

**AGSM @ UNSW Business School** 

**International Exchange Fact Sheet 2025-2026** 

UNSW Business School



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### **About AGSM and UNSW Sydney**

AGSM @ UNSW Business School has 47 years of thought leadership in Australia, and our globally ranked MBA programs are taught by internationally recognised faculty with extensive 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.

AGSM @ UNSW Business School Full-time MBA ranked 79<sup>th</sup> in the Financial Times UK Rankings 2024. We are ranked 31<sup>st</sup> in the 2024 QS Global MBA Rankings, putting the AGSM Full-time MBA in the top 10% of the world's best schools of management. It is the Number 1 full-time program in Australia, and Number 1 in the world for sector diversity.

Sydney is a stunning and vibrant city built around one of the most beautiful harbours in the world, with sparkling beaches and the city centre just minutes away from UNSW Sydney campuses. Sydney is known as one of the most diverse and inclusive cities in the world, and there is more to expect here than just the laid-back lifestyle and amazing environment. The city offers countless business and career opportunities – it is Australia's financial and economic powerhouse. There is always something to do in Sydney, and AGSM is right in the heart of it all.











#### AGSM 2025-2026 Key **Dates**

Students must be nominated to AGSM by their home institution and are required to complete an application survey for which a link will be sent out.

AGSM nomination, application and term dates are in the table below.

It is important to check whether these dates are compatible with your home program exchange and graduation timings.

| Important Dates                   | Term 3 2025                | Term 1 2026                     |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| School nomination deadline        | 12 May 2025 (or as agreed) | 1 September 2025 (or as agreed) |
| Student application due date      | 30 May 2025                | 30 September 2025               |
| In person Orientation - mandatory | 12 Sept 2025               | 13 Feb 2026 (TBC)               |
| Term duration                     | 15 Sept – 5 Dec 2025       | 16 Feb – 8 May 2026 (TBC)       |

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

| For students who choose to study on a student visa:  | For students who choose to study on a tourist or working holiday visa:   |  |  |
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| <ul> <li>Completed application survey</li> <li>Copy of passport</li> <li>Updated CV</li> <li>OSHC (details below)</li> <li>IELTS or TOEFL if applicable</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Completed application survey</li> <li>Copy of passport</li> <li>Updated CV</li> <li>Health Insurance (details below)</li> <li>IELTS or TOEFL if applicable</li> </ul> |  |  |

#### **Professional Experience**

Minimum of 2 years professional or management experience post completion of an undergraduate degree.

#### **English Language Requirements**

Proof of previous tertiary study, minimum of one consecutive year year of full time study at AQF Bachelor level or higher from a recognised institution where the sole language of instruction and assessment was English, or

English language test scores provided:

- You completed the test no more than two years before your intended start date, and
- You achieved at least the minimum scores (see below)

Previous study or test scores must have been completed no more than two years prior to commencement of your exchange program at AGSM.

| IELTS<br>Academic<br>version<br>only         | TOEFL<br>Internet-<br>based Test<br>(IBT)                                       | TOEFL<br>Paper-<br>based Test<br>(PBT) | Pearson<br>Test of<br>English<br>(PTE)<br>Academic | UNSW Institute<br>of Languages<br>University<br>English Entry<br>Course (UEEC)                              | Cambridge<br>Certificate in<br>Advanced<br>English<br>(CAE) | Cambridge<br>Certificate of<br>Proficiency in<br>English<br>(CPE) |
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| 7 overall<br>(min 6.0 in<br>each<br>subtest) | 94 overall<br>(min 25 in<br>writing,<br>23 in reading<br>listening<br>speaking) | 589 overall<br>(min 5.0 in<br>TWE)     | 65 overall<br>(min 54 in<br>each<br>subtest)       | Successful completion with a minimum overall grade of B- and a minimum grade of C+ in the writing component | 185 overall (min<br>169 in each<br>subtest)                 | 185 overall (min<br>180 in each<br>subtest)                       |

## AGSM MBA Study Program

AGSM offers a variety of elective courses in the following subject disciplines: Sustainability, Finance, Statistics, Strategy, Social Impact, Organisational Behaviour, Operations Management, Change Management and General Management.

#### **Course Enrolment**

Upon successful nomination, a Course Calendar will be provided to students. The Exchange Coordinator will update incoming students regarding course availability and will enrol incoming students in their courses. Some courses have limited places, so students are required to include a back-up course when completing the course selection survey.

#### **Study Load**

Exchange students are required to undertake a full-time course load while studying at AGSM. All courses in both the Full-time and Part-time MBA Programs, are 6 units of credit (uoc). Full-time elective courses are 33 contact hours per term, Part-time elective courses vary in their contact hours depending on the different delivery mode. Students must enrol in a minimum of three (18uoc) and a maximum of four (24uoc) courses.

Exchange students will only be permitted to enrol at less than a full-time load in the AGSM MBA Program if their home institution specifies this is allowed and if they will still meet their visa requirements.

If more than 4 courses are needed for program completion, a formal written request from the student and verification from the home institution is required *prior* to arrival, during the course selection process.

#### Conditions of Exchange

#### Orientation

Face to face Orientation takes place on the Friday before term starts and is a compulsory component of your exchange to AGSM. Further information regarding orientation will be emailed to students prior to term commencement.

#### **Student Contact Information**

Students are responsible for updating their contact details with a local phone number and address within the first two weeks of the start of term in <a href="mayunsw">myunsw</a>.

#### **Student Activities**

Incoming Exchange students are encouraged and expected to participate in scheduled events and activities.

#### **Dress code**

There is no official dress code at AGSM however there will be events where you will need business attire.

#### **Final Results**

Transcripts will be available on the My eQuals platform after the release of final results. A digital copy will also be sent to your home school.

**Note:** AGSM MBA Program transcripts confirm both the final mark and the grade obtained, eg: 80 Distinction.

#### **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 <a href="Department of Home Affairs: Immigration and Citizenship website">Department of Home Affairs: Immigration and Citizenship website</a> 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 <u>Overseas Student</u> <u>Health Cover (OSHC)</u> 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: <u>Medibank Private</u>. For further information about other OSHC providers, please refer to the Fact Sheet on the <u>Department of Health website</u>.

#### **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: <a href="http://www.iselect.com.au/overseas-visitors-cover/">http://www.iselect.com.au/overseas-visitors-cover/</a>

#### Working Holiday Visa

For students under the age of 30 and holder of a specific passport (noted on the site), the <u>Working Holiday visa</u> may be an option. As for the tourist visa you must have travel insurance.

## Accommodation and Living Expenses

Incoming Exchange students are responsible for researching and obtaining their own accommodation for the duration of their stay in Sydney. Students should be aware that housing and living costs will vary considerably depending on whether students join shared accommodation or establish their own accommodation.

The <u>Welcome to International Student Life</u> page has useful information. Additionally, <u>UNSW Off-Campus Accommodation Support</u> can provide advice to help you navigate the housing market across a range of budgets. Occasionally the <u>UNSW Student Accommodation service</u> 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.

Students should 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.)

The websites below provide an indication of the cost of living. Please note for Student Visa applicants, the Department of Home Affairs requires you to show financial capacity to cover the living costs of at least AUD\$29,710.00 per year for a single student. This increases for additional family members.

UNSW: Cost of Living when you study in Australia

UNSW: <u>Approximate weekly expenses</u>
Study Australia: <u>Cost of Living Calculator</u>

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#### **Career Resources**

Exchange students have full access to the AGSM Careers team. Career Accelerator @ AGSM offers support and guidance to equip students with career development skills and industry networks to achieve their career goals. CA provides a wide range of online tools and resources covering topics including case interview practice, strategic networking, job search strategy, interview techniques, and salary negotiations.

#### Recruitment

Career Accelerator develops and maintains strong relationships with industry, and through our extensive industry partner network we provide opportunities for students and alumni to meet, learn from and work with Australia's top companies and global organisations.

#### Workshops and Events

Throughout the year there are workshops and events available to students, further accompanied by AGSM Student Association (ASA) events and activities. These CA and ASA events include case practice, career development workshops, industry primers, networking and social events.

# 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:

| Accommodation | Financial | Study    | Health and | Relationships |
|---------------|-----------|----------|------------|---------------|
|               | Matters   | concerns | wellbeing  |               |

For assistance with any of the above please refer to the <u>UNSW Student Support and</u> Development website.

#### **International Student Services**

UNSW's <u>International Student Experience</u> 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**

<u>The Academic Skills Support service</u> 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 <a href="English">English</a> <a href="Language Success">Language Success</a> page, or book a one-on-one appointment with an <a href="Academic Learning Facilitator">Academic Learning Facilitator</a>.

#### **Counselling and Psychological Services**

<u>The Counselling Service</u> 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**

<u>The University Health Service</u> 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.

## Useful Contacts and websites

AGSM Student Experience
AGSM Timetables and key dates

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AGSM Exchange Page

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