
CAMPION COLLEGE

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OVERVIEW

PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

Located just outside Sydney, Australia, Campion offers the convenience of a big city but also a strong, close community. It is the first and only Catholic liberal arts college in Australia. All courses are in English, with a focus on Philosophy and Theology courses. Students can choose a year or semester length exchange.

LOCATION

Campion College is located on a 10-acre campus in Sydney's west, at Austin Woodbury Place, Old Toongabbie. The campus is conveniently adjacent to public transport routes and major freeways. The historic city of Parramatta is nearby, offering an array of services as well as cultural and entertainment opportunities. Downtown Sydney is only 22 miles from the College.

PROGRAM TYPE

Semester or year Exchange program.

CHANCE OF PLACEMENT

Chances of placement are excellent.

PROGRAM DATES

Academic Year: early March to end of November; SM1: early March to end of June; SM2 early August to end of November. Orientation is during the week prior to semester starting.

ACADEMICS

FAST FACTS

Greater Western Sydney, Australia (pop. 2 million)

Student Enrollment: about 100

Language of instruction: English

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[Course information](#)

PROGRAMS

Campion offers seven areas of studies, at Bachelor level: Theology, Philosophy, History, Literature, Science, Mathematics, Latin, and Greek.

ACADEMIC NOTES

Benedictine College students are required to meet the Registrar before going abroad to make sure the courses they intend to take abroad are transferable to Benedictine.

Students can choose from the classes offered in a specific semester.

All 101, 201, 301 and 303 subjects are normally only available in first semester.

All 102, 202, 302 and 304 subjects are normally only available in second semester.

Students generally enroll in 24 credit points per semester (four courses), and spend 12 hours a week in class. Semesters are 16 weeks in length – 13 teaching weeks, a study week prior to exams and a two-week exam period. There is also a one-week holiday break during the semester.

Exam sessions: End of June and end of November.

Holidays breaks: Easter break (SM1), mid-semester break (SM2).

TRANSCRIPT DETAILS

Transcripts are generally released in July for SM1 and in December for SM2 and Full Year. Transcripts are sent to Benedictine College.

CREDITS AND GRADES

The academic credits system in Australia is different from the US. Credit conversion is usually determined based on the number of contact hours as specified in the course syllabus. The unofficial credit conversion rule of thumb from Australian credit points to US credit hours is as follows: 6 credit points = 4 US credits hours.

Below is how approximately Australian grades compare to US grades:

H - High distinction, 85+ = A+

D - Distinction, 75-84 = A

C - Credit, 65-74 = B

P - Pass, 50-64 = C

S - Satisfactory = Pass

F - Fail = F

LANGUAGE NOTES

All classes are in English.

SPECIAL APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Students must have a minimum 2.5 G.P.A. to apply.

HINTS FOR RESEARCHING COURSES

[Here](#) is the link to the general information about Campion's academic offer.

CAMPUS LIFE

HOUSING AND MEALS

Housing options include:

- Campus Dorm: There are 14 female and 12 male dormitory rooms in the secure environment on campus at Old Toongabbie. Single and shared rooms are available.
- Campus House: The College has female and male houses close to and on campus. Single or shared rooms are available, with the majority being shared.
- Home Stay: Single or shared room in a private home, usually full board.
- Off-campus commercial rentals.

See [here](#) for more information, including cost.

PERSONAL EXPENSES

In addition to lodging and meals students have to budget for books (approximately \$200 per semester) and for their own expenses (traveling during weekends and breaks, social life, etc.)

ORIENTATION

All students attend an orientation week before SM1 (spring semester in the US). As most Australian students start in SM1, a tailored orientation will be arranged for any students starting in SM2 (fall semester in the US).

ARRIVAL DETAILS

The arrival date for international students is flexible according to your travel arrangements with and students are met at the airport. In S1, it is best to arrive on or just before the weekend prior to Orientation Week. In S2, it is best to arrive late in the week before semester starts. See [here](#) for the academic year's calendar.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Student life at Campion College involves a large variety of programs and activities. Starting with orientation week, there are trips to the city, beach and opportunities to explore the beautiful surrounds of Sydney. Check [here](#) for more details.

MINISTRY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Campion College is an authentically Catholic institution, whose mission is to develop the Catholic mind and character. The college Chaplaincy seeks to provide students with a variety of ways to grow in their Christian life, including daily Mass, Adoration, retreats, faith communities, evangelization, and outreach opportunities. Check [here](#) for more information.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND COSTS

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1. Students must turn in a Study Abroad application to Benedictine College. Forms are available [here](#).
2. After the Study Abroad office confirms the student that his or her application has been accepted, the student must complete the Campion College application form and send it to Campion with all the required documents not later than:
 - Early January for the February intake
 - Early June for the July intake
3. Once students have been accepted at Campion, they receive an official Letter of acceptance. With this they can apply for a student visa to Australia (see below.)

STUDENT VISA

Exchange students must obtain a student visa prior to departing for Australia. As soon as students are accepted, they should start the process for obtaining their visa. The local Australian Consulate is the official source of all visa information.

In most cases US students can apply online. Online application is available to "Assessment Level 1" applicants. To determine their assessment level, students can check [here](#).

Exchange students should apply under **Subclass 500 "Non-Award Sector"** (not leading to an Australian degree). Check [here](#) for more information.

An Australian student visa can be granted a maximum of 12 weeks before the program begins. If students are able to apply online, their visa application is typically processed within 22 business days. They will be notified by email when their visa has been granted.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Students will have to get Travel Medical Insurance through Benedictine (\$90). This coverage is essential in case students need to be repatriated for health reasons. The Australian government also requires international students to take out an Overseas Student Health Cover policy for the period of their study before they will issue a student visa. There are five Australian companies that offer OSHC, with information available [here](#).

COSTS

Students pay tuition at Benedictine College and can apply their financial aid. In addition to the tuition cost, nonrefundable deposit of \$2,000 paid in two payments (\$750 when you apply, and \$1,250 after you have been accepted) and \$90 Travel Medical Insurance are requested.

Students are responsible for housing and meals in Australia (see housing and meals section above).

Students will also have to pay for their plane ticket, as well as books, visa application fees, and personal expenses.