

## Additional Information for Partners and Students

### Academic Dates 2017

#### **Semester 1 (February start), 2017**

- ECU Orientation Period: 13 – 24 February, 2017
- International Orientation: 21 & 24 February, 2017
- First Day of Classes: 27 February, 2017 (students studying through WAAPA start 20<sup>th</sup> February)
- Mid-Semester Break: 10 – 14 April, 2017
- Last Day of Classes: 2 June, 2017
- Examination Period: 12 – 23 June, 2017

#### **Semester 2 (July start), 2017**

- ECU Orientation Period: 17 - 28 July, 2017
- International Orientation: 25 & 28 July, 2017
- First Day of Classes: 31 July, 2017 (students studying through WAAPA start 24<sup>th</sup> July)
- Mid-Semester Break: 25 September – 29 September, 2017
- Last Day of Classes: 3 November, 2017
- Examination Period: 13 - 24 November 2017

### Unit Selection

Students can take most units from across the university, as long as they are at the appropriate level (i.e. undergraduate/postgraduate) and satisfy any prerequisites. If a unit has a prerequisite, you must be able to provide evidence to show that you satisfy any prerequisites. We recommend you provide units/courses outlines and academic transcripts as evidence.

In most cases units starting with a number 1, 2 or 3 (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year units respectively) are at undergraduate level and those starting with a 4 or above are at postgraduate level. Some undergraduate degrees are 4 years in length and so will contain undergraduate units starting with the number 4.

The recommended study load is 60 credit points per semester. This is usually achieved by enrolling in 4 units worth 15 credit points each. The minimum to be full time is 45 credit points per semester.

Students can visit our [Handbook](#) to look for units and then visit our [Semester Timetable](#) to see if the units will be running in the required semester.

It is recommended that students select units on one campus (Joondalup and/or Mt Lawley campuses), as the two campuses are located approximately 25km apart and can take in excess of 1hr to travel between using the public transport system. Students looking to study at our South West (Bunbury) campus must only select units running on this campus.

### **Tuition Fees (Study Abroad)**

Tuition fees are only applicable for Study Abroad students as exchange students do not pay their tuition fees to ECU.

The Study Abroad tuition fee rates for 2015 are:

- 3 units: AUD \$7,650(indicative)
- 4 units: AUD \$10,200 (indicative)

Some units may have additional fees attached to them that must be paid by the student. For example if a unit includes a field trip or has special lab needs.

Nursing placements - If you are undertaking a Nursing Practical Unit (clinical placement) an additional charge of AUD\$1000 is applicable, which is payable to the School of Nursing and Midwifery prior to commencement of the clinical placement.

ECU Sports and Fitness - Students wishing to join the [ECU Sports and Fitness centre](#) will need to pay applicable membership and participation fees directly to the centre.

### **Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)**

Australian Student Visa holders are required to arrange [Overseas Student Health Cover \(OSHC\)](#) before arrival in Australia and to maintain cover throughout their course of study. ECU can arrange the required OSHC for students through ECU's preferred OSHC provider, [Medibank](#). Details of the OSHC fees will be outlined in the student's Offer Letter.

### **Accommodation**

Information regarding on-campus and off-campus accommodation at ECU's three campuses can be found at [www.ecuvillage.com.au](http://www.ecuvillage.com.au). All housing applications should be made directly to the ECU Village (please see their website for how to apply). Students should apply for on-campus housing as soon as possible.

The standard lease duration at the ECU Village is one year. However six-month leases can be arranged for exchange students studying at ECU for only one semester. When applying online to the ECU Village you will not be able to select a duration of less than one year, however, you should email the ECU Village your ECU Offer Letter as evidence that you are studying for one semester only (if applicable).

### **Arrival Reception Service**

Exchange students can register for our Arrival Reception Service. This service will arrange for someone to meet you at the airport and take you to your accommodation when you arrive. You will need to book this service online at [Town Cars](#). Be sure to add that you are an ECU student when you complete the 'Other Relevant Details' section of the booking form.

After booking you will receive an email from Town Cars with details of how to pay for this service (\$100 per person to be paid prior to departure). Exchange students who are commencing their first semester of study at ECU are eligible to receive a \$100 Co-Op Book Shop voucher as reimbursement. Details of how to collect your voucher will be supplied on arrival.

### **Buddy Program**

To assist students in settling into their new life at ECU and in Perth, ECU runs a Buddy Program. The Buddy Program is where incoming exchange students can be matched up to a current ECU student volunteer (buddy) to help them adjust to their new academic and cultural environment.

### **Orientation**

The university-wide [Orientation program](#) for all new students runs at the start of each semester to give students information about how things work at ECU and some fun events and opportunities to meet other students.

All exchange students should attend the 'Welcome Day' and 'My International Day' that are held during the Orientation program.

### **Academic Transcripts**

Official Academic Transcripts (Statement of Academic Record) will be sent to the International Office – free of charge after the release of the semester's results.

- Semester 1 (February – June), transcripts will be sent to partners late July
- Semester 2 (July – November), transcripts will be sent to partners late January

Students requiring additional copies will incur a charge of \$10.