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...and it keeps getting better...



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The University of the Sunshine Coast is located just 40 min with car from Brisbane and 2 hours by train. The little town is called Sippy Downs and is 10 min with the Express Bus from the Beach in Mooloolaba. The University is quite small and has a very nice, family-like atmosphere with small classes and even smaller tutorials. It is quite new and therefore really well equiped and modern.

Semester

July-November

Semester 2, with a 2 week Semesterbreak in September

February-May

Semester 1, after the big Summer holidays over christmas

Go for it!

The 5 months at the USC were the best time ever!

Get a different experience of study, with learning at the pool, beach and a bunch of friends from all over the world.... Yes there are heaps of Germans in the Student Accomodation, but if you just want you find heaps of Non-Germans...I made friends that became family from France, New Caledonia, Tasmania, Germany and of course Australia!

Take the chance and apply for a semester at the USC...it is an experience not to miss with kangaroos hopping over the campus and classes that have competitions with prizes such as a bottle of beer....



Semester Break

In September there are 2 weeks that I used to fly to the Whitesunday Island and go on a fantastic Boat trip with some friends....

How to get there....

A lot of Airlines fly to Australia, I find it the best way to check STA Travel and compare weekdays because some are cheaper than others....you might also consider to buy an open ticket if you don't know when you wanna come back or just buy your ticket in Australia to have the opportunity to change your travel plans...

Living....

You can either live at Varsity or Uni Central which are both Student Accomodations or you can arrive early and look for a room at the beach...Cost just for rent are around 170 AUD per week...plus food, which is more expensive than in Germany and bus costs.

Courses...

Courses need to be approved by the International Office, there is a special Sheet 'A' that needs to be filled out prior to leaving the EUV. The EUV does genuinly only approve 300er courses, although some 200er courses might also be approved by the International Office if the Course Description applies with the rules.

I did 4 courses which was managable:

- Managing Organisational Change
- Sport and Event Marketing
- Cross-Cultural Management
- Corporate Governance and Social Responsibility



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How to get around....

The best way to get to Sippy Downs when you arrive is by Shuttle Bus...it is 10 \$ more expensive than by public transport but with around \$30 still affordable. Getting around Australia takes time. If you just wanna go to Brisbane get a Go Card and go by bus and train. Travelling is possible by plane, Greyhound bus or rent a car with companies like Juicy.

The weather...

It is quite warm over the year but even though it is called Sunshine Coast, the place still gets a lot of rain. So a light rain jacket comes in handy. Apart from that jumpers and maybe a light jacket are enough even in winter. Maybe pack a heating bottle for cold nights...

Secrets for a great start...

Here are a few secrets that make your start the beginning of an awesome time:

- Bring a roll of toilet paper for your student accomodation apartment
- Be there for Orientation week
- Attend as many orientation parties as possible to find as many friends as possible
- Take the 8 a.m. bus to have a swim in the ocean at least once a week
- Go to the Irish Karaoke Bar on Sunday night

Have an awesome time in OZ !!!

