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Talk to student and academic advisers, and faculties within unis. Go on!

- Contact an embassy or consulate.
- Two sites with some useful information are [www.studyoverseas.com](http://www.studyoverseas.com) and [www.studyabroad.com](http://www.studyabroad.com)
- [www.interexchange.org](http://www.interexchange.org)
- [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au); 1300 135 331
- [www.smartraveller.gov.au](http://www.smartraveller.gov.au)
- [www.lattitude.org.au](http://www.lattitude.org.au); 03 9826 6266

# Go away and study

Study some of your course overseas? Sound too good to be true. Well, it is. (True, that is, not too good to be so.) *Smart Start* reports ...

## How does it happen?

Universities now take an active approach to encouraging students to spend some time on their studies overseas. Your campus student advisors will have information but the level of assistance provided will depend on the university (some give these programs much greater support than others).

If you ensure your overseas study fits into and adds value to your academic program, you'll make things easier.

Some courses even require overseas study!

If you're studying languages there's no better place to do it than where it's spoken daily.

For just about any subject you can think of – except, perhaps, Australian studies – you can dream up a case where studying overseas will be a great thing for your education. Try these subject areas: art, science, geography, history, physics, maths, economics. All of them have easily identifiable benefits.

In most cases, however, it's still a competitive arrangement if you wish to go on a university-sponsored exchange and gain some financial support. You will need to put forward your case and it may require some standards such as a minimum average mark.

If you're keen on studying some of your course overseas, check out Australian universities' overseas programs when you're making your mind up about which university you want to attend.

## Money

There are exchange programs in operation. If the exchange is with the university, normally you would continue to pay standard fees and would not be required to pay additional fees. However, you will need money for daily living.

## Destination Asia

As Australia and Asian nations increase their ties, there are more and more opportunities for students to travel and study. Some universities even have programs targeted at, for instance, exchanges with Indonesia.



# Jump into the middle of things



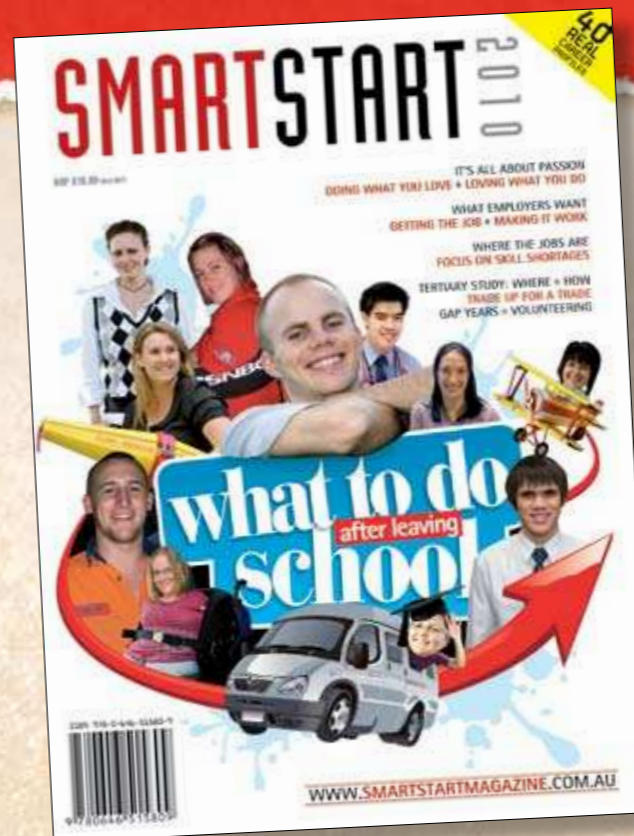
It used to be that people trooped off to uni or TAFE like a bunch of robots. All at the same time, all standing in line. Not anymore. *Smart Start* reports ...

**M**id-year enrolment usually starts around June or July. Some universities may even run mid-year 'O-Week' activities. As more people become aware of their choices, mid-year application numbers are increasing.

But you should be aware that institutions do not have as many places available mid-year as they do in the main intakes at the beginning of the year. Also, not all courses are available for mid-year admission.

But why do it? Well, mid-year university enrolments can be a great thing to do for, umm, at least six reasons:

1. You might change your mind about what you want to do and need to get your act together.
2. You might need to get some cash together and so need to work for a while.
3. If you've missed out on a place in the main admissions, you might try to secure a place again.
4. It means you can enrol when the intake is smaller and registration is less busy.
5. Another benefit is that you will probably complete your studies mid-year. This means you can look for employment at a time of year when there are fewer graduates doing the same thing!
6. A gap year too much? Well, perhaps you want to take a gap half-year?



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