

**WESTERN SYDNEY**  
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Study Abroad

# STUDY IN SYDNEY



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# STUDY IN SYDNEY, SEE AUSTRALIA

Sydney is one of the most liveable and picturesque global cities. With the world's largest natural harbour, 100 kilometres of coastline and beaches to explore, and an abundance of cultural activities year round, it's no wonder that Australia's largest city is consistently ranked internationally as one of the top 12 urban centres to visit or live in.

## LANDMARKS

Some of the most famous Australian landmarks are here, including the Sydney Opera House, the Sydney Harbour Bridge, Bondi Beach and the Blue Mountains. Australia is also the proud home of the oldest living culture on earth. Indigenous Australians trace their history back 50,000 years and living in Sydney, you can glimpse their culture through their art, music, dance, stories and historic sites.

With its cobblestone streets and historic sandstone buildings - interspersed with contemporary galleries, museums, restaurants, pubs and clubs, The Rocks and the area near Circular Quay are windows on Australia's European history that began with the landing of the First Fleet in 1788.

Today, Sydney is a thriving metropolis of almost five million people with a third of its population born overseas, making it one of the most multicultural cities in the world. It sprawls across 2,200 square kilometres and 600 suburbs. With world-class opportunities to learn skills and gain new experiences, such as climbing over the Sydney Harbour Bridge, skydiving or scuba diving, studying in Australia could change your life.

## FOOD

The people of Sydney, known as "Sydneysiders", trace their collective heritage back to more than 170 countries. The city offers a taste of global cuisine through thousands of cafes and restaurants; from food trucks to five star eateries run by some of the world's most feted chefs. Fresh, reasonably-priced, locally-grown produce, meat and seafood is also available year round from groceries and markets.

## CULTURE

If you love shopping, you'll find Australian designers and global fashion brands in boutiques, large shopping malls or at street markets across the city. You also won't want to miss the year-round art, music, food, theatre, film and design festivals that put Sydney on the world cultural map.

Sydney's Museum of Contemporary Art, the Australian Museum, the Art Gallery of New South Wales, the Sydney Aquarium and Taronga Zoo are all world-class attractions. The city is also home to the Sydney Theatre Company, the Sydney Dance Company and Opera Australia, as well as many other arts organisations.

## OUTDOORS

A visit to Sydney is incomplete without enjoying the outdoor activities the city has to offer. Learn how to surf, paddle board or snorkel off the many ocean or harbour beaches. Head off on a walk, cycle or jog in one of the many city or coastal parks where you might stop for a picnic or barbecue to enjoy the view and the abundant bird life.

## CLIMATE

Sydney's climate is comfortable and temperate year round; summer is from December to February, while autumn is March to May, winter June to August, and spring September to November. Generally, January and February are warm, while winters are mild.

Average temperature (low-high):



**SUMMER:** December – February  
18–29 degrees Celsius



**AUTUMN:** March – May  
11–24 degrees Celsius



**WINTER:** June – August  
9–17 degrees Celsius



**SPRING:** September – November  
11–24 degrees Celsius

## BUSINESS

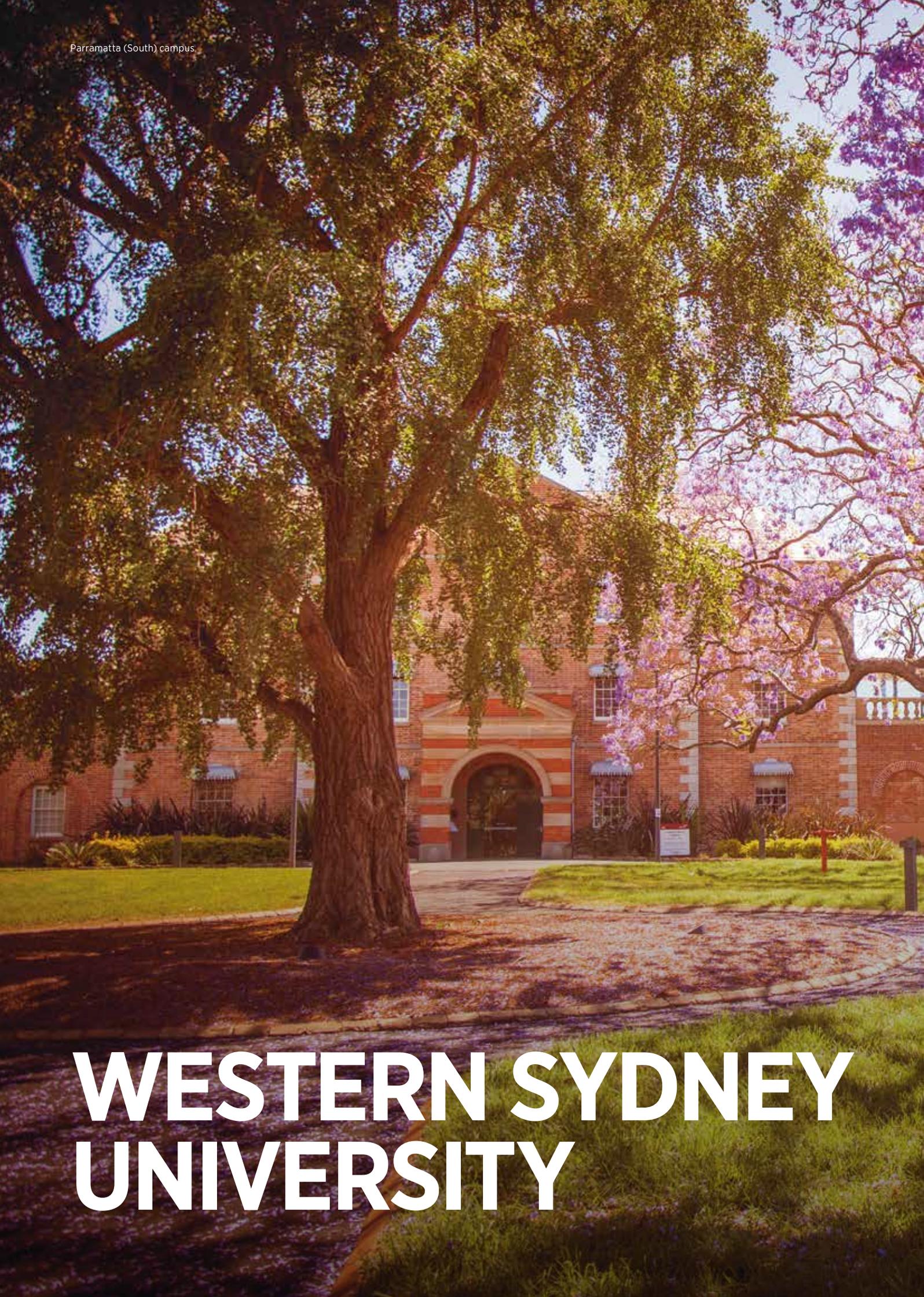
As Australia's business capital, Sydney is where you'll find the head offices of more multinational companies and banks than anywhere else in the country and as a modern, metropolitan city, it's the gateway to the Asia Pacific and an ideal place to do business.

## TRAVEL CENTRE

With the country's biggest airport, and as the centre of many bus and train transport hubs, Sydney is well-suited as a base to visit the rest of Australia. Take a weekend to shop in Melbourne, visit Canberra – the country's capital for the annual tulip festival Floriade, or make a longer trip to the Great Barrier Reef in Queensland or even Kakadu in the Top End of northern Australia.



Parramatta (South) campus

A large, leafy tree in the foreground of a brick building at Western Sydney University. The tree is the central focus, with its thick trunk and dense canopy of green leaves. To the right, another tree with purple blossoms is visible. The brick building in the background has a prominent arched entrance and several windows. The scene is set on a grassy area with a paved path leading towards the building.

# WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY



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# WHY STUDY AT WESTERN SYDNEY?

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## **LEADERSHIP IN ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S FASTEST GROWING REGIONS**

Western Sydney University has five campuses hosting the study abroad program located in Greater Western Sydney, Australia's third largest and fastest growing regional economy. With world-class research and teaching across 100 study areas and expanding international recognition, the University's 44,000 students are well-positioned to succeed in an increasingly connected world.

Located in the geographical centre of Australia's most populous area, enjoying close proximity to the Blue Mountains to the west, and 100 kilometres of coastline and beaches to the east, Western Sydney is immersed in a cosmopolitan culture that welcomes international students to live and attend university.

## **REPUTATION FOR EXCELLENCE**

Ranked amongst the top three per cent of universities worldwide by the Times Higher Education World University Rankings, at Western Sydney University, we value academic excellence and integrity. We are student-centred, research-led and committed to making a positive impact on all communities we engage with – at a regional, national and international level.

Australia's national assessment of research quality, Excellence in Research Australia (ERA), rates four fifths of Western Sydney's research disciplines at above or well above world standard. It's ranked the second best university for research collaboration in Australia.

## **PREPARING YOU FOR THE WORLD**

Through our strong ties to local business, industry and community leadership, we create relevant course content that ensures our students are career-ready, meet employers' needs and prepared for jobs of the future.

## **CONDUCTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

Each campus has its different characteristics but all are inclusive and multicultural. On-campus facilities include state-of-the-art research and clinical facilities, libraries, computer laboratories, innovative social learning spaces, wireless internet, cafes, bars, gyms, sporting grounds, tennis courts, and open space to study or just relax.

## **PART OF A COMMUNITY**

As a Western Sydney University student, you'll become part of a dynamic community with opportunities to immerse yourself in numerous cultural, course-related and sporting activities. Why not join the University's clubs and associations to meet others who share your interests?

## **SUPPORTING YOU**

Western Sydney University is right behind you to ensure you reach your academic goals. Our services include advice on learning skills, counselling, financial assistance, health, accommodation and disability support.

In addition, as a Study Abroad student you enjoy special perks, including a free airport service if you're staying on-campus, a tailored orientation program and a dedicated program of social events. Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS) are free student-run study groups, to help you understand course content, develop study strategies and meet fellow students.

# ON-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

Western Sydney University offers high quality, fully-furnished, self-catered accommodation for Study Abroad students on all campuses in their Western Sydney University Villages.

Living on campus enables students to make friends with Australians and students from other countries, and better experience everything the University offers. You'll save money and time on transport, as you can simply walk to your lectures or jump on a free shuttle bus.

## FACILITIES

Most Western Sydney University Villages include:

- Student lounge with communal kitchen
- TV lounge
- Computer and study rooms
- BBQ area
- Laundry
- Free internet

Many also have a range of sports facilities such as a swimming pool, table tennis or pool tables.

## TYPES OF ROOMS

Study Abroad students can choose from a number of room options. These include a private studio or apartment, or a villa or townhouse where you have a private bedroom and share the kitchen, lounge and toilet/shower with other students.

## SECURITY AND SUPPORT

Western Sydney University Villages provides 24-hour support for residents, with a dedicated team of Resident Assistants trained in first aid, crisis management and dealing with personal issues, as well as an evening duty manager and nightly security patrols. All individual bedrooms and common areas are accessible only by electronic swipe card.

## LIVING OFF CAMPUS

The Western Sydney region also has a range of affordable apartments and share-house options nearby the University's campuses. You might want to try a homestay with an Australian family, where you'll live in a single or shared room in a private home, usually "full board" with all meals provided. You'll be part of the daily routine of the family, practice your English language skills and experience Australian culture first-hand.

## SUPPORT SERVICES

### STUDENT CENTRAL

Student Central is your first point of contact for information, forms, advice and referrals to other services. All Study Abroad students have a dedicated Student Enquiry and Information Services International Liaison Officer who helps with enquiries such as student visas, overseas student health cover, enrolment, admission and the provision and lodgement of forms.

### STUDENT WELFARE

The Student Welfare Service provides welfare support to all Study Abroad students on all campuses. Professionally-trained staff offer advice on financial assistance, accommodation, health-related issues and student advocacy needs. They will also offer information and advice about your study options, such as reduced study load. The Service regularly organises information sessions and workshops.

### STUDY SUPPORT

Western Sydney University offers a range of support programs across its campuses such as:

- Academic Literacy Workshops to help you understand different styles of teaching and learning.
- English Conversation Groups to improve your English speaking skills and improve your confidence in a friendly and social environment.
- Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS)' free and voluntary student-centred learning offered face-to-face and online. In these weekly one-hour sessions facilitated by a senior student, you'll work collaboratively with other students to understand course content and improve your academic performance.





# BANKSTOWN CAMPUS

The Bankstown campus is located on 22 hectares in the southwestern suburb of Milperra, about 45 minutes' drive from Sydney's Central Business District. It's a friendly environment that intersperses spacious University buildings amongst gardens landscaped with Australian native plants.

The nearby city of Bankstown has 203,000 residents from 160 countries. The original Bediagal people put up a strong resistance to European settlement. Governor John Hunter named the city "Banks' town" in 1795, in memory of Sir Joseph Banks, the botanist who travelled on Captain James Cook's voyage from England in 1770.

The city is near Bankstown airport - Sydney's second airport - so the area has an industrial history linked to aviation, engineering and maintenance. City residents can also enjoy the many parks, swimming pools and a choice of recreational and sporting facilities.

Living in Bankstown provides a multicultural lifestyle that embraces Study Abroad students.

- Try out cycling at the Olympic Dunc Gray Velodrome used for the Sydney 2000 Olympics and considered to be one of the best in the world.
- Shop at the Bankstown Central Shopping Centre that offers a large choice of department stores and speciality shops, with cafes and restaurants that reflect the area's diversity.
- Watch theatre, dance, live music, see contemporary art exhibitions and participate in art workshops at the nearby Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre built in a re-purposed electricity power station.

## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Design your own program from units in the following schools:

- School of Business
- School of Computing, Engineering and Mathematics
- School of Education
- School of Humanities and Communication Arts
- School of Social Sciences and Psychology

## ON-CAMPUS SPECIALIST FACILITIES INCLUDE:

- Centre for Education Research (CER)
- Early Childhood Centre
- MARCS Auditory Laboratory
- Some of Australia's most advanced language laboratories, as well as a Conference Interpreting Laboratory

## ON-CAMPUS SPORTING FACILITIES INCLUDE:

- Gymnasium
- Club Room
- Tennis courts
- Oval with night match lights
- Track and field facilities
- Cricket nets
- Netball courts
- Grass hockey ground

## CAMPUS VILLAGE LIFE

Village life in campus accommodation offers Study Abroad students a unique experience living together with Australians and other international students in a sociable and friendly environment. Some of the notable features of the accommodation at Bankstown include:

- Pool table and table tennis to play with friends
- Sand volleyball courts for sporty people
- Outdoor barbecue for social Aussie barbecues and outdoor dining
- Large communal kitchen for cooking lessons and dinner parties
- Flat screen plasma TV (Foxtel) for movie nights and sports events
- Plenty of outdoor areas to relax, socialise and study
- Computer room with Wi Fi for private or group study
- Study room for tutorial or seminar preparation
- Coin-operated laundry
- 15 minute drive from Bankstown
- 35 minute train ride between Bankstown and Sydney's Central Business District.



# PARRAMATTA CAMPUS

The Parramatta Campus has two sites in Rydalmere and another on Macquarie Street in the centre of Parramatta. The name “Parramatta” comes from the original Indigenous inhabitants, the Darug people, who called the area “Baramada” or “Burramatta” which means “head of waters” or “the place where the eels lie down”.

The North and South campuses have a mixture of contemporary and renovated historical buildings, amidst rolling parklands bordering the Parramatta River, located right at Rydalmere station or a ten-minute bus ride to Parramatta.

The campus is heritage-listed with some of the oldest buildings in NSW incorporated into its architectural fabric. These include the Female Orphan School built in 1813, the Orphan School Hospital and the Infants and Primary School. The old Boiler House - formerly an institutional laundry in the 19th century and now transformed into a chic restaurant - has won several architectural awards.

In 2017, the University opened its Parramatta City campus at One Parramatta Square (1PSQ), 169 Macquarie Street, for the University’s School of Business, as part of one of Australia’s biggest urban renewal projects.

Living in Parramatta provides a cosmopolitan lifestyle that embraces Study Abroad students.

- Listen to an internationally-renowned musician or watch a national or international soccer, cricket, hockey or basketball tournament at the nearby Sydney Olympic Park at Homebush, site of the 2000 Olympics, which also offers public sports facilities.
- Shop at Westfield Parramatta, the third-largest shopping centre in Australia.
- Take a scenic ride on the Parramatta River ferry under the Sydney Harbour Bridge to Circular Quay at the heart of Sydney.

## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Design your own program from units in the following schools:

- School of Business
- School of Computing, Engineering and Mathematics
- School of Humanities and Communication Arts
- School of Law
- School of Science and Health
- School of Social Sciences and Psychology

## ON-CAMPUS SPECIALIST FACILITIES INCLUDE:

- Institute for Culture and Society
- Purpose-built state-of-the-art teaching facilities
- Moot court
- Computing laboratories
- Whitlam Institute
- Centre for Research in Mathematics
- State-of-the-art scanning electron microscopes and other complementary research equipment

## ON-CAMPUS SPORT FACILITIES INCLUDE:

- Outdoor gym equipment
- Tennis courts
- Basketball courts
- Sporting field

## CAMPUS VILLAGE LIFE

Village life in campus accommodation offers Study Abroad students a unique experience, living together with Australians and other international students in a friendly, sociable environment. Some notable features of the accommodation at Parramatta include:

- Outdoor swimming pool with deck chairs and poolside lounges
- Student lounge with pool table, table tennis, sofas and bean bags
- Flat screen plasma TV (Foxtel) for movie nights and sports events
- Plenty of outdoor areas to relax, socialise and study
- E-library for private or group study sessions
- Coin-operated laundry
- 10 minute bus or car drive from Parramatta
- 35 minute train ride between Parramatta and Sydney’s Central Business District.



# PENRITH CAMPUS

The Penrith campus is located on the western edge of the Sydney metropolitan area, at the foot of the Blue Mountains near the Nepean River. The 158-hectare campus has two sites in the suburbs of Kingswood and Werrington, divided by the Great Western Highway but linked by a free shuttle bus service from Kingswood train station throughout the day.

Students have easy access to libraries, computer centres, student services, cafes, bars and sporting venues in Penrith. The city - named after the UK city of Penrith in Cumbria - has a population of 197,000 people and is home to people of diverse nationalities.

The Penrith campus houses Western Sydney University's art collection of 1,000 works by 20th century Australian artists, and the Penrith Observatory, open to the public fortnightly for Astronomy nights, with various telescopes including their main .6m telescope.

Living in Penrith provides an exciting lifestyle that embraces Study Abroad students.

- Go bushwalking, camping, canyoning or horse-riding in the World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains.
- Attend a National Rugby League game at the home of the Penrith Panthers at Pepper's Stadium or a musical performance at the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts complex, named after Australia's most famous opera singer.
- Purpose-built for the 2000 Sydney Olympics and Paralympics, the Sydney International Regatta Centre has one of the best rowing and kayak courses in the world. More than 178 hectares of parklands encompass cycleways and walking paths and offer access to the scenic Penrith Lakes.

## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Design your own program from units in the following schools:

- School of Computing, Engineering and Mathematics
- School of Humanities and Communication Arts
- School of Science and Health
- School of Social Sciences and Psychology

## ON-CAMPUS SPECIALIST FACILITIES INCLUDE:

- New state-of-the-art library
- Golden Stave Music Therapy Centre
- Mechatronics and Robotics Facility
- Design studio with broadcast-quality animation and television post-production studios
- Convergent Media Studio Complex
- Three multi-track recording studios
- Computer research centre
- Industrial Design centre
- Computing and photographic laboratories and studios
- Purpose-built disability learning centre

## ON-CAMPUS SPORTS FACILITIES INCLUDE:

- Gymnasium
- Tennis courts
- Football fields
- Professional hockey fields
- Basketball courts

## CAMPUS VILLAGE LIFE

Village life in campus accommodation offers student a unique experience living together with Australian and international students in a friendly environment. Some special features of the accommodation at Penrith include:

- Pool table and tennis table to play with friends on study breaks and weekends
- Outdoor barbecue for social Aussie barbecues
- Flat screen plasma TV (Foxtel) for movie nights and sports events
- Plenty of outdoor areas to relax, socialise and study
- Computer room with Wi Fi for private or group study sessions
- Coin-operated laundry
- 10 minute drive to Kingswood Station
- One hour and 15 minute train ride between Penrith and Sydney's Central Business District.

## THE FUN SIDE OF LIFE

## SPORT

### Jiaxin Li

CHINA (BACHELOR OF DESIGN AND COMMUNICATIONS)

“I have always wanted to be an international journalist or a designer. Sydney is an international, multicultural city with beautiful scenery. I also thought about studying in the Netherlands, France or the US but Sydney was actually my dream place. It has a more peaceful pace of life than where I come from in southeast China in Guangzhou.

“I am studying Design and Communications at Western Sydney University and have been really inspired by the other students in my class, my classmates. I couldn't have survived without them. They have really helped me, and I have made lots of local friends. I feel a lot of gratitude and thankfulness to them. I admit it has been very difficult at times but they have been there for me.

“I have had some anxiety getting used to my new life here but now I really feel a sense of achievement. Living away from home in another country, you really grow up. You do things you never imagined you could. I have found my own part-time job and on weekends I go travelling; I have gone into Sydney to Bondi Beach and Manly Beach. Another time I went skydiving in Wollongong. I could see the Pacific Ocean below me and the whole of the city. It was one of the most amazing experiences of my life.

“I really appreciate the education I have received here at Western Sydney University. I have really grown as a person here.”



**As a Study Abroad student at Western Sydney University, you'll spend a significant amount of time studying, but you'll also have plenty of opportunity to enjoy the fun side of University life.**

Join in a range of sport, recreation and other activities every week and meet some new friends or catch up with old ones. Feeling more connected to the University and Western Sydney will ensure you get the most out of your stay in Australia.

Choose from more than 150 Student Clubs and Societies that reflect the diverse nature of the student population. Why not consider the Medieval Club, Amnesty, Cheerleading Club, Western Sydney Women's Collective or the Anime Academy?

The Out & About trip list - open to all students - includes one bush walk each month, overnight camping, visits to the beach, to the Snowy Mountains to go skiing and snowboarding in winter and other regular adrenalin experiences.

The University also puts on pop-up events to encourage students to meet and socialise. It might be a Table Tennis Social, free summer breakfasts or an open-air concert.

**How about a social lunchtime game of Quidditch (of Harry Potter fame) or Dodgeball? Western Sydney University Sport is actively trying to get all Australian and international students playing sport. Why not participate in a social sport, a sport club, inter-varsity tournaments or the University Games?**

Then there's the Uni Battle. an event that brings together students from universities around Australia to play sports such as Beach Handball, Beach Soccer, Beach Touch Football, Dodgeball or Softball.

All campuses have a range of sporting facilities that include:

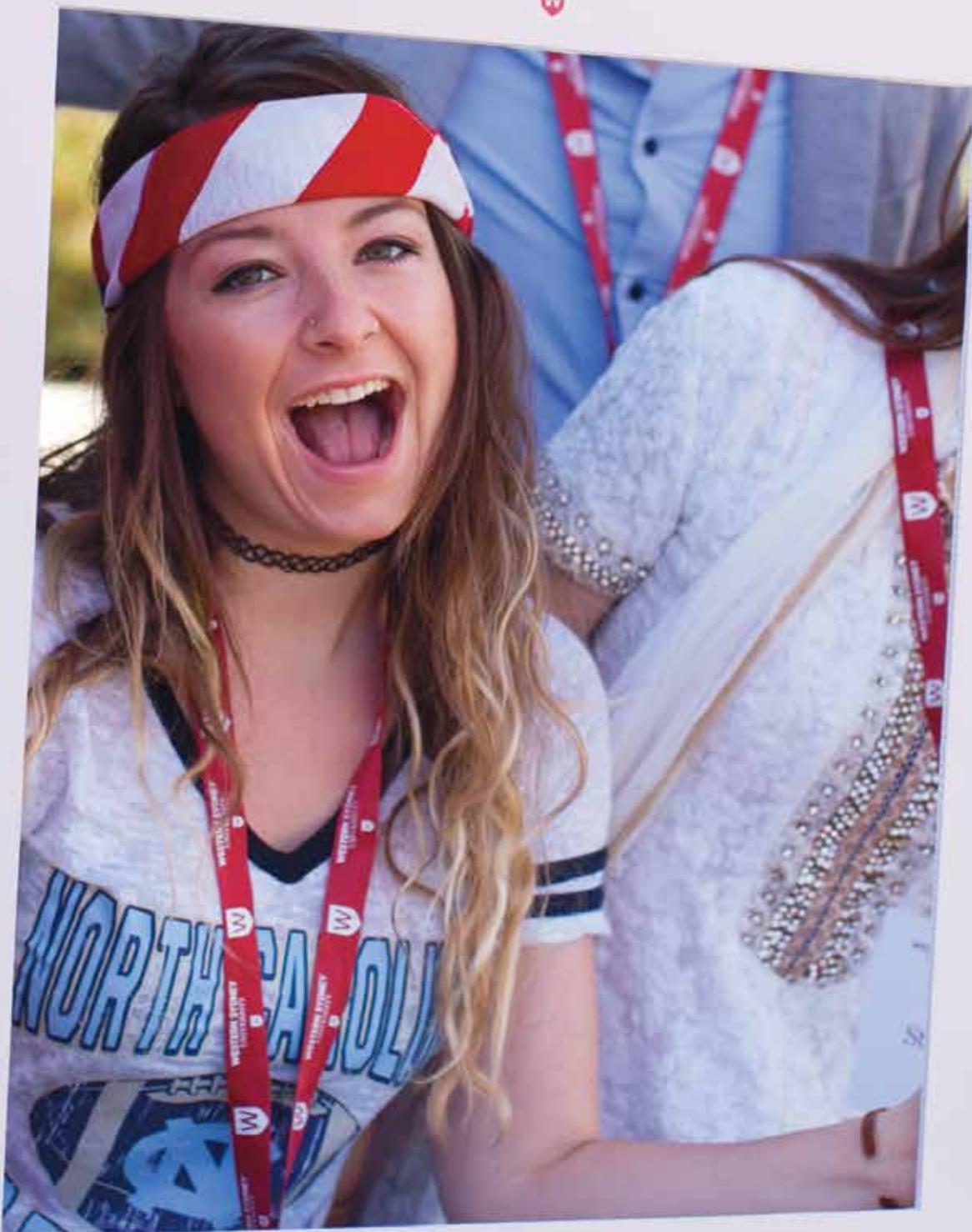
- Outdoor gym equipment
- Tennis courts
- Basketball courts
- Sporting fields
- Gymnasiums
- Professional hockey fields
- Oval with night match lights
- Track and field facilities
- Netball courts
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Connect Fitness has a network of commercial fitness centres across various campuses where you can attend fitness classes to strengthen your body and mind.

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GO GLOBAL

# STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS AND PACKAGES

Choose a package that works for you:

# 1

## Study Abroad

Plus  
Accommodation

Why worry about the pressures of finding your own accommodation during your study abroad program?

### THIS PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- tuition fees for a full-time semester of study at Western Sydney University
- discounted and guaranteed single-room accommodation at The Village, with access to shared kitchen and bathroom facilities, and internet and electricity included
- free airport pickup
- social program including a welcome event in a Sydney city location, the Bondi to Bronte Beach Walk, plus an activity from a selection of Western Sydney University 'Out and About Adventures'

# 2

## Study Abroad

Plus  
Accommodation

and English  
Language

If you fall a bit short of our English requirements, then that's okay - this package could suit you.

### THIS PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 10 week English language program taught by The College at our Sydney Olympic Park campus
- tuition fees for a full-time semester of study at Western Sydney University
- guaranteed single-room accommodation at The Village, with access to shared kitchen and bathroom facilities, and internet and electricity included
- free airport pickup
- social program including a welcome event in a Sydney city location, the Bondi to Bronte Beach Walk, plus an activity from a selection of Western Sydney University 'Out and About Adventures'

# 3

## Study Abroad

Tuition Only

If you're confident and happy to organise your own accommodation then you might prefer our simple Study Abroad Tuition Only package.

### THIS PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- tuition fees for a full-time semester of study at Western Sydney University
- free airport pickup
- social program including a welcome event in a Sydney city location and the Bondi to Bronte Beach Walk

## ACADEMIC AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

### Academic Requirements

Ordinarily, at the time of application, you must be on track to complete one full year or more of study at a recognised institution by the time of commencement of the study abroad program.

### English Language Requirements

#### Study Abroad Plus Accommodation / Study Abroad Tuition Only:

- IELTS (Academic): Overall score of 6.5, with a minimum score of 6.0 in all bands
- TOEFL (IBT): Total score 82, Writing 21, Speaking 18, Reading 13, Listening 13
- Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English: 58
- Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR): A statement on partner letterhead and signed by a staff member of authority of the partner's English language centre that the applicant has been evaluated to have a CEFR level of B2 or above.
- European senior secondary school qualifications:

#### → Denmark Studentereksamen:

Minimum score of 7 in English A or 9 in English B

#### → Finland Upper Secondary School Certificate:

Minimum score of 8 in English A or English (Advanced)

#### → Germany Abitur:

Minimum score of 3 (7-9)/Satisfactory in Advanced Level English

#### → Germany DAAD:

Minimum score of B in all 4 categories of the DAAD certificate (old), or 5 stars in each category of the DAAD certificate

#### → Netherlands Voorbereidend

Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO): Minimum score of 7 in final year English

#### → Norway Vitnemal:

Minimum score of 4 in English

#### → Sweden Slutbetyg:

Minimum score of 4/VG in English A or B.

#### Study Abroad Plus Accommodation and English Language:

- IELTS (Academic): Overall score of 6.0, with a minimum score of 5.0 in all areas
- TOEFL (IBT): 75

## ABOUT THE COLLEGE

'The College' at Western Sydney University's Sydney Olympic Park campus offers the University's English language programs. Facilities include lecture and tutorial rooms, computer labs, internet access, academic and social support services, sporting facilities, food outlets, student common room and prayer rooms. In addition to new teaching and staff facilities, the chosen site

within the Sydney Olympic Park precinct provides a vibrant environment. The location is home to high profile sport, cultural and entertainment activities, parklands, and a wide range of facilities including food outlets, retail services and accommodation (off-campus) options. Sydney Olympic Park is also well serviced by public transport including train, bus and ferry.

# LIVING IN WESTERN SYDNEY

**The Greater Western Sydney region is Western Sydney University's home. The region encompasses the area northwest, southwest and west of Sydney and is Australia's third-largest regional economy. With a population of more than two million people from 170 countries, it is a thriving centre of opportunity, diversity and innovation that welcomes international students.**

## BUSINESS

Many multinational corporations have operations in Western Sydney, including BHP Billiton, Coca-Cola Amatil, Sony and Canon, making it a hub of business development. Because of the University's strong ties to local business, industry and community leadership, our students can access many study, internship, work and volunteer opportunities here.

## HISTORY

The Greater Western Sydney region was originally inhabited by several Indigenous nations including the Bediagal and Darug people. Radiocarbon dating shows human activity in the area 30,000 years ago. It is also steeped in colonial history - European settlers arrived here just ten months after landing at what is now the Rocks at the heart of Sydney in 1788.

Old Government House in Parramatta was the "country" home of ten NSW governors in the first half-century of European settlement in Australia. The World Heritage listed site in Parramatta Park, built between 1799 and 1816, contains furniture and treasures from the 19th century and is open to the public.

## THE OUTDOORS

With nature close at hand, including national parks, abundant parklands, the Parramatta, Nepean and Hawkesbury Rivers, Western Sydney is ideal for outdoor and sports enthusiasts. It's easy to find a place to jog, walk, cycle, row, kayak or swim or enjoy a peaceful picnic, barbecue or a friendly game of cricket, soccer or Frisbee with friends.

The region is also close to the World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains, where you can go bushwalking, canyoning, camping, rock climbing and horse-riding against the dramatic back-drop of rainforests, mountains, valleys and waterfalls.

## SPORT, SHOPPING AND FOOD

Western Sydney also boasts some successful football, rugby league, cricket and Australian Football League teams if you want to watch a game or join a community sporting team yourself.

The nearby Sydney Olympic Park at Homebush, site of the 2000 Olympics, offers Aquatic and Archery Centres and cycle tracks open to the public. The Park's ANZ stadium and other venues host national and international football, hockey, basketball and tennis tournaments and athletics events as well as major contemporary music concerts.

Across Western Sydney, if you are keen on shopping, you'll discover a wide selection of department stores, cinemas, restaurants, cafes, local markets and specialty stores. You can explore major retail centres, including Westfield Parramatta, one of Australia's largest shopping centres. And with the region's rich multicultural population, you'll find the flavours, foods and spices you're accustomed to at home - or why not be adventurous and sample some new cuisines?

## CULTURE

Living in Western Sydney, you'll also have the opportunity to take part in festivals, such as Lunar New Year celebrations and other cultural events, including the annual Sydney Festival Parramatta which has a packed program stretching over ten days. This festival kicks off with the Parra Opening Party, when the city's streets come alive with street performers, pop-up art installations, workshops and food trucks.

The Riverside Theatre is also the region's artistic, cultural and performance centre with a program of dance, theatre, music, opera and comedy throughout the year, showcasing local, national and international performers.



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BALLOONS

SAVANNAH



## Nicole Macmillan

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UK (BACHELOR OF BUSINESS)

“Living here in the Western Sydney University Village in Parramatta, I have really learned how to be independent, living away from home in another country. I have had to buy food for myself, and I am slowly learning how to cook. I was initially a really bad cook but I am going quite well now; I can’t depend on my mum and sisters.

“It is really easy to make friends here - you bump into people at meals and in your classes. It’s such a welcoming environment. I have made so many friends from Australia and also from all over Europe. When I travel in Australia, I will have friends to stay with and also when I go back home to the UK.

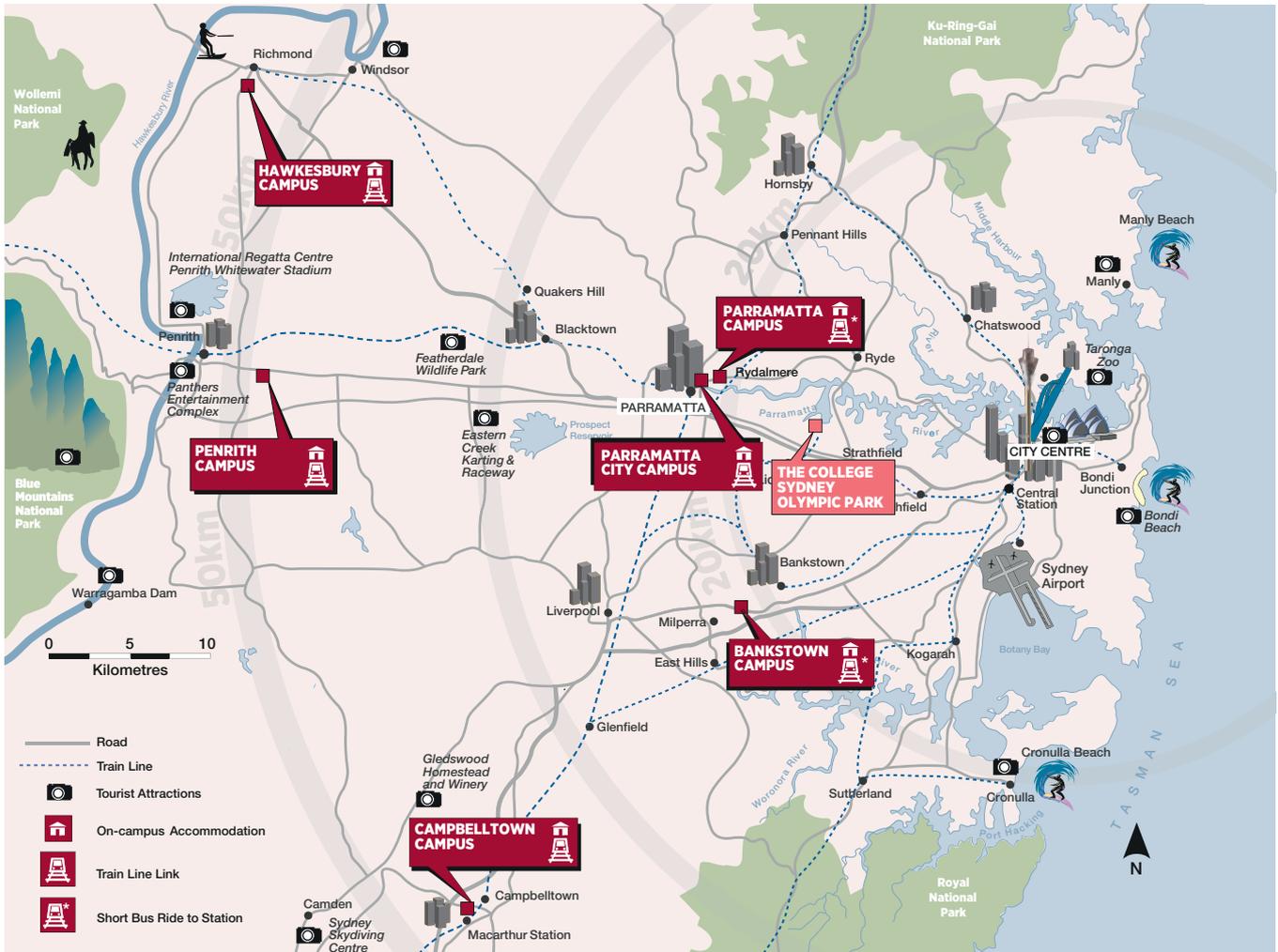
“I have already gone travelling in New Zealand with some of the friends I made here. Back home, I have friends I have known for years and never travelled with and now I was travelling with people I had known for only a few months. It was kind of surreal but we really had an amazing time. I especially loved Queenstown.

“I was also quite successful on my exams which was quite a relief, and now I have just got a job as a Residence Assistant which means I will be helping other new students - like me - settle in to the Village. I think that coming to Australia to study has been a great decision for me.”



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# MULTI-CAMPUS



## UNIQUE CAMPUSES

Each campus has its different characteristics but all are inclusive and multicultural. Some have contemporary modern and high-tech buildings, while others have more serene, pastoral environments. On-campus facilities include state-of-the-art research and clinical facilities, libraries, computer laboratories, innovative social learning spaces, wireless internet, cafes, bars, gyms, sporting grounds, tennis courts, and open space to study or just relax.

## TRANSPORT

All Western Sydney University campuses are accessible by public transport. Study Abroad students can purchase an Opal Card - a smart card to use on all buses, trains and ferries so they don't pay cash. Campuses are also linked to transportation nodes by free University shuttle buses.



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