Available as a 1st choice option only

Facts
- Language of instruction: English
- Number of students enrolled: 42,000
- Number of campuses: 7
- Academic year: February – November
- Autumn Semester Equivalent: July - November
- Spring Semester Equivalent: February – June

Things to do
Melbourne is Australia’s second largest city and is located in Victoria, Australia’s smallest yet most densely populated state, with over 5 million inhabitants. Melbourne is often referred to as the sporting and cultural capital of Australia, boasting many music, art, fashion and sporting festivals. With 5 universities, Melbourne is a student-focussed city.

Top attractions: Melbourne Cricket Ground, Queen Victoria Market, St Kilda’s beaches and promenade, Federation Square and the Yarra Valley wine region.

Travel opportunities
Melbourne is 1.5 hours flight from Sydney, 1 hour flight from Tasmania, and within 4 hours of Christchurch, New Zealand. Recognised as one of the world’s most scenic drives, the Great Ocean Road is within a few hours’ drive of Melbourne, following a stunning coastline with a wide range of natural attractions including the Twelve Apostles, Wilson’s Promontory and famous stretches of the surf coast, such as Bell’s Beach.

Getting around
Melbourne has a fantastic public transport system including buses, trams and trains. With many bike lanes, Melbourne is also a cycle friendly city.

Climate
Melbourne’s weather is highly unpredictable and well known for having ‘four seasons in one day’. The city sees all four seasons with average highs of 30°C in summer (December - February) and lows of 14°C in winter (June - August).

Finance 2018/19
Bursaries available:
- Global Travel Bursary (means-tested): £750 dependent on household income for students beginning their studies in 2018. Students who started their studies before 2016 should see the finance webpage, as the award criteria differs (available to students classed as Home Students for fees purposes and accepted to study abroad as part of the University-wide exchange programme).

Approximate living costs per semester:

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Approximate living costs compiled from external sources and the partner university website. The cost of living in Melbourne is significantly greater than most cities in the UK according to the 2017 Mercer Cost of Living Rankings. Together with Sydney it is one of the most expensive cities in Australia.

http://services.unimelb.edu.au/finaid/planning/cost_of_living/summary

Accommodation
- Residential catered colleges: There are twelve Colleges affiliated with or owned by the University of Melbourne. They are located either on campus or within a ten-minute walk of the campus. Cost of accommodation in college can be up to twice that of university accommodation in the UK, and acceptance is not guaranteed.
- Independent student apartments: There are several modern apartment complexes in the city centre and close to campus. These apartment facilities are operated privately and are designed specifically for students, including bathroom and kitchen facilities.
- Shared houses: “Shared houses are popular with students because they can provide an opportunity for an independent lifestyle in a shared environment. They are generally also the cheapest housing option in Melbourne.” The university offers a Housing Online Noticeboard to help students find available rooms and provides advice and assistance.

http://services.unimelb.edu.au/housing/

Further information
http://www.mobility.unimelb.edu.au/inbound

Application success rate:
2016/17 = 8%
2017/18 = 4%
(percentage of students placed out of total applications to this partner– this was a 1st choice option only)