



Curtin University

Pre-departure guide

For undergraduate and postgraduate international students

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Congratulations on your offer to study at Curtin University. It's time to accept your offer, prepare to leave home and start a new adventure 'down under'.

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Acknowledgement of Country

Curtin University acknowledges all First Nations of this place we call Australia and recognises the many nations who have looked after Country for more than 60,000 years.

We are honoured and grateful for the privilege to maintain campuses operating in Boorloo (Perth) and Karlkurla (Kalgoorlie) in Australia. We pay our respects to Elders past and present as Custodians and Owners of these lands. We recognise their deep knowledge and their cultural, spiritual and educational practices, and aspire to learn and teach in partnership with them.

Curtin also acknowledges First Nations peoples connected with our global campuses.

We are committed to working in partnership with all Custodians and Owners to strengthen and embed First Nations' voices and perspectives in our decision-making, now and into the future.

Accept your offer

We can't wait to welcome you on campus.

Find out how to accept your offer, pay your tuition fees and purchase your health cover.

Understanding your offer

Letter of Offer

You'll receive official notification of your offer to study at Curtin through a Letter of Offer that is sent to you electronically. This letter contains details related to your course and your admission to Curtin. You can also view your Letter of Offer in the Applicant Portal.

Student number

You will be allocated a Curtin student number when you create an account in the Applicant Portal. You'll also find your student number in your application acknowledgement email and your Letter of Offer. Please reference your student number in all your correspondence with Curtin.

Before accepting your offer

Before you accept your offer or pay your fees, you must meet all the conditions listed on your Letter of Offer, regardless of the acceptance due date (unless otherwise advised by Global Curtin).

Conditions of offer

If you have conditions listed on your offer, you'll need to meet all the conditions before you pay your deposit. For example, providing evidence of course completion or demonstrating English language requirements.

If you have not met the conditions on your offer and need to request a payment extension, or have issues with visa time constraints, please contact Global Curtin for advice.

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Office hours:

Mon to Fri: 7.30am - 5:30pm AWST (phone)

Mon to Fri: 8.30am - 4:30pm AWST (face-to-face)

Enquiries: curtin.edu/ask-international

Submitted documents

Your documents must be uploaded electronically via the Applicant Portal or Agent Portal. If you submit documents in a language other than English, you will need to submit a complete English translation. Please refer to our guidelines for submitting documents: curtin.edu/intl-required-documents.

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

As an international student, you'll need to take out a specific health insurance policy prior to your arrival in Australia. This is known as Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC). This insurance covers you for visits to the doctor, some hospital treatments, ambulance cover and limited pharmaceuticals (medicines).

If you are on a student visa (Subclass 500), you are required by the Australian Government to purchase OSHC for the length of your student visa.

Purchasing OSHC

You can arrange your own OSHC or purchase your health cover through Curtin.

If you purchase OSHC from Curtin, we can arrange visa-length coverage with our preferred provider, Medibank Private. This means you'll pay your premiums upfront and won't have to pay for any premium increases during the length of your course. You will also be entitled to a refund of any outstanding balance if you leave Australia, provided there is at least one month remaining before your OSHC expires.

To arrange this cover, simply indicate that you'd like Curtin to arrange a visa-length OSHC policy for you by selecting the OSHC cover type. You'll need to pay the OSHC premium along with your tuition fee deposit when you accept your offer.

To compare alternative OSHC providers, visit curtin.edu/int-health.

Payment of tuition fees and OSHC membership

To accept your offer, you're required to pay the full amount indicated in your Letter of Offer.

You can pay your tuition fee deposit and OSHC membership directly to Curtin through Curtin ePay. This allows you to complete your transaction online via credit card or through Flywire.

Allow enough time for the fee transactions to finalise as some can take up to eight weeks to process.

Please note: Curtin will only process OSHC payments for Medibank Private, Curtin's preferred provider.

Find out more: curtin.edu/fees.

Students with disabilities

If you have a disability or medical condition, please discuss your needs with Curtin's Disability and Accessibility support services.

Enquiries: access.ability@curtin.edu.au

English language support

Curtin English offers several programs to help you develop your English literacy before starting your degree.

Visit curtin.edu/curtinenglish.

Study load

As an international student visa holder, you'll need to maintain a full-time study load in each study period.

At Curtin, a full-time study load is:

- 100 credits per semester
- 75 credits per trimester
- 50 credits per Special Study Period

If you fail a unit, you may not be able to satisfy the full-time study load requirement.

It's important to be aware that not all units are available each semester.

Approval to reduce your study load

You can apply to reduce your study load or take a leave of absence under agreed circumstances. However, a reduced study load may extend the length of your course and incur additional visa and living costs.



Permanent resident status

If you become an Australian permanent resident before the census date of your enrolled study period, you can apply for a Commonwealth supported place and pay domestic student fees for your course.

If you secure permanent residency after the census date, you'll retain your international student status for that study period but you'll need to apply for a Commonwealth supported place for the next one.

If you're a New Zealand permanent resident, you are considered an international student and will pay international student fees, unless you obtain Australian permanent residency.

How to accept your offer

To view your offer, log in to the Applicant Portal.

If your offer is conditional, you'll need to meet the conditions of your offer before accepting it. You can upload the required documentation directly by responding to the condition(s) in the portal.

If you've been sent an unconditional offer, you can choose to accept it online immediately.

For more information on accepting your offer, visit curtin.edu/int-accept.

If you're under 18

If you're under the age of 18, you're required to have appropriate accommodation and welfare arrangements in place while studying in Australia. You can choose from one of the two options below:

Option 1 - Living in Australia under a welfare and accommodation arrangement approved by Curtin University (fees apply)

Select this option if you will not be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian; or do not have a DHA-approved relative living in Perth. Under this arrangement, you'll have access to a list of selected accommodation and welfare services approved by Curtin.

Option 2 - Living in Australia in an accommodation and welfare arrangement approved by the Department of Home Affairs (DHA)

Select this option if you will be living in Australia with a parent or a DHA-approved adult relative.

For more information, visit curtin.edu/int-u18.

Electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE)

After you have accepted your offer, you will receive a confirmation document electronically from Global Curtin. This document is called a 'Confirmation of Enrolment'. To receive your CoE, you must have:

- met all your conditions on your Letter of Offer
- signed your Acceptance of Offer
- provided a photocopy of your passport details
- paid your tuition fee deposit and OSHC fee
- completed your Under 18 Welfare and Accommodation Arrangements Form (if required).

Planning your arrival date

Once you've received your CoE, you're ready to book your flight to Perth.

When booking your flight, it's your responsibility to ensure you arrive in Perth in time to:

- settle into your permanent accommodation
- attend Orientation Week and your international student orientation briefing
- attend a faculty enrolment briefing to find out how to enrol in your course
- enrol in your classes.

If you don't arrive in time, your enrolment could be delayed until the following semester and you may have to pay a late fee or return home at your own expense.

Refer to your Letter of Offer for orientation dates.



Apply for your student visa

As an international student, you'll apply for Australia's full-time student visa, known as the Student (subclass 500) visa. You should apply for your visa as soon as you receive your CoE from Curtin.

As part of your student visa conditions you'll need to undertake and maintain a full-time study load.

Applying for your visa

You can apply for your visa through a registered Curtin agent or directly through the Australian Department of Home Affairs (DHA) website.

The Australian Government has implemented a system known as the Simplified Student Visa Framework (SSVF). Through the SSVF, your country of citizenship will determine the level of evidence required for your student visa application.

Your student visa will:

- be issued for the duration of your course
- enable you to re-enter Australia for the duration of your course.

To be granted a student visa, you must meet the DHA health requirements.

This means that you:

- do not represent a public health or safety risk to the Australian community via infections and diseases (especially active tuberculosis);
- will not impose a cost to the Australian Government through spending on services like social security benefits, allowances and pensions; and
- will not compete with Australian citizens and permanent residents for access to health and community services that are in short supply.

For most visa applicants, this means undergoing a health assessment by a doctor in your home country. The doctor's report will go directly to the DHA.

For more information, visit immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/meeting-our-requirements/health.

Make sure you allow enough time for your visa to be processed as you'll need to arrive at Curtin in time for Orientation Week (refer to your Letter of Offer for dates).

To find out more about visa processing times and to get started with your visa application, visit immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa.

Please note: Curtin is unable to assist you with your student visa application. Contact DHA directly if you have any visa-related questions.

Travelling on a student visa

If you return home during the semester break, it's important that you're aware of your visa expiration date. If your student visa expires while you are outside Australia, you will need to submit a new visa application while offshore, which could delay your return to Australia.

Visitor visa

Visitors are not permitted to study a Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS) registered course longer than three months.

For more information, visit homeaffairs.gov.au.

Transferring between institutions

You'll need to complete at least six calendar months of your principal course before transferring to another institution. If a student visa has been issued for two or more courses as part of your package, you must complete the first course and six months of the principal course before transferring to another institution.

If you are enrolled at an Australian institution other than Curtin and wish to transfer to Curtin prior to completing your first six months of study, you'll need to obtain a release approval from your current institution before withdrawing. You must have already received the release notification from the institution before accepting Curtin's offer. Visit curtin.edu/int-transfer-procedures.

If you are currently studying at an institution in Australia (other than Curtin) and hold a student visa, you will need to obtain your CoE for visa renewal or apply for a new visa under a different subclass. Our Global Curtin team can assist you with this.

For more information, visit curtin.edu/ci-apply.

Explore accommodation options

You'll enjoy the independence and convenience of living in our on-campus accommodation – a home where you can relax, study and socialise, and have a truly immersive university experience.

Curtin Perth has six on-campus accommodation options for you to choose from. Managed by St Catherine's College and UniLodge, all accommodation is close to campus and shopping amenities – offering you an easy urban lifestyle.

Benefits of living on campus

A convenient lifestyle

All accommodation is just a short walk to your classes. You're also within reach of our on-campus supermarket, food outlets and health services, and close to a shopping centre and food hub.

Plus, there are two bus stations on campus – so when you want to explore further afield, it's easy to catch a bus to cafe strips, restaurants and attractions in nearby suburbs, as well as the entertainment venues and shopping precincts of Perth city.

Cost-efficient living

Accommodation is furnished and your utilities are included in your rent. At St Catherine's College, residents can also have meals included. You'll have free wi-fi and Curtin Stadium gym membership (off-peak) and if you are a Curtin University student, you won't need to pay a bond or security deposit – which makes living on campus even more cost-efficient and convenient.

Independence and friendship

Living on campus during your university years will give you a sense of freedom and independence. And it's easy to make connections with other residents – you'll meet people from different towns, cities, countries and cultures. Imagine the unique experiences and the friendships you'll make that could last a lifetime!

Peace of mind for parents

If you're a parent or guardian whose child is about to start their university journey, you'll appreciate how living on campus will help them transition to independent living while remaining in a safe, structured environment. An on-campus living experience will also enhance your child's engagement with their studies and campus life.

Safety and security

All the accommodation has secure access. Plus, there's staff available to help when you need it. Curtin's Safer Community Team are also on-hand to respond to any general safety and security issues.

St Catherine's College

St Catherine's College gives you a personalised, highly supportive residential experience, with fully catered options, to help you succeed in your university studies. Your rent includes tailored academic support such as tutoring and formal academic dinners.

The college features an impressive dining hall, study spaces, common areas and a music room. It also offers a program of social events that brings residents together and helps create a thriving student community.



**Book a tour of
St Catherine's College**

UniLodge

The five UniLodge properties at Curtin Perth offer various independent-living options – such as self-contained studios with ensuites and private rooms in shared apartments – to suit different needs and budgets. You'll become part of a culturally diverse community and enjoy a Residential Life Program filled with events and activities throughout the year.



**Book a tour of
UniLodge properties**

Studying in Kalgoorlie?

If you're studying at Curtin Kalgoorlie as part of your course, you can live at our Agricola student accommodation. Agricola is just across from the campus and a short walk to the town centre. To find out more, visit curtin.edu/kalgoorlie-accommodation.

Off-campus living

If you're considering off-campus options, our Accommodation Coaches can help you with information and resources to find accommodation that suits your needs. To find out more, visit curtin.edu/alternative-accommodation.

To find out more about accommodation, visit curtin.edu/accommodation.



Housing Cup

You can win points for your accommodation house through competing in a variety of sporting events held at the Stadium throughout semester. The house with the most points at the end of the year wins the Housing Cup.



Prepare to leave your home country

You've accepted your offer, secured your visa and explored your accommodation options. Before you pack your suitcase, here's some useful information on what to bring and how to manage your budget.

What to bring

Documents

- Letter of Offer and CoE – these documents are very important as you may be required to present them when arriving in Perth
- travel documents and passport
- original or certified copies of your qualifications
- driver's licence (if any)
- medical history or prescriptions required for ongoing medication.

References

Work references, housing references (from previous landlords if you have rented a property before) and personal references are essential for finding employment and renting private accommodation in Perth.

Clothing

Most days students wear comfortable, casual clothes such as jeans, t-shirts and skirts. Everyday wear is acceptable clothing for classes at Curtin. September to March are the warmer months, with average temperatures ranging from 18 to 38 degrees celsius during the day. April to August are generally colder months, with average temperatures ranging from 7 to 19 degrees celsius. A warm, waterproof jacket is necessary during these months.

Equipment

Most accommodation, except homestays, will not include equipment such as cooking utensils, sheets and blankets. You can bring some of these items with you. Alternatively, products can be purchased from a wide variety of stores. Secondhand household items are also available at affordable prices.

Please note: electricity in Perth is 230V 50Hz. Adaptors are readily available.

For more information, visit curtin.edu/int-bring.

Managing your finances

Before you start your course, it's important to understand your living and tuition expenses so you can plan your budget.

Tuition fees

Tuition fees are payable for each unit you study. The fee will depend on the course and units you study.

All fees are subject to annual increases of no more than 5%. To see the student fee contribution for each unit and to find out more about fees, visit curtin.edu/fees.

Fee calculation – research

Tuition fees for research students are based on study load. The research fee is charged twice per year and the full enrolment period fee must be paid by the due date indicated on the invoice.

International Student Refund Agreement

When you receive your Letter of Offer, you will also receive a copy of our International Student Refund Agreement. For more information, visit curtin.edu/fees-refunds.

Additional fees and charges

Some courses require you to pay for retainable materials and course-related fees, such as laboratory coats, protective clothing or uniforms, travel and accommodation costs while on field placement, and first aid training. For other fees and charges, contact your relevant teaching area or visit our fees website.

Text and reference books

You will need to budget around AUD\$150–400 per semester for text and reference books. Cheaper, secondhand books are available from the Student Guild's Secondhand Bookshop and from students who advertise on noticeboards around campus.

Parking fees

Curtin has a pay-as-you-go system for parking fees on campus. There are different fees for long-term and short-term parking.

Visit curtin.edu/parking-zones.

Living expenses

Knowing the average cost of living in Perth is key to preparing your budget. There are cost of living calculators which you can use to assist with your planning.

To find out more, visit studyaustralia.gov.au.

Transferring money to Perth

To transfer money from overseas you will need to:

- complete either a telegraphic transfer or bank draft
- include the SWIFT code, account number and BSB number of the account into which you wish to deposit funds.

Bank drafts take six to eight weeks to process unless the bank draft is in Australian dollars and drawn on an Australian bank. There may be fees involved with both transactions.

Please don't send money for living expenses with tuition fee payments. Curtin does not disburse student living allowances and will not provide a refund.

Opening a bank account

To open a bank account, you will need to visit a bank branch and take your passport with you for identification. You are not able to open an Australian bank account while overseas.

Motor vehicle expenses

If you're planning to buy a motor vehicle, you'll need to budget for additional expenses like petrol, insurance and licence costs.

Bringing your family and school-aged dependants

Are you bringing school-aged children with you?

It is important to understand the associated costs before arriving in Australia.

In Western Australia (WA), dependants of international students may be enrolled in either approved government (public) or non-government (private) schools registered by the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS), providing the school has capacity. A visa for a dependant must be obtained through the DHA or a representative.

You'll need to pay international fees for both public and private schools. However, public school fees vary for dependants of pathway students, undergraduate students, postgraduate students and for those dependents who need intensive English or special needs learning support.

Dependents of students enrolled in master-level or doctorate courses are not required to pay international student tuition fees in public schools in WA (conditions apply). The cost of schooling will be at the Australian local rate.

To find out more about visa requirements, obtaining a Confirmation of Placement (document required for school-aged dependant visas), school fees, enrolments, eligibility and a list of both public and private schools, visit curtin.edu/intl-family.

For enquiries, please email schoolplacement@curtin.edu.au.

Health checks

You may need to have a health examination to enter Australia.

Visit the following websites before you leave home to find out about health regulations that may affect you entering Australia:

Department of Home Affairs: homeaffairs.gov.au
Department of Health WA: health.wa.gov.au
Biosecurity in Australia: agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity

Check with the Australian Diplomatic Mission in your home country before you depart for any further updates.



Your arrival

Welcome to Perth.

We're here to help you find your way and get settled into life in beautiful Western Australia.



Airport reception service

Once you've landed in Perth, collected your luggage and made your way through Australian immigration and customs, StudyPerth Airport Greeters will be there to greet and guide you through your next steps and offer you a Welcome Pack. For more information, visit studypertth.com.au/moving-to-perth/when-you-arrive/airport-welcome-service/

If you're starting your studies at Curtin for the first time, we offer a free airport pick-up service to your accommodation in the Perth metropolitan area. To book your pick-up service and understand our booking terms and conditions, visit curtin.edu/b4-arrival.

If you haven't found somewhere to live yet, a Curtin Housing Services team member will meet you at your temporary accommodation on the next working day after you arrive to help you find housing.

You'll need to let Curtin know your address within seven days of your arrival in Australia.

Australian quarantine laws

Australia has a unique environment, free from many of the pests and diseases found elsewhere in the world. If you are visiting Australia, it's important to be aware of Australian quarantine laws.

When you arrive in Australia, you will need to complete an Incoming Passenger Card. Read this document carefully and complete it truthfully as false declarations can lead to strict penalties.

All animal and plant products, including food items, must be declared for inspection and will be returned in most cases. No matter how small or trivial your items may seem, they are potentially harmful to Australian flora and fauna.

If you are carrying AUD\$10,000 or more cash – or the equivalent in foreign currency – with you to Australia, you must declare the money on your Incoming Passenger Card. You are also required to declare the money to any Australian Customs officials if questioned upon arrival. Failure to declare this money may result in the money being taken from you and you may also be prosecuted.

It is not an offence to bring large amounts of money into Australia – the offence is not declaring it.

All drugs and medicines should be declared for inspection, especially products that:

- contain substances that are prohibited without a permit (including narcotics, amphetamines, hallucinogens, barbiturates, vaccines, anabolic and androgenic steroids, growth hormones, and erythropoietin (EPO))
- are regarded as performance enhancers in sport.

Medicines that should be declared include:

- prescribed medications
- non-prescribed medications
- complementary and alternative medicines
- herbal and traditional medicines
- vitamins and mineral preparations
- nutritional and dietary supplements.

Do not carry illicit substances into or out of Australia. Penalties for drug offences in Australia are severe and could result in a jail term.

If you have any questions about quarantine laws when you arrive in Australia, ask to speak to a quarantine officer after you have collected your baggage.

Please note: This information is intended as a guide only.



Getting started at Curtin

You've arrived in Perth and settled in to your accommodation. Now it's time to discover Curtin.



Orientation

Prior to your classes commencing, you'll attend Orientation Week. This important week is compulsory for international students and a great way to get to know the campus better and make new connections.

During this week, you'll get the opportunity to:

- discover the social, community and recreational activities on offer at Curtin
- find your way around campus and locate lecture theatres, classrooms, labs and workshops relevant to you
- learn about the support services at Curtin and how they can help you, particularly in your first year
- meet other new students
- organise parking and other transport options
- organise your administrative details, such as student identification cards and fees.

For more information, visit orientation.curtin.edu.au.

Health screenings (Health Sciences students only)

To access our health department facilities, all clinical and laboratory students in the Faculty of Health Sciences must be screened and vaccinated against a range of infectious diseases. Without full vaccination, you may be excluded from clinical practice and therefore unable to finish your studies. To ensure that you receive the correct dose of vaccinations, we strongly recommend you wait to be briefed on vaccination requirements for your course.

Further information will be published on Blackboard (Curtin's student portal) or sent to your Curtin student email account closer to your start date.

Important dates

Semester 1 2025

Housing contracts commence (UniLodge and St Catherine's, Curtin Perth)	13 January
Housing contract commences (Agricola, Curtin Kalgoorlie)	3 February
Orientation Week ("O-Week")	17 to 21 February
First day of classes	24 February
Tuition-free week	21 to 25 April
Study week	26 to 30 June
Final exam dates	3 to 13 June
Housing contracts end	30 June

Semester 2 2025

Housing contracts commence (UniLodge and St Catherine's, Curtin Perth)	30 June
Housing contract commences (Agricola, Curtin Kalgoorlie)	30 June
Orientation Week ("O-Week")	14 to 18 July
First day of classes	21 July
Tuition-free week	1 to 5 September
Study week	20 to 24 October
Final exam dates	27 October to 7 November
Housing contracts end (UniLodge and St Catherine's, Curtin Perth)	15 December
Housing contract ends (Agricola, Curtin Kalgoorlie)	24 November

For our full academic calendar with enrolment dates, key study periods and holidays, visit curtin.edu.au/calendar.

Unique Student Identifier (USI)

The Australian Government requires all international students to register for a Unique Student Identifier (USI) which is your individual education number for life. All onshore international students who will graduate in 2025 (including those completing their degree in 2024) must have a USI. Once you've created your USI, you can then provide it to the university as part of your enrolment.

You need a USI if you are:

- undertaking Nationally Recognised Training
- a higher education student graduating in 2025 or beyond.

Whether you're starting or recommencing your studies, you must land in Australia and go through customs before you can create a USI using your passport as a form of ID.

To create a USI, please visit usi.gov.au or scan the QR code to find out more information.



Registering for classes

Once you've attended your faculty briefing on enrolments and enrolled in your units, you'll be ready to register for your classes.

Please note: you will not be able to register into classes until you have received an Official Communication Channel message from your faculty.

Follow these simple steps to register for your classes:

- » Log into **OASIS**.
- » Click the "**My Studies**" and the "**eStudent**" icon.
- » Once in eStudent, click the "**My Classes**" tab.
- » Scroll to the bottom of the page and click the "**View timetable / register into classes**" button.
- » Select the class you want to register for. This will display the class information, including places available.
- » Click "**Register**". A message will then display to inform you that you are registered.
- » Once completed, you can print your timetable by clicking "**view print friendly timetable**".

Your rights and responsibilities

Studying at Curtin is an enriching experience. Learn more about your rights and responsibilities as a member of our student community.

Expressing your opinion

Starting university in a new country is an exciting time as you discover different cultures and make new friends. But the experience can also be confusing and overwhelming as you may encounter ideas and ways of life that are different from what you are used to back home.

At Curtin everyone is encouraged to discuss and debate ideas and engage with diverse perspectives inside and outside of class.

You have the right to express yourself, but you also have the responsibility to respect and preserve the rights of others.

You have a right to:

- express opinions
- write and show your beliefs
- peacefully protest about anything
- engage in healthy debate
- participate in student clubs
- leave any club or organisation
- disagree with, criticise and question politicians, political parties, governments or public figures.

You do not have a right to:

- use hate speech
- make or suggest threats
- attempt to censor or silence others' opinions
- create fear through intimidation
- demand or coerce changes to subject matter
- access or share others' private information without consent.

Policies, procedures and your responsibilities

ESOS legislation and the National Code of Conduct

The ESOS Act 2000 has obligations for education providers to ensure that students receive information and have appropriate support whilst studying in Australia. You are also required to meet requirements of your student visa, and ensure that you comply with these requirements.

For information about the ESOS Act 2000, your enrolment responsibilities and the University's responsibilities, and to access information resources, visit curtin.edu/int-esos.

Diversity policy

Curtin recognises, respects and values the diversity of its students, staff, and the Curtin community.

If you feel disadvantaged on the basis of difference, you can discuss your concerns with our Student Wellbeing Advisory Service on +61 8 9266 2662 or at studentwellbeing@curtin.edu.au.

Equal opportunity policy

The University complies with equal opportunity legislation set in place by the Government of Western Australia, and is committed to ensuring you are treated fairly while studying at Curtin.

Student conduct

Understand the rights you have as a student and the expectations the University has of you. Visit curtin.edu/student-rights for more information.

Complaints procedures

Curtin has official procedures in place to assist you in resolving concerns about academic, administrative and other matters.

Complaints can relate to academic disputes, unfair or inappropriate behaviour of staff, education agents or anything else you feel has breached Curtin's Code of Conduct (complaintsform.curtin.edu.au) or other Curtin policies or procedures (curtin.edu/policies).

Anyone is entitled to lodge a complaint through an online form which is available at curtin.edu.au/integrityandstandards. The Integrity and Standards Unit can assist you in this process if required.

If your complaint is not resolved to your satisfaction and you have evidence to suggest proper process was not followed by the University in coming to a decision, you may either submit a new complaint explaining where you believe proper process was not followed or contact an external agency, such as the WA Ombudsman, to request a review of your complaint. A list of external agencies is available at curtin.edu/complaint-management.

Privacy act – release of academic results and student information

Under government law, Curtin is not able to disclose academic performance details, enrolment information or personal details to any unauthorised persons, including family members, unless you have given written consent. Academic results cannot be released until the official release date.



Your student responsibilities

As a Curtin student, it is your responsibility to:

- understand and comply with all relevant laws, statutes, rules, by-laws, guiding ethical principals, policies and procedures relating to your rights and responsibilities as a student
- participate constructively in your learning experience
- be aware of information on course requirements, unit requirements and academic progress
- behave in an appropriate manner in classes, showing respect for both staff and fellow students
- act honestly and responsibly in relation to academic matters and the use of University facilities at all times
- recognise that cheating, plagiarism and fabrication or falsification of data are not acceptable
- adhere to the proper use of copyright material
- act at all times with respect for the rights of others, and to accept and embrace diversity
- be available during the examination period (you should schedule any travel arrangements for after the examination period)
- switch off your mobile phone during lectures, tutorials and when in the library
- access OASIS (the online student portal) and check the Official Communications Channel regularly

- pay tuition fees by the due date (if you fail to do so, you will incur an enrolment sanction)
- ensure all enrolment details are correct
- ensure your student visa remains current and reflects the specified length of the course you are enrolled in
- obtain permission from the University prior to withdrawing from a class.

It is a condition of your student visa that you:

- maintain up-to-date contact details with the University, including an Australian residential address and phone number
- notify the University within seven days of changing your residential address while you are a student at Curtin
- satisfy your course requirements and maintain a valid enrolment
- maintain your overseas student health cover (if your health cover expires, your benefits payable will be suspended).

To find out more about student rights and responsibilities, visit curtin.edu/student-rights.



Join our campus community

Studying at Curtin offers you the chance to make lifelong friends and develop global networks for travel, employment and further study.

You'll get to experience our immersive range of collaborative learning spaces, outdoor leisure areas and can access our exciting activities on offer.

Find out how you can get involved in Curtin campus life.

Attend an event

Curtin hosts a wide variety of events throughout the year, including end-of-semester celebrations, market days, Open Day and O-Week, summer graduations and Pasar Malam to name a few!

Join a student club

If you have a particular interest or hobby, you can join one or more of our 100-plus student clubs and societies. It's a great way to meet like-minded students with similar interests, get involved in events and build your professional profile.

Explore our vibrant campus

You can spend time enjoying the beautiful grounds, public artworks or relaxing in our outdoor spaces. You'll find plenty of places to enjoy a meal, or catch up for a coffee with friends, or even do some shopping in the Exchange Precinct. You can also enjoy art, performances and exhibitions at the John Curtin Gallery, Creative Quarter and Hayman Theatre on campus.

Discover our library

The TL Robertson Library is a beautiful, light-filled building and an ideal place to study, collaborate with classmates and catch up with friends. Student spaces include group areas; an entire floor dedicated to quiet study; the Makerspace with technologies, tools and materials to get creative; a reading room with a tranquil view of the campus; plus a kitchen and a café. Find out more at curtin.edu.au/library.

Buy your essentials

Curtin Perth has an impressive IGA supermarket and a G-Mart for printing, merchandise, computer accessories, stationery and other essentials. You can order your books online through Booktopia and have them delivered to your door.

Access technology

Access wi-fi across the campus and charge your devices at multiple locations. Computer labs have current software, graphic workstations, scanners, printing stations and smart boards.

Exercise, relax, have fun

Curtin Stadium is the home of sport and fitness on campus, offering a range of activities you can participate in at a level that suits you. The stadium has:

- a fully equipped gymnasium, group fitness studio and specialised studio
- indoor and outdoor multi-use courts
- a health and rehabilitation clinic.

Find out more at curtin.edu.au/sport.

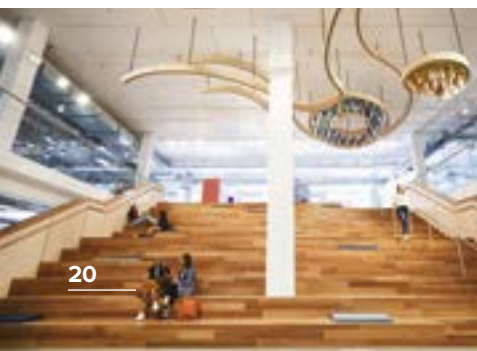
Food, glorious food

Whether you need a coffee or bubble tea, a burger or bánh mì, you can get it on campus. In addition to the IGA supermarket, we have a wide range of delicious food options you can enjoy take-away or dine in.

Curtin Student Guild

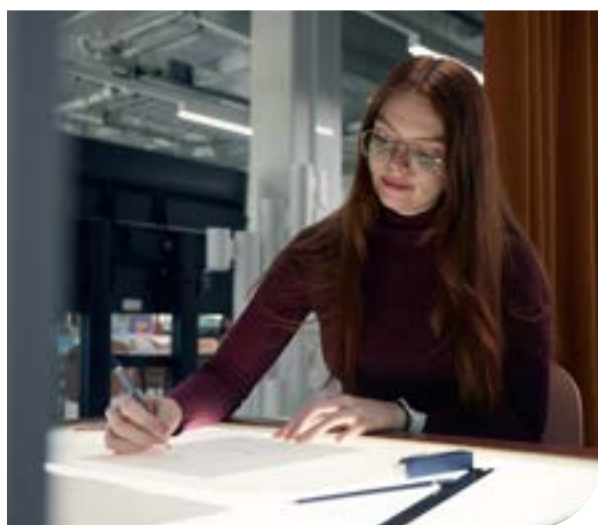
The Curtin Student Guild is a group of student representatives elected every year to advocate for students on important issues. The guild coordinates services and activities for students. As a Curtin student, you'll automatically be a Guild member, with access to free Student Assist services, discounts, clubs and entertainment.

To find out more, visit guild.curtin.edu.au.



Supporting you

We offer a range of services to help create an equitable, inclusive and welcoming environment where everyone feels they belong.



Student support

Global Curtin

Global Curtin has specialist staff who can assist you with:

- our application process
- course changes
- course information
- eligibility for entry into university courses
- study options.

Tel: **+61 8 9266 3881**

Office hours:

Mon to Fri: 7.30am - 5.30pm AWST (phone)

Mon to Fri: 8.30am - 4.30pm AWST (face-to-face)

Enquiries: curtin.edu/ask-international

Visit: curtin.edu.au/study.

Curtin Connect: Building 102

Once you have enrolled in your course, Curtin Connect will handle most of your study-related matters. This includes your OSHC registration and renewal, and questions regarding your tuition fees.

Tel: **1300 222 888**

Office hours: Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4.30pm (Tuesday from 9.30am)

Visit: students.connect.curtin.edu.au.

New to Curtin Mentor Program

The New to Curtin Mentor Program helps you make a successful transition to university. Your mentor is an experienced student in a similar area of study who will assist you with navigating university life during your first semester. If you are an undergraduate student, your mentor will connect with you during Orientation Week.

Visit curtin.edu/mentoring.

Student Wellbeing Advisory Service

At Curtin, we believe you will learn best when you feel healthy, safe and happy. If you're struggling with a study or personal issue, or you just don't know where to go or who to ask, our Student Wellbeing Advisors can help. This free and confidential service is available by phone, email online and in person during office hours.

Overseas: **+61 8 9266 2662**

Email: studentwellbeing@curtin.edu.au

Office hours: Mon to Fri: 8.30am to 4.30pm

Visit: curtin.edu/wellbeing.

Career support

We offer a range of programs and services to help you develop your employability skills, build your experience, plan for graduate employment and achieve your career goals. This includes support with finding part-time work in Perth while you are studying, writing job applications, exposure to Career Fairs, and volunteering, leadership and networking opportunities.

Visit curtin.edu/careers.

Disability support services

Curtin's AccessAbility Services provides a range of support services to students with a disability or health condition that affects their studies. This includes Curtin Access Plans, which allow you to negotiate reasonable adjustments such as:

- study materials provided in accessible formats like Braille or audio recordings; and
- special examination arrangements like ergonomic furniture and extra time.

Learn more about AccessAbility services:

curtin.edu/accessability-support.

Security and personal safety

Curtin's Safer Community Team provides a range of services to keep you safe on campus, including 24/7 safety presence and availability, security escort services, mechanical assistance, secure card building access and the SafeZone security app. There are also assistant call points located at main entry doors to each campus building.

Study support

We offer support to help you with your university studies, including peer-to-peer tutoring and library help.

UniPASS

UniPASS is a free program of study sessions designed to help you maximise your grades for demanding units, strengthen your study skills and connect with like-minded students.

Visit curtin.edu/unipass.

English language support

Each faculty runs specialised programs to help you develop your English language skills if required.

Visit curtin.edu/study-skills.

Sponsored students

If you're a sponsored student who gets funding for your studies from a private organisation or government body (not family members), you'll need to identify your sponsor during the admission and/or acceptance process at Curtin. Our admissions team will help you and your sponsor with the necessary forms. Once you arrive, you'll connect with a Sponsored Student Coordinator from the International Sponsored Student Unit (ISSU), who will support you throughout your studies and keep in touch with your sponsor. You can reach out to ISSU any time at issu@curtin.edu.au for help.

Make the most of life in Perth

With its stunning beaches and cosmopolitan, laidback lifestyle, vibrant Perth is an easy place to love. But understanding the basics of banking, working and getting around will make the city feel like your second home.

Getting settled

As you settle into life in sunny Perth, remember to contact your family and friends and let them know how to contact you and where you're staying. Be sure to keep them updated if you move house during your studies, as Curtin is unable to release information about your address to your family and friends.

Working in Australia

Working while studying is a great way to earn an income, practise your English and gain life experience. As an international student visa holder, you can work up to 48 hours per fortnight during recognised study periods and unlimited hours during study period breaks. You also have the same workplace rights and protections as anyone else working in Australia.

In Perth, you can find work in areas like hospitality and tourism, retail, administration, customer service, construction and freelancing.

If you need support finding part-time work, our Curtin Careers team can guide you through the process. We offer a wide range of services including career counselling, mentoring programs and workshops to help you write your résumé and practise for job interviews.

Find out more about job opportunities and what you can expect to earn at curtin.edu/int-jobs.

Please note:

- you and your dependants are not permitted to work in Australia until you have commenced your studies.
- dependants of international student visa holders are permitted to work up to 48 hours per fortnight at all times. Dependants of master or doctoral degree students can work unlimited hours.
- you should not rely on part-time work to pay for your tuition fees or other living expenses.
- it's important to ensure your part-time work does not impact your studies.

Visit the Australian Government's immigration website for up-to-date information about your working rights and responsibilities: studyaustralia.gov.au/en/work-in-australia.

Tax File Number (TFN)

The Australian Government requires anyone working in Australia or with an Australian bank account to have a TFN. Banks must be provided with a TFN to ensure the correct tax is charged on any interest earned on an account.

You must lodge your TFN application forms with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) and present your passport and student ID card. You can apply online via the ATO website at ato.gov.au/forms.

Banking

In Australia, most income including salary or wages and government benefits is paid directly into a bank account. If you plan to study in Australia for any length of time, you may wish to open an Australian bank account.

For more information, visit curtin.edu/banking.

Internet access

You'll have access to computer and internet facilities while studying at Curtin. The Perth campus has a wide selection of computer labs where you can study, browse the internet and access your email. There are free wireless zones across the campus where you can log on to the internet using your own laptop or personal digital assistant (PDA). You will have your own account with personal login details. Your wireless internet login details will be the same as your OASIS login details.

Public transport

Getting around Perth

Buses, trains and ferries in Perth are operated by Transperth, Western Australia's transport system. Full-time students are eligible for significant concessions on bus and train fares. The cost will vary depending on the number of travel zones covered and you should carry the correct amount in change or purchase a SmartRider card.

SmartRider cards

The Transperth SmartRider card is a multiple-use electronic ticket you can use on all forms of public transport in Perth. A SmartRider costs AUD\$5 for concession users and AUD\$10 for standard users. As a full-time Curtin student, you are entitled to Transperth concession fares.

SmartRider cards can be purchased from Transperth InfoCentres and any authorised SmartRider retail sales outlets, including the Guild G-Mart on campus. To obtain tertiary concession status, you must register your SmartRider online via OASIS and activate it by travelling on any Transperth service within seven days of your registration.

For more information, call the Transperth InfoLine on 13 62 13, visit transperth.wa.gov.au, or visit curtin.edu/concession.

Driving in Western Australia

You may be able to drive in Western Australia with your overseas driver's licence for a short period of time; however, you must fully understand the policy and rules before driving in Perth.

More information: transport.wa.gov.au/licensing/visit-or-move-to-wa.asp.

Getting to and from Curtin

Curtin Perth is just six kilometres from the city centre. There are several ways to get to and around campus.

Parking

Download the smartphone parking app CelloPark from the App Store or Google Play to conveniently pay for the time you park on campus.

Transperth buses and trains

More than 500 public buses stop at Curtin each weekday during semester. Curtin has two main bus terminals: Curtin Bus Station and the Curtin Central Bus Station, on the eastern and north-western sides of campus, respectively.

Routes 100 and 101 are high-frequency bus routes that link Curtin Perth with the Canning Bridge train station. Routes 998 and 999 link Curtin with Oats Street train station.

The CircleRoute buses, which travel between Perth's universities, train stations and shopping centres, leave every 15 minutes between 6.30am and 8pm.

Perth has seven suburban railway lines. On the Mandurah line you can stop at the Canning Bridge train station and catch a connecting Transperth bus to Curtin. Buses run every seven or eight minutes during peak times. The Armadale line stops at Oats Street train station where you can catch a connecting bus to Curtin.

Please note: at the time of publication, Oats Street train station is temporarily closed for major upgrade works.

Curtin shuttle buses

Curtin provides a free hail-and-ride bus service for students who live in the suburbs of Waterford, Bentley, Victoria Park and South Perth. The Curtin Access Bus Service (CABS) operates on weekdays during semester. Download the CABS smartphone app for live GPS tracking, route mapping and timetables.

Cycling

There are numerous bicycle racks and excellent, accessible end-of-trip facilities conveniently located at each end of campus. These are equipped with showers, changerooms and lockers. You'll also find secure e-rideable charging facilities on campus.

Medical services

You will have access to high-quality medical services and facilities while you live in Australia, and will receive a rebate from your OSHC for the services covered under your policy.

If you are sick, you should make an appointment to visit a general practitioner (GP). You will need to book an appointment in advance; however, last-minute appointments may be available if you ring early in the morning.

There are GPs, physiotherapists and counsellors located on campus. Visit curtin.edu/health-services.

Medicines

Medications such as antibiotics and antihistamines will require a doctor's prescription and may cost approximately AUD\$20 for a five-day course. Some milder antihistamines can be bought over the counter for around AUD\$14.

You can purchase pain relief tablets such as paracetamol or aspirin without a prescription from supermarkets.

Aussie words

Arvo:	afternoon
ATM:	banking facilities
Barbie:	barbecue
Bathers:	swimming costume
Brolly:	umbrella
Byo:	bring your own (drinks)
Chook:	chicken
Deli:	convenience store
Doona:	quilt
Eftpos:	pay by card
Esky:	chiller box for drinks
Flat white:	coffee with milk
Footy:	Australian rules football
Long black:	coffee without milk
Pressie:	gift
Servo:	petrol/gas station
Sunnies:	sunglasses
Thongs:	flip-flops

Experience Western Australia

Now you've had a chance to get settled in, it's time to explore! With beautiful beaches, cultural festivals and diverse dining options, you'll be spoilt for choice.

01 Breathe in the natural beauty

The Perth region has magnificent gardens and nature parks. Take in the best views of the city from Kings Park, which is larger than New York's Central Park and has thousands of species of beautiful native flora.

02 Experience our vibrant cultural lifestyle

Western Australia's many culturally and linguistically diverse communities have made Perth a vibrant city. Many cultural festivals and events are held throughout the year, and you may choose to join community groups that link with your own culture.

03 Earn some spending money

Western Australia has a thriving economy, which provides many job opportunities for local and international students!

04 Use the easy transport options

Perth's metropolitan area is serviced with an extensive road network and you'll enjoy our comfortable, reliable public transport.

05 Explore places close to campus

To the north of Curtin Perth, the suburb of Victoria Park buzzes with restaurants, hotels and recreation options. To the south, the Canning River is home to dolphins, swans and other marine life. It's a beautiful area for picnicking and kayaking.

06 Enjoy the diversity of food and cuisine

Western Australia has many food-producing regions. Margaret River is world-famous for its vineyards and wineries, as well as forests and surfing! Closer to Perth, our scenic Swan Valley has a range of gourmet delicacies. And just near to campus, you can buy fresh fruit and vegetables at the local farmers market.

07 Go shopping!

The shopping and dining precincts of Elizabeth Quay and Forrest Place buzz with life. Visit the city's fascinating cultural centres and art galleries. Take a scenic train ride to discover the historic port of Fremantle (Walyalup), where the Swan River meets the Indian Ocean.

08 Visit the quokkas

Perth's coastline features breathtaking beaches and scenery, including Rottnest Island (Wadjemup). The island is a significant cultural site for the Nyungar people and is home to Australia's cutest marsupial – the quokka.

09 Travel to our famous attractions

Western Australia has world-famous forests, wine regions, geological features, surfing destinations and coastal towns – don't miss them!

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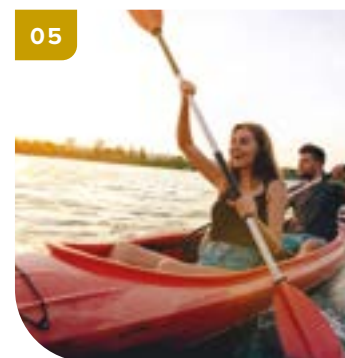
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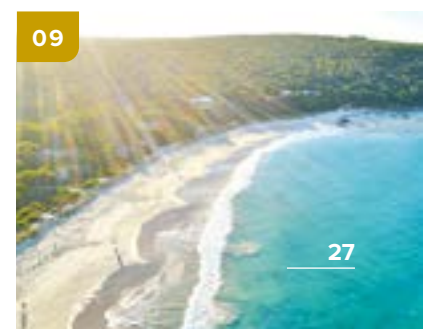
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Perth (Boorloo) weather

Perth has a hot-summer Mediterranean climate.



Season	Average min °C	Average max °C
Birak (December - January)	17.3	30.5
Bunuru (February - March)	17.7	30.7
Djeran (April - May)	12.2	24.2
Makuru (June - July)	8.4	19
Djilba (August - September)	9.1	19.9
Kambarang (October - November)	13.1	25.2

Source: BOM.gov.au

Perth time zone



Key university terms

Course types

Bachelor degree

The standard university award recognised worldwide for completing an undergraduate course.

- **Double degree:** Studying two complementary bachelor degrees concurrently. For example, Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts.
- **Honours:** Additional research and coursework at an advanced level.

Bridging course

A degree course that you study for up to 12 months to gain the prerequisites you need for other Curtin undergraduate degrees. Examples are Curtin's Bachelor of Science (Health Sciences) and Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Science.

Enabling course

A 6 or 12-month course that qualifies you for entry into Curtin's undergraduate degrees.

Postgraduate degree

A higher degree qualification and subject specialisation that can be studied once you have completed a bachelor degree.

Undergraduate study

Education that leads to your first qualification from a university, usually a bachelor degree.

Course structure

Clinical placement

Working as part of a team in a clinical setting, under supervision.

Fieldwork

An umbrella term for any approved practical work, teaching, study, volunteer or research activity, outside the normal place of university business. Fieldwork encompasses clinical placements, work placements, practicums, study tours and field trips.

Major

A series of more than eight units in the same area within a bachelor degree. A major includes at least two units at final-year level.

- **Double major:** Studying two majors within a degree course. For example, Bachelor of Commerce (Economics and Finance).

Professional placement / internship

Working in a professional environment to extend your knowledge and practical skills.

Specialisation / minor

Specialisations and minors are a series of four units in the same discipline. A specialisation or minor may complement your major or be from a different discipline. For example, you may study a Bachelor of Commerce (Marketing) and complement this with a humanities specialisation such as Korean Studies.

Stream

A series of six units in the same discipline.

Unit

A component of a course that covers one subject area in detail. A unit may comprise of lectures, tutorials, class presentations, group work, computer lab sessions, case studies, workplace assignments and exams.

- **Core unit:** A compulsory unit, as specified in the course outline.
- **Elective unit:** A unit that can be chosen from any discipline as long as you meet the prerequisites.
- **Optional unit:** A unit that you choose from a specified list provided in the course outline.

Course essentials

Accreditation

The formal recognition of a course by an accrediting body.

ATAR

The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank, used for allocating places in university courses.

- **Guaranteed ATAR:** A rank that guarantees you entry to the course (provided you meet the course prerequisites and English language requirements).
- **Minimum ATAR:** The minimum rank you need to be considered for entry to a course.

Duration

The time it will take to complete the course if you study full-time.

Inherent requirements

Essential requirements or characteristics (mental, physical and emotional) necessary to successfully complete a course or a course component.

Intake

The semester or trimester when you can begin studying the course.

Location

Curtin campuses that offer the course.

Portfolio entry

A pathway into Curtin's courses if you're taking General subjects at high school, or are studying a combination of ATAR, General and/or VET certificates. It is also suitable if you've finished school without an ATAR.

Prerequisite

A subject or unit you must complete before starting a course or taking a higher-level unit.

Professional recognition

A formal acknowledgement of your professional status, which may be required to practise in your field, and eligibility to access services that support professionals in that field.

STAT

The Skills for Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) is a national test for those who don't meet university admission criteria. STAT can be used to meet entry criteria for some courses, or as a way to satisfy Curtin's English proficiency requirements if you haven't done so through year 12.

For more information, visit tisc.edu.au/static/guide/stat.tisc.

Study mode

How much study you undertake in a semester or a trimester.

- **Domestic students:** Full-time study is three or four units per semester. Part-time study is one or two units per semester. Studying part-time reduces your weekly workload but extends the duration of your course.
- **International students:** International students studying in Australia on a student visa must study four units per semester for most courses.
- A small number of courses allow a study load of three units.

Vet entry

An admissions pathway into Curtin's courses if you're studying a VET Certificate IV or higher from a registered organisation.

Other university terms

Advanced standing / credit for recognised learning

Recognition of any previous study or work experience you have that may exempt you from having to study some units of your degree.

Faculty

A teaching area comprising university schools and disciplines.

Semester

A 16-week study period. There are two semesters per calendar year.

TISC

The Tertiary Institutions Service Centre processes university applications on behalf of Western Australia's public universities. It also administers STAT.

Trimester

A 14-week study period. There are three trimesters per calendar year.

WACE

Western Australian Certificate of Education.

Important contacts

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Web: curtin.edu.au/study

Curtin Careers Centre

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Email: careers@curtin.edu.au

Web: curtin.edu/careers

Curtin Connect

Tel: **1300 222 888**

Curtin Student Guild

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Email: hello@guild.curtin.edu.au

Web: guild.curtin.edu.au

Integrity and Standards Unit (ISU)

Tel: +61 8 9266 9184 or 1800 907 998

Email: ISU-CaseManagement@curtin.edu.au

Web: curtin.edu.au/integrityandstandards/

Student Wellbeing Advisory Service

Tel: **1800 244 043**

Email: studentwellbeing@curtin.edu.au

Web: curtin.edu/student-support

Housing services

Web: curtin.edu/int-accommodation

Health services

Web: curtin.edu/health-services

University counselling services

Web: curtin.edu/student-support

Curtin English

Web: curtin.edu/curtinenglish

Medibank Overseas Student Health Cover

Tel: +61 3 9862 1095

Web: medibankoshc.com.au

Centre for Aboriginal Studies

Web: karda.curtin.edu.au

Business and Law

Web: curtin.edu/businessandlaw

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