Arrival guide

GIVING YOU A HEAD START IN SYDNEY

MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY
SYDNEY – AUSTRALIA
Welcome to Australia!

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HOW DO I WITHDRAW AND EXCHANGE MY MONEY FOR AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS?

Sydney International Airport

- Australian currency can be withdrawn from ATMs located before and after Customs.
- Travelex ATMs offering multiple currencies are located throughout the airport and also facilitate withdrawal of Australian dollars.
- Traveller cheques can be cashed at the Travelex foreign exchange retail outlet located at T1 after Customs and at other bank branches.

You can withdraw Australian dollars from ATMs on Macquarie University Campus (a National Australia Bank branch) or ATMs at the Macquarie Shopping centre located across from the University on Herring Road.

During business hours banks facilitate:

- exchange of currencies
- cashing of travellers cheques: take your passport as a form of identification

Note: Some foreign banks may have a limit or an extra charge on withdrawals made from an overseas bank account.

THE AIRPORT LOST MY LUGGAGE WHAT SHOULD I DO?

- For luggage lost during your flight, contact your airline directly.
- For luggage lost within the T1 International Terminal, contact Sydney Airport Corporation Lost Property on (02) 9667 9583.

HOW DO I CONTACT MY FAMILY TO LET THEM KNOW OF MY ARRIVAL IN SYDNEY?

Step 1

- Buy an international calling card.
- Cards or calling credit can be purchased from some Australian news agencies (shops where you can purchase newspapers), Australia Post (post office), supermarkets and on campus at MacShop (located within the Campus Hub building, C10A).

Step 2

- Phone calls can be made from a public phone, a landline (home phone) or from a mobile phone.
- To call outside of Australia, dial 0011, followed by the country code, the area code and the number.
- For your family to contact you from overseas to your landline – they should dial the international access code in your country followed by 61 2, then the number.
- For your family to contact you from overseas to your mobile – they should dial the international access code in your country followed by 61 and then the number without the 0 at the beginning.
Get organised

HOW CAN I ORGANISE MY ACCOMMODATION?
If you have not booked accommodation:
• Contact the Macquarie University Accommodation Service
  accommodation.mq.edu.au
• To find temporary accommodation visit accommodation.mq.edu.au/temporary-accommodation

HOW DO I TRAVEL TO AND FROM THE UNIVERSITY?
The University is connected with both bus and train services.
• Refer to the Macquarie University Transport Access Guide for travel information including travel discounts
  mq.edu.au/about_us/strategy_and_initiatives/sustainability/areas_of_focus/transport/
• For any queries related to public transport visit 131500.com.au or call 131500
• Taxis are also available for travelling but can be an expensive mode of transport

Note: Australian Government Sponsored students and students involved in formal University exchange programs are entitled to a student travel concession. The NSW Government has announced public transport fare discounts for international students who purchase either a Multi2 or Multi3 travel ticket, over a 90 day or yearly period. The discounted Multi tickets will come into effect during 2013 and apply to set periods of duration, which are aligned with the University calendar. Conditions apply refer to mq.edu.au/future_students/international/why_choose_macquarie/studying_in_sydney_australia/transport_in_sydney for further information

WHERE DO I PURCHASE FOOD AND OTHER ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES?
At supermarkets
Supermarkets are located in shopping centres and in the local area. Do an online search for your closest supermarket.

Operating hours
Supermarkets generally begin trade between 6am and 8am and close between 10pm and 12 midnight, seven days a week.

At shopping centres
The closest shopping centre to the University is Macquarie Centre, located across the road from the campus on Herring Road. It offers a wide range of retail outlets.

Operating hours
Monday to Saturday from 9am – 5pm with the exception of Thursday nights when most shops close at 9pm. Sunday 10am – 4pm.

For location of all other shopping centres do an online search.

HOW DO I BOOK AN AIRPORT RECEPTION?
The University offers a free airport pick up service for all new international students. To book, visit mq.edu.au/future_students/international/travel_planning_and_arrival/airport_pickup_request/

HOW DO I SET UP A MOBILE PHONE?
You can choose a prepaid or a post paid plan.

Prepaid plan
• On a prepaid plan you pay in advance for your mobile phone use and you don’t pay any monthly bills.
• Purchase a sim card from any supermarket, activate your mobile and obtain a contact number. A prepaid voucher (phone credit) can be purchased from either the supermarket or by accessing the website of the service provider.

Post paid plan or contract
• A post paid plan is a long term contract for 12 or 24 months where you agree to pay a minimum monthly amount.
• Purchase a phone on a plan by signing a contract at a mobile phone retailer.
• Different types of deals are available. Make a comparative online study of the cost involved as offered by various service providers or visit the retail service outlets at the shopping centres.

For information about mobile phone plans read Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) ‘Going mobile – which plan is right for you?’ fact sheet. Visit acma.gov.au
WHEN CAN I SET UP MY OFFICIAL MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY EMAIL ACCOUNT?
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If you experience difficulties, please contact the Help Desk: mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/informatics/help/

WHO DO I CONTACT IN AN EMERGENCY?
- For the police, ambulance or the fire brigade dial 000
- If you are feeling unsafe on campus call (02) 9850 9999
- For health and wellbeing support at any time call 1800 227 367

WHERE CAN I RECEIVE MEDICAL TREATMENT IF I AM SICK?

On campus
- Medical service is available at the Macquarie University Clinic located on Level 3, Suite 305, Building F10A.
- Book an appointment by calling (02) 9812 3944 or 9812 3906.
- Show your student ID card as well as your OSHC card to the medical reception desk upon arrival at the Medical Centre.

Off campus
- See a doctor (known as GP or General Practitioner in Australia) at a medical centre. Do an online search using key words such as ‘Medical Centre + name of suburb’ or ‘GP + name of suburb’.
- The closest medical centre to the University is the Macquarie Medical Centre, in the Medical Precinct, on Level 2 of the Macquarie Centre.
- It is recommended that you make an appointment to see a GP.

HOW DO I GET MY OSHC (OVERSEAS STUDENT HEALTH COVER)?
Your commencement fee paid at the time of accepting the offer, includes the OSHC fee. You will have cover from the day that you arrive in Australia.

- If you have organised OSHC through Macquarie University and are waiting for your card, print your temporary OSHC from oshcallianzassistance.com.au. Remember your policy number is your student ID number followed by MU. Your Student ID number can be found on your offer letter and COE.
- If you have organised your OSHC with a different provider, log on to the web page of your service provider.
- If you are unable to print the OSHC card online then you will be required to pay upfront fees for any medical consultation. Request a receipt at the time you pay for the medical services then lodge a claim with your OSHC provider.

HOW DO I GET ONLINE?

Off campus
- Free internet access is available at several places around Sydney for example the airport, McDonald’s and various coffee shops. This service can be used if you have a laptop or mobile phone with a wireless device.
- Internet can also be accessed at internet cafes. The closest internet cafe to the University is located at the Macquarie Centre, in The Loft, on Level 4.

On campus
- Wi-Fi is available on most parts of the campus. However you’ll need to be enrolled in order to access this service. There are several computer labs on campus that are monitored by campus security. To access the computer lab you’ll need to show your campus card.

HOW DO I OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT?
Banks are located at various shopping centres and suburbs. If living close to the University you can access the banking facility provided on campus or at the Macquarie centre. Do an online search for location of a bank in your local area.

- Your passport is required as a form of identification.
- Compare interest rates, bank fees, etc. before choosing a bank and a particular account. Ask if the bank has a student account which may offer a discount/no fees.

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Orientation and enrolment steps

Step 1
International orientation presentation

Full degree international students

For information related to the date and time of your orientation presentation visit: mq.edu.au/future_students/international/travel_planning_and_arrival/orientation_and_enrolment/

Study abroad and exchange students

For information related to dates and time of your orientation session refer to the information sent out via email or visit: mq.edu.au/future_students/international/travel_planning_and_arrival/orientation_and_enrolment/

Step 2
Where do I go

Refer to the campus map on page 16 and the Transport Access Guide mq.edu.au/about_us/strategy_and_initiatives/sustainability/areas_of_focus/transport/

Step 3
Enrolment information

Full degree international students

Visit www.student.mq.edu.au/enrol/international.html and click on either undergraduate or postgraduate as per your level of study and follow the step by step instructions.

Study abroad and exchange students

You have been pre-enrolled. For changes to your enrolment and registration in classes contact your Education Abroad Adviser or visit the Macquarie Abroad Office located on Level 2, Lincoln Building C8A.

Full degree undergraduate students: for online enrolment day registration visit secure.mq.edu.au/enrolment/register. Print your registration form for details of your session times.

To find out specific details about the structure of your course visit www.student.mq.edu.au/enrol/new/advice.php

Full degree postgraduate students are not required to register. They can enrol online.

Some programs may require academic advising. Visit www.student.mq.edu.au/enrol/internationalpg.php#step2 to find out whether your program of study requires you to seek academic advising or not.

Step 4
Social stuff

For information regarding the social events and activities organised during orientation and beyond:
• visit mq.edu.au/on_campus/get_involved/
• Join our facebook group iClub-Macquarie International Social Club
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Master of Commerce
India
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Zebine Bojler
Master of Higher Education and Management
Sweden–USA
“Skype is an excellent communication tool once you have set up your internet connection.”

Vu Tran
Bachelor of Applied Finance
Viet Nam
“Remember you also stand to have bargaining power in Australia at various stores in the shopping centre. If the store has the lowest price guarantee policy, just give the price and the details of the store where you can find the cheapest product. They will beat that price for you.”

Yolanda Wang
Master of Accounting
China
“The best way to build a social network and get involved in social activities is by joining the iClub – The Macquarie Social Club. Simply go to the face book and search for the iCLUB – Macquarie International Social Club.”

Moises Abraham Arevalo Garcia
Master of International Relations
Mexico
“Did you know that one of your student visa conditions requires you to update your address details via eStudent within 7 days of your arrival in Australia? Make sure that you update your address details anytime you move houses.”

Agnethe Poulsen
Master of Arts
Denmark
“Any time you have questions regarding your visa conditions, adding or withdrawing from units or you require referrals for other departments, speak to your Student Advocacy and Support Officer.”

Stephanie Jap
Bachelor of Commerce–Professional accounting with Bachelor of Applied Finance
Indonesia
“Be aware that you can save on transport cost by buying annual or quarterly “My Multi” or “My Train” ticket. For more information visit 131500.com.au.”
Checklist to help you get started

On arrival
- Call home – let your friends and family know that you have arrived safely.
- To avoid jet lag, try to stay awake until 8pm on your first night.

First two days in Sydney
- Read through the Transport Access Guide for your travel route to the University.
- If you have any questions call Student Advocacy and Support on (02) 9850 7497 and after hours call the hotline number 1800 227 367.
- Open a bank account.
- Save all the key contacts to your mobile phone.

Full degree students: things to do before orientation
- Find out the venue and time for your international orientation presentation. Visit student.mq.edu.au/enrol/new/advice.php
- Undergraduate students: to find out specific details about the structure of your course visit www.student.mq.edu.au/enrol/new/advice.php
- Undergraduate students register online for your enrolment. Postgraduate students: find out if your program of study requires academic advising or not. For more information visit www.student.mq.edu.au/enrol/international
- Find out about the networking opportunities, social events and activities held during orientation week. Visit student.mq.edu.au/on_campus/get_involved

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- medical services/doctor
- The Macquarie University Clinic, Level 3, Suite 305, Building F10A
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- (02) 9812 3944 or 9812 3906
- mq.edu.au/wellbeing
- Counselling Service
- Level 2, Lincoln Building, CBA
- (02) 9850 7497
- counselling@mq.edu.au
- mq.edu.au/wellbeing
- Disability Service
- Level 2, Lincoln Building, CBA
- (02) 9850 7497
- campuswellbeing@mq.edu.au
- mq.edu.au/disability
- Child Care Services
- connect.mq.edu.au/childcare
- Welfare Service
- Level 2, Lincoln Building (C8A)
- (02) 9850 7497
- campuswellbeing@mq.edu.au
- mq.edu.au/wellbeing
- National Australia Bank
- (located near Central Station)
- 13 1881
- nab.com.au
- Macquarie Centre
- Shopping centre located across from Macquarie University on Herring Road
- (02) 9887 3011
- macquariecentre.com.au
- Medical Service (Doctor)
- Macquarie Medical Centre at Macquarie Centre
- (02) 9878 6666
- CT scan and Border Protection
- Department of Immigration and Border Protection
- 26–30 Lee Street
- (02) 13 1500
- rta.nsw.gov.au
- Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA)
- Road rules and safety
- (02) 132 213
- rta.nsw.gov.au
- Transport
- For bus, train, ferry routes and fares, passes and maps
- 13 1500
- 131500.com.au