

Study Abroad Guide 2011



Brisbane

Griffith University

Griffith is characterised by an innovative, multidisciplinary approach to teaching and research with a focus on global issues. Griffith is a 'young' university, established in Brisbane in 1971 to offer students a different educational experience and with a focus on new areas of study.

Since it started teaching in 1975 Griffith has grown in both size and diversity. Griffith now enrolls over 40,000 students, including 10,000 international students, and offers a huge range of courses through the following academic groups:

- Arts, Education & Law
- Griffith Business School (AACSB accredited)
- Griffith Health
- Science, Environment, Engineering & Technology

The Griffith teaching and research facilities are those of a large, modern university with specialised facilities on each campus to support discipline-specific activities.

Griffith's team of 1,400 academic staff is dedicated to learning and teaching. In 2009 Griffith was awarded nine citations for "Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning" in the Australian Learning and Teaching Council Awards.

Griffith's beginnings

- 1881** _____ Establishment of Queensland College of Art
- 1957** _____ Establishment of the Queensland Conservatorium
- 1971** _____ Formal establishment of Griffith as a university by Queensland Parliament
- 1988** _____ Mt Gravatt and Gold Coast campuses added
- 2004** _____ The Dental School was established
- 2005** _____ Griffith's Medical School opened – Gold Coast
- 2007** _____ Griffith Film School relocated to South Bank to become Australia's largest film institution

Research & Teaching Strengths

Griffith's multi-disciplinary research strengths are focused on solving problems currently facing our community and planet:

- Water science
- Drug discovery and infectious diseases
- Asian politics, security and development
- Climate change adaptation
- Criminology and crime prevention
- Music, the Arts and the Asia Pacific
- Sustainable tourism
- Health and chronic diseases

Study Abroad at Griffith in Brisbane or the Gold Coast in Queensland

Combine study with an amazing cultural and lifestyle experience to broaden your horizons, enhance your employment prospects and explore your potential. The Griffith Study Abroad Program offers international students an opportunity to complete one or two semesters of study in Australia and earn credit towards their home degrees.

Study Abroad Program

Most students describe their study abroad program as 'the best experience of my life'. Step out of your comfort zone, experience the great Queensland lifestyle, discover Australia and continue working towards your degree through the Griffith Study Abroad Program.

Griffith University has five campuses located between Brisbane and the Gold Coast in southeast Queensland, a beautiful, subtropical part of Australia and one its major tourist destinations. Griffith is a comprehensive university offering studies in most disciplines, allowing you to find the courses you need and complement your studies with a great lifestyle experience.

Griffith's Study Abroad & Exchange team provides dedicated support to Study Abroad students on all campuses, ranging from application assessment to orientation and full support during your time at Griffith.

Visit our online brochure at www.griffith.opaus.com and our website at www.griffith.edu.au/international/study-abroad.

Griffith Exchange Program

Griffith has bilateral exchange partnerships with more than 230 institutions worldwide providing students from partner universities with an opportunity to spend one or two semesters at Griffith and for Griffith students to undertake study overseas.

To find out if your institution is a Griffith exchange partner please visit www.griffith.edu.au/international/exchange. If your institution is a Griffith partner and you wish to apply for an exchange place at Griffith, please talk to the Exchange Office at your university.

If you are an exchange student, all of the information in this brochure is relevant to you other than the program fees.

Useful links

- www.ourbrisbane.com
- www.verygoldcoast.com.au
- www.queenslandholidays.com.au
- www.australia.com

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Griffith Support

Student Support

Study Abroad students are supported by a dedicated team of experienced staff who take a personal approach to guiding you through your entire program, from application through to returning home.

Griffith University offers a free airport transfer service for all new international students. You will be sent details regarding this service and information about accommodation options with your orientation program.

Students attend a compulsory orientation session in the week before semester commences to meet the staff and receive key information for the semester ahead.

Disabilities Support

Griffith also offers a full range of specialised support services through Student Services, including a Disabilities Service (www.griffith.edu.au/future-students/services-support). This area coordinates the services required by students with disabilities. If you require assistance from this unit please advise the Study Abroad staff as early as possible to allow time for appropriate support to be identified and made available.

Visit the Study Abroad website at www.griffith.edu.au/international/study-abroad for more information.

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Life in Brisbane and the Gold Coast

Many international students choose to study at Griffith because it offers a great combination of course options and location.

Environment

Queensland's subtropical climate is close to perfect, with mild winters and warm summers. Temperatures typically average between 21°C and 32°C in summer and 9°C and 20°C in winter. Southeast Queensland offers a wonderful range of attractions from the magnificent beaches to pristine rainforest and unspoilt national parks.

Culture and recreation

With its relaxed, outdoor lifestyle, Southeast Queensland is one of Australia's top tourist destinations and provides a vibrant, safe, multicultural environment.

Brisbane offers all the advantages and facilities of a modern, multicultural city that is home to more than 1.7 million people, as well as proximity to the Gold and Sunshine Coasts. The city wraps around the Brisbane River and is host to a great music scene, major sporting events, an amazing array of cultural and performing arts, and community events throughout the year.

The Gold Coast is well known as Australia's premier tourist venue, with theme parks, wildlife sanctuaries, national parks, and some of the best beaches on earth. The Gold Coast offers a wide range of international cuisine and cultural entertainment and residents are characterised by a wonderfully laid-back approach to life.

With its multiple campuses, Griffith allows students to choose between a city and coastal lifestyle, and provides easy access to other parts of Australia and the Asia-Pacific region.

Activities

During your time at Griffith we encourage you to get involved in activities that extend your learning beyond the classroom. Take the opportunity to travel elsewhere in Australia and the surrounding region to make the most of your study abroad experience.

Travel times by air

- Brisbane to Sydney 1 hour 30 minutes
- Brisbane to Cairns 2 hours 25 minutes
- Brisbane to Melbourne 2 hours 25 minutes
- Brisbane to Auckland, New Zealand 3 hours 10 minutes
- Brisbane to Nadi, Fiji 3 hours 35 minutes
- Brisbane to Denpasar, Bali 7 hours 50 minutes
- Brisbane to Singapore 7 hours 55 minutes



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Griffith Campuses

Griffith's 5 campuses are located across Australia's fastest growing corridor from Brisbane to the Gold Coast. Each campus has a distinctive character and range of course offerings and offers students access to clubs and organisations to meet their individual interests. Accommodation options for each campus are listed on page 8.

View the course areas available at each campus on the following page or using the Study Areas Map in our online brochure at www.griffith.opaus.com

For more campus images, please visit our online brochure at www.griffith.opaus.com. Campus maps and more information are available on the Griffith website at www.griffith.edu.au/about-griffith/campuses which includes a link to information regarding public transport.

Campus travel times

South Bank to City CBD	5 minute walk
South Bank to Nathan	15 minute drive
Nathan to Mt Gravatt	5 minute drive
Nathan to Logan	20 minute drive
Nathan to Gold Coast	45 minute drive
Gold Coast to beach	15 minute drive

	Nathan	Gold Coast	Mt Gravatt	South Bank	Logan
Automated Teller Machine (ATM)	•	•	•		•
Accommodation On-Campus	•	•	•		
Bank/Credit Union	•	•			
Bookshop	•	•	•	•	•
Café	•	•	•	•	•
Chaplaincy	•	•	•		•
Childcare Facility	•				
Computer Shop	•	•			
Cycle Track	•	•	•	•	•
Fitness Centre	•	•	•		•
General Store	•	•	•		•
Hair Salon	•	•			•
Library	•	•	•	•	•
Medical Centre	•	•			
Parking	•	•	•	•	•
Post Office	•	•			
Prayer Rooms	•	•		•	•
Tennis Courts	•	•	•		•
Theatre, Galleries				•	
Public Transport	•	•	•	•	•
Travel Agent	•	•			



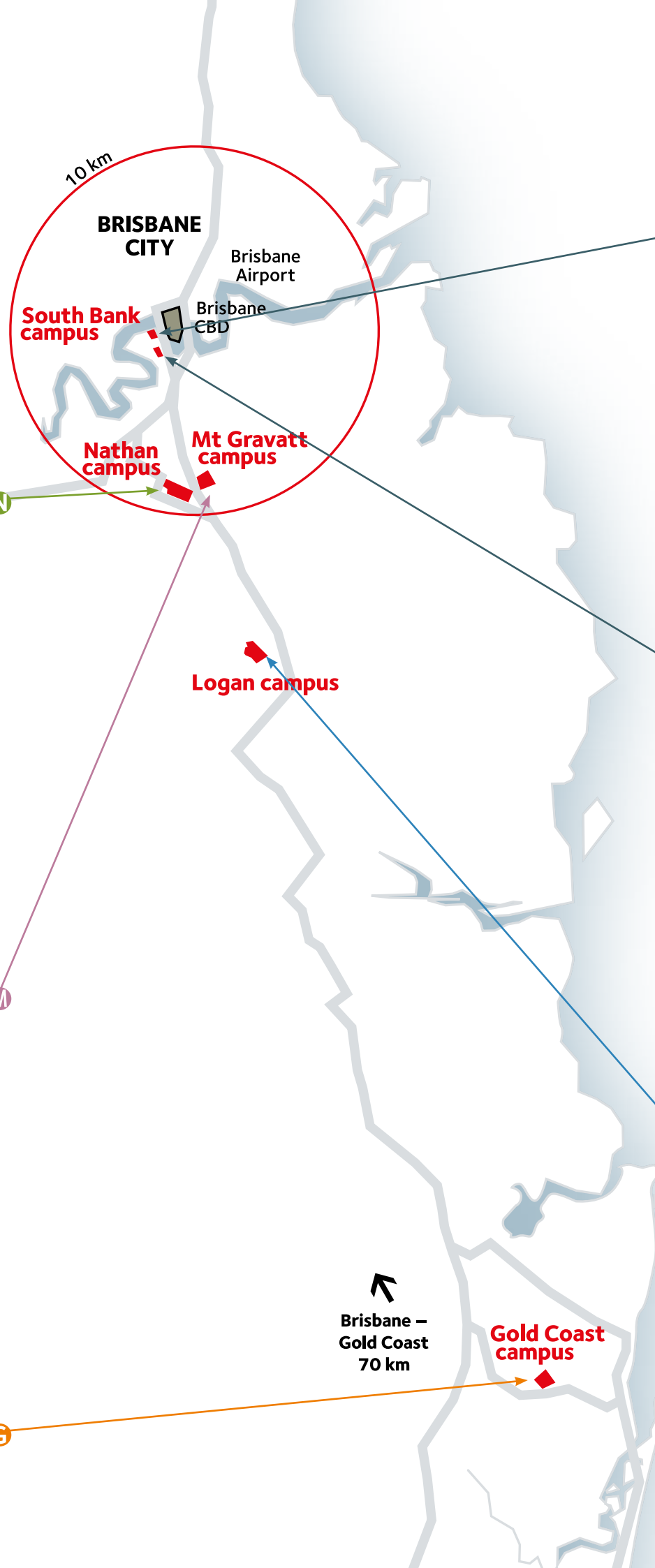
The Nathan campus is set in the Toohey State Forest in the Brisbane suburb of Nathan, about 15 minutes drive from Brisbane CBD.
Campus population: 12,000 students.
Approximate city population: Brisbane – 1.75 million.
Course offerings: Refer to the table on the following page.



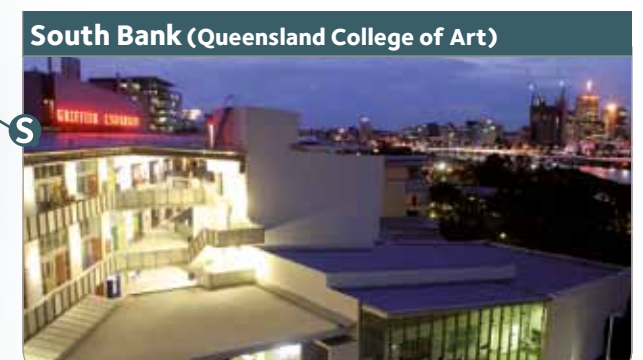
Hilltop, bushland campus across the freeway from the Nathan campus and linked by a bike path and free bus service. Located in the Brisbane suburb of Mt Gravatt, about 15 minutes drive from Brisbane CBD.
Campus population: 4,700 students.
Approximate city population: Brisbane – 1.75 million.
Course offerings: Refer to the table on the following page.



The Gold Coast campus, located in Southport, offers a relaxed lifestyle, supportive environment and diverse course options.
Campus population: 17,000 students.
Approximate city population: Gold Coast – 467,000.
Course offerings: Refer to the table on the following page.



The Queensland Conservatorium is located on the South Bank campus in Brisbane's arts and culture precinct and provides wonderful facilities including a music library, recording studio, conservatorium theatre, orchestra hall, recital hall, opera rehearsal hall, and teaching studios.
Campus population: 700 students.
Approximate city population: Brisbane – 1.75 million.



The Queensland College of Art, including the Griffith Film School, is located on the South Bank campus, across the river from the Brisbane CBD in Brisbane's arts and culture precinct.
Campus population: 1,800 students.
Approximate city population: Brisbane – 1.75 million.



This is a small, community campus focusing on the specialty areas listed on the following page, located midway between the Gold Coast and Brisbane.
Campus population: 2,700 students.
Approximate city population: Logan city – 178,000.

Course offerings for all campuses are listed on the following page.

Griffith study options

Areas of study

Choose from hundreds of innovative courses that will complement your studies and add an international perspective to your home degree. Listed following are disciplines available to study abroad students and campuses where they are offered. You can view all Griffith course offerings online at www.griffith.edu.au/programs-courses/course-search and view the course areas available at each campus using the Study Areas Map in our online brochure at www.griffith.opaus.com

Credit Point System

A standard course at Griffith is 10 credit points and is considered to equate to approximately 10 hours per week, including all forms of teaching contact and private study. A typical full-time study load at Griffith is 40 credit points.

Approximate credit point translations:

- 10 credit points = 4 credits in the US system
- 10 credit points = 7.5 ECTS in the European system

Please note this should only be used as a guide.

Research Study Abroad

A range of options exists for Griffith study abroad students to conduct /participate in undergraduate research in areas such as:

- Engineering
- Health (excluding Nursing & Psychology)
- Information & Communication Technology
- Science/Environmental Science

For more information please visit

www.griffith.edu.au/international/study-abroad

Work Integrated Learning

Griffith has a strong focus on Work Integrated Learning and some opportunities may be available to study abroad students in areas such as Engineering, IT and Social Work. Please contact the Study Abroad Office for more information.

Internships

Griffith works with a professional organisation, Australian Internships, to provide study abroad students with access to internships to complement their study abroad experience: www.internships.com.au

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» Arts & Communication

• Animation & Multimedia	G S
• Communication	G N
• Contemporary European Studies	G N
• English	G N
• Film, Media & Photography	S
• Journalism	G N
• Languages – Japanese, Chinese, Spanish, Italian	G N
• Linguistics	G N
• Performing Arts	N

» Australian Culture & Society

• Australian Studies	G N
• Politics & Government	G N
• Sociology	L

» Business & Commerce

• Accounting, Banking & Finance	G N
• E-Commerce	G N
• Economics	G L N
• Event Management	G N
• Human Resource Management	G N
• International Business & Asian Studies	G N
• Logistics & Supply Chain Management	N
• Management	G N
• Marketing	G N
• Politics and Public Administration	G N
• Sport, Tourism & Hospitality Management	G N

» Education

• Education Studies & Teacher Education	G M
• Special Education	G M
• Technology Education	G M

» Engineering & IT

• Civil Engineering	G
• Coastal Engineering	G
• Electronic & Computer Engineering	G N
• Environmental Engineering	G
• Information Systems	G N
• Information Technology	G N

» Environment & Planning

• Australian Environmental Studies	G N
• Earth Science	G N
• Ecology	G N
• Environmental Planning	G N
• Environmental Science	G N
• Marine Science	G N

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» Health

• Biomedical Science	G
• Environmental Health	G N
• Exercise Science	G
• Human Services	L
• Nursing	G L N
• Nutrition	G
• Psychology	G M
• Public Health	G L
• Social Work	L

» International Studies

• Asian & International Studies	G N
• International Relations	G N
• Politics & Government	G N

» Law & Criminology

• Criminology & Criminal Justice	M
• Law	G N

» Music

• Education	G M
• History	G S
• Music Technology	G S
• Performance	S
• Popular Music	G

» Science & Technology

• Aviation	N
• Biological & Biomolecular Science	G N
• Biotechnology	N
• Chemical Science	N
• Food Science & Nutrition	G L
• Mathematics & Statistics	G N
• Marine Science	G
• Microbiology	G
• Nanoscience & Photonics	N
• Physics	N

» Sport & Tourism Management

• Event Management	G N
• Hospitality Management	G N
• Sport Management	G N
• Tourism Management	G N

» Visual & Creative Arts

• Animation	S
• Art Theory	G S
• Design	G S
• Digital Media	G S
• Film and Media Production	S
• Fine Art	G S
• Games Design	S
• Photography	G S

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Accommodation & Living Costs

After choosing your courses, finding the best accommodation for you is the most important part of getting your study abroad experience off to the right start.

Gold Coast campus

On-campus accommodation is available in the Griffith University Village, operated by Campus Living Villages on behalf of Griffith University: www.griffithuv.com.au/saex

Off-campus accommodation is available in the surrounding suburbs and includes a number of purpose-built, private student apartment complexes. Many students choose to live in beach side suburbs but rental costs and commuting times to campus tend to increase as you move closer to the beach. The Gold Coast campus Student Guild provides accommodation listings: www.gugcstudentguild.com.au

The Study Abroad Office can provide a list of temporary accommodation options for when you arrive.

Logan campus

Private student accommodation is available adjacent to campus in the UniCentral Griffith complex: www.ucg.net.au

Nathan & Mt Gravatt campuses

On-campus accommodation for both campuses is run by Campus Life at Griffith: www.griffith.edu.au/accommodation

Off-campus accommodation is available in many surrounding suburbs. Visit Campus Life's website www.griffith.edu.au/accommodation for information and listings as well as temporary accommodation options.

South Bank campus

There is no on-campus accommodation at the South Bank campus but South Bank students can choose to live on campus at Nathan or Mt Gravatt and commute to South Bank by bus (approximately 20 minutes).

Off-campus accommodation is available in the many surrounding suburbs. Visit Campus Life's website www.griffith.edu.au/accommodation for information and listings as well as temporary accommodation options.

Cost of living

In addition to the program tuition fees, you will need at least AU\$ 9,000 per semester to meet living costs and more if you plan to undertake extensive travel or make major purchases such as a car. Program fees covers tuition only. Additional fees are charged for textbooks, materials, printing, data storage, on-campus gym memberships, and student activities.

We recommend you bring at least AU\$ 3,000 with you to meet your establishment costs (e.g. bonds on rental property, telephone connection charges and textbooks).

Working as an international student

Student visa holders are normally allowed to work:

- a maximum of 20 hours a week during semester, not including work that is a formal registered part of your course; and
- unlimited hours during recognised periods of vacation.

The kinds of jobs typically available to international students are in retail shops, restaurants and bars. Students should not expect to support themselves entirely through part-time work during their Study Abroad Program.

Comparative costs indicator

Item	AUD (\$)
Local telephone call	0.50
Loaf of bread	2.50
Chocolate bar	2.50
Cup of coffee from café	3.50
Burger – take away	5.00
Movie ticket – student price	13.00
T-shirt	20-60.00
Main meal from restaurant	15-30.00
Weekly average spend on food for one person (from supermarket)	75.00
Running shoes	100.00
Television – 51 cm screen	300.00
Car insurance and registration – 1 year	1,250.00
Computer (new pc / laptop)	1,500.00
Car (small, new)	15,000.00

Please 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.

Fees & Entry Requirements

2011 Tuition Fees	
» Study Abroad Program – CRICOS Code 020091D	
Griffith Study Abroad	AU \$8,280
Griffith Study Abroad (Queensland Conservatorium of Music)	AU \$9,280
Please note: Additional fees may be charged for courses that involve practical work.	

Refund of fees: A summary of the Griffith University Refund Policy is available on the Study Abroad website at www.griffith.edu.au/international/study-abroad

Please note: Dates for Griffith University may vary from dates detailed below. To find out more information regarding key dates please visit www.griffith.edu.au/academiccalendar

2011 Important Dates

Semester 1 (approximately 17 weeks)

Study abroad orientation	21 – 25 February
Start dates	28 February
Mid-semester vacation	25 – 29 April
End of teaching	3 June
Study week	6 – 10 June
Examinations	13 – 25 June
Inter-semester vacation	27 June – 22 July

Semester 2 (approximately 17 weeks)

Study abroad orientation	18 – 22 July
Start date	25 July
Mid-semester vacation	26 September – 30 September
End of teaching	28 October
Study week	31 October – 4 November
Examinations	7 – 19 November
Inter-semester vacation	21 Nov – 27 February 2012

Entry Requirements	
» General entry requirements	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete and submit the Study Abroad Program application form with supporting documentation and course selection. • Above average academic record (pass or higher, e.g. cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4 point scale for the USA). • Students applying straight from high school will be considered and must provide their high school Certificate (or equivalent) in English. 	
» English language requirements	
Non-native English speakers must provide evidence of English language proficiency as follows:	
Undergraduate (1000-5000 level courses)	
IELTS*	Minimum overall band score 6.0 No sub-score below 5.5
TOEFL (CBT)*	Minimum score of 213
TOEFL (iBT)*	Minimum score of 79 No sub-score below 19
Germany	DAAD language test no score lower than (b)
Sweden	High school English score VG or above
Norway	High school English score 4 or above
Please note: *IELTS & TOEFL test results are valid for 2 years and Swedish and Norwegian high school results are valid for 5 years.	
Higher English levels are required for courses in Education, Criminology, Law, Nursing & Pharmacy. For more information visit www.griffith.edu.au/international/study-abroad	
» Postgraduate applicants	
Postgraduate applicants must meet higher English language requirements, details of which are available at www.griffith.edu.au/international/study-abroad	
» Special requirements	
Special application requirements may apply for students undertaking their program at the Queensland College of Art or Queensland Conservatorium or students undertaking research as part of their program. Please visit the website for more information: www.griffith.edu.au/international/study-abroad	

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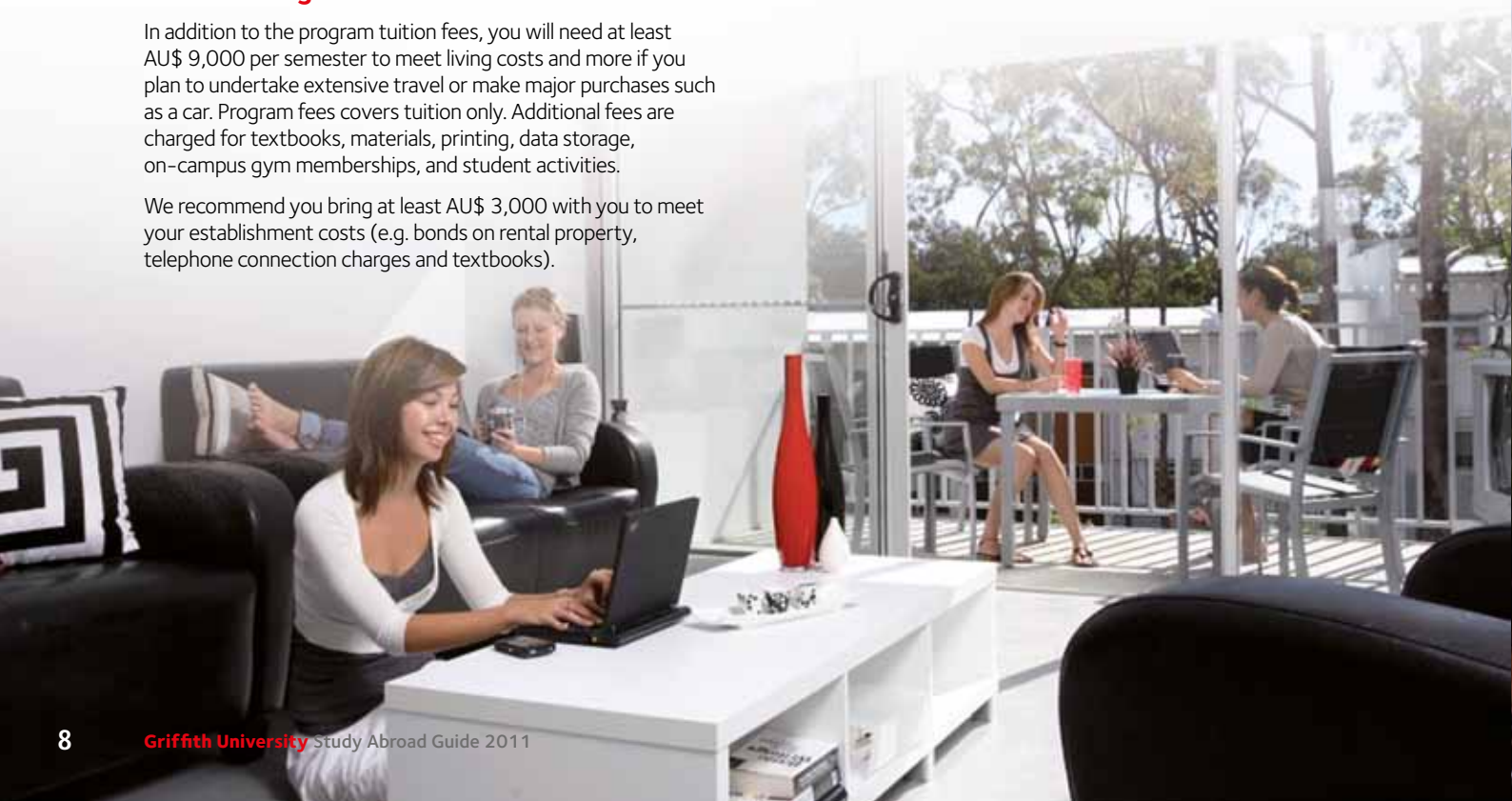
Application deadlines

Applications should reach Griffith University by:

Semester 1 (Feb-June)
31 January

Semester 2 (July-Nov)
30 June

Applications received after these dates will be considered and every effort will be made to accommodate applicants' preferred semester of study.



How to apply?

You can apply directly to the Griffith Study Abroad Office by completing the application form available at www.griffith.edu.au/international/study-abroad OR

if you would like some assistance with your Study Abroad Program application, a full list of approved agency representatives and providers can be found on our website.

Selecting your courses

As part of the Study Abroad application process you must choose a campus and select preferred courses. All study abroad students must be enrolled full-time (3-4 courses) and it is recommended that you list at least 6 courses on your application for approval. Visit www.griffith.edu.au/programs-courses/course-search and click on course (unit of study) search to look at course options by discipline.

Important things to keep in mind:

- courses may not be offered at all campuses, so check that your courses of choice are offered at your preferred campus;
- each course is not always offered in both semesters, so check the timing of your chosen courses carefully (semester 1 is Feb-June and semester 2 is July-Nov);
- due to the distance, Gold Coast campus students cannot take courses on other Griffith campuses and students on Brisbane campuses cannot take Gold Coast campus courses.

What happens when I apply?

Successful applicants will receive official notification from the Study Abroad Office including:

- letter of offer for the Study Abroad Program
- course approval information
- essential information for study abroad students

Once you accept your offer for the program you will be given the documentation needed to obtain a student visa and provided with detailed arrival information.



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Program Enquiries

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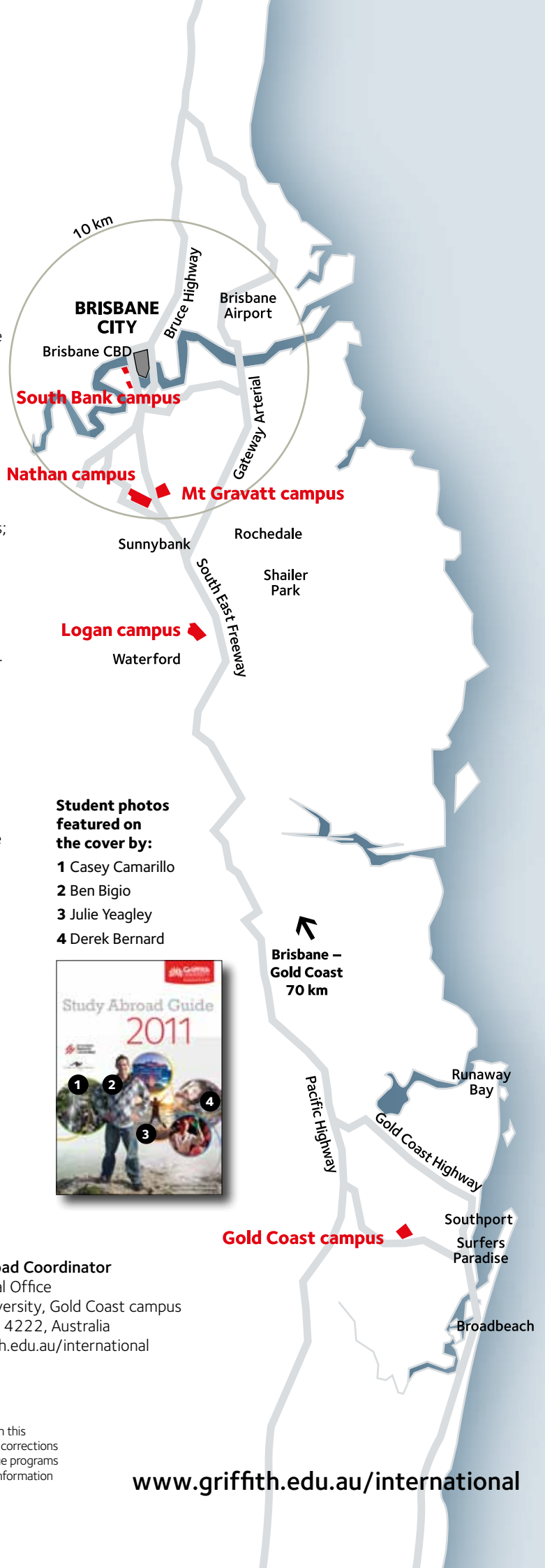
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