

University Of Adelaide

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Choosing the Right Subjects

- Type a type of class you would like to take in the “course title” field. This will pull all classes with that specific word in the title. OR select an area of study from the Subject Area drop down menu.
- Hit SEARCH. Or...
 - Select “More Options”
 - Select a term:
 - Choose all **Semester 1** subjects if you are studying during the **February or US spring** term.
 - Choose all **Semester 2** subjects if you are studying during the **July or US fall** term.
 - Select “Undergraduate” from the “Academic Career” drop down menu.
 - Select “Onshore” from the “Campus” drop down menu.
 - Sort as you wish and select “Search”
 - This will provide you with a list of all undergraduate courses offered in that specific School or Faculty. Click on the course name for a course description.

Prerequisites and Course Approval

Some subjects may indicate prerequisites; the University of Adelaide will review your transcripts to ensure that you have met these prerequisites with equivalent classes. They will not, in most cases, require that you have taken their exact class. For example, if the prerequisite is History 101 - Australian History, you will need to have taken an introductory history class, not necessarily about Australia. Be sure that you have submitted updated transcripts to GlobalLinks Learning Abroad so that your prerequisites can be properly evaluated.

Based on availability and prerequisites, the University of Adelaide will either approve or not approve the subject for you to take. If a subject is not approved based on prerequisites, you can approach the professor once you arrive and attempt to obtain approval in person.

Course Scheduling and Enrollment

Timetables at most universities are not published until just before the semester begins. Therefore, you will not actually enroll in your subjects until after you arrive. The majority of classes do not have quotas, so you shouldn't have to worry about space filling up. You will choose your classes from your list of subjects approved by both the University of Adelaide and your US University, according to how they fit into your schedule. If you choose to enroll in any subjects that were not pre-approved by your US University, you should contact your university from Australia in order to obtain the necessary approval. Be sure to bring your advisor's fax number with you. We will be sending you more information about approvals once we receive your subject choices.

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Academic Differences between Australia and the U.S./Canada

In general, Australians complete their Bachelor's degrees in 3 years. They do not have to fulfill core requirements in a variety of disciplines, so they start taking classes towards their major during their first semester. Therefore, 1st year classes in Australia are generally equivalent to 2nd year classes in the US; 2nd year Australian classes are equivalent to 3rd year US classes; and 3rd year Australian classes are equivalent to 4th year US classes. There are always exceptions to this, however, and it is up to your university to decide the credit and level they will award.

Often times it is expected that students spend a lot of time outside of the classroom doing their own research/study/reading. Every university varies somewhat, but in general, you should be prepared for some differences between the overseas and the U.S./Canadian academic systems and be aware that you may experience a period of adjustment.