AGSM @ UNSW Business School

International Exchange Fact Sheet 2023-2024
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About AGSM and UNSW

AGSM @ UNSW Business School has 45 years history of leadership in Australia, and our globally ranked MBA programs are taught by internationally recognised faculty with industry experience. AGSM students are immersed in active learning experiences and exposed to practical skills and tools they can immediately apply to real-world business problems.

The AGSM Full-Time MBA consistently ranks in the top 100 global MBA programs and in 2021 ranked 79th in the Financial Times UK Rankings and 35th in the QS Global MBA 2022 Rankings. It is one of the top full-time programs in Australia and is ranked 8th in the world for non-US two-year MBA programs according (Forbes biennial rankings 2019).

The University of New South Wales (UNSW Sydney) was established in 1949 and has over 59,000 students, including 7,000+ international students from 128+ countries. UNSW offers more than 300 undergraduate and 600 postgraduate programs and has developed an extensive network of alumni chapters throughout Asia, Europe and the US. The main UNSW campus is located on a 38-hectare site at Kensington, five kilometres from Bondi Beach and seven kilometres from the centre of Sydney.
The AGSM Full-time MBA program underwent a significant review in 2021 including changes to duration and commencement date. As a result, electives in the Full-time MBA program may not coincide with established exchange periods. Incoming exchange students may also choose electives from our part-time MBA programs in Term 3 2023 and Term 1 2024, term dates are in the table below. Please note that Term 1 2024 has a later start and finish date than the Full-time MBA program’s Term 4 previously offered and may not fit with some programs.

### Important Dates

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<th>Important Dates</th>
<th>Term 3 2023</th>
<th>Term 1 2024</th>
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<tr>
<td>School nomination deadline</td>
<td>12 May 2023 (or as agreed)</td>
<td>1 September 2023 (or as agreed)</td>
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<td>Student application due date</td>
<td>9 June 2023</td>
<td>29 September 2023</td>
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<td>Orientation: online / in-person events</td>
<td>4 - 9 Sept 2023</td>
<td>5 - 10 Feb 2024 (TBC)</td>
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<td>Term duration</td>
<td>11 Sept - 1 Dec 2023</td>
<td>12 Feb - 4 May 2024 (TBC)</td>
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AGSM offers a variety of elective courses in the following subject disciplines: Accounting, Finance, Economics, Marketing, Organisational Behaviour, Social Impact, Innovation, Sustainability, Statistics, Operations Management and General Management.

### Course Enrolment

The enrolment period begins approximately two months before the beginning of a corresponding term. The Exchange Coordinator will update incoming students regarding course availability and will enrol incoming students in their courses. Some courses have limited spots, so students are required to provide the Exchange Coordinator with one back-up option.

### Study Load

A standard full-time load in the AGSM MBA equals three courses or 18 units of credit (UOC). Each elective course has 6UOC and 36 contact hours per term. Therefore, a standard full-time load is equivalent to 108 contact hours. Students studying on a student visa must maintain at least 18UOC during their term of study (more information regarding student visas below).

Exchange students may be required to undertake more than three standard AGSM MBA elective courses (maximum is four) to comply with their home institution’s requirements. Exchange students will only be permitted to enrol in less than a full-time load at AGSM if their home institution specifies this requirement and if they meet their visa needs.

Please see below a list of documents that must be submitted by the application due date for the term of study at AGSM.

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<th>For students who choose to study on a student visa:</th>
<th>For students who choose to study on a tourist visa:</th>
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<td>• Completed application survey</td>
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<td>• Copy of passport</td>
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<td>• Headshot (jpeg/png)</td>
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<td>• Updated CV*</td>
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<td>• OSHC (details on page 4)</td>
<td>• Health Insurance (details below)</td>
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<td>• IELTS or TOEFL if applicable**</td>
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*Minimum of 2 years’ professional or management experience post completion of an undergraduate degree. In lieu of this, equivalent relevant experience may also be considered. Please check with your home school if you wish to be considered without the professional or management experience prerequisites.

**For further information please refer to the Incoming Exchange Policy on our International Study Options site, found in the Joining AGSM on exchange section.
**Visa Information**

Students will need to obtain a visa to study on the exchange program at AGSM. We recommend that students contact the Australian embassy nearest to them or search the Department of Home Affairs: Immigration and Citizenship website to determine which visa will best suit their individual needs and the steps required to complete the visa application.

**Student Visa**

Exchange students intending to study on a student visa must purchase Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) prior to arriving in Australia and maintain OSHC for the entire time that they are in Australia. This is a student visa condition required by the Australian Government. UNSW’s preferred OSHC provider is: Medibank Private. For further information about other OSHC providers, please refer to the Fact Sheet on the Department of Health website.

**Tourist Visa**

Please note that students on tourist visas are not eligible to purchase the compulsory Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC), however you must obtain travel insurance with an alternate insurance provider. This link may help: [http://www.iselect.com.au/overseas-visitors-cover/](http://www.iselect.com.au/overseas-visitors-cover/)

**Working Holiday Visa**

For students under the age of 30 and holder of a specific passport (noted on the site), the Working Holiday visa may be an option.

**Expected Arrival Date**

Please confirm the term dates and expected arrival dates with the AGSM Exchange Coordinator **before** booking your flights. Once you have made your travel arrangements, please advise AGSM of your arrival date.

**Accommodation and Living Expenses**

AGSM does not provide accommodation for students. Students should be aware that housing and living costs will vary considerably depending on whether students join shared accommodation or establish their own accommodation.

Please see a rough guideline for budgeting purposes below (the costs identified below are indicative only and will vary according to location and individual needs):

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<th>Weekly cost (AUD)</th>
<th>Shared house or flat</th>
<th>One-bedroom unit</th>
<th>On campus (college)</th>
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<td>Rent</td>
<td>A$200–A$300</td>
<td>A$400–A$550</td>
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<td>Internet and phone</td>
<td>A$20–A$55</td>
<td>A$20–A$55</td>
<td>$0</td>
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<td>Food (groceries and eating out)</td>
<td>A$80–A$200</td>
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<td>Gas and electricity</td>
<td>A$35–A$140</td>
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<td>Transport to uni</td>
<td>A$40</td>
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<td><strong>Average weekly cost</strong></td>
<td><strong>A$476.50</strong></td>
<td><strong>A$701.50</strong></td>
<td><strong>A$445</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total annual cost</strong></td>
<td><strong>A$24,778</strong></td>
<td><strong>A$36,478</strong></td>
<td><strong>A$23,140</strong></td>
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More information on living costs can be found [here](#).

Please note that students should also consider the additional costs involved in establishing their accommodation. As new tenants, students are likely to be required to pay a bond, usually of one month’s rent, but at the very least two week’s rent, in advance.

In most instances, students will also be responsible for paying connection fees associated with the establishment of gas, telephone and electricity service. Most Sydney apartments are unfurnished, so students should also budget for the purchase of essential household items (furniture, linen, kitchen utensils, etc.)

Occasionally the UNSW Student Accommodation service may have some short-term and private furnished rental options. It’s also a good idea join UNSW and AGSM Student Facebook groups to enquire about housing.
**Career Resources**

AGSM Career Accelerator services provide various online career resources including a full range of tools for developing self-awareness, networking, job search strategy, handling interviews and dealing with job offers.

**Recruitment**

AGSM Career Accelerator develops and maintains strong relationships with companies who enjoy having MBA graduates in their organisation. Successfully aligning the skills and experience of MBAs with the needs of the business is a key objective. AGSM Career Accelerator continually market to previous and prospective recruiters and leverage off our strong alumni base.

**Career Accelerator Workshops and Events**

Dependent on demand, various workshops and events are arranged to assist students. These include case study workshops, industry overviews, image & attitude workshops and networking/social events, at which there is an opportunity to mix and meet with company representatives.

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**Support while you’re at AGSM @ UNSW Business School**

The AGSM Student Experience team is your point of contact for all questions, and we aim to help you however we can. In addition, there are a rich variety of supports offered by UNSW:

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<th>Financial Matters</th>
<th>Study concerns</th>
<th>Health and wellbeing</th>
<th>Relationships</th>
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For assistance with any of the above please refer to the [UNSW Student Support and Development website](#).

**International Student Services**

UNSW’s [International Student Experience](#) unit provides a range of services and programs to help international students succeed in their studies and adapt to life in Australia.

**Academic Skills Support**

The [Academic Skills Support service](#) provides a wide range of academic support services to students enrolled in AGSM Programs. All services are free, and individual consultations are completely confidential.

Continually improving your language and communication skills is essential for your success at university and in the workplace. Browse the activities and resources in UNSW’s [English Language Success](#) page, or book a one-on-one appointment with an [Academic Learning Facilitator](#).

**Counselling and Psychological Services**

The [Counselling Service](#) provides confidential consultations to students about a range of issues such as planning and decision making, problem-solving, social and emotional development and dealing with grievances.

**University Health Service**

The [University Health Service](#) provides a full general practice and physiotherapy service. International students covered by Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) will be charged a small fee to be paid at the time of consultation. Refunds can be claimed from the provider. When visiting a doctor, you must pay for the services at the time of consultation.

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**Useful contacts and websites**

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