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Greetings from Darmstadt, Germany!

Studying abroad is an adventure that changes everything.

Getting to know different cultures and learning from them shaped our whole perspective on life. Therefore, we can strongly recommend anyone to study abroad, no matter where!

As the European Office of our universities located in Australia, Canada and the United States, it is our greatest advantage to be in constant contact with our colleagues abroad and as a result provide current and first-hand information for our European partners and students. As in previous years, it is very important for us to use parts of our European budget to offer scholarships to our European students.

Our students' feedback and satisfaction proves that each of our excellent universities offers an academically challenging and rewarding time in a fantastic environment. With more than 15 years of work experience in international education, our team and we ourselves are happy to advise and support you in different languages regarding all questions on studying abroad - whether it is a term abroad, a full degree or gap year experience. And the best thing: all our services are free of charge!

Enjoy your travels wherever they may take you...

SABINE SACHS



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VICTORIA EHMER



TIM STIEFFENHOFFER



CHARLOTTE ZIPPRICH



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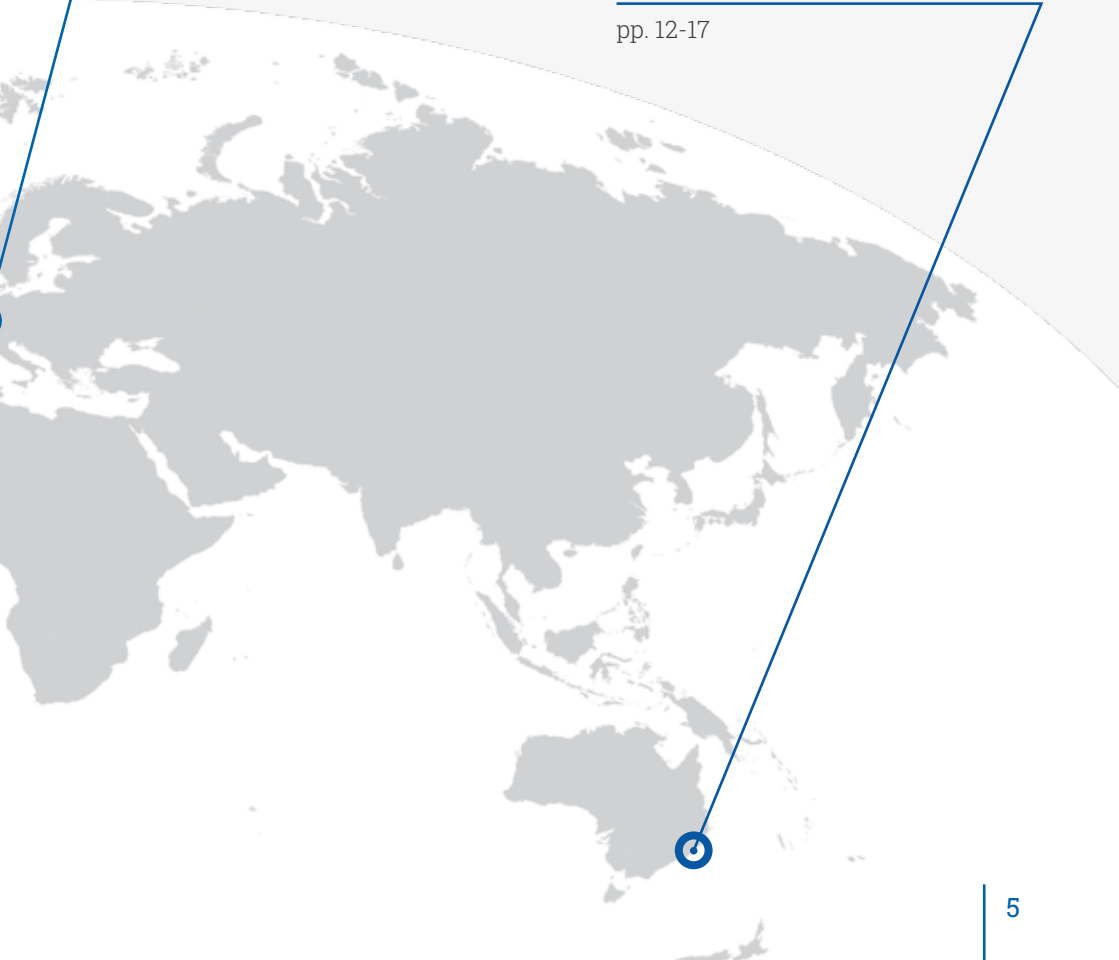
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International Student Office

We are the European Office of the International College of Management, Sydney (ICMS), Vancouver Island University (VIU), the University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW) and Westcliff University in Irvine, California (WU).

We are happy to assist you with our experience when it comes to organizing your studies abroad - a free service for you!



Sabine Sachs

After my terms in Dublin and Montpellier, I finished my studies in San Diego receiving my MBA and ended up living and working in beautiful California for 3 years. My experiences abroad have made my life richer and helped me become a global citizen.



Ina Raab

Spending a high school semester each in France and Canada, traveling Oceania and Asia for 11 months and studying on Reunion Island, a small tropical island in the middle of the Indian ocean, shaped my life and enriched it immensely.



Victoria Ehmer

Studying abroad in Virginia and California in the Unites States has sparked my love for jumping into new adventures abroad. While I have traveled to many places across the globe, my heart has been lost in the USA, where I have lived my dream for 4 years.



Charlotte Zipprich

Growing up bilingual and being half-French, I have always loved pursuing international endeavors! International education has led to the best experiences of my life, such as a semester in Australia, studying in France and finally doing my Master's Degree in Ireland.



Anika Rothe

Being born in San Francisco, it has always been my dream to live and study in North America. During my semester abroad in the US (California) and my trip to Canada, I then had the opportunity to make my dream come true, explore the beautiful landscapes of North America and create unforgettable memories.



Tim Stieffenhofer

Working in an international field has inspired me to extend my travels and to see as much of the world as I possibly can. Designing various info materials, posters, and videos, I always feel like being part of the students' adventures.



Bianca Sauer

As part of my Bachelor of International Tourism Management, I completed a semester abroad at the International College of Management, Sydney (ICMS). Thereupon, I decided to stay at ICMS and enrolled in the Master of International Business.

TESTIMONIALS



International College of Management, Sydney



» I definitely made the right choice to study at ICMS. Thank you Australia for all the sunsets I got to see, all the surfing I was able to do, all people you showed me and all the beautiful landscapes I got to see. This semester has truly broadened my horizons. «

JUSTIN L.



» The campus and the atmosphere at ICMS are really wonderful. Everyone is happy, helpful and welcoming. The courses are interesting and exciting and there is a familiar relationship between lecturers and students. «

AURÉLIEN B.



Vancouver Island University



» Choosing Canada and Vancouver Island University has definitely been a very good decision! I improved my English during my semester abroad and made friends from all over the world. I can only recommend a semester abroad at VIU! «

BJARNE B.



» I can say the semester abroad in Canada was absolutely amazing. I am so glad that I could take this chance in my life. In an academic way I learned so much in that one semester and it was really helpful for my further studies and my future career. «

JASMIN L.



Westcliff University



» Westcliff was the perfect choice because of the family environment. Everyone around here is very close. Professors, students and athletes; it's like one big family. «

ANGEL P.



» Westcliff is a great school to attend because there is a lot of support coming from instructors and fellow students. Also, the location in Irvine is absolutely amazing with beautiful California beaches close by and I have taken a lot of helpful information back home! «

SANDRA P.



University of North Carolina Wilmington



» UNCW has so much to offer!! had a fabulous time looking back at all the experiences I got to make and every new person that I met! I got to know a whole new life at a great university that has a place in my heart and in my mind forever. «

FRANZISKA F.



» I really enjoyed my time at UNCW and I am more than glad to have chosen this university. The professors have designed the lessons very interesting and I have taken a lot of helpful information back to Germany! «

JAN H.







International College of Management, Sydney

Since 1996, the International College of Management, Sydney (ICMS) has offered outstanding study opportunities in a beautiful location at Australia's east coast. Efficient teaching methods, highly qualified professors and excellent equipment at ICMS provide a distinguished study environment. The ICMS main campus is an old monastery on a hill overlooking the ocean. The unique location close to the famous Manly Beach is highly popular with Australian as well as international students.

Why ICMS?

ICMS is an award-winning higher education institution located in Manly, Australia. Highly qualified faculty with outstanding connections to the business world and small class sizes ensure a personal study atmosphere and practical learning. ICMS offers a wide range of university-level undergraduate and postgraduate degrees and courses, including bachelor's and master's degrees in business management.

Industry training is key to the success of ICMS students, with internships built into each degree. ICMS enjoys strong relationships with over 1,000 industry partners.

The old castle overlooks Manly Beach, the best beach in Australia, rated by Tripadvisor (2019). ICMS has an additional campus offering some postgraduate courses directly









LOCATION

It would be hard to find a college in a more spectacular location than ICMS. The college is surrounded by 20 hectares of parklands where you have breathtaking views of the Pacific Ocean. Within walking distance you can reach 9 beautiful beaches in Manly and enjoy cafés, shops, restaurants and the nightlife.

in the central business district of the metropolis Sydney, which is only a short ferry ride away from Manly.

Not only the stunning campus location but studying with students from all over the world will make your student experience at ICMS unique.

QUICK FACTS

-  Manly & Sydney
-  over 2.000
-  February, May & August
-  English level min. B2 (Bachelor) & C1 (Master)
-  up to 23% reduction from tuition fees & no application fee*
-  10 mins walk to Manly Beach
-  warm winters & hot summers
-  Business Management + specializations in Sports, Property, Tourism, Hospitality, Event, Fashion & Global Brand, Accounting

* Valid for students from all our European partner institutions.





International College of Management, Sydney



PALM BEACH

Beach life in Australia

My time at ICMS

Before starting my semester abroad, a lot of people asked me why I wanted to spend a semester studying in Australia. My answer to this question was always the same: for me, studying abroad at ICMS is a dream come true. When my friends asked me what I expected from this time I said that I would be excited to get to know another university with a different way to teach and a unique community. I also said that I would love to meet people from all around the world, create a network and lifelong friendships and that I would be excited to live together with so many different people on an amazing campus.

Of course I also wanted to improve my English, discover more aspects of business management by taking classes at ICMS, experience the internationality, improve my knowledge, thrive under challenges and get to know the Aussie lifestyle. I thought of sun, beach, ocean, friends and overall a lot of fun. Furthermore, I also hoped to improve my abilities as well as my personality. By getting out of my comfort zone I hoped to become even surer about who I wanted to be.

I answered questions that way and hoped strongly that everything would happen like this. Even though I also had in mind that I have to be realistic and that probably not everything would be like in my dreams.

times in my life and I am allowed to carry a lot of lovely memories in my heart. Even more important is that this time changed me as a person and that is something I am going to benefit from every single day for the rest of my life.



Leonie G. - International College of Management, Sydney

// I am going to benefit from every single day for the rest of my life //

I know what I am going to say sounds like a corny phrase but: My time at ICMS was even better than I ever imagined! All my hopes and dreams were fulfilled and even enriched by so many more experiences - it is really hard to express this in words. When I think of ICMS I automatically become happy and deeply grateful that I was allowed to experience such an incredible time with so many amazing people at such a gorgeous place. I had my own perfect college experience like in one of these perfect Hollywood movies.

I can truly say that everything I mentioned above became true and that my semester abroad at ICMS was definitely the right decision. My time at ICMS will always be one of the best





ULURU

Sunset in the Australian Outback

Everybody will make different experiences and have a different time at ICMS but the fact that you are reading my report right now shows me that you are obviously interested in doing a semester abroad and that you are attracted to ICMS. My advice for you is: "Don't let anything or anybody stop you. I know that it is a lot of work and that you

have to overcome some challenges. It is more than worth it! You don't have any idea how much! Do it for yourself! Pack your bags and go for your happiness!"

Leonie G.





International College of Management, Sydney

Each year we work closely together with our alumni to provide future ICMS students with the best service and experience possible. Our current ICMS ambassador is Jessica. She studied a double degree in Business in Germany and at ICMS in Australia. If you have any questions about your time abroad at ICMS, feel free to contact her via our website.

**ICMS**

Jessica M. - Ambassador



In January 2022, I packed my bags and said goodbye to the cold weather in Germany as I set off on my adventure of a lifetime – to the land of sun, sand, and endless possibilities – Australia! My destination was the coastal suburb of Manly in Sydney, where I'd be studying at the International College of Management Sydney (ICMS) as part of my double degree program.

Arriving in Manly, I was immediately struck by the diversity of the student body at ICMS. With students from all over the world, it was like a mini United Nations on campus. It was so easy to make new friends from all around the globe and the courses were just as diverse, with a wide range of subjects from management to fashion to events and everything in between.

Vancouver Island University



Vancouver Island University (VIU) in Nanaimo is a public university with an outstanding reputation. VIU offers highly accredited study conditions in British Columbia, one of Canada's most scenic areas and is therefore a very popular study destination among Canadian and international students.

Why VIU?

Due to its wide range of study options and small class sizes of max. 34 students per course, there is a dynamic exchange between students and lecturers. That is one of the reasons why 92 % of VIU students are highly satisfied with their overall study experience (according to the VIU student satisfaction survey). VIU students can choose from more than 120 different study programs for their studies abroad and receive

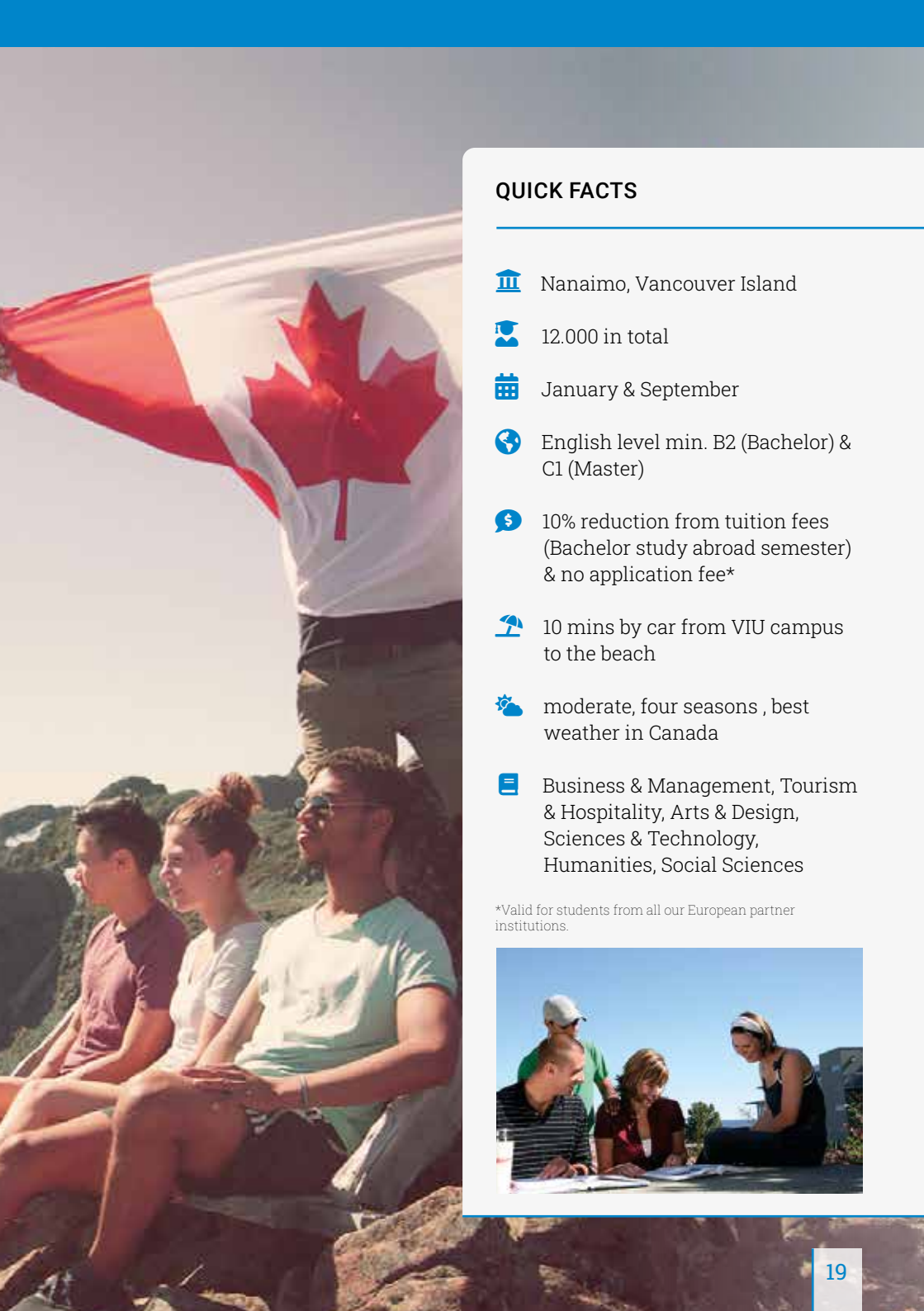
excellent academic support throughout their time in Canada. The free math and writing centers provide students with assistance for academic success. VIU offers students outdoor recreation programs and countless clubs and events to enjoy their leisure time on and off campus.

The dreamlike landscape and incredible natural beauty on Vancouver Island add to students having an unforgettable experience at VIU.

LOCATION

The campus of VIU is part of one of the most beautiful regions in the country, in close proximity to forests, hiking trails and to wide and endless surfing beaches. A variety of recreational activities are offered year-round – the mild climate of Vancouver Island allows outdoor activities every month of the year. Coastal Nanaimo with its 100.000 inhabitants is a cozy student town. Yet, the big city life of the Vancouver metropolis is only a ferry ride away.





QUICK FACTS

-  Nanaimo, Vancouver Island
-  12.000 in total
-  January & September
-  English level min. B2 (Bachelor) & C1 (Master)
-  10% reduction from tuition fees (Bachelor study abroad semester) & no application fee*
-  10 mins by car from VIU campus to the beach
-  moderate, four seasons , best weather in Canada
-  Business & Management, Tourism & Hospitality, Arts & Design, Sciences & Technology, Humanities, Social Sciences

*Valid for students from all our European partner institutions.



Vancouver Island University



**VANCOUVER ISLAND
UNIVERSITY**



ROCKY MOUNTAINS

Landscape of British Columbia

Vancouver Island University

After my semester in Canada, I am looking back with some jealousy at the international students who are continuing their studies at Vancouver Island University.

I had a really great time: from the first second in Nanaimo I felt at home. The city is located directly on the sea, surrounded by pure nature, and on the horizon you can see the mountains, which seem to shine red in the morning light. The university itself is above the city - the view from the library is beautiful. It's great to study there!

In addition, an orientation day made it easy for international students to get connected and make new friends. I quickly found a lot of friends and we spent the semester together and went on many adventures together.

Back to Nanaimo: The city itself is quiet, but charming. Nanaimo is pleasant, has some good pubs, probably the best of them is the Irish pub on the harbor front, and it has great access to a variety of kayaking and hiking trails. Daily ferries go to either small, nearby islands, or to Vancouver. The big city is

basically right next door. I often drove to Vancouver with friends to see a concert in one of the many concert halls. There are a few cheap hostels, so trips to Vancouver were not that expensive.

week, camp, enjoy the clear sky while listening to the sound of the waves and drinking a cold beer around the campfire. What else do you need? Finally, a few words about the university. It is often necessary to write essays, to study for tests or read texts to



Jan K. - Semester Abroad Vancouver Island University

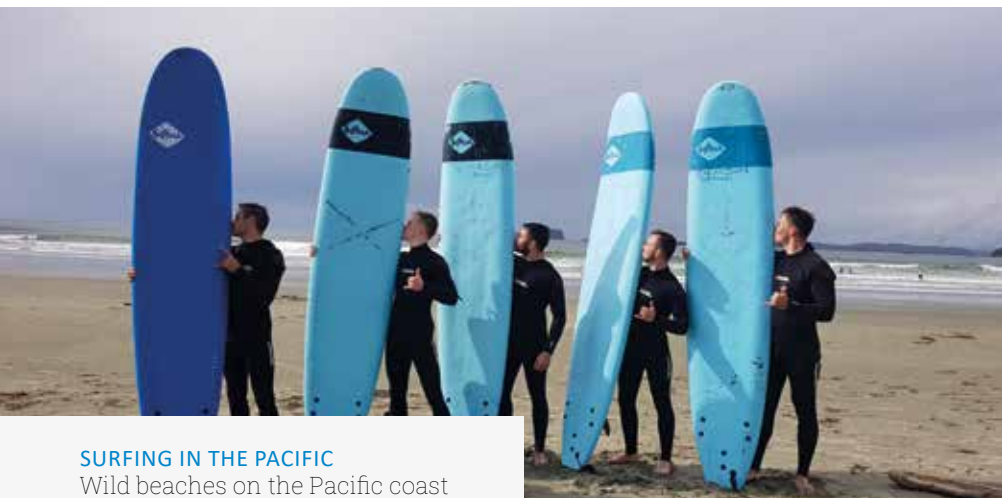
// It was an excellent time and the best semester abroad //

And Vancouver Island itself? It would take months to discover everything. The nature here is simply breathtaking. The Strathcona National Park, for example, is about a two-hour drive away. White snowy mountains, waterfalls, rivers, lakes and huge trees. A paradise for nature lovers. Likewise Tofino.

The surfer's paradise on the west coast of the island is about two and a half hours drive away. You can rent surfing gear there and enjoy the waves, or go for a walk on the endless beaches. A breathtakingly beautiful place that was rightly voted the most beautiful beach in Canada. There are also some of the most beautiful hiking trails in the world with the West Coast Trail, the North Coast Trail and the Juan de Fuca Trail. You can easily walk them for a

prepare for your classes. Usually, almost every classroom project is included in the grade. As a result, one should have a constant readiness to complete tasks throughout the semester. But don't worry, you will manage the course load and the lecturers are very fair. If you do your homework fairly regularly, you should not have problems. And I have to





SURFING IN THE PACIFIC

Wild beaches on the Pacific coast

say that through this system, I actually advanced in all subjects.

Oh, Vancouver Island. I'll miss you. It was an excellent time and the best semester abroad that I could wish for. I would recommend everyone who has a thing for nature and does not really need the hustle and bustle of a big city to consider Vancouver Island

University. Everything was right here: the island, the university, the people, life on Vancouver Island. I will definitely come back!

Enjoy your time at VIU!

Jan K.





**VANCOUVER ISLAND
UNIVERSITY**

Vancouver Island University

To provide you with as much information as possible for your studies abroad, every year, we choose a VIU alumni to answer all your questions about studying abroad. Julia is our current student ambassador for VIU. She studied Business Psychology in Berlin, Germany and spent a Bachelor abroad semester at VIU last fall. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with Julia via our website.



VIU Ambassador
Julia S.

My name is Julia and spent a semester at Vancouver Island University in the winter of 2022. Besides all questions about studying at VIU, I can also give you tips about living on Vancouver Island and how you can make your semester abroad the experience of a lifetime.

My time here in Canada was unforgettable and I am going back to Germany with many great memories and experiences. In addition, I was able to meet many new people with whom I experienced several university activities as well as explore Canada off campus. My personal highlight was my VIU Intramural Volleyball team, with which I played against other teams every Monday night.

I look forward to answering your questions and encouraging you if you are unsure about certain things of a semester abroad in Canada!



Westcliff University



Located in beautiful Southern California, Westcliff University is an internationally accredited, private institution, that offers their students from around the globe high-quality education with a professional focus. With about 6,000 students, Westcliff University's urban, modern campus in the heart of Irvine, California, ensures a supportive and welcoming study environment in small classes and professors with over 20 years of professional experience. International students will not only benefit from the excellent academic program, but will also be able to live the California lifestyle.

Why Westcliff University?

Founded in 1993, Westcliff University is a globally recognized university with a student body from over 100 different countries. International students have the unique opportunity to start their studies 6x per year – every two months – which allows them the flexibility to plan their time abroad according to their own personal schedule. Courses are taught on-site as well as online by

dedicated professors with state-of-the-art professional knowledge. American and international students are placed in the same classes to allow everyone to learn from each other and build networks for a lifetime. Another unique advantage of studying at Westcliff University, is the opportunity to enter the US with a J-1 visa, that permits international students to gain work experience through an Academic Training program after their studies.







LOCATION

Surrounded by stunning beaches and scenic mountain ranges, while benefitting from the tech hub of "Silicon Beach", Irvine is the perfect location to study in California. Students spend their days off relaxing at the famous Newport Beach or explore Disney World, Universal Studios and Hollywood on the weekends.

The career center at WU helps students to find a company that will fit their study area and future professional goals. Westcliff University embodies school spirit and pride through their

athletic teams and student clubs. "Go Warriors!" Come and join this great community and live your dream in Southern California!

QUICK FACTS

-  Irvine, California
-  6.000 in total
-  Six start dates per year
(every 2 months)
-  English level min. B2
-  15-minute drive to Newport beach
-  Sunny, Mediterranean climate all
year round
-  Business, Education, Technology
& Engineering, Computer Science
and Law



Westcliff University



LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD

Irvine is located in the L.A. neighborhood

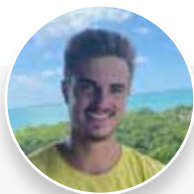
Westcliff University

I have always dreamed of studying in the USA. You get to see so much in movies about American college life and how different it is from the European college experience. I was also fascinated by the country itself when I traveled there with my family. That's why it was already clear to me years before, that studying abroad would be something I would absolutely love to do. Finally, I fulfilled my dream and studied at Westcliff University in Irvine. Moving so far away from home is of course scary, but I can already say that I am very happy that I didn't let that stop me and that I took this step.

The teaching system at Westcliff is completely different than in Germany. There are no overcrowded lecture halls with 500 students, but rather you sit in a room with 30 of your peers. You know the professors personally and they are always open for questions. In addition, participation in class is required and you have to make several submissions, which means that the exams do not make up 100% of the grade. This system suited me very well and I especially liked the fact that everything is a bit more personal.

All the courses I took were hands-on and practice-based, which I loved. You get to know what the real-life business world is going to be, rather than only theoretical teaching. And the great fact about the grading system is also, that

have a little more time, San Francisco and Las Vegas are also realistically within reach. Life in Irvine and the Californian lifestyle are just fantastic. There are palm trees everywhere, the sun is always shining, the sky is blue,



Johannes H. - Semester Abroad Westcliff University

***// This is a time of my life
I will never forget //***

you are studying throughout your term, instead of having to learn everything again in the final two weeks before the exam. Improving the English is of course very useful and the best way to learn is to live in the country itself. Since there are many large companies in California and especially in Irvine, I was able to learn a lot in my business studies. Furthermore, it was great to meet many people from all over the world. For example, good friends of mine were French, Brazilian and Japanese. I am still in touch with many of them. California and Irvine itself is an absolute dream. The weather is perfect all year round. You can be at different beautiful beaches in about 20 minutes. Furthermore, you are very close to famous and impressive cities like Los Angeles and San Diego. If you

and you can lie on the beach any time. The weather and the opportunities in Orange County are just great – there is always something to do for everyone! I already miss living the California lifestyle! For those who are sports enthusiasts, Irvine is also the perfect city. There are endless public places where you can play all kinds of sports.





SURFING IN THE PACIFIC

Wild beaches on the Pacific coast

I played a lot of tennis, soccer and went to the gym. And if you want to watch college sports, the Warriors from Westcliff University have great teams and it's always fun to watch and cheer them on. A typical American college experience! All in all, my studies at Westcliff University were an absolute dream and so far, the best time of my life. It was the perfect combination of

continuing education, sports, and free time. The most important thing was that I was able to experience all these aspects together with incredibly great people from all over the world. This is a time of my life I will never forget.

Enjoy your time at WU!

Johannes H.





Westcliff University

To provide you with as much information as possible for your studies abroad, every year, we chose a WU alumni to answer all your questions about studying abroad. Johannes is our current student ambassador for WU. He is studying Business in Hamm-Lippstadt Germany and spent a bachelor semester abroad at WU last fall. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with Johannes via our website.



WU Ambassador
Johannes

My name is Johannes and I am 22 years old. I grew up in Münster and have loved doing sports all my life. I play tennis and soccer and like to go to the gym. Additionally, I like to do a lot with friends and family. I love to travel and learn about many new countries and cultures. My stay in the USA was the perfect place for all these things. Spending my studies abroad at Westcliff University in Irvine was the best decision I have ever made. I can only recommend to anyone who has ever dreamt of studying in sunny California to take the leap and start at Westcliff University. I have made so many great friends from all over the world, while being able to study and enjoy all my hobbies in a dream location. If you have any questions or want some insider tips on the area or if you want to hear more about the teaching and courses at Westcliff University – feel free to contact me. I would be super happy to help you make your dream come true!





University of North Carolina Wilmington



The University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW), with currently about 18,000 students, is one of the best public national universities in the US* and is located on the East Coast of the United States. Founded in 1947, it is part of the University of North Carolina system which consists of a total of 17 campuses all over the state. UNC Wilmington offers a great academic experience and enjoys a high reputation in international education.

*ranked by U.S. News & World Report

Why UNCW?

UNCW is a traditional American campus university with more than 260 student organizations. Besides a great variety of student activities and a rich campus life, UNCW is well-known for its AACSB-accredited business school. Academic excellence, small classes and well-trained teachers make UNCW a unique study environment.

With a buzzing campus life, academic support and countless recreational

opportunities, UNCW offers a student experience shaped by high-quality education and an exciting student life. Applied learning is an essential part of the UNCW student experience.

The proximity to the beach and its coastal location allow students to explore Wilmington's renowned historic district and the area's vibrant film, music and art scene. The city of Wilmington is referred to as "Hollywood








LOCATION

During your study abroad term, you can get to know the Southern flair in the beautiful downtown area of Wilmington. The charming city is located just 10 minutes off campus and can easily be reached by bike. If you like surfing, make sure to stop by Wrightsville Beach - **one of the 20 best surf beaches in the US** (ranked by National Geographic).

of the East Coast" because of its popular location for movie and TV productions. At UNCW, you will enjoy a powerful academic experience that stimulates

creative inquiry, critical thinking and thoughtful expression in a beautiful campus setting.

QUICK FACTS

-  Wilmington, North Carolina
-  18.000 in total
-  Beginning of January and mid-August
-  English level min. B2
-  15 mins by bike to Wrightsville Beach
-  Great summers, mild winters
-  Business, Education, Sciences, IT, Programming, Arts & Humanities, Film



University of North Carolina Wilmington



UNIVERSITY CAMPUS
UNCW Students

Welcome to UNCW!

At UNCW you are welcomed with open arms. Everything starts with the international orientation where you find many American students who are there to help you and staff from the international office. The orientation date is communicated via mail as well as through various Facebook groups, so that it is almost impossible to miss it. If you want some advice: be sure to go!

For me, the highlight of the orientation was when all students, whether sophomore, freshman, junior or senior, were brought to the beach by bus to celebrate the annual Beach Blast. Wrightsville Beach is a fantastic location! Sponsors of UNCW such as Papa John's (pizza supplier) provide food and drinks for free!! Once, even a helicopter arrived and dropped \$1 bills. Can you imagine?! However, there is so much going on, be sure to look out for your friends or you'll lose them. It is also the perfect opportunity to meet new cool people even before the university starts.

Students can be assigned to a student mentor before the beginning of the semester, who can help with everything from shopping at Walmart

to a day trip to Myrtle Beach or with advice and support. Signing up for a mentor does not only have the benefit of having a personal helper, but you also get to know American students and it makes it easier to socialize because

you sign a contract.

Another special thing at UNCW is definitely the involvement day, which is also a must-go for anyone who is new to UNCW. The university has over



Helena B. - Semester Abroad UNCW

// There is so much to see and do and I had a truly wonderful time //

you already know someone. Overall, the students at UNCW are very open and helpful, so you do not have to worry if you need help. This is definitely the well-known Southern friendliness!

In addition to the usual welcome speeches and a tour of the campus, the orientation program includes, for example, a discovery program, a joint breakfast and the sale of used bicycles at reasonable prices. These are mostly used bicycles from students who graduated the year before. These are then processed in a workshop and resold. Bank representatives also introduce themselves and provide information on how to open up an American bank account, which proved to be very convenient. But watch out: do not hesitate to get several offers before

260 student organizations or clubs to sign up for. Clubs range from sports to media, photography and politics to Quidditch, the legendary wizard game. There is something for everyone! At Involvement Day, every student organization has a stand on campus, introduces itself and distributes free stuff. Also, there are representatives





STADIUM

American paradise for athletes

from local shops like hairdressers or restaurants. It is so much fun.

From the very beginning, I have felt welcomed and part of the student community at UNCW. This continued throughout my whole UNCW experience. There is so much to see and do and I had a truly wonderful time studying in the United States. I think

everyone should go abroad and I can definitely recommend choosing UNCW - it has been a life-changing experience that has made me grow as a person so much.

Enjoy your time at UNCW!

Helena B.





University of North Carolina Wilmington

Each year we choose one UNCW alumni to answer all your queries. This year, Sarah is our UNCW ambassador. She is currently studying Business Administration in Koblenz. If you have any questions about studying at UNCW, student life, weekend trips, or anything else - feel free to contact her via our website.

**UNCW**

Sarah S. - Ambassador

My name is Sarah, I am 22 years old and I had the privilege to spend my semester abroad at UNCW from August 2022 to December 2022. In Germany, I am now in my 6th semester studying Business Administration at Koblenz University. At UNCW, I was able to take five business courses, with my highlight being the „Growing and Managing the Business“ course. In the course we started our own business and with the help of the course material and guest lectures we grew it and got evaluated on it at the end. UNCW won me over right on the first day with its size and the nature-based campus. The huge gym, which you can reach within a five-minute walk, as well as the beautiful Wrightsville Beach made my stay at UNCW unique. Not every student can claim to be able to go to the ocean after classes until November.

Health Insurance

In order to spend a carefree time abroad, you will need a good international health insurance.

All our universities require international students to have adequate health insurance during their studies abroad. Even if you are insured in your home country, you are still required to have additional health insurance to be protected.

Health Insurance Abroad – What do you need to know?

- Is the health insurance provider reliable?
- Is there a minimum or maximum age requirement, and will it be exceeded while studying abroad?
- What exactly is covered by the insurance?
- Is the insurance accepted by your university abroad?
- Is there a maximum amount deductible per incident?
- Will you be insured in your home country in case you travel back home during your studies abroad?
- Can the insurance be extended?
- Is the insurance payable on a monthly basis or does the entire amount have to be paid before your departure?
- Will there be a refund in case you cancel your study program abroad or return early?
- Is eye care and dental care included in the insurance?
- Are medical check-ups included in the insurance?
- Are pre-existing and chronic illnesses included in the insurance (e.g. allergies, heart conditions, asthma, etc.)?




Health Insurance Abroad - Keep in mind

Many health insurance providers ask insurance holders to pay in advance for treatments. Students are reimbursed after filing the claim to the insurance company.

It is always crucial to contact your health insurance provider right away in an insurance case. That way, you will know what steps need to be taken next, which documents you will need to hand in to your insurance company, and how to be reimbursed as soon as possible. In many cases, it makes sense to issue an authorization for insurance cases to your parents or other confidants, as it may be less difficult to contact the insurance company from the same country.

Please note that some universities abroad, including the International College of Management, Sydney and Vancouver Island University, require specific insurance plans or provide international students with their internal health insurance.

 Please find out more about each university's specific requirements on our website.



Our ISO Scholarships

Students who organize and complete their studies abroad through our European office can apply for one of our many scholarships. The scholarships are tied to producing creative student stories, filming videos or posting content on Facebook/Instagram which will be used for marketing purposes and to inform our future students.

The call for applications usually takes place mid-June for the fall term of the same year and mid-November for the spring term of the following year.

International College of Management, Sydney:

At ICMS, we award three scholarships for on-campus housing every year. Students who live on campus enjoy a fantastic lifestyle: all meals are provided, as is wireless internet and 24 hour access to computer labs. All linen is included and rooms are serviced once a week.

Vancouver Island University:

Every year, VIU awards three scholarships of up to 2,000 Euros to students who spend a semester abroad at VIU in Canada. One scholarship is awarded for spring (January) intake and two will be awarded in fall (September). The money will be directly wired to the students' bank accounts.

University of North Carolina Wilmington:

International students studying abroad at UNCW can apply for 500 Euro study abroad scholarships. Funds can be used to pay for tuition, housing, food, the bookstore on campus, etc.

Westcliff University:

When applying to study abroad at Westcliff University, international students have the chance to win a 500 USD scholarship. The amount can be used to pay for tuition, housing, traveling in California etc.

Other Options

Government Funding

Many students are able to fulfill their dream of studying abroad with the help of government funding. The respective funding programs and conditions depend on the government of your country of residence. It might take some time and research to find suitable government-sponsored funding for you. Please contact our office for further information concerning financial support from your government.

Education Loans for Studying Abroad

In case you do not have the chance to be supported by your government, get a scholarship or receive monetary support from your home university, you can also take out a student loan to finance your study abroad adventure.

Regardless of the type of financial support, whether financial aid & scholarships, government funding or education loans: it is crucial to inform yourself thoroughly about the various financing options for your stay abroad. Start your research for suitable funding early to have a carefree and happy time abroad full of wonderful experiences!



Your Application

These are the first steps to your adventure away from home. We are here to help you and, of course, all our services are **FREE** of charge!



Contact us in the International Student Office

- We inform you about studying in Australia, Canada or the US!
- We answer all your questions



Choose a university (deadline 3-9 months before start)

- Let us know where and what you want to study
- If applicable, check deadlines with your home university



Start your application

- We support and guide you through the whole application process including your course choices
- You can submit your application electronically via email or an application portal depending on the university



Receive your enrollment documents

- Accept your seat for your studies abroad
- Remember to pay your tuition fees in time



Apply for a visa and book your flight

- After receiving your visa, you are ready to book a flight



Apply for health insurance (pp. 36-37)

- Please contact us regarding more information on health insurance and check our website



Arrange accomodation

- We provide you with more information about housing



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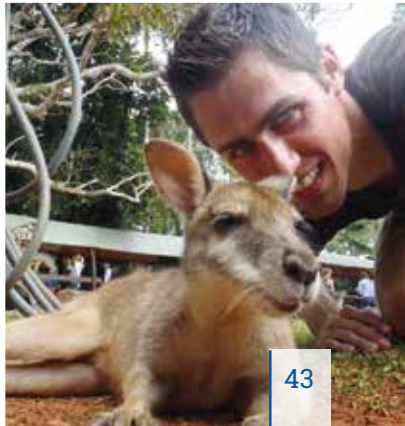
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Share the best moments of your study abroad period with us and win great prizes!

What do you need to do?

- You are currently studying or have studied at one of our four universities – the International College of Management, Sydney, Vancouver Island University, University of North Carolina Wilmington or Westcliff University – for a semester abroad or a full degree
- You applied for your studies through the International Student Office in Darmstadt and have successfully been enrolled at one of our universities
- Please check our website for more information and email us your photos at: fotos@iso-mail.org







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