



# Developing your Swinburne study plan

One of the most challenging aspects for students planning to study abroad is the navigation of a new academic system. This guide is designed to assist you in applying for the Swinburne Education Abroad program.

An introduction to the academic system at Swinburne:

- The Swinburne academic year is broken up into Semesters. Education Abroad students will be in studying in Semester 1 (February – June) or Semester 2 (August – November).
- Education Abroad students are required to take a full time study load
- A minimum full time study load is 37.5 credits
- A maximum full time study load is 50 credits
- Most units of study (but not all!) equal 12.5 credits so students generally study 3-4 units of study
- At Swinburne, units of study are individual units of study
- At Swinburne, courses are full degree programs

Students intending to study at Swinburne are advised to use the following online tools when developing their study program:

## 1.) Swinburne CourseFinder: [www.swinburne.edu/coursefinder](http://www.swinburne.edu/coursefinder)

- a. To find suitable units of study please select “Unit Search” from the left menu.
- b. Then check “Undergraduate”\* from the Study Level categories.

\*Please note that Education Abroad students are only permitted to take Undergraduate units of study at Swinburne\*

- c. Then use the “Keywords or Unit Code” to find suitable units of study.

Explanation of unit codes:

Undergraduate students need to ensure that any units of study chosen have a unit code that corresponds to the campus you will be attending. Unit codes starting with an ‘H’ are for Hawthorn and Prahran units of study and codes starting with an ‘L’ are for Lilydale units of study. The first digit in the code represents the stage or year level. NB; Undergraduate degrees are primarily 3 years of study so choose units of study that begin with 1, 2 or 3.

For example:

HBM222 - Marketing Planning. This is a second year unit of study offered at the Hawthorn Campus.

LTT100 – Introduction to Tourism. This is a first year unit of study offered at the Lilydale Campus.

You need to carefully read the detailed unit of study information available on CourseFinder paying particular attention to the **Prerequisite requirements**.

## 2.) Timetable: <http://allocate.swin.edu.au/aplus/aptimetable>

Once a list of units of study is developed you will need to check that these units are available in your period of study by visiting the above website.

Enter the unit code at Step 3 and click Search. The unit code will then appear in Step 4 followed by either \_S1 (available in Semester 1), \_S2 (available in Semester 2) or both.

**NB** - the Australian academic year is the opposite of the Northern Hemisphere academic year!

Semester 1: February – June

Semester 2: August – November

Timetable information is released just prior to the start of each academic year. If the relevant timetable is not available we advise students to use the information from the current year as unit of study availability is often similar year-to-year.

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