Overview

Semesters Available: Fall, Spring, or Academic Year
GPA Requirement: 3.0
Language of Instruction: English
Academic Calendar:
Semester 1: mid February – late June
Semester 2: mid July – late November

Through a reciprocal agreement between the University of Adelaide and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) at Cornell University, CALS undergraduate students may apply to enroll directly in any field of study at Adelaide for a semester or a year. Students study alongside Adelaide and international students, and are eligible to participate in the many activities sponsored by Adelaide and its student body.

This exchange program is open to undergraduate CALS students of sophomore or higher standing, and is awarded on first-come, first-serve basis.

- Founded in 1874 and ranked in the top 1% of universities in the world.
- A member of the Group of Eight, made up of Australia’s top research-intensive universities.
- Located in the state capital of South Australia with a population of ~1.2 million people.
- Adelaide is a safe, relaxed and affordable place to live. It has been ranked one of the most livable cities in the world by the Economist Intelligence Unit, with the cost of living in Adelaide 23% less than Sydney and Melbourne, 12% less than Perth and 11% less than Brisbane.
- Catch a tram to Glenelg, the major tourist beach (just 12km from the city center).

Areas of Study

For a full list of majors, click here.
Key areas of study relevant to CALS majors:

- **Agricultural Sciences**: Agricultural Business; Agricultural Science; Agronomy; Animal Science; Applied and Molecular Ecology; Biometrics; Food Science and Technology; Horticultural Science; Plant Science; Soil and Water Science; Viticultural Science and Oenology; Wine Marketing
- **Business**: Accounting; Business Information Technology; Commerce; Corporate Finance; Finance; International Business; International Finance; Management; Marketing
- **Computer Science**: Computer Science; Software Engineering
- **Economics**: Econometrics; Economic History; International Finance; International Trade
- **Engineering**: Environmental
- **Health Sciences**: Anatomical Sciences; Pathology; Pharmacology; Public Health
- **Humanities and Social Sciences**: Development Studies; Environmental Studies; Media and Communication
- **Landscape Architecture**
- **Sciences**: Biochemistry; Biology; Chemistry; Ecochemistry; Environmental Biology; Environmental Geoscience; Evolutionary Biology; Genetics; Geology Geophysics; Marine Biology; Mathematical Physics; Microbiology & Immunology; Molecular Biology; Nanoscience and Materials; Petroleum Geoscience; Physiology; Sustainable Environments
Student Reports

What do other CALS students have to say about studying at Adelaide? Links to student reports can be found on the main Exchange Partner webpage. Be sure to check them out!

Teaching Methods

The Australian academic system is based upon the UK system. There is a range of teaching methods depending on your discipline of study. You will generally have a combination of lecture and tutorial classes. Lectures can vary in size from 35 to 200 students; tutorial classes are much smaller and allow for open discussion of issues raised in lectures. Depending on your discipline you may undertake laboratory classes. Fieldwork also forms a large part of some units of study. The formal contact hours vary across units, however great emphasis is places on independent study outside of class contact hours.

Assessments & Grading

Final grades are based on assessment of written work, tests undertaken throughout the semester, participation in class or laboratory attendance and final examinations. Most, but not all, undergraduate units involve an examination usually held at the end of the unit. The weighting applied to each assessment procedure varies from unit to unit, however in many cases the final examination can be worth up to 70 percent of your final grade.

Grades awarded:
HD (High Distinction) 80-100%
D (Distinction) 70-79%
C (Credit) 60-69%
P (Pass) 50-59%
N (Failure) 0-49%

Classes

CALS Exchange students are required to take 4 classes while at Adelaide.

Accommodation

Most CALS students live in Adelaide’s University Housing.

Working in Australia

During the semester, international students are permitted to work a maximum of 20 hours per week. There is no limit on the number of hours you can work when the university is not in session, provided it does not interfere with your studies. You should be aware that work may not be readily available and should not depend on this form of income for support. If you intend to work, you must apply for a work rights visa after you begin your semester at Adelaide.

Health Insurance

The Australian Government requires all international students to have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC). The health coverage provides medical and hospital care within Australia from the date of your arrival until the end of your studies in Australia. It is your responsibility to ensure your OSHC is valid and kept up-to-date while you hold a student visa. Your Letter of Offer will detail the OSHC fees you are required to pay.

Student Visa

International students studying in Australia are required to have a student visa. Applications are made online once a formal “offer letter” is sent from the host university.

Program Costs

Students are billed their regular CALS tuition, with no added administrative fees. Students purchase plane tickets and pay remaining costs such as housing, meals, student visa application fees, local travel, and personal expenses. Some partner institutions charge student activity fees and/or health insurance plans which students are also responsible for.

Financial aid travels with students going abroad. Students must complete with grades equivalent to a Cornell “C” or better. Financial aid for study abroad is need-based, consistent with university and government policies and covers all costs relevant to study abroad, including tuition, all mandatory program fees, housing, meals, books, personal expenses, and round-trip airfare. If you are currently receiving financial aid, your aid package will be adjusted based on your determined level of need and the projected costs for your study abroad program. University grant aid and loan awards may be either increased or decreased to meet study abroad need. The normal work-study component of aid packages will be converted to student loans.

How to Apply

You will apply to the exchange after meeting with the CALS study abroad and exchange advisor in 140 Roberts Hall. All application materials will be returned to CALS—not the university directly.