

Study Abroad And TCO: A Perfect Fit (If you do it right.)



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Overview

- My Program
- Three Keys to a Successful Study Abroad
 - Planning
 - Understanding your University
 - Make the Most of the Culture
- Final Tips, Australia Specific

My Program

- ❑ TCO Major, Business & Communications Minor
- ❑ Bond University, Gold Coast of Australia
- ❑ Fall Semester, Junior Year

Planning

- ❑ Timing for Study Abroad Experience: Sophomore, Summers, or maybe 1st semester Junior
- ❑ Credit Transfer- start early
- ❑ TCO Spreadsheet: You must look ahead
- ❑ Work with your advisor
- ❑ Visit and work with the Study Abroad Office

My Courses

| Bond Courses | Mercer Credit Transfer |
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| Public Relations Writing | CTA 370: Public Relations Theory and Methods (TCO Elective) |
| Public Speaking | CTA 256: Public Speaking |
| Australia Dreamtime to Dust (History) | Free Elective |
| Love, Sex, and Relationships (Psychology) | Required Social Science |

Additional Courses

- Video Production
- Multimedia II
- Photography

Understanding Your University

- Registration (Long lines, back-ups)
- Drop/Add
- Bell Curve
- Grading Scales
- Class Structures- Tutorials (Small Group), Lectures
- This is not Mercer
- Do my grades transfer back?!!
 - Us vs. all the Pass/Fails

Make the Most

- Learn the History
- Make time to travel but find a balance with school work and money
- Make a Budget
- Have fun- this is a once in a lifetime opportunity
- Try new things- kayaking, surfing, mt climbing, snorkeling, baseball cap wearing, horse races

Final Tips, OZ Specific

- ❑ Buses aren't necessarily cheaper than plane tickets
- ❑ Exchange rates do change- it's a gamble
- ❑ American Express
- ❑ Don't throw everything away when you go home
- ❑ What if you fall in love with it? Talk to Dr. Davis
- ❑ Call home from calling cards- not mobile phones



Questions and Comments?
