Macquarie University, Australia  
Dates & Costs 2019/2020

For related study abroad information, please refer to the “Helpful Links” section at the end of this document.  

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Costs

Students pay UR tuition, but not room and board, to UR for the semester abroad.

Students pay housing fees directly to the accommodation office of their host institution, or landlord, or real estate company, that provides their housing.

Students pay food costs themselves. Meals are “self-catered”, meaning that students shop and cook for themselves, and/or eat in student restaurants or cafeterias on the campus of their host institution.

Amounts below are listed in US dollars unless indicated otherwise. Refer to oanda.com to convert amounts given in foreign currency to US dollars.

*Costs below are the best approximate average figures. Actual costs vary depending on personal preferences and habits.*

Currency in host country: Australian dollars (AUD $)

Housing:

Standard housing type & fees (used for financial aid purposes) per semester: AUD $9100 (average) for single room in off-campus student housing (from Macquarie University Village, Urbanest, Iglu, UniLodge or similar providers). Note that leases are usually 6 months though semester is not that long.

Housing deposit required? Usually one month’s rent

Utilities: Usually included

Other housing fees (required liability insurance, etc): Internet service; AUD $250/semester

Can students arrange independent housing on this program? Yes, that is required; Australian universities do not consider the provision of student housing to be part of their mission.

Additional housing options & fees:

Residential colleges. AUD $13,310 (average), which includes meals.

Homestays. Price varies.

Food per semester:

Off-campus student housing. AUD $4400 (average). Students do their own shopping and cooking.

Residential colleges. Included in rent.

Homestays. Includes some meals.

Books & academic supplies per semester: AUD $200 (average)

Other program/university fees not paid by UR (gym fees, student activities fees, optional field trips, etc): varies

Local public transportation (bus, metro, etc) per semester: AUD $660 (average)

Roundtrip airfare from major US east coast cities: $2400 USD (average)

US passport application fees: U.S. State Department > Passport fees

Immigration fees:
Visa: AUD $575
Residence permit: n/a

Insurance
UR health & travel insurance: Paid by UR. Click here for details.
Additional insurance expenses: Students must have Australian OSHC insurance to get a student visa.
AUD $350/semester (average)

Dates for Fall 2019 (“Semester Two” at Macquarie University)

Link to host program/institution’s calendar: https://www.mq.edu.au/study/find-a-course/study-abroad-and-exchange-programs

Arrival: no later than 21 July 2019
Housing move-in: set by housing provider
Orientation: 22 – 28 July 2019
Pre-Semester Language Course: n/a
Classes Begin: 29 July 2019
Mid-Term Exams: dates at the discretion of instructors
Semester breaks and holidays: 16 – 29 Sept 2019
Classes End: 10 Nov 2019
Exam period: 11 Nov – 1 Dec 2019
Housing move-out: set by housing provider
Semester Ends: 2 Dec 2019

Dates for Spring 2020 (“Semester One” at Macquarie University)

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Arrival: mid-February 2020
Housing move-in: set by housing provider
Orientation: mid-February 2020
Pre-Semester Language Course: n/a
Classes Begin: Late February 2020
Mid-Term Exams: dates at the discretion of instructors
Semester breaks and holidays: TBD
Classes End: early June 2020
Exam period: mid-June 2020
Housing move-out: set by housing provider
Semester Ends: late June 2020

Helpful Links
Finances for study abroad
Parent information about study abroad
Passports and Visas
Study Abroad Handbook
UR Room and Board fees (for cost comparison)