

Choosing the Right Subjects

Course Selection Instructions

1. For study option, select undergraduate
2. Then choose the Study Area that you are interested in for your courses
3. You can leave “Faculty/School” blank
4. You can leave “subject/name” blank unless you want to try narrowing your search
5. Click the box for “display only Study Abroad subjects”
6. Please check to make sure that the course you are interested in is offered during the semester (January (1), May (2), or September (3)) that you are studying at Bond University.
7. Check for prerequisites required for that class. Only sign up for classes you have similar prerequisites for.
8. Check that the subject has a “study abroad” statement saying that the course is available to Study Abroad students. This ensures the class can be taken by international students.
9. For syllabi, click on subject outline in the course description area

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Remember that Semester 1 refers to the January semester, Semester 2 refers to the May semester, and Semester 3 refers to the September semester. If Bond University indicates that a class is "internal" this means that the class is offered on campus. If the class is "external" this means that the class is offered via correspondence; you may still be able to take the class as though you were a correspondent student—please check with your AustralLearn coordinator about this. *Make sure you select the correct semester: Semester 1 or January semester; Semester 2 or May semester; Semester 3 or September semester.*

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

Some subjects may indicate prerequisites; Bond University 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 AustralLearn so that your prerequisites can be properly evaluated.

Based on availability and prerequisites, Bond University 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. It is suggested that you take an updated transcript with you to Australia, in case you are interested in taking a class that was not pre-approved.

Note that you will likely not be allowed to take courses that are 400 level or higher as the 400 level in Australia is considered post-graduate classes.

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 Bond University 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: Bond University

The following information is provided from *Australia: Education and Training – An Update of the 1990 World Education Series Volume* (2004) by Edward Devlin. This is a special report that describes new certification and grading practices at the post-secondary level in each state or territory. The report is published by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO).

Australian Grade	Australian Qualification	U.S. Grade
HD/4 (85-100%)	High Distinction	A
D/3 (75-84%)	Distinction	A
C/2 (65-74%)	Credit	B
P/1 (50-64%)	Pass	C
PC/-1 (47-49%)	Conceded Pass	D
F/0 (- 47%)	Fail	F

Recommended credit

1 course = 1 credit point/10 credit hours = 3 - 4 US semester credits

Total credits necessary to earn a degree at Bond = 24 credit points or 240 credit hours

Average Degree length at Bond = 2 years of three terms/year

Normal term credit point load = 4 credit points/40 credit hours

Minimum term credit point load: 3 credit points/30 credit hours

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