

Fiji Study Tour 2020

Undergraduate & Postgraduate UniSA Business Students

University of South Australia

Australia's University of Enterprise

Why choose a study tour with UniSA?

- Once-in-a-lifetime experience
- Experience a new culture (and language)
- Develop your independent learning skills
- Build international networks and make new friends
- Increase your emotional intelligence and build resilience
- Overall enhance your career prospects and employability





Study Tour Experience – what to expect...

- 2 weeks in country
- Enrolled in one 4.5 unit course at UniSA
- You will travel together as a group of 20 UniSA Business School Students, UniSA Academic and Staff (no travel before or after permitted)
- The tour consists of a mix between cultural and sight seeing visits
- Industry and networking opportunities
- Taste of a new country for future career prospects
- Make new friends
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Study Tour Student Expectations & Responsibilities



- We expect all students to represent the university in a professional manner (e.g. dress appropriately and respect fellow students/staff and networks)
- Students must understand a study tour is an academic tour and not a "Contiki" or holiday opportunity
- The tour itinerary is intensive for 2 weeks with daily activities plus homework at night for assignments
- All activities in the study tour itinerary are compulsory e.g. non-attendance due to a hangover will not be tolerated
- If the UniSA code of conduct is breached by a student whilst on tour, they will be sent home



What do employers recognise about overseas study?



From overseas study, students will enhance their skills set in:

- Understanding of the complexity of global issues
- Applying disciplinary knowledge in a global context
- Intercultural awareness
- Adaptability and tolerance
- Self-confidence and self-reliance
- Open-mindedness and independence

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About the Tour

On this tour students will gain first hand knowledge of how sports development brings positive change in the lives of people and communities in Fiji and how successful sports development relies on effective partnerships between a range of community groups, service providers, government etc.

Students will explore the opportunities and outcomes of Australian Govt programs in Fiji.







Important Tour Dates

The tour has important dates that you will need to ensure that you are available for should you be successful on gaining a place on the tour:

Activity	Date
 Pre-departure sessions to cover*: Academic (Assignment Prep) Administration (Travel Logistics) Cultural Session 	ТВС
Study Tour*	ТВС
Post-return workshop*	ТВС

*Please note your attendance is compulsory. However, interstate UO students – attendance in person is optional, a scheduled 1:1 appointment (skype, phone or in person) to cover information is compulsory. If attending in person it will be an additional expense on top of the study tour fee.

Session times and travel dates are to be confirmed (TBC) due to travel suspensions and approval to travel.



Tour Itinerary

- Visit Australian DFAT office
- Learn about Fijian Culture & Customs
- Visit National Sports Commission, National Sports facilities Suva, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Ministry of Health
- Guest lecture by the University of the South Pacific
- Learn about managing across borders and community development
- Weekend stay in Batiki Island observe community sports, fishing excursion, community church
- Insights into Rugby, NRL, Volley ball, Touch Rugby, private and government sporting bodies.





Assessment

Successful students will be enrolled by the Student Mobility team into either:

- <u>BUSS 2072</u> for Undergraduate Students
- <u>BUSS 5413</u> for Postgraduate Students or undergraduate students who are required to complete an advanced elective

Assessment (due upon your return):

- 1. Attendance and participation (20%)*
- 2. Reflective Journal (30%)
- 3. Individual Report (50%)

*students must be actively involved in the tour e.g. positive interaction with other students/staff on the tour, turning up on time, asking questions in class, attending pre and post workshops, attending the tour



Undergraduate UO Students only are enrolled in UniSA on campus course codes (see above)

What this means for your program?

Undergraduate:

This study tour is pre-approved course substitution for BUSS 1057 Business & Society or can be taken as an elective with program director approval.

For UO undergraduate students, you must obtain program facilitator approval to be taken as an elective in your program.

Postgraduate:

This study tour can be taken as an elective with program director approval







What if I am an UniSA Online Student?

As per UniSA Study Tour Policy students must travel and return together as a group on the aforementioned tour dates.

We run pre-departure workshops which will be compulsory to be completed via skype or phone meeting.

How this will work for you?

If you are an UniSA Online accepted student on the study tour – you will book your own flights and send us the flight itinerary for risk and insurance purposes. Then the cost of the group flight booked at UniSA will be deducted from your overall study tour fee.

You may choose to attend the on campus pre-departure session or fly with the group return from Adelaide , however the additional expenses of travel between Adelaide and your home destination will be your responsibility.



Eligibility Criteria

- A GPA of 4.0 or above*
- No more than 2 course fail grades in your current program
- At least one free elective in your current program
- A current valid passport for travel
- Students must be 18 years of age or older
- Undergraduate students must have completed 18 units in their current program, Postgraduate students must have completed 9 units*
- Students must undertake their mobility program outside of Australia and their country of citizenship





*Students in their first study period at UniSA are still eligible to apply. However they must be enrolled full time and the study tour officer will monitor your progress throughout the study period to ensure that you remain enrolled and passing your courses prior to departure.

How to apply?

<u>STEP 1:</u>



We require a 300 word statement of why you would like to go on the tour, how this tour will help build your studies and overall career (no need to academic reference).

Please include your: Student ID, Program Name and Program Code. Send your application to business.mobility@unisa.edu.au

APPLICATIONS CLOSE DATE TBC



How to apply – cont'd

<u>STEP 2:</u>

Once you have applied the Business School mobility team will asses if you are eligible to participate in the tour. This will be based on your statement along with the criteria requirements

An interview may be required.

<u>STEP 3:</u>

Should you meet the requirements the Business School mobility team will send you an offer and you will need to pay a \$1000 deposit invoice to secure your place on the tour





What we will organise for you:

As mobility officers we will administer all tour and travel logistics for the tour:

- Compulsory pre and post return workshops (UO students refer to previous slide)
- travel grant applications
- enrolment into the course
- Flights*
- accommodation
- all itinerary items





*Please note you will travel together as a group. No deviations from the plan (UO students are an exception to this rule)

What you will need to organise:

You will need to organise any incidentals, these costs are in addition to the study tour fee:

- **<u>Passport</u>**: Ensure that your passport has a minimum of 6 months expiry after your return date to Australia
- **<u>Visa</u>**: Tourist visa. Eg. is required for non- Australian Citizens
- **OS HELP Loan:** If you fulfil the requirements and want to apply
- **UniSA Online Students:** are required to organise their own flights and provide the itinerary to UniSA for risk and insurance purposes. Online skype call for pre-departure session is compulsory.



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Study Tour Costs

We try to keep costs down for students as much as possible but as you can imagine you are studying a course in an international location which means there are additional costs:

Costs	Estimated Amount
Fees for one 4.5 unit course in your program	This depends on what program you are in – UG or PG
Study Tour fee – flights, accommodation, transportation. 2 week itinerary (cultural and sightseeing), industry and academic visits	This fee is estimated at around \$4,500*
UniSA Online Students ONLY – your study tour fee does not include flights. You must provide UniSA with the travel itinerary.	This fee can not be deferred to HECS.
Spending money – meals, personal entertainment, transportation (e.g. taxi's)	E.g. \$100AUD per day
Incidentals – vaccinations, visa etc.	See previous slide



*Please note: travel grants are deducted from the overall study tour fee costing and not your tuition fees

Funding options:

UniSA & OS HELP offers funding options to help support the cost of travel expenses and associated fees (*subject to criteria):

Study Tour		OS HELP Loan (UG, Aus citizens only)*	TOTAL
Fiji	\$3,000	Up to \$6,913	\$9,913

Students for this tour are eligible to apply for up to **\$9,913 funding and loan,** providing they meet the requirements. Please see next slide for eligibility requirements.



Travel Grant Eligibility Criteria

- No more than 9.0 unit fails in your current program (2 courses)
- Program director approval to undertake the study tour
- One elective free in your program
- Minimum GPA of 4.0 (this can be waived if in your first study period at UniSA)

Additional OS HELP LOAN eligibility criteria:

- Student must be an Australian Citizen
- Student must be enrolled in a commonwealth supported undergraduate program at UniSA e.g. eligible for HECS HELP
- Student must have completed 36 units in the current program (conditional offers can be made on minimum unit condition)
- Students must have one course (4.5 units) to return to at UniSA after their participation in the study tour

The funding listed above is a guide of what is available for students – UniSA Business School funded and UniSA International travel grants (*criteria applies)



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