International Program
The University of Adelaide – Home of USC

Established in 1874, The University of Adelaide is the third oldest university in Australia. The university provides internationally recognized qualifications and has produced highly successful graduates including Nobel prize winners, Rhodes Scholars, heads of government, business leaders and world-renowned academics.

As a university with a strong past, we also look to be a university that is a leader for the future. The establishment of University Senior College (USC) is evidence of the university’s commitment to respond to the changing needs of the community. USC nurtures the development of independent study skills, and the self-motivation necessary to achieve the highest possible levels of success in today’s increasingly competitive educational environment.

The college seeks to groom its students to aim high and provides an environment that encourages students to achieve their best.

I invite all students who aspire to high levels of professional achievement and seek a progressive and a supportive learning environment, to join us at the University of Adelaide.

Professor James A. McWha
Vice Chancellor
The University of Adelaide

Study Program

USC offers the South Australian School of Education (SACE). Entry to USC is at year 11 level. Direct entry into year 12 is not possible. Students choose their subjects to satisfy national tertiary entrance requirements and gain a score based on their performance in year 12. Different university courses require varying levels of tertiary entrance scores for enrolment.

Students have the option of gaining up to 6 credits of Stage 1 of the South Australian Certificate of Education during their Intensive English course. A SACE registration fee applies.

Year 11 Study (SACE Stage 1)

Year 11 students are introduced to a tertiary-style of learning. An integral part of the year 11 program is the development of study skills, and the self-motivation necessary to achieve the highest possible levels of success in today’s increasingly competitive educational environment.

A high level of student supervision is achieved through a personal mentoring program. Students will receive comprehensive assistance to plan and review their study, thus developing the disciplined habits that are necessary for a strong foundation for academic success.

Year 11 students choose six subjects per semester. Each subject is taught twice a week for two x 2 hour classes. The academic year is divided into two semesters. Attendance is compulsory and year 11 is a prerequisite to year 12.
Student Support

One of the most significant differences between USC and any other year 11 and 12 school is the powerful combination of focused academic preparation with student care and support. We believe that academic support and personal care are essential to enable students to reach their maximum potential.

USC student support services include:

International Dean

The International Dean is responsible for all aspects of the International Student Program and is the first point of contact for parents. The International Dean ensures that the needs of international students are met at every decision making level in the college. The International Dean coordinates the academic program, liaises with mentors and teachers and meets with counsellor to monitor student progress.

Counsellor

Students can get help with personal issues such as transition, adjusting to a new culture, homesickness, making friends and gaining confidence in their new environment.

Mentors

Students are linked to a particular member of the USC academic staff for special pastoral care and attention. Mentors are responsible for helping students to review academic progress, assist with the development of good study skills and help with the provision of guidance in subject choice and career pathways.

Academic Teaching Staff

USC has an experienced and highly qualified staff, who specialize in preparing students for university entry. Students are encouraged to work closely with teachers, who are available for individual tuition and support for the students in their care. USC teachers have developed the reputation amongst students for being not only great teachers, but great people too.

Career Advice

A career advisor is available to help students with all aspects of the tertiary application process and any other enquiry regarding university courses.

Cultural Orientation

A cultural orientation program is provided to familiarise students with their new environment and to provide the relevant information about living and studying in Adelaide. Students are assisted with banking and telephone systems, provided with a tax file number and a health care card to access health services. USC students receive an e-mail address and a student identification card offering transport and service discounts. Students will also be provided with a guide to public transport, a city and metropolitan map and 24-hour emergency telephone numbers.

Accommodation

A full time homestay coordinator will arrange for students to live with a homestay family. Homestay families are rigorously screened for suitability, with each person over the age of 18 years undergoing police security checks. Students are required to live in homestay for the duration of their study at USC.

Airport Welcome

An Airport welcome can be organised where students are met at the airport by a college representative and/or homestay parent. Students will then be accompanied as they travel to their new home.

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