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Exchange partner University of Melbourne, Australia

Step by step-guide to a semester at the University of Melbourne for students of Biotechnology (3rd semester)

Do you want to improve your chances for a great job when you graduate?

Studying abroad during your education can boost your resume. To a great extent, employers of graduates within engineering and science demand candidates with intercultural competences and strong linguistic skills.

A semester abroad gives you great opportunity to:

- challenge yourself professionally
- encounter new cultures
- strike up new acquaintances and expand your network
- strengthen your English skills
- upgrade your resume with international experience
- grow personally

Go study abroad and experience the world!



Step 0: I study Biotechnology, and I want to study abroad for a semester

Where do I start?

Step 1: Which courses should I choose?

Before choosing your courses, you can talk to your study coordinator regarding credit transfer. By choosing courses that award at least 30 ECTS credits, your stay abroad can count for one whole semester.

During one semester, you should gain 30 ECTS credits. By choosing courses awarding for instance 40 ECTS credits, you are sure to get enough credits even if a course falls through.

You can study the following courses at the University of Melbourne:

<http://coursesearch.unimelb.edu.au/grad>

Your study coordinator can help you with your academic guidance:

Niels Thomas Eriksen, phone: +45 9940 8465, e-mail: nte@bio.aau.dk

List of approved courses

Course no.	Course title	ECTS
CHEN90023	Chemical Engineering Research Project	15
CHEM90009	Chemical Synthesis & Characterization 1	7,5
CHEM90017	Chemical Synthesis & Characterization 2	7,5
CHEM90020	Chemical Engineering Management	7,5
-	Food Biotechnology	7,5
-	Genetically Modified Organisms	7,5
-	Thinking and Reasoning with Data	7,5

Step 2: How can I be nominated for an exchange place at the University of Melbourne?

- First, you should contact the International Office, Mariann Simonsen, mas@adm.aau.dk
- Next, you need to be approved for an exchange place. This is necessary in order to transfer credits for your stay. International Office will help you get approved for the exchange place.

When approved for an exchange place by the International Office, you can apply for pre-approved credit transfer via your study board.

International Office: Mariann Simonsen, mas@adm.aau.dk, phone: 99 40 96 50

Step 3: How do I apply for pre-approved credit transfer?

When the International Office has granted you an exchange place, you can apply for pre-approved credit transfer with your study board. You need 30 ECTS for one semester which typically corresponds to 3-5 courses. By signing up for an extra course, you are sure to have enough credits even if one course falls through.

- In order to have your credits transferred, you need to fill out an application form to your study board: <http://www.en.ses.aau.dk/students-employees/rules-and-regulations/application-for-credit-transfer/>

Please contact your study board secretary for further information.

Step 4: How do I apply to the University of Melbourne?

When approved for an exchange place, the International Office will contact you via your student email and provide you with needed information in order to apply to the University of Melbourne. The email will include information about application deadline, how to apply (application form for exchange students) and documents required.

Step 5: How do I get accommodation in Melbourne?

The University of Melbourne offers international students a range of accommodation options to suit different personalities, budgets and lifestyles. They also have a full time staff member dedicated to assisting incoming students with their housing questions, so you can be confident in help along the way.

As an international student at the University of Melbourne, you can choose from:

- Independent Housing
- Residential Colleges
- Guaranteed Housing

The price varies from 1000 to 2400 Danish Kroner per week depending on the type of accommodation.

Please find more information on the following link: <http://mobility.unimelb.edu.au/inbound/life/housing.html>

Step 6: What is student life like at the University of Melbourne and Melbourne city?

The university has a guide for international students with relevant information about the university, its facilities for students and much more: <http://www.mobility.unimelb.edu.au/inbound/index.html>

University of Melbourne on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/melbuni?fref=ts>

University of Melbourne on Youtube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/unimelb>

Melbourne is a city with so many opportunities both in terms of culture, sports, and experiences in nature. You can find further information about what to experience in Melbourne here:

In general: <http://www.visitvictoria.com/>

Information about the city: <http://www.visitmelbourne.com/>

Culture: <http://www.thatsmelbourne.com.au/Whatson/ArtsandCulture/Pages/ArtsCulture.aspx>

Outdoor experiences: <http://www.viator.com/Melbourne-tours/Outdoor-Activities/d384-g9>

Sports: <http://www.sport.unimelb.edu.au/>

FACT: University of Melbourne is consistently ranked among the leading universities in the world, with international rankings of world universities placing it as number 1 in Australia and number 28 in the world.



Step 7: How do I finance my stay?

You have plenty of opportunities when it comes to financing your stay. If you are eligible for the State education grant (SU) you can bring it with you, and you can apply for a series of scholarships. Below you will find a structured overview of the possibilities and on the International Office's website you will find more information:

<http://www.internationaloffice.aau.dk/scholarships-grants/aau-internationalisation-pool/>

State education grant (SU)

You can receive your State education grant (SU) abroad as long as you have a pre-credit approval from your study board.

AAU internationalisation pool

You can apply for subsidies from the AAU internationalisation pool. The amount, you will receive, depends on the number of applicants. You can apply here: <http://www.internationaloffice.aau.dk/scholarships-grants/aau-internationalisation-pool/>
Deadline for application: 1 March /1 November

General scholarships

You can apply for a series of scholarships:

www.legatnet.dk

www.nordeafonden.dk/legater-til-kandidatstuderende

www.scholarshipportal.eu

<https://studerendeonline.dk/legater>

www.studyabroadfunding.org

www.udiverden.dk

In addition, you can consult *Legat håndbogen* (Scholarship handbook). The book can be found in stores or at Aalborg University Library.

Scholarships for students within the field of engineering and science

www.augustinusfonden.dk

www.henryogmaryskovsfond.dk

www.ida.dk/content/soeg-et-legat-eller-et-laan

www.khf.dk

www.nordjyskeholding.dk/da/fakta/samfund.aspx

www.oticonfonden.dk

www.shawslegat.dk/

You are not to pay taxes of scholarships granted for a stay abroad if you do spend the money for this purpose and can document this.

International Office at AAU: Mariann Simonsen, mas@adm.aau.dk, phone 99 40 96 50

Student counsellor for the Biotechnology, Chemistry and Environmental Engineering programmes bio.sg@ses.aau.dk

Step 8: Do I need a visa?

You need to have a visa in order to study in Australia. Read more about getting the visa here:

<http://www.immi.gov.au/students/students/chooser/>

Step 9: What about insurance?

Insurance is important when you travel abroad.

- You can choose for instance:
 - www.aonstudentinsurance.com
 - www.caremed-travelinsurance.com
 - www.europæiske.dk
 - www.gouda.dk
 - www.ida.com
 - www.ihl.com
 - www.ips-lippmann.com/ips
 - www.studenterforsikring.dk
- When staying in Australia, you also need to acquire Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC). Read more about that insurance here: <http://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/global/live-in-australia/insurance>

Important contact information

- The Biotechnology, Chemistry and Environmental Engineering study board:
 - Study board secretary Elin Boel Larsen, elin@bio.aau.dk, phone +45 9940 8472
 - Study coordinator Niels Thomas Eriksen, phone: +45 9940 8465, e-mail: nte@bio.aau.dk
 - Student counselor bio.sg@ses.aau.dk
- AAU International Office: Mariann Simonsen, mas@adm.aau.dk, phone +45 9940 9650

Facts about Melbourne

- With 4 million inhabitants Melbourne is the capital of the state Victoria
- Melbourne is the second largest city in Australia
- Melbourne has been ranked as the world's most livable city in ratings in 2011, 2012 and 2013
- 18% of the inhabitants in Stavanger have a foreign background
- Melbourne has been placed alongside New York and Berlin as one of the world's great street art meccas
- Melbourne offers a variety of experiences – from nature experiences in the Grampians, on Philip Island, on the beaches or along the Great Ocean Road, to a rich cultural life in the city itself with its many cafés, museums, and sports.

- University of Melbourne has more than 38,200 students
- 10,000 international students from 113 different countries study at the University of Melbourne
- University of Melbourne is the second oldest university in Australia
- The biggest campus of the University of Melbourne, Parkville, is located in the center of the city



More opportunities to study abroad

Please refer to <http://exchangeagreements.aau.dk/iris/public/>

