Fast facts

- Language of instruction: English
- Number of students enrolled: 54,306
- Number of campuses: 10
- Academic year: February – December
- Autumn Semester Equivalent: July – November
- Spring Semester Equivalent: February – June
- World Ranking: 61-70 (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2016)

The main Camperdown & Darlington campuses are located on a 72 hectare site, close to Sydney city centre.

Things to do

Sydney is the largest city in Australia, with a population of over 4 million. It is home to several popular attractions such as the Opera House, the Harbour Bridge and Sydney Tower, as well as Luna Park and the Royal Botanical Gardens. Buses out of suburban Sydney can get you to Palm beach, where you can walk up to the Barrenjoey Lighthouse and look up and down the North Sydney coastline. Frequent boats are also available to the beaches at Manly or Taronga Zoo.


Travel opportunities

Sydney is a 1 1/2 hour flight from Melbourne, and 3 hours from Christchurch, New Zealand. Regions close to Sydney include the Hawkesbury River, Central Coast, the Blue Mountains and the Southern Highlands – all within a 2 1/2 hour drive from Sydney.

Bondi Beach is only 8 kms from the city centre and Coogee Beach is only 10 minutes from UNSW. Both beaches are perfect for swimming and body surfing. Learn to surf or take a walk along the promenades and experience the true Australian surf lifestyle!

Getting around

Sydney has a great public transport network, with the University of Sydney well serviced by buses.

Climate

Sydney has a temperate climate with mild wet winters 8-10°C (Jun-Aug) and warm summers 25-40°C (Dec-Feb). Rainfall is spread throughout the year. The rain usually goes quickly, but sudden storms can be common.

Finance 2017/18

Bursaries available:

International Office Travel Bursary (means-tested): £750 dependant on household income for students beginning their studies in 2016. 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 student surveys and partner university website.

According to the Mercer cost of living survey (2011), Sydney is Australia’s most expensive city. It is ranked the 11th most expensive city in the world, significantly higher than London (25th).


Accommodation

As Sydney is Australia’s most expensive city, students should research their accommodation options carefully and budget accordingly. The University is located close to the city centre and accommodation prices will reflect this.

- Off campus accommodation: More than 90 percent of University of Sydney students live off campus. The University’s Accommodation Service provides support to students to find off-campus accommodation. It maintains an extensive database that currently enrolled students can access online to look for accommodation. Off campus housing options include shared houses or apartments, full board, studio apartments or private apartments.

- On campus accommodation: The University has seven affiliated residential colleges on the Camperdown and Darlington campuses.

- For full year and spring semester students Sydney now offers guaranteed accommodation at Urbanest Cleveland Street.

Further accommodation information is available from: [http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/services-support/accommodation-living-costs.shtml](http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/services-support/accommodation-living-costs.shtml)


Application success rate:

- 2015/2016 = 19%
- 2016/2017 = 13%

(percentage of students placed out of total applications to this partner)