

## Choosing the Right Subjects

- Subjects are grouped according to the area of major with which they correspond. Scroll down the subject list to review all available subjects.
- All classes are offered each semester, so you may choose from any of the classes listed.
- Be aware that 200- and 300-level classes are considered upper division. ICMS does not recommend that you enroll in these units unless you have sufficient background in the subject area.

Generally speaking, students will take four courses while studying abroad. The minimum requirement for your student visa is three courses. Students are responsible for knowing the home university academic or financial aid requirements as they apply to study abroad course enrollment.

## Prerequisites and Course Approval

ICMS does not elect specific courses as pre-requisites to any subject. However, they do expect students to determine if their current academic background will prove useful in the successful completion of an individual's selected coursework.

Please note that ICMS does not pre-approve the classes listed on your Intended Subject Plan. ICMS allows students to determine their own eligibility for subjects, and will work with you on your enrollment upon arrival. Please be sure to have your selected subjects approved by your home university advisor.

## Course Scheduling and Enrollment

Timetables at most universities are not published until just before the semester begins. You will receive registration instructions from your AustralLearn coordinator approximately 2-3 weeks before your departure. You will register online for the 4 classes you will want to take. 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 that were pre-approved by both ICMS and your US University, according to how they fit into your schedule. Once you arrive, 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 pre-approvals once we receive your subject choices.

## **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.

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## Grading Conversion Guide: International College of Management, Sydney (ICMS)

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The following information is provided by International College of Management, Sydney (2006).

Study abroad programs undertaken at ICMS are in conjunction with Macquarie University.  
Student results are provided on a Macquarie/ICMS transcript.

ICMS uses a grading system comparable to most U.S. universities, with letter grades A – F.

Australian Grade	Australian Qualification	U.S. Grade
90 – 100	A	4.00
87 - 89	A-	3.70
83 - 86	B+	3.30
80 - 82	B	3.00
77 – 79	B-	2.70
73 - 76	C+	2.30
70 - 72	C	2.00
67 - 69	C-	1.70
63 - 66	D+	1.30
60 – 62	D	1.00
0 - 59	F	0.00

- Each ICMS credit point represents 15 hours of class time or 45 hours of practical/laboratory time, and most classes are worth 3 credit points.
- Degree-seeking students typically enroll in 15 credit points per term in their first two years and 12 credit points per term in their final year.
- Study abroad students may enroll in 4 or 5 classes per semester.
- The first digit of the subject code represents the level of the subject:
  - 0 foundation year/no credit value (study abroad students are generally not eligible for these subjects)
  - 1 first year subjects
  - 2 second year subjects
  - 3 third year subjects