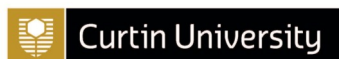


Curtin University of Technology

Australia



Campus Life



Perth

The University

Curtin is Western Australia's largest and most multi-cultural university. It was established in 1966 as the Western Australian Institute of Technology and went on to gain university status in 1987 subsequently changing its name to Curtin University of Technology. There are over 40,000 students at Curtin (figures from 2008). The university also has Australia's third largest international student population.

Term Dates

Semester one begins in February and finishes in June. Semester two begins in July and finishes in November.

Studying at the University

There are five faculties at Curtin: Centre for Aboriginal Studies, Curtin Business School, Health Sciences, Humanities, and Science & Engineering.

Exchange students are welcome to apply for pre-approved study packs. These packs aim to provide a range of popular units from your choice of study area. For information on the study packs please visit <http://studyabroad.curtin.edu.au/studying-at-curtin/course-information/study-abroad-packs.html>

As an exchange student you are required to enrol in 75 to 100 credit points per semester. Most modules are valued at 25 credits. Please note that all choices must be approved by your department at Loughborough University.

Accommodation

The Housing Services team help students to find a place to live. There is on-campus accommodation for over 1,000 students. There is also extensive private accommodation options. Please visit <http://housing.curtin.edu.au> for more information.

Living in Western Australia

Western Australia is known for its white sandy beaches and crystal clear waters which can be found just 15 minutes away from Perth city centre. Perth is a developing multicultural city which has a variety of entertainment, nightlife and culture on offer.

Curtin University suggests a weekly budget of A\$473 which includes all possible costs such as accommodation, utilities, food, public transport, clothing, entertainment etc.

Visa

Exchange students must have a student visa before travelling to Australia. Once you have received confirmation of enrolment from Curtin you can apply to the Australian Embassy for a student visa. The current price of a student visa is around £385. The student visa also allows you to work up to 20 per week during the semester and full time during semester breaks.

Health Insurance

In order for your visa application to be approved you must purchase health insurance called Overseas Student Health Cover. For a 6 month stay it costs A\$210 and for a years stay it costs A\$420.

How to apply for an exchange to Curtin University

For information on how to apply for an exchange to Curtin University please visit: <http://lboro.ac.uk/international/exchange/outgoing/apply/index.htm>

University of Toronto

Canada



Exchange students at U of T



Toronto

The University

The University of Toronto (U of T) was established in 1827 and is Canada's largest university. It is globally recognised for its excellence in research and teaching. It has three campuses: St George (the main city campus), Scarborough and Mississauga. The university has 300 buildings and over 300 student clubs. U of T also has the largest international student population in North America. There are over 70,000 students at the university including undergraduates, post-graduates and international students.

Term Dates

The academic year is divided into three terms: fall (early September to late December), winter (early January to late April), and summer (mid May to late August). The regular academic year for most faculties only includes the fall and winter terms.

Studying at the University

There are nine faculties at U of T which are open to exchange students: art & science, UTM (University of Toronto Mississauga), UTSC (University of Toronto Scarborough), applied science & engineering, law, graduate studies, physical education & health, music, and studies in education (graduates only). All courses must be approved by your department at Loughborough University. The maximum permitted workload for an undergraduate-level exchange student is five courses per academic term, the minimum is three per term.

Accommodation

U of T attempts to offer housing to all exchange students who request it, although the university cannot guarantee accommodation. The Centre of International Experience is responsible for arranging all on-campus housing placements for exchange students. For more information about accommodation please visit <http://www.cie.utoronto.ca/Exchange-Programs/Students-From-Abroad/Housing.htm>

Living in Toronto

Toronto is the capital of Ontario province, and one of the most diverse cities in the whole of Canada. The city is located on the north-west shore of Lake Ontario. Toronto has extensive social and cultural resources, as well as one of the best public transit systems in North America. The climate is near tropical in the summer (up to 35° C) and can drop as low as -20° C in the winter.

U of T estimates that the cost of living and studying is around £3700 for a semester. This estimation includes accommodation, food, clothing, health insurance plus miscellaneous costs.

Visa

Exchange students must have a student visa before travelling to Canada. Once you have received confirmation of enrolment from U of T you can apply to the Canadian Embassy for a student visa. The current price of a student visa is around £75 (C\$125). If you are studying for less than 6 months you do not need a study permit. For more information visit: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/study-who.asp>

Health Insurance

All international students coming to the U of T are required to purchase health insurance in the form of the University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP). For more information visit <http://www.cie.utoronto.ca/Exchange-Programs/Students-From-Abroad/Health-Insurance.htm>

How to apply for an exchange to the University of Toronto

For information on how to apply for an exchange to the University of Toronto please visit: <http://lboro.ac.uk/international/exchange/outgoing/apply/index.htm>

For more information about the University of Toronto please visit: <http://cie.utoronto.ca/Coming.htm>

Purdue University

USA



Purdue University

PURDUE
UNIVERSITY



Windsor Halls Residence

The University

Purdue University's main campus is located in West Lafayette, Indiana. The University was founded in 1869 and named after benefactor John Purdue. The West Lafayette campus offers over 200 majors for undergraduates and over 70 post-graduate programmes. Around 40,000 students enrolled in undergraduate, graduate and professional programmes in fall 2010. Purdue has the second highest international students enrolment among U.S. public universities. Purdue University's nickname is the Boilermakers and notable Purdue alumni include astronauts Neil Armstrong and Eugene Cernan.

Term Dates

The academic year is from mid August until mid May. Semester one, the fall semester, starts mid August and finishes late December. Semester two, the spring semester, runs from the beginning of January until mid May.

Studying at the University

Most undergraduate courses are available to exchange students, however some do require pre-requisites. There are 200 major areas of study of which the majority are open to exchange students. This amounts to around 6000 modules to choose from! The minimum course load is 12 credits per semester or 24 credits per year. The amount of credit is based upon the number of hours the class meets each week, for example a 3 credit course meets for around three hours a week. Students generally take between 3 and 5 courses per semester. All choices must be approved by your department at Loughborough University.

Accommodation

University accommodation is available to exchange students. On-campus room and board costs approximately £5000 (a year). Accommodation rates vary significantly from hall to hall. The majority of on-campus accommodation does not have kitchen facilities as there are meal plans available to students. In depth information about accommodation is sent to students once they have been accepted to Purdue. For more general information visit <http://www.housing.purdue.edu>

Living in West Lafayette, Indiana

The university is located around 70 miles from Indianapolis, and 107 miles from Chicago. The Greater Lafayette area has a culturally diverse and vibrant community. There are over 600 student organisations at the university varying from study societies to interest groups. The climate is quite unpredictable with hot humid summers and relatively cold winters.

The university states that exchange students usually spend £3,700 per semester on expenses. This includes accommodation, food, travel and miscellaneous expenses.

Visa

Exchange students must acquire a student visa before travelling to the US. Once you have confirmation of your acceptance from Purdue you can apply for an exchange visitor visa known as a J-1. The approximate cost of a J-1 visa is £85. Please visit the US Embassy website for more information: <http://london.usembassy.gov/nonimmigrant-visas.html>

Health Insurance

Exchange students are required to purchase the Purdue University Student Health Insurance Plan. Please note that American health insurance policies do not cover eye and dental care. For more information visit <http://www.purdue.edu/push/insurance/internationalStudents.shtml>

How to apply for an exchange to Purdue

For information on how to apply for an exchange at Purdue University please visit: <http://lboro.ac.uk/international/exchange/outgoing/apply/index.htm>

For more information about Purdue University please visit: <http://www.studyabroad.purdue.edu/incoming>