

Eligibility	VISA	Study Period	Language of Instruction	Type of Housing	Approximate semester dates	LHU partner since	Cost of Housing & meals
Only LHU students; Minimum GPA 2.5	Yes	Fall and/or Spring	English	Student residential facilities	Spring: Feb. - June Fall: July – Nov.	1985	\$A7,000 /semester Meals-pay as you go

AUSTRALIA

University of New England, Armidale

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The Location

Armidale is located north of Sydney and south of Brisbane in an area called the Northern Tablelands of New South Wales – a plateau area about 3,000 feet above sea level. The large, pleasant country town of Armidale has an approximate population of 20,000. It is situated on the New England Highway and the main northern railway line. The climate is generally pleasantly cool in summer, with comfortable temperatures at night. During winter, the days are often warm and sunny, but the nights can be cold. It is usually advisable to bring warm clothing for the winter months, although all buildings are well heated.

The University

The University of New England (UNE) was the first regional university established in Australia. It stands independently, with a national and international reputation for academic excellence dating back to 1938. LHU is its oldest exchange partner. UNE provides a unique study opportunity for international students, offering high teaching standards, excellent facilities and support services, and an environment conducive to study. The main site of the university is some five miles to the northwest of the city center, in an attractive rural and bushland setting. UNE has two faculties: Arts and Sciences, and the Professions.

Academics

The university is committed to providing programs of academic excellence. LHU students enrolled full time will earn twelve (12) US credits per semester. The rural sciences, especially animal science, genetics/breeding/ etc are international acclaimed programs; others would be the education and health administration programs and environmental science. International exchange students are welcome in most schools across the campus. Courses recommended by former exchange students include these areas: communication courses (in Arts), cross-cultural communications (in linguistics), studying an Asian language (Chinese/Japanese/Indonesian), Aboriginal studies, and business courses.

Housing

LHUP exchange students will be housed at Drummond and Smith Hall. Housing fees are paid to UNE. An AU\$2,000 deposit is required before arrival. Every student has a private room in the UNE residential college. Even so, it is important to respect the fact that most Australian students study in their rooms and need peace and quiet to do so.

Air Travel – students are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. Please see the international office for assistance.

Tuition - LHU students continue to pay LHU tuition and fees while attending the University of New England. Students are billed for tuition and fees plus an additional \$150 International Service Fee. Keep in mind that all financial aid can apply toward your study in Australia since you are participating in an LHU sponsored program. Students do not pay any tuition or fees in Australia. Please note, however, that it will be necessary to pay for activities such as athletic club memberships, if you wish to utilize those services.

Non-LHU students – LHU/UNE exchange is open only to LHU students.

Academic Calendar

The Spring term (semester one) begins with a one week orientation on site in February and ends in June.

The Fall term (semester two) begins with a one week orientation on site in July and ends in November.

Health Insurance

All international students are required to maintain insurance coverage while abroad. Australian immigration law requires students to carry approved, documented evidence of having obtained a health insurance policy supplied by an approved Australian insurance provider. The most common plan chosen is the Overseas Student Health Cover plan (OSHC), which you can purchase through the International Office at UNE. **DO NOT** pay for the OSHC online, as this could result in double charging. Information on additional international health insurance providers can be obtained from the Center for Global Engagement. At UNE, the health care provider is Medibank Private, and 2008 fees are AUD174 for one semester, and AUD348 for two semesters.

So, how do I get started?

Simply come by the Center for Global Engagement to pick up an application form. Remember! Applications are due March 1 for the fall term and October 1 for the spring term.