

**WS16**  
**UniSA (University of South Australia)**  
**Adelaide, South Australia**

I chose to do my Exchange Semester in Adelaide, Australia at the University of South Australia (UniSA), and I am so glad I decided to go Down Under. I met a lot of interesting people, at university as well as outside of the academic setting. The university is very large, with multiple campuses across the city, however the architecture department is contained at one campus (City West Campus), located right in the centre of town. The courses are very diverse and there are lots of subjects to choose from. I enjoyed each of my subjects; ranging from technical subjects such as Sustainable Design, to the more creative Studio subject. The design studio was a colourful mix of theory, model-making and collaborative design finishing off with an end-of-term exhibition which is on display at the university gallery for one month.

The semester dates went from July 18th-November 28th. The Wintersemester generally goes from July-November, followed by a three month summer break from December to February. I arrived in Adelaide on July 16th. The first week of university is a mandatory introductory week, where you receive your student ID card and access information and can adjust course selections to finalise your course plan for the upcoming semester. During this week you will be able to register with university sport's teams and other clubs; these are all presented on one day. Courses only start after the orientation week, which gives you plenty of time to organise any remaining administrative issues.

Living in Adelaide was great, as I decided to look for a shared house. There are student dormitories available (Urbanest, UniLodge), but they are highly overpriced, and low in living quality. Therefore I decided to live in a shared house. I registered with [flatmates.au.com](http://flatmates.au.com) and found my Australian home for 5 months; with two Adelaide girls and two dogs. Through them I was able to experience Adelaide through a local's point of view, which brought me to places and people I would have otherwise never met.

After completion of my study semester I did some travelling through Australia and New Zealand for a month. Both countries are absolutely incredible with breathtaking landscapes and extremely friendly people.

All in all, I had an incredible experience studying and living in Australia. I can only recommend going to UniSA!



image: my two flatmates and friends I met during my study abroad.