\$3.50
Cup of coffee from café	\$3.00
Loaf of bread	\$2.50
Chocolate bar	\$2.50
Local telephone call	\$0.50

[#]Share house with 3 other people

^{*}On-campus including all meals (Nathan Campus)

Note: The figures supplied in this section are estimates only. All prices are quoted in Australian dollars and may be subject to inflation or currency fluctuations.

Useful contacts

Emergency

Fire, Ambulance, Police	000
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Transport

Taxis	131 008
Transinfo (Public transport)	131 230
Surfside Buslines (GCoast only)	+617 5571 6555

Important Government Agencies

Dept Immigration	www.immi.gov.au/students
Australian Tax Office	www.ato.gov.au
Study Queensland	www.studyqueensland.qld.edu.au
Tourism Queensland	www.queenslandholidays.com.au
Brisbane City Council	www.ourbrisbane.com
Gold Coast Tourism	www.verygoldcoast.com.au

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