



Summer International Electives 2015-16

Include 3-4 week international experiences

WHAT ARE SUMMER INTERNATIONAL ELECTIVES?

New summer elective subjects are available for UTS students who have successfully completed at least 24 credit points of undergraduate study at UTS.

The electives are available as 6 credit point or 8 credit point subjects:

International Internship [97901](#) (6cp) or [97900](#) (8cp)

In-country Contemporary Society Study [977917](#) (6cp) or [977912](#) (8cp)

In-country Language and Culture Study [977918](#) (6cp) or [977913](#) (8cp)

Each subject includes a 3-4 week program and global experience in an international location across the world. Details of international programs are on pages 4-5.

Through these subjects, students have the opportunity to develop their intercultural understanding and international knowledge

Some grants are available to help fund students travel costs



WHAT ARE THESE ELECTIVE SUBJECTS?

International Internship 97901 (6cp) or **97900** (8cp)

This subject provides students with opportunities to complete internships, social entrepreneurs or practicum programs in international locations. Opportunities for Summer semester 2015-16 include programs in Cambodia, Costa Rica, India, Japan and Vietnam.

In-country Contemporary Society Study 977917 (6cp) or **977912** (8cp)

This subject develops understanding of specific aspects of a society or culture through a 3-4 week program delivered in-country and taught in English. International opportunities for Summer semester 2015-16 include programs in China, Costa Rica, France, Germany and Japan.

In-country Language and Culture Study 977918 (6cp) or **977913** (8cp)

This subject provides students with the opportunity to enhance their communication skills in another language and also their intercultural awareness through an intensive short-term program at one of UTS' partner institutions worldwide. Students live in-country and undertake a 3–4 week language program. For Summer 2015-16 there are programs available for Chinese, Thai, French, German and Spanish.

AM I ELIGIBLE AS A UTS STUDENT TO TAKE PART?

These electives are for UTS students who have successfully completed 24 credit points of study before they apply to enrol in these subjects.

Students need to have electives available to them in their study plan to allow them to enrol in one of these subjects.

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF STUDENTS IN THESE ELECTIVE SUBJECTS?

To successfully complete these subjects, students are required to:

- Attend TWO block class (seminars):
 1. In November 2015 at UTS before departure for the international program
 2. In March 2016 after returning to Sydney.These subjects are therefore not suitable for students who are not returning to study at UTS in Autumn semester 2016.
- Satisfactorily complete their 3-4 week program at the UTS partner institution/organisation abroad
- Complete two assessment tasks supervised by lecturers from UTS' School of International Studies. These tasks are a Reflective Report and a Multimedia Presentation. Both tasks encourage students' reflection on intercultural aspects of their international experience.



WHAT TRAVEL GRANTS OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE?

Some grants are available for eligible students to assist with travel costs. To be eligible, you need to have a GPA of 1.5 or higher and be enrolled in the [BUiLD program](#). BUiLD is the Beyond UTS International Leadership Development Program, which is free to join and open to all UTS students. You can only be awarded one UTS: BUiLD travel grant per calendar year. The travel grants are competitive.

The Australian government's OS-HELP loan scheme also provides funding to assist students to cover the costs of studying internationally. OS-HELP loan amounts are added to students' HECS liability. Further information is available for UTS students [here](#) and on the [OS-HELP website](#) (opens an external site). To apply, contact the BUiLD team.

Students receiving support from Centrelink may be asked to provide proof from UTS that these subjects are part of their study plan so that they continue to receive payments while they are overseas. UTS BUiLD can assist with the documentation needed.

Contact UTS BUiLD for further information on financial assistance: build@uts.edu.au / +61 2 9514 1970.



WHAT INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS CAN STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN?

Below is a summary of the 3-4 week international experiences available for each of the three subjects:

International Internship [97901](#) (6cp) or [97900](#) (8cp)

In-country Contemporary Society Study [977917](#)(6cp) or [977912](#) (8cp)

In-country Language and Culture Study [977918](#) (6cp) or [977913](#) (8cp)

Details on each program, including costs are available from the UTS [BUILD](#) site.

In-country Language and Culture Study:

<i>Locations and Dates</i>	<i>Host Institution/ Organisation</i>	<i>Description</i>
Germany, 11 Jan – 19 Feb, 2016	University of Stuttgart	An opportunity for students who have had little or no exposure to German to experience total immersion in the German language and culture right in the heart of Europe. As well as language study there are subjects available with a focus on Architecture; Cross-Cultural Communication; Contemporary Germany; and German Film & Literature.
4 January – 22 January 2016	Nanyang Technological University	Nanyang Technological University (NTU Singapore) is placed first amongst the world's best young universities. This program is NTU's most popular summer program. Through a range of lectures, workshops and cultural visits you will learn basic Chinese Language skills, learn about China's 5000 year old history and culture and gain key entrepreneurial skills for future ventures into Asia.
23 November – 11 December 2015	New Caledonia	The University of New Caledonia (UNC) is a French and European public institution. This three week French Summer School Program offers UTS students the opportunity to improve their French Language skills while attending a number of courses and excursions. To be eligible students must have French language equivalent to UTS' French levels 4 or 5.
February 2016 (exact dates TBA)	Beijing Institute of Technology	Beijing Institute of Technology (BIT) is one of China's most esteemed universities and the top ranking engineering, education and research university in China. This program provides the opportunity to learn basic Chinese language skills, learn about China's 5000 year old history and culture and gain key cross-cultural skills for future ventures in China. A range of lectures, workshops and cultural visits will ensure you have a fully immersive experience.

In-country Contemporary Society Study:

<i>Locations and Dates</i>	<i>Host Institution/ Organisation</i>	<i>Description</i>
Japan, 5 – 30 January, 2016	Sophia University	Learn Japanese and understand Japan from many different perspectives in order to reflect on Japan's role in the world. Immerse yourself in Japanese culture and society and witness the myriad ways in which the cultures of the world are reflected in the maze-like urban landscape of Tokyo.
Colombia, 18 January – 14 February, 2016	La Sabana	La Universidad de La Sabana is Colombia's leading educational institution and is recognised internationally for its unique approach to human-centred education and academic quality. This program will give students the opportunity to study in Colombia, learn Spanish and experience first-hand the culture of one of Latin America's most diverse countries.
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International Internship:

<i>Locations and Dates</i>	<i>Host Institution/ Organisation</i>	<i>Description</i>
Costa Rica, 17 Jan - 13 Feb 2016	University for Peace	Study human security at the United Nations' mandated University for Peace in Costa Rica and gain practical experience working with Costa Rican NGOs.
Cambodia, 4 - 30 Jan 2016	Project Everest	Gain skills in entrepreneurship and social innovation and develop a social venture model to increase access to education for young children and adults in rural communities in Cambodia.
Maldives, 14 Jan - 4 Feb 2016	Volunteer Maldives	Discover the challenges of education in remote locations and use your skills to teach English, Sports and Environmental awareness. A unique opportunity to discover the true Maldives away from the famed resorts.
India, 4 weeks in Dec, Jan or Feb	40K Globe	40K Globe is a unique one-month internship in India, providing you with grass roots training in social innovation. Work in a rural village on a social impact project using your skills to address identified challenges and needs.
India, 30 Jan- 23 Feb 2016	Drishtee Samaahit Immersion	Immerse yourself in India to fully experience and understand the challenges of a rural villager and learn to apply human centred innovation to identify innovative solutions in collaboration with the communities.
Indonesia, 30 January – 27 February	International Internships	An intensive three – four week project based group internship program in Jakarta. Be introduced to how to do business in Indonesia, participate in evening networking events with Business Councils, Chambers of Commerce and Embassies, attend workshops to improve your public speaking style and spend a week in Yogyakarta.

HOW DO STUDENTS APPLY AND ENROL?

Like other UTS elective subjects, you have to enrol in the subject so that it appears on your study plan. However, unlike other UTS elective subjects, there are a few extra steps you need to take before you can enrol:

Step 1: Choose and apply for the international program

The [BUILD](#) site has further information on each of the programs listed on the BUiLD Abroad, current programs page. Students are encouraged to research the programs, locations and costs before making a decision. Please note that the BUiLD program website lists other international options which are NOT available as part of these elective subjects. The BUILD team can assist with any further information you need.

Once you have decided your preferred program, follow the instructions on the BUiLD website to apply online. The closing date for this first stage of your application is **30 September 2015 (N.B. The New Caledonia program deadline is 20 September 2015).**

Your application will first be assessed by the BUILD team and in some cases also by the international partner organisation. You will be informed by the BUILD team if you have been accepted into the international program and any travel grants available for you.

Once you have been accepted into the international program, you can then apply to enrol in the elective subject and have it added to your study plan for the Summer semester (see Step 2 below).

Step 2: Adding the elective subject to your study plan

If you wish to complete the BUILD program as part of one of the elective subjects, please submit an e-request via <https://mystudent.uts.edu.au/> requesting the addition of your chosen subject to your study plan. In your e-request, please also provide direction if you have a preferred location/elective block on your study plan.

Summer semester enrolment officially opens on **Tuesday 6th October** at 9am.

A special note for students who are NOT from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS):

Students requesting enrolment into another Faculty's subjects is known as a 'cross-faculty elective'. Normally, e-requests for 'cross-faculty electives' only open from Monday 9th November. Because the first class of these subjects begins in the first week of November, we have asked the Student Centres to process cross-faculty electives from the 6th of October.

Please contact FASS: School of International Studies at iisinfo@uts.edu.au or on 9514 1574 or 9514 3916

Important Information for students receiving a Centrelink benefit

If you are in receipt of a Centrelink benefit you are required to notify Centrelink immediately of any reduction in your EFTSL for a particular semester. For the latest Centrelink information, please see the Centrelink website

<http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/enablers/study-loads> and its contact page <http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/contact-us/>

You are also required to let Centrelink know if you are travelling outside Australia. If you are enrolled in one of the elective subjects, the BUILD team can supply you with a statement that you can submit to Centrelink to maintain your payments while you are out of Australia.

Need further information?

For further information about applications to the international programs and travel grants, please contact the UTS [BUiLD team](#) at build@uts.edu.au

For further information about enrolment in the elective subject, please contact FASS: School of International Studies at iisinfo@uts.edu.au or on 9514 1574 or 9514 3916.

For information about the academic requirements, contact the subject coordinator: Dr Susan Oguro, Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: susan.oguro@uts.edu.au

