



Charles Darwin University

International Counselling Guide 2025



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“CDU impresses me with the excellent job opportunities it provides for its students, a vibrant social and multicultural life, and many supportive services for those studying here. Lecturers closely monitor students progress and staff are always enthusiastic and ready to provide a variety of services and tools to support academic performance and career success.”

Nga Dang (Lucy), Bachelor of Humanitarian Aid and Development



You make
CDU





Acknowledgement of Country and recognition of Australian First Nations traditional owners and cultures

Charles Darwin University acknowledges and respects the many Australian First Nations traditional custodians of the lands upon which our campuses and centres are located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Larrakia, who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Darwin Casuarina, Waterfront and Palmerston campuses are located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Arrernte, who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Alice Springs campus is located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Jawoyn, Wardaman and Dagomon, who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Katherine campuses are located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Gadigal, who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Sydney campus is located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Turrbal and Yuggera, who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Brisbane centre is located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Woiworung, who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Melbourne centre is located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Kaurna, who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Adelaide centre is located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Whadjuk, who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Perth centre is located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Warumungu, who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Tennant Creek centre is located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Yolŋu, who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Nhulunbuy centre is located.

We also acknowledge and pay our respect to the Mirrarr (Jabiru), the Kungarakan (Batchelor and Adelaide River), the Anindilyakwa (Groote Eylandt) and the Tiwi (Tiwi Islands) people.

We acknowledge Australian First Nations peoples' long tradition of sustaining their communities and environments over thousands of years. They are the first educators and first innovators.

They are the holders of knowledge that makes an important contribution to the improvement of our local, national and global communities. We extend our respect to Elders – past, present and emerging – and to all First Nations people.

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Why choose CDU?

Top ranking university

CDU is ranked number 2 in Australia for postgraduate employment outcomes.*

Work-integrated learning

Many CDU postgraduate courses include professional placements where students can gain practical skills and develop competency and knowledge within their field.

Excellent Return on Investment (ROI)

High employment and graduate salary outcomes mean that students who choose to study at CDU have an excellent ROI.

Personal

With small class sizes, lecturers who know your name and provide personalised support and advice.

Supportive

You will receive dedicated support from academic staff and personal support staff, who will work with you throughout your studies to ensure your success.

Convenient

Our main campus, Casuarina Campus, which is just 20 minutes from Darwin City, is surrounded by nature, with bike paths linking the University to the tropical surrounds, including a beautiful beach a few minutes away.

A pathway for everyone

You can study English language courses, pathway programs, TAFE courses, undergraduate, postgraduate and higher degrees by research. We have courses for all levels.

Leaders in research

Ranked in the World's top 200 for Impact based on UN Sustainable Development Goals.**

*Good Universities Guide 2024.

**Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2024.



Our study locations

CDU has approximately 22,000 students, online and on campuses, with over 3,000 international students from more than 60 countries. This sets the scene for a truly inclusive and multicultural environment for study, career development and lifestyle. Our main campus is located in Darwin's leafy northern suburbs in close proximity to iconic Casuarina Beach, and further satellite campuses deliver programs in Darwin Waterfront, Palmerston, Alice Springs and in the Sydney Central Business District (CBD). In close proximity to Asia and the South Pacific, we offer the ideal study location for every student.



Our vibrant Northern Territory

Why Darwin? Australia's best-kept secret

Multicultural

Almost one-quarter of the Darwin population speaks a language other than English at home. While in Darwin, you can enjoy the many multicultural community groups, markets and international festivals.

Close to home

Darwin is the gateway to Asia, with a four-and-a-half-hour flight to Singapore.

A relaxed lifestyle

Wide-open spaces, tropical vibes, good public transport and little traffic.

Young population

A median age of 32 with a population of 143,000.

Tropical weather

As Australia's only tropical capital city, Darwin's weather is similar to the neighbouring countries.

Nature

Surrounded by world-class national parks, including Kakadu, Nitmiluk and Litchfield, you can experience stunning Australian wildlife and outback adventures.

Indigenous culture

Approximately 30% of the Northern Territory's population is Indigenous, and more than 4,000 Indigenous students study at CDU each year. There are many opportunities to experience and celebrate local culture.

History

The Northern Territory tells a unique story of ancient art and culture, wartime heroics and pioneering resilience.



Learn more about studying in Darwin
cdu.edu.au/international/study-darwin



Casuarina Campus, Northern Territory

The Casuarina campus is our main campus, just a 15-minute drive from the Darwin CBD. Among 56 hectares of lush tropical gardens, the campus has state-of-the-art facilities including specialised science, engineering, health and medical laboratories, a library, and on-campus student accommodation.

Casuarina campus is close to the beach and Darwin's largest shopping precinct, Casuarina Square. It is serviced by regular, affordable public transport and is connected to the suburbs and city centre by extensive bicycle tracks.

You will enjoy:

- ❖ nearby cafés and dining venues
- ❖ student lounges
- ❖ state-of-the-art library
- ❖ IT service kiosk
- ❖ sports facilities and undercover basketball courts
- ❖ art gallery
- ❖ book shop
- ❖ ATM services
- ❖ post office
- ❖ transport services, including an on-campus bus stop and bike racks
- ❖ free onsite parking
- ❖ bike lock-up and shower area
- ❖ prayer rooms
- ❖ parent rooms
- ❖ sensory space
- ❖ student accommodation
- ❖ The Confucius Institute
- ❖ Chinese Gardens
- ❖ Indonesian Gardens.



Danala Education and Community Precinct – Darwin's new City Campus

In conjunction with the Australian Government and the Northern Territory Government, we are opening an iconic education and civic precinct in the heart of Darwin. The new city campus features state-of-the-art infrastructure to enhance teaching quality and the student learning experience. The proximity of students to the working realities of their chosen industries in the city will benefit future workforce requirements.

The following Courses will be offered at Danala Education and Community Precinct from Semester 1, 2025.

Course Name	CRICOS Course Code
Bachelor Of Accounting/Diploma Of Laws	108294F
Master Of Business Administration Sustainable Enterprise	107255K
Master Of Business Administration Sustainable Leadership	107256J
Master Of Professional Accounting	085265E
Master Of Professional Accounting (Professional Practice)	107553M
Graduate Certificate Of Sustainable Enterprise	107257H
Bachelor Of Accounting	108293G
Bachelor Of Business	0102122
Bachelor Of Digital Enterprise	0101047
Bachelor Of Laws	099440B
Bachelor Of Laws (Graduate Entry)	085365A
Associate Degree Of Legal Studies	046424G
Diploma Of Digital Enterprise	0101377
Diploma Of Laws	089409F
Diploma Of Business Studies	0100739
Diploma Of Information Technology	0100740
Bachelor of Computer Science	096275A
Bachelor of Software Engineering Honours	0101376
Diploma of Network Engineering	064418M
Master of Data Science	103122M
Master of IT (Artificial Intelligence)	113894F
Associate Degree of Information and Communication Technology	089400D
Bachelor of Information Technology	003847F
Bachelor of Information Technology (Co-Op)	114023A
Master of Information Technology (Cyber Security)	0101691
Master of Information Technology (Information Systems)	109439H
Master of Information Technology (Software Engineering)	0101693
Associate Degree of Network Engineering	089401C

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“I chose Darwin because it's tropical climate. It is quite peaceful and not as busy as larger cities. The residents here are friendly and always willing to help each other.”

Cong Do (Peter), Master of Data Science

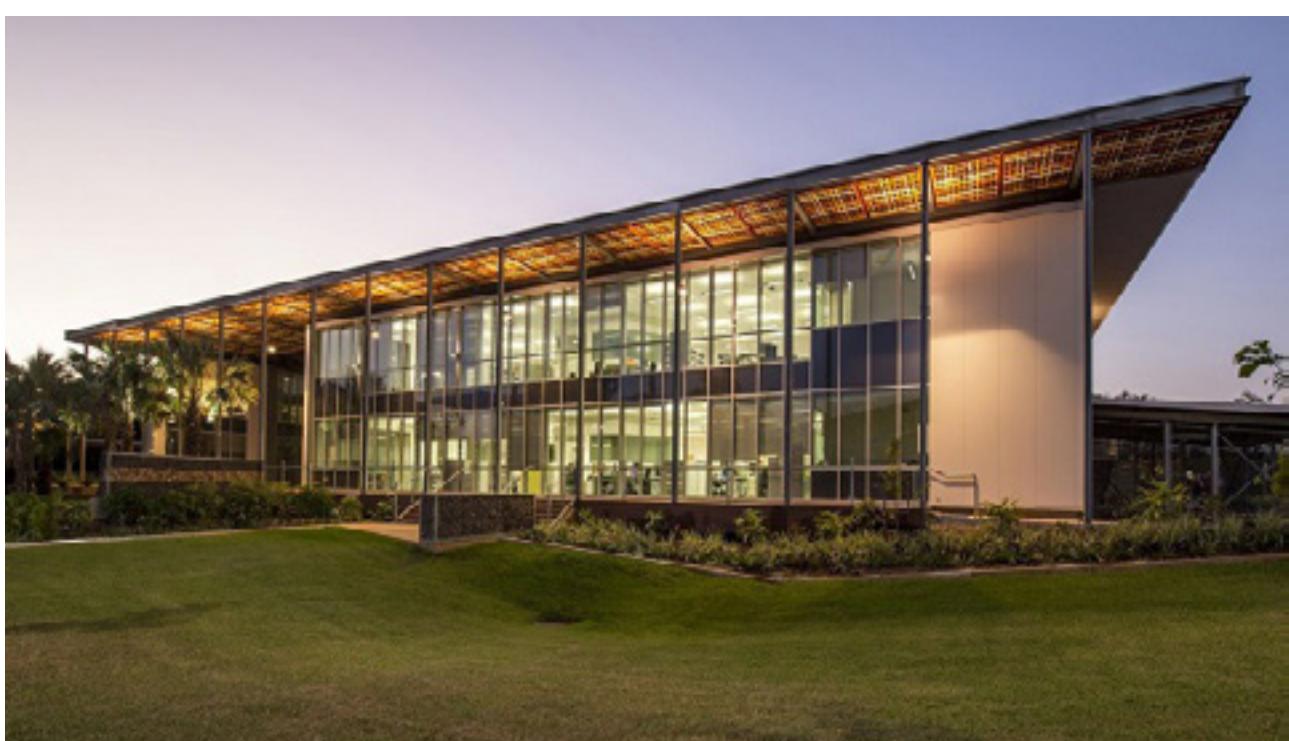


Palmerston Campus, Northern Territory

Our Palmerston campus is set in tropical bushland within walking distance from the Palmerston city centre and a 20-minute drive from Darwin's city centre. Our scenic lake attracts an abundance of birdlife and helps to create a relaxing campus environment. The campus is home to a number of TAFE courses, and our highly acclaimed teaching team consists of experts in cooking, bakery, tourism, hospitality, events, hair, beauty and retail services.

You will enjoy:

- ✿ a café
- ✿ student lounges
- ✿ library
- ✿ transport services, including a bus stop and bike racks
- ✿ free onsite parking.





Why Alice Springs? The heart of Australia

Employment opportunities

With a thriving tourism industry and a range of hotels, resorts and restaurants, Alice Springs is ideal for kitchen management and hospitality students.

Nature

Surrounded by natural wonders, including Uluru, Kings Canyon, the MacDonnell Ranges and the Larapinta Trail, you can experience stunning Australian wildlife and outback adventures.



Learn more about studying in Alice Springs
cdu.edu.au/international/study-alice-springs

Diversity

With a culturally diverse population, Alice Springs is the second largest city in the Northern Territory.

Accessible

The town centre is easy to navigate and connected via public buses, walking paths and bike paths.

Alice Springs Campus, Northern Territory

Our Alice Springs campus is the kitchen management and hospitality hub for students. The campus has modern facilities, including an extensive training kitchen, bakery and bar, and a commercial training restaurant.

You will enjoy:

- ❖ a café
- ❖ student lounges
- ❖ library
- ❖ IT service kiosk
- ❖ transport services, including a bus stop
- ❖ access to student accommodation.



CDU Sydney



Why Sydney? Australia's unofficial capital

Famous

World-renowned for its fabulous harbour, the Sydney Opera House, beaches and friendly locals, Sydney is a city bursting with life.

Dynamic

Sydney always has plenty of things to do, no matter the season. It's the perfect place for students to study.

Safe

Sydney is ranked the fifth safest city in the world (World Population Review 2024).

Study Business, Accounting, IT, Nursing or Project Management at our Sydney Campus located in Haymarket.



Learn more about studying in Sydney
cdu.edu.au/international/study-sydney



Sydney Campus, New South Wales

Our Sydney campus is in the heart of the central business district, in Haymarket, opposite Central Station. This location allows you to be part of the day-to-day business world in a major capital city while studying. The campus specialises in information technology, business, accounting and nursing courses for international students, offering programs at postgraduate levels with guaranteed placement opportunities.

By studying in Sydney, you will have contact with a diverse student body to enrich your learning environment. In addition, you will be taught by leading scholars in small class sizes for an enhanced learning experience.

You will enjoy:

- ❖ guaranteed placements
- ❖ nearby cafés and dining venues
- ❖ student lounges and student areas
- ❖ library
- ❖ clinical simulation suite
- ❖ student kitchenette
- ❖ IT service kiosk
- ❖ transport services, including buses, trains and light rail
- ❖ prayer room
- ❖ modern computer labs.

“CDU Sydney campus is an amazing place to study, offering a great view of the vibrant and multicultural lifestyle of Sydney. The campus’s stunning scenery provides a perfect location for leisure activities.”

Rohan, Master of Data Science



International scholarships

Our scholarships provide you with incredible opportunities and financial support to reach your full potential.

We offer a range of scholarships of up to 50% to international students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, making their dreams of studying in Australia come true. Many of our scholarship recipients have gone on to make

a positive impact in their local communities and around the world.

If you have a record of academic excellence and high personal achievement, you may be eligible for one of these life-changing scholarships.

Vice-Chancellor's International High Achiever Scholarship (VCIHAS)

We offer a limited number of scholarships for international students with a record of academic excellence and high achievement. The VCIHAS is open to students studying an undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree, covering 50% of the tuition fee for the full duration of the course.*

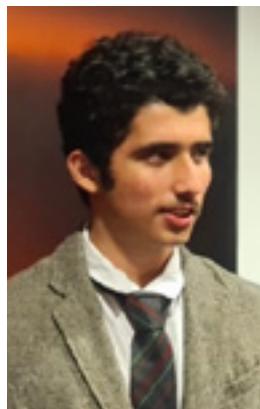
Minimum GPA: 5.3

* Conditions apply

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“At CDU, we celebrate those exceptional individuals who have dedicated much time, effort, and energy to their studies. The Vice-Chancellor’s International High Achiever Scholarship acknowledges those students with strong academic foundations who can play a leadership role in university life, and who will go on to tackle the challenges of tomorrow.”

Professor Scott Bowman AO
Vice-Chancellor and President,
Charles Darwin University



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“Receiving the VC’s High Achiever Scholarship has provided me with the financial stability I needed to pursue my academic goals. Emotionally it has reinforced my belief in my abilities and motivated me to excel in my studies.”

Hamzah, Bachelor of Laws student and 2024 Recipient of the VCIHAS

CDU Global Merit Scholarship

We offer a 30% tuition fee scholarship for the duration of your studies in the applicable courses at CDU (excludes Culinary Arts, Nursing and CDU International College courses). It is available to all new commencing students in 2025. The 30% scholarship will be included in your Letter of Offer.*

*Ongoing scholarship requirements must be met to continue receiving the scholarship in subsequent years. Terms and conditions apply.



Learn more about scholarships at CDU

cdu.edu.au/international/how-apply/scholarships

Bachelor of Nursing Scholarship

The CDU Bachelor of Nursing Scholarship is a 20% scholarship available to new international students who meet the entry criteria at Charles Darwin University (CDU), Australia for the Bachelor of Nursing course commencing in Semester 1, 2025.

Student Support

As a CDU student, you will have access to a wide range of free services, including accommodation assistance, career advice, study support and personal support. Dedicated staff can also help you develop your study plan and support you in progressing with your studies.



Language and Learning support

You can access free, confidential learning support through a variety of services, which include online tutoring, Grammarly, an academic integrity module, online study skills resources, workshops and individual consultations. These services are created to support you to understand the requirements of your assignments, language skills, academic writing, critical thinking, reading and all aspects of your study. Set yourself up for success by attending workshops and accessing these services.



Learn more about language and learning support at CDU
cdu.edu.au/library/language-and-learning-support

24/7 online tutoring

You will find plenty of help online with access to academic support. Online tutoring is available to students through your Learnline account for a range of subjects. Access is available to a free online tutor 24 hours, 7 days a week across more than 40 subjects, including Maths, Science, Social Studies, Business and English. You can also access our CDU Library online, which has lots of resources and support for you.

Peer Assisted Study Sessions

Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS) are useful if you want to improve your grades, meet other students and study your unit content in a relaxed, friendly and focused way. These study sessions are conducted by PASS leaders, who are current CDU students who have successfully completed the targeted unit and have been trained to run group study sessions.

Peer Mentoring

Peer mentoring is facilitated by senior students who are available to assist you with navigating your first semester at CDU.

Study Skills

Study skills are essential for your success. We want to help you develop your study skills and make the most of your time at CDU. We offer open access to academic resources and practical study help, which provides practice and sample annotated texts with downloadable PDF summaries.

Workshops

We facilitate a series of workshops covering academic skills and topics to help you develop the skills you need to succeed at university. Workshops are in-person or online and offer you the opportunity to participate in learning activities and ask questions or receive feedback.

Individual appointments

When you need help with any aspect of your English language skills, assignments, writing, presentations and other study skills, Language and Learning Support Advisors are available for individual consultations. Consultations are available online or in-person.

CDU Library

CDU Library has a specialist team of librarians to help with research and referencing for your study area. Use the modern facilities to study with your friends or on your own, and use computers, printers and online materials.



Learn about library services
Email: askthelibrary@cdu.edu.au
cdu.edu.au/library-services



Making the most out of support networks at CDU

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“Studying at CDU has been an enriching experience. The university's reputation for teaching quality and student support, coupled with its multicultural environment and top-notch education makes it a standout choice. The opportunity for practical skill development through placements and the support from staff and lecturers have been instrumental in my academic and personal growth. The university offers great opportunities like Insights to Industry Program, the AWESome program (Australian Workplace Experience), which gave me real-world working experience, and being part of the CDU Careers Center mentoring program was a game-changer for me. My mentor, an industrial professional, helped me figure out my career path. I highly recommend CDU for its supportive environment, fantastic programs and rewarding educational journey.”

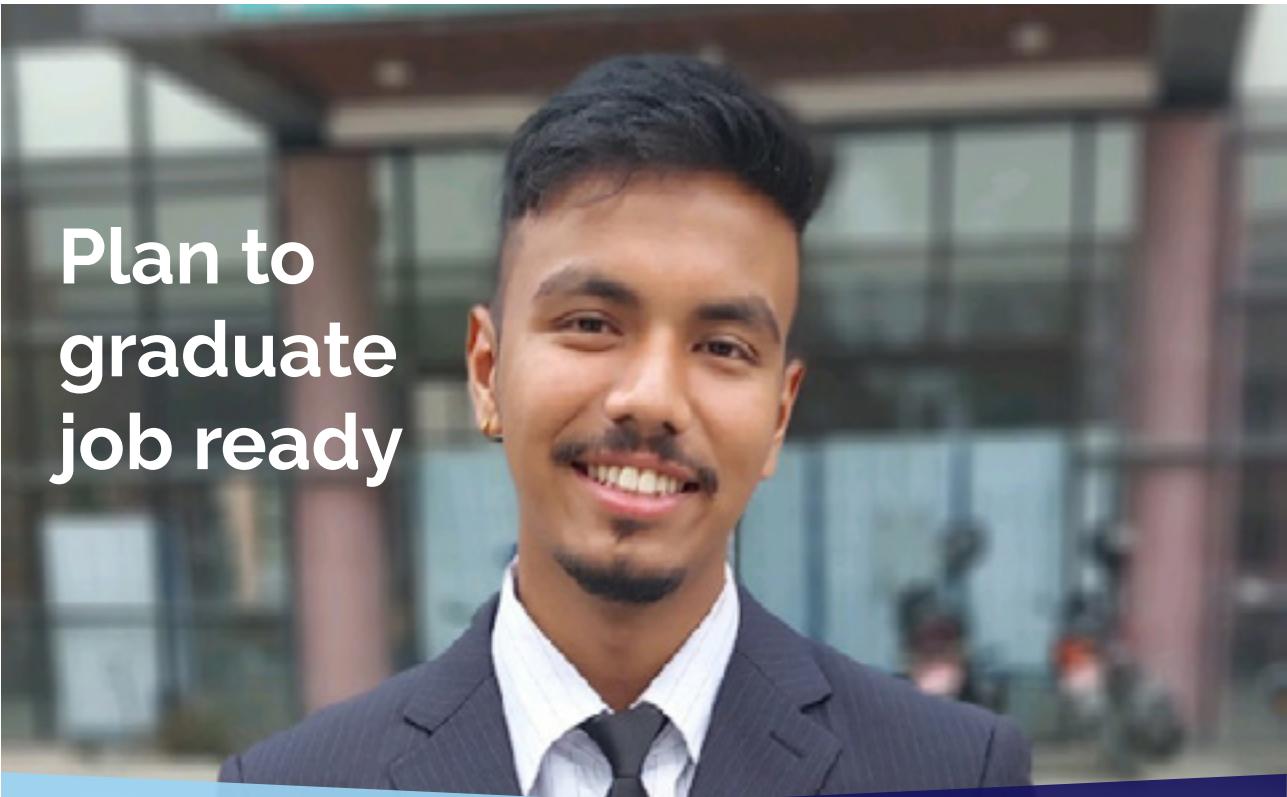
Deepshikha, Master of Professional Accounting (Professional Practice)

Careers and Employability support

The Careers Centre team is here to support you during your studies, to find work while studying, and to secure your dream career after you graduate. The team will provide expert advice and give you a competitive edge in the job market.

Services:

- ❖ workshops
- ❖ networking events
- ❖ mentoring programs
- ❖ experience programs
- ❖ a comprehensive self-help online resource
- ❖ meet with the team for one-on-one appointments



Plan to
graduate
job ready

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“One of the highlights of my experience at CDU has been the emphasis on employability and the Careers Centre. The Sydney Careers Centre provides ample support for preparing applications for internships and work placements. There are drop-in sessions every Tuesday as well as booked sessions for career advice, which include but are not limited to CV preparation, cover letter tips, mock interviews. It taught me a great deal of things and on every visit I feel as though I am one step closer to cracking that dream job that I have always wanted.”

Rohan, Master of Data Science



Volunteering

Volunteering is a great way to use your skills, give back to your community and meet new people. There are many opportunities to volunteer your time and you can find opportunities with the help of the Careers Centre team.



Learn about CDU Careers Centre

cdu.edu.au/current-students/life-wellbeing/careers-centre

Get involved in community and industry

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“CDU’s strong focus on practical, real-world skills in Cyber Security, drew me here. CDU’s unique collaboration with the Northern Territory Government provides unparalleled opportunities for direct community involvement, aligning with my aspirations.

The university is home to a multitude of clubs and organisations, such as the CDU Cyber Security Club and IoT Club, where I serve as President. These clubs provide a dynamic platform for students to connect, collaborate, and learn from each other, fostering a sense of belonging and community spirit.

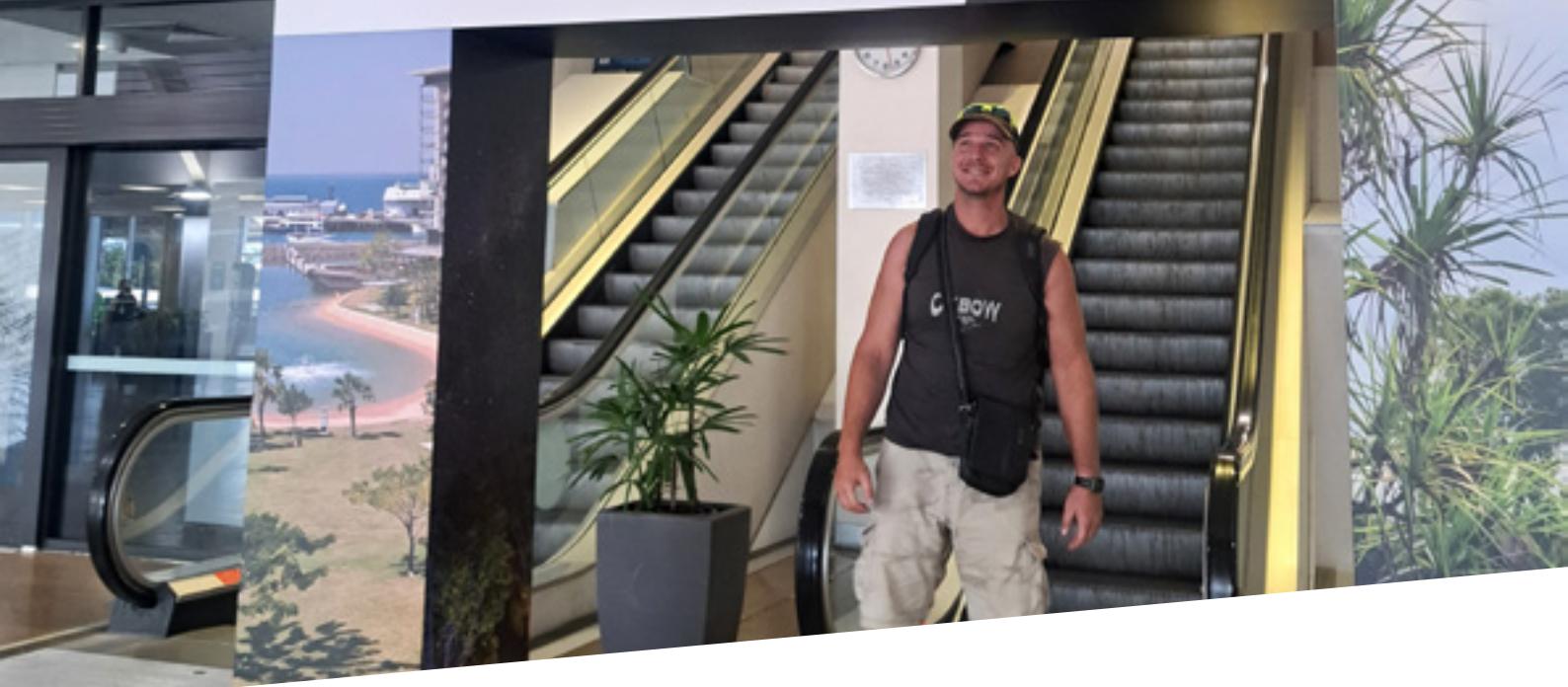
It’s not just about academic growth but also about personal development and forming lasting connections.

The experience I’ve gained by taking on commitments and responsibilities, including volunteering and my part-time job, has been crucial in developing my multitasking skills and resilience preparing me for the professional world.

For those considering volunteer activities as part of their study experience in Australia, my advice is to actively seek out opportunities that align with your interests and career goals. University platforms, career centres, and clubs are excellent resources.”

Shiraz, Master of Information Technology (Cyber Security)





Personal support

We offer a range of services to support you to feel included, feel safe, be resilient and thrive during your studies.



Learn more about personal support
cdu.edu.au/current-students/life-wellbeing

Free airport pick-up

We offer free pick-up from Darwin International Airport.

Access and inclusion

If you have a disability, medical or mental condition (permanent or temporary), our Access and Inclusion team can assist you with adjustments that enable equal access and participation in your studies and university life.

Student counselling

We provide personal, confidential and free counselling services with qualified professional staff. You can book a session to discuss anything that may be affecting your wellbeing.

Wellbeing Support Line

We have a 24/7 support line available to provide you with immediate assistance for emotional and mental distress.

Respect. Now. Always

We are committed to providing a safe, inclusive and respectful learning, working and living environment for all students, staff and visitors.

Security

Our campuses feature on-site security, the Safe Zone App. safety drills and regular opportunities to meet and learn from local authorities.



Student Visa and Compliance Support

As an international student, you will have a student visa for the duration of your course at CDU. Your student visa is the document issued by the Department of Home Affairs that allows you to enter Australia to study. This document is facilitated by your Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE), which we manage.

Visa compliance and study obligations

There are a number of conditions attached to your student visa. You are required to make yourself aware of these responsibilities and ensure you do not breach your visa conditions. You will also have study obligations that our International Compliance team will help you manage.



Learn more about compliance at CDU

cdu.edu.au/international/international-student-information/student-visa-compliance



Orientation

All onshore international students in Australia are expected to attend sessions outlined in their campus Orientation program. If you are unable to attend Orientation due to delays, please visit one of our Welcome Centres on campus for assistance. During Orientation you will receive information about life in your new city and an introduction to CDU, including:

- ❖ meet and greet with CDU staff
- ❖ enrolment advice
- ❖ overview of your student visa conditions
- ❖ information about student support services
- ❖ campus tours
- ❖ lots of fun activities to get to know your new university and fellow students.

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

OSHC is a compulsory requirement for all international students studying in Australia on a student visa. Our preferred OSHC provider is Allianz Global Assistance (AGA). They provide additional benefits to OSHC policyholders who purchase their policy through the University. These benefits include access to AGA's on-campus staff member to assist with healthcare information.

Learn more about AGA

allianzcare.com.au/en/visas/student-visa-oshc.html



Learn more about starting at CDU

cdu.edu.au/current-students/new-to-cdu



We secure our students' future



We believe in prevention over cure, care over claims and making the complex simple for everyone.

Why choose Allianz Care Australia?



Access our extensive health network

If something happens you can rely on our national network of hundreds of direct billing medical providers.



Allianz MyHealth App

Making it easy to submit a medical claim or access your policy documents at the touch of a button, anytime, anywhere.



Innovative health and wellbeing tools

Our range of apps and tools is designed to make life easier by providing 24/7 support, personal advice and more.



On-campus support

Our caring and supportive on-campus team are committed to delivering best in class international health services to students.



24/7 Emergency helpline

We are ready to help whenever you need us with our 24/7 emergency assistance service for members.

Secure your future with Allianz Care Australia and purchase an Overseas Student Health Cover policy by contacting Charles Darwin University.



Allianz Care Australia Overseas Student Health Cover policies are authorised under a Deed entered into between Peoplecare Health Limited and the Australian Government through the Department of Health and Aged Care. Allianz Care Australia Overseas Student Health Cover is managed by AWP Australia Pty Ltd ABN 52 097 227 177 trading as Allianz Care Australia. Peoplecare Health Limited ABN 95 087 648 753, a private health insurer under the Private Health Insurance Act 2007 (Cth), is the underwriter of Allianz Care Australia Overseas Student Health Cover policies. The Allianz MyHealth App is only accessible to dependants over the age of 18 years old and OSHC single policyholders over the age of 16. Policy wording documents available at www.allianzcare.com.au/en/policy-wording-documents.



CDU Buddy Program

We facilitate a Buddy Program designed to assist new commencing international students with their transition to study at CDU. Those who sign up as Junior Buddies receive a personalised Workshop ensuring they will get the most out of the Program, and then be paired with a current student, a Senior Buddy, who will provide friendly and practical assistance, establish a supportive network for you and help you integrate into the CDU community.

Our Senior Buddies also attend a personalised workshop and are trained to provide integrated support and mentoring.

The Program, now active for 5 years has seen great success. Buddies are able to share their experiences in study, work and social activity leading to strong connections and great friendships.



Student life

There is something for everyone at CDU. You can feel confident knowing that whatever your journey or interests may be, you can find support and friendship through our many social, cultural and personal development programs.



Find out what's happening on campus and online

facebook.com/cdustudentlife/

CDU student groups

Join a CDU student group and you can make lifelong social and professional connections. Also, connecting with others can provide friendship, support and a way of managing the stress of completing assignments and exams.

CDU Student Ambassador Program

Student Ambassadors work directly with the CDU Student Recruitment and Events team to contribute to the university community. They share the knowledge and experience they gained from studying at CDU with prospective students and are involved in various activities and events.



Learn more about this program
cdu.edu.au/current-students/life-wellbeing/student-ambassadors



Charles Darwin University Students' Council (CDUSC)

CDUSC is the voice of all CDU students and strives to promote and advance the rights, interests and welfare of CDU students. CDUSC represents all CDU students and provides the means for communication between students and the University.



Learn more about joining CDUSC

cdu.edu.au/current-students/life-wellbeing/cdu-student-council



I'm proud to say, I'm CDUian!

Sanjaya from Nepal, commenced with CDU at the Casuarina Campus in Darwin in the Summer Semester of 2022. This year, he is a graduate of the Master of Information Technology (Cyber Security).

“ Choosing CDU is the best decision of my life, and it has given me all the opportunities that an International student looks for. We make CDU, and CDU makes us what we want to be!”

Sanjaya has taken every opportunity to make the most of his time with CDU. His enthusiasm and dedication to his study journey is only matched by the wide and diverse variety of opportunities on offer to students of CDU.

“ I am a part of the CDU Cyber Security Club, acting as the Workshop and Event Coordinator. I am the Treasurer for the Women’s Collective for Innovation and Change. I am an Ambassador of the Northern Territory Government initiative Study NT and have volunteered at events such as GovHackNT 2023 and the CDU IT CodeFair. I am also a Senior Buddy in the CDU Buddy Program, two years running now.

I have easily found part-time work here, and also have an active social life. I love fitness and a healthy lifestyle and have found this all with CDU in Darwin.”

Sanjaya explains that while he is not a native English speaker, he found his confidence with CDU through their English Language classes and opportunities for networking and community involvement.

“ Darwin is a small city, far from the big and busy cities of Australia. For me it means less time wastage to travel to Uni, and work and gives me plenty of time to study and follow hobbies.”

Sanjaya is one of many students who are involved in all facets of life in their new home – from work, to study, to community participation and social life.

It's good to be you at CDU.



Accommodation options

At CDU, you have a range of accommodation choices to suit your budget and lifestyle. You may like to live on campus or off campus



Learn more about accommodation
cdu.edu.au/accommodation-services



On-campus accommodation

Living on campus will allow you to meet new people from across Australia and all over the world. All rooms are semi-furnished; you just need to unpack your bags and make the space your own. Get involved in campus life and access campus facilities at your doorstep.

International House Darwin (IHD)

IHD is surrounded by lush tropical gardens, located on the CDU Casuarina campus. There is a vibrant community that takes advantage of the Territory lifestyle through a range of events run by IHD for residents.

The rooms are semi-furnished and IHD residents have access to a variety of onsite facilities, including Wi-Fi, an outdoor swimming pool, games room, BBQ area, bicycles and a complimentary shuttle bus service to key locations around Darwin.

Become part of the IHD community with short-term and long-term options and various room types available.



[Learn more about IHD](#)

ihd.cdu.edu.au

Alice Springs Student Accommodation (ASSA)

ASSA accommodates CDU students, students from other universities undertaking placements, CDU staff, and visiting guests and groups. All rooms are semi-furnished. You can choose from twin-share and sole occupancy rooms across two houses and take advantage of communal kitchen areas, a self-service laundry and Wi-Fi. Stay for a couple of nights, a week, or longer. We have flexible contracts to suit.



[Learn more about ASSA](#)

cdu.edu.au/assa

Off-campus accommodation

Off-campus accommodation options include purpose-built student accommodation at UniLodge or private rental accommodation.

The CDU accommodation website contains information about housing options available for students. This includes off-campus housing choices, rights and the laws relating to renting and accommodation in Australia, as well as other general tenancy advice.

UniLodge

UniLodge Darwin student accommodation is a convenient option for students studying at Casuarina. It neighbours Casuarina Square shopping centre and is only a 10-minute walk from the Casuarina campus.



Private rental accommodation

Several organisations advertise available accommodation. Please note some of these organisations are external to CDU and the University cannot take responsibility for the information provided by such organisations:

- ❖ Homestay
- ❖ realestate.com.au
- ❖ domain.com.au
- ❖ Facebook – Marketplace

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“CDU ranks in the top 10% of Study Abroad Aide’s ‘World Best Value University’ rankings 2024.”



How much does it cost to live in Australia?

The Department of Home Affairs has financial requirements you must meet to receive a student visa for Australia. Therefore, knowing the average living costs in Australia is an important part of your financial preparation.

The cost of living in Australia varies from city to city, and students should not expect to fund their studies or living costs in Australia through part-time employment only. The Australian Government website costofliving.studyaustralia.gov.au/ provides an approximate guide to expenses according to the city and lifestyle.



[Learn more about the cost of living](http://costofliving.studyaustralia.gov.au/)

Estimated living expenses**

The table below indicates Darwin and Sydney's estimated living expenses:

	Darwin	Sydney
Groceries and eating out	\$100 to \$300 per week	\$100 to \$300 per week
Gas and electricity	\$20 to \$140 per week	\$20 to \$140 per week
Phone and internet	\$15 to \$30 per week	\$15 to \$30 per week
Public transport	\$7 per week	\$30 to \$55 per week
Car (after purchase)	\$150 to \$260 per week	\$150 to \$260 per week
Entertainment	\$80 to \$150 per week	\$80 to \$150 per week
On-campus accommodation	\$185 - \$240 per week with all utility bills included	Not applicable
Off-campus accommodation	\$150 - \$350 per week in a shared rental. \$360 - \$650 per week in a private rental.	\$250 - \$400 per week in a shared rental. \$500 - \$1200 per week in a private rental.

**Subject to change. Correct at the time of print.

Fees and payments

During your studies, you will need to purchase textbooks and other items required to study. Textbooks can vary from \$200 to \$500 per semester, depending on your course. Other expenses might include stationery, printing, purchasing a laptop or computer, protective clothing, work materials, working with children clearances and computing programs. These will depend on your course.



Learn more about fees and payments

cdu.edu.au/international/how-apply/international-fees-and-payments

School-aged dependents

If you are bringing school-aged dependents to Australia, you will need to consider the cost of schooling. In Australia, children are required to be in school from six years of age.

For more information:



Northern Territory

nt.gov.au/learning/international-education/study-at-an-nt-government-school/school-fees-for-international-students



New South Wales

deinternational.nsw.edu.au/study-options/fees

Academic entry requirements

You must meet the minimum academic entry requirements as part of your application.



Find a complete list of requirements

cdu.edu.au/international/how-apply/entry-requirements

ELICOS	You must meet the academic requirements of your primary degree program.
Foundation program	You will need a qualification equivalent to an Australian Year 11 High School Certificate.
TAFE certificate programs	You will need a qualification equivalent to an Australian Year 10 High School Certificate.
TAFE diploma programs	You will need a qualification equivalent to an Australian Year 12 High School Certificate.
CDU International College first-year diplomas	You will need to achieve successful completion of the Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (or equivalent) and the awarding of an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) of at least 50.
Undergraduate	<p>You will need a qualification deemed equivalent to an Australian Year 12 High School Certificate by the University's qualification assessment references.</p> <p>You may also be required to satisfy specific course requirements, such as a minimum overall grade score or prerequisite knowledge.</p>
Pre-masters programs	<p>Accelerated International Masters Qualifying Program (MQP): You must have completed three years of post-secondary study.</p> <p>Additional postgraduate entry requirements from pre-masters degree programs may be required.</p>
Postgraduate coursework	<p>You will need a qualification which is deemed equivalent to an Australian Bachelors degree.</p> <p>You may also be required to satisfy specific course requirements such as a minimum overall grade score, prerequisite knowledge or work experience. Course-specific entry requirements are listed under the course details.</p>
Higher Degree by Research	<p>Master by Research (MRes)</p> <p>To be eligible for entry to an MRes you should have completed either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. a bachelor degree with first-class or second-class honours; or2. a master's degree by coursework or extended master, which contains a substantial research component. <p>Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)</p> <p>To be eligible for entry to a PhD you should have completed either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. a bachelor honours degree with first-class or second-class honours division; or2. a master's qualification that contains a substantial research component.



English entry requirements

You must meet English entry requirements as part of your application.

We accept the following English tests for entry into the CDU International College, TAFE, and most undergraduate and postgraduate courses:

- ❖ CDU English for Academic Purposes 3 or 4
- ❖ IELTS Academic including One Skill Retake
- ❖ Cambridge Advanced English (CAE)
- ❖ Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic module
- ❖ TOEFL Internet-based Test (iBT)
- ❖ Common European Framework Certificate of English Proficiency.

All tests are valid for two years from the test date to the date of commencement at CDU, unless otherwise specified.

If you have studied English in your previous studies, you may meet the English language entry requirements if you have achieved the required grades and qualifications. However, some courses may require higher levels of English or only accept specific English language tests.

If you do not meet the entry requirements, there are alternative pathways through our partner institutions to assist you towards your study journey.



Find a complete list of requirements

cdu.edu.au/international/how-apply/entry-requirements



English language courses

English language courses are designed for international students who meet academic requirements for either their undergraduate or postgraduate course, but don't yet meet the English language proficiency required.

At CDU we believe in inclusivity and accessibility and are committed to assisting international students achieve their overseas study goals.

As such, we work with registered and accredited English language course providers who deliver courses specifically helping international students to build their English language skills in an academic setting so students can be prepared to succeed in their chosen field of study.

The course structure will vary depending upon English entry level and destination degree. Each level is undertaken full-time over 10 weeks.

Benefits of taking an English Language course as a pathway to CDU:

- ❖ Improve your speaking and listening skills through interactive classroom activities
- ❖ Improve your academic reading and writing skills through engagement with academic texts
- ❖ Gain exposure to the assessment types you will encounter during your university studies
- ❖ Learn to confidently use learning tools and technologies specific to CDU, so you are prepared to succeed

English language courses that prepare you for your study at CDU are focused on small class structure, interactive delivery and specialist teachers to fully support you on your journey in a safe and friendly learning environment.



Find out more about English language pathways to CDU
cdu.edu.au/international/english-language-courses

CDU International College

CDU International College (CDUIC), an UP Education institution* offers a variety of pathway programs designed to assist you towards your Higher Education journey in Australia and get the most out of your studies. Through exposure to rigorous academic standards, modern facilities and comprehensive student support, you will be well placed to achieve your academic and professional goals.

Specialised language development, a well-rounded curriculum and small classes provide the support for students to thrive.



Learn more about the CDU International College

cdu.edu.au/international/charles-darwin-university-international-college

Programs are available in three categories:

- ❖ Foundation Studies - a direct academic pathway to a first-year undergraduate degree.
- ❖ First-year diploma - two-semesters that function as an alternative to the first year of an undergraduate degree at CDU.
- ❖ Pre-masters - pathway to enter a postgraduate degree program.

On completion of your pathway program you may be eligible to receive a 30% tuition fee scholarship for your Higher Education at CDU.***

Important dates** for EAP 3 and 4:

	Semester 1, 2025	Semester 2, 2025	Semester 3, 2025
Last date to submit offshore applications	20 January 2025	19 May 2025	22 September 2025
Last date to submit onshore applications	17 February 2025	16 June 2025	20 October 2025
Teaching commences	3 March 2025	30 June 2025	3 November 2025
Census date	24 March 2025	28 July 2025	24 November 2025



Dates are accurate as at time of print, however are subject to change. Please check
cdu.edu.au/current-students/student-admin/important-dates

*Programs at the CDU International College are delivered by UP Education, an education provider that partners with leading universities in Australia and New Zealand to provide learning pathways for international students, equipping them with the knowledge, skills and confidence to excel at English-language universities. **Subject to change in 2025. *** Terms and conditions apply.



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to a career
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CDU TAFE

We are one of the only Australian universities with dual-sector status, which means we offer both Technical and Further Education (TAFE) and Higher Education (HE) courses. We believe every learner should be provided with options to access various education levels and acquire globally applicable skills and experience. CDU TAFE is the leading provider of vocational education and training (VET) in the Northern Territory. TAFE courses can qualify for entry into CDU Bachelors degree and in some cases also offer credit, or set you up for a fulfilling hands-on career.

Our CRICOS TAFE courses include:

- ❖ Bakery
- ❖ Beauty Services
- ❖ Cookery and Kitchen Management
- ❖ Hairdressing
- ❖ Hospitality



Learn about CDU TAFE courses and packages

cdu.edu.au/international/international-vet-packages

Real work skills and experience



“ I want to recommend CDU Alice Springs Campus to future students. The way the lecturers teach is very detailed and understandable and the facility have the equipment to run as a commercial kitchen so I learn a lot of new things. Alice Springs also has many job opportunity so I can practice the things I learn in the real working environment.”

Vo Hoang Anh from Vietnam is a second year Certificate IV of Commercial Cookery student.

“ Right now I am working as a Chef in a restaurant in a hotel in Alice Springs. I really enjoy the work because I can prove the skills that I learn at CDU are real working solutions for my job.”

Cristiana is a Diploma of Hospitality Management student and begun her CDU journey in TAFE Semester 1, February 2023.

“ If I have to describe my journey in one short statement, it will simply be “beyond expectations.”

I knew I wanted to pursue my dream of becoming a professional Chef. After research and asking friends and family, Charles Darwin University was most recommended.

Now halfway through my course I can confidently say CDU was the right choice!

The course is comprehensive and designed to meet industry standards. A significant part of this unforgettable journey is the wonderful guidance of the Chefs who teach us at CDU. Under their guidance, I have learned not only the art of cooking but also the importance of creativity, precision, and teamwork.”

CDU prides itself on employing lecturers and facilitators with the most up to date skills and industry experience. Those who love what they do and love to teach.

“ Chef Mark, Chef Shane and Chef Hayley are the most dedicated and loving chefs I have ever met. They are always available for one-on-one advice, offering constructive feedback to help us improve. I am proud of how far I have come and excited about the opportunities that lie ahead.”





Higher Education

We have fantastic undergraduate and postgraduate opportunities for our students across a broad range of study areas. As the #2 Australian university for postgraduate employment outcomes (Good Universities Guide 2024), we will support you to secure the future that you dream of.



A comprehensive list of courses can be found online
cdu.edu.au/study

Study an undergraduate or postgraduate degree with a 30% tuition-fee scholarship*

Higher Education Application Dates:

	Semester 1, 2025	Semester 2, 2025	Semester 3, 2025
Last date to submit offshore applications	20 January 2025	19 May 2025	22 September 2025
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cdu.edu.au/current-students/student-admin/important-dates

*Terms and conditions apply.

Faculty of Arts and Society

The Faculty of Arts and Society leads positive global change and advances social justice through our teaching, research and collaboration with industry and the community.

The faculty brings people and places to life. From that, our desire to think, examine, express and create grows. This drives us to act collectively for positive social change and advance inquisitive, harmonious and equitable society, particularly for those who are most vulnerable.

We strive to prepare students to be teachers, creative thinkers and innovators in a complex, changing world. We bring together expertise in education, business, law, Indigenous knowledge practices, human geography, disaster preparedness and management, languages, humanities, and the creative industries.



Study Areas

Accounting

Do you want to become an accountant? Study Accounting at CDU in an interactive and supportive learning environment, and choose from a range of degrees.



cdu.edu.au/study/accounting



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“Studying Professional Accounting at CDU allows me to benefit from the expertise of experienced Faculty members and access resources that are essential for my academic and professional development.”

Prabina, Master of Professional Accounting

Business

Whether you are just starting your career or taking the next step, studying a Business course at CDU can help you future-proof your career. Tailor your studies to match your goals, with options to complete courses in management, marketing, economics or human resources.



cdu.edu.au/study/business



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“My future goal is to own a successful business. I chose CDU because it is a university recognised for outstanding performance, and also supports students with the Global Merit Scholarship.”

Sabin, Master of Business Administration (Sustainable Leadership)

Creative Industries and Innovation

To enhance your learning experience, our courses provide you with invaluable opportunities to engage with a vibrant arts community. You will nurture techniques through workshops, studio and practice-based learning environments, guest speakers, events and seminars, open forums, performances, and student and professional exhibitions.



cdu.edu.au/study/creative-arts-design

Education

Study teaching with us and make an impact as an educator. Graduate with a nationally accredited Education degree which lets you teach anywhere in Australia. Choose from courses in early childhood, primary, secondary and adult education to suit your goals.



cdu.edu.au/study/education



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“My Master of Teaching (Early Childhood and Primary) appealed to me because of its dual-focus. It has strengthened my ability to compare theory and practice across different age groups, shaping me into a more effective Teacher.”

Yuqing, Master of Teaching (Early Childhood and Primary)

Humanitarian and Disaster Resilience

Want to work in emergency management, become an aid worker or do disaster relief work? Learn how to approach disaster, emergency and community risks holistically. Our courses focus on the Asia-Pacific, Africa, the Middle East and South America. You'll do scenario training, be taught by industry experts, and complete placements at leading aid agencies, non-government organisations and government departments.



cdu.edu.au/study/humanitarian-emergency-disaster-management



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“Case studies in lectures and practical assignments in the field help me hone my critical thinking and problem-solving abilities.”

Nga Dang (Lucy), Bachelor of Humanitarian Aid and Development

Humanities and Social Sciences

Study a Humanities and Social Science course with subjects in philosophy, sociology and social science, culture, politics, public policy, history, Indigenous perspectives, war and more.



cdu.edu.au/study/humanities-social-sciences

Indigenous Futures

Explore subjects in Indigenous engagement, governance and policy, culture and community, languages, land and resources, research and more.



cdu.edu.au/study/indigenous-knowledges

Law

Do you want to be a lawyer or work in a range of industries that require legal expertise? With our Law degrees, you will learn about politics, policy, government, business and private legal practice with an opportunity to train in our Mock Court.



cdu.edu.au/study/humanities-social-sciences



Faculty of Health

At Charles Darwin University, our vision is to be Australia's most connected university by delivering the education, training and research that matters to the people of the Northern Territory, Australia and beyond.

The Faculty of Health leads CDU's commitment to Australia's health and community sectors. Delivering health education and research that is locally embedded and world-class, we focus on issues of national and regional significance, including the management of chronic health conditions and mental health, as well as rural, remote and First Nations health.



Study Areas

Allied Health Sciences

Study with us and specialise in one of Australia's fastest-growing employment sectors. Study Nutrition, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy and more.



cdu.edu.au/study/allied-health-sciences

Community Services and Social Work

Make a real difference in communities through a career in social work, counselling, or in the humanitarian aid industry.

By studying with us, you will build the knowledge and experience to assess the social needs of individuals, families and groups; empower people to develop skills and resources to resolve social and other problems; and further human wellbeing, human rights, social justice and social development.



cdu.edu.au/study/community-social-work



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“I chose to pursue a Master’s in Social Work to better support those in need. This program offers a rich blend of theoretical knowledge and extensive practical opportunities, allowing me to apply my learning in real-world settings. The Northern Territory’s unique social context, welcoming community and the opportunity to contribute to positive change make this program especially appealing.”

Yao, Master of Social Work Student

Exercise and Sports Science

Interested in working with elite athletes, improving the health of your community, or helping people recover from an injury? Study Exercise and Sport Science with us and gain the skills and knowledge to forge a career in changing lives for a happier, healthier future.



cdu.edu.au/study/exercise-sport-science



Nursing and Midwifery

Do you have a passion for helping others? Study a nationally recognised Nursing or Midwifery degree with us and you could be delivering care in local or remote communities and hospitals, assisting with global humanitarian relief, or providing evidence-based care for women and babies.



cdu.edu.au/study/nursing-midwifery





Psychology

Passionate about making a positive impact on the lives of others? Study a nationally accredited Psychology course with us to gain the skills and knowledge to help people overcome mental health challenges.



cdu.edu.au/study/psychology

Public Health

Study Public Health and prepare for a career in critical sectors such as health promotion, policy-making, research, and disease prevention.

Choose an undergraduate or postgraduate degree developed and delivered by industry leaders and help shape a better future for Indigenous, local and global health settings.

We partner with Menzies School of Health Research to deliver postgraduate public health and health research courses.



cdu.edu.au/study/public-health

Fully online Health courses

The University is a leader in online study delivery, with 30 years' experience in distance and online education. If you are unable to move to Australia on an international visa, you can study these courses 100% online:

- ❖ Graduate Certificate of Aeromedical Retrieval
- ❖ Graduate Certificate of Health Emergency Preparedness and Response
- ❖ Master of Aeromedical Retrieval
- ❖ Master of Health Emergency Preparedness and Response.



Learn more about our online courses

cdu.edu.au/study/health



Faculty of Science and Technology

Charles Darwin asked the great questions of nature. There has never been a more important time to do likewise, and to master the emerging technologies of our age.

The Faculty of Science and Technology delivers creative and flexible training, teaching programs and research excellence in the areas of environment and livelihoods, primary industries, technology, energy and renewables, materials, and resources. We equip students with the tools to face our modern challenges.

The faculty staff is renowned for the new knowledge they have created and for their ability to pass on this knowledge.

Our courses are accredited by their professions and you will be expertly trained. Our graduates have attained success in their careers, and we look forward to seeing you also contribute to the world of the future.



Study Areas

Engineering

Explore internationally accredited Engineering degrees specialising in mechanical, civil and structural, or electrical and electronics engineering. Graduate with real work experience and participate in projects across biomedical engineering, renewable energy, sustainability, 3D printing, robotics and mechatronics.



cdu.edu.au/study/engineering



Science, Environmental Science and Management

Explore biology, environmental science, spatial science, chemistry or biochemistry with an Environmental Science or Science degree. You will take part in exciting in-field intensives and get hands-on practical and laboratory experience.



cdu.edu.au/study/science-environment



Information Technology and Network Engineering

Forge an IT career in network security, data analytics, web design and development, application development, information systems, or systems development.

We offer ICT courses in data science, cyber security, network and software engineering.



cdu.edu.au/study/computing-information-technology-network-engineering





How to apply

Follow our simple 8-step process to apply to study as an international student with CDU.

1. Choose your course:

cdu.edu.au/study



2. Check the entry requirements and application dates
3. Apply online or through a registered CDU Education agent
4. Application assessment
5. Receive an offer
6. Accept your offer
7. Apply for your student visa
8. Enrol



For more information, please visit our website

cdu.edu.au/international/how-apply

Advanced standing

Advanced standing is a credit applied to your current course of study based on prior achievement. It can either be a credit transfer or Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). To apply for advanced standing, you must first complete an application to study with CDU. For more details about advanced standing, email international@cdu.edu.au



Research

Research is central to CDU's purpose and our deep connections, take us out on country and into communities to ensure we are meeting real-world problems with real-world solutions. We are committed to providing cutting-edge research that supports northern Australia and our immediate Southeast Asian neighbours to thrive. Our research attracts global recognition in areas including tropical and desert knowledges, human health and wellbeing, Indigenous knowledges, social and public policy, and engineering, energy and resources. We want to see constraints transformed into innovations and new approaches that cross-disciplines.

Centres and Institutes

- ❖ Research Institute for the Environment and Livelihoods
- ❖ Molly Wardaguga Research Institute for First Nations Birth Rights
- ❖ Menzies School of Health Research
- ❖ Northern Institute for People. Policy. Place.
- ❖ Research Institute for Northern Agriculture
- ❖ Northern Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub
- ❖ Centre for Creative Futures
- ❖ First Nations Sovereignty and Diplomacy Centre
- ❖ North Australian Centre for Autonomous Systems
- ❖ Northern Territory Centre for Cyber Security
- ❖ Energy and Resources Institute

Expert researchers

Twenty-eight outstanding CDU researchers were listed in the Top 2% of the most influential researchers in their field in 2023. (Stanford – Elsevier study 2023).

CDU is a top 100 young university in the world

CDU achieved 76th position in Times Higher Education's Young University Rankings 2024. The Ranking lists the world's best universities that are 50 years old or younger, with 673 universities featured from around the globe. CDU's ranking improved thanks to high scores in publication citations, international outlook, and research.

Times Higher Education also ranked CDU in the top 300 for Impact Rankings in 2023. The Impact Ranking benchmarks research against the United Nations' seventeen Sustainable Development Goals. The University ranked in the top 200 in the areas of Life Below Water, Sustainable Cities and Communities, Reduced Inequalities, Decent Work and Economic Growth, and Quality Education, and ranked 55th in Good Health and Wellbeing and 42nd for Gender Equality.

International exposure

Our research garnered a surge in international exposure in 2023. CDU research had 1,321 articles or broadcast mentions in international media in the year which reached a potential audience of more than 2.8 billion people.



First Nations research

The Molly Wardaguga Institute for First Nations Birth Rights is one example of CDU research that is globally significant and locally transformative. The Institute's Birthing on Country research focuses on the redesign of healthcare systems, investment in culturally appropriate community workforce, strengthening families, privileging First Nations knowledge and governance, and empowering self-determination. The very first djäkamirr (doula) training was held with Yolŋu women in Galiwin'ku in 2023. The training seeks to improve maternal care experiences in Yolŋu communities, which experience some of the highest rates in the country of babies being born too soon and outside of a healthy birth weight.

Marine partnership

CDU has teamed up with the Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS) to boost the Northern Territory's marine research capabilities. The AIMS@CDU Partnership will leverage a long-standing collaboration to align priorities, enable joint research projects, post-doctoral research fellowships and supervision of HDR Students and ensure better outcomes for north Australia's precious marine resources.

Fire management for northern Australia

The North Australia Fire and Rangeland Information service creates high-resolution satellite mapping to help land managers reduce bushfires and increase carbon-offset income for communities in the Northern Territory. During the Barkly region bushfires that occurred in late 2023 their fire information web portal supported through CDU's Darwin Centre for Bushfire Research received about 180,000 map requests a day, reflecting how their research has become embedded into the culture of fire management across northern Australia.

Protecting Sea Country

A research team made up of li-Anthawirriyarr Sea Rangers Unit (who look after Yanyuwa country), Northern Institute researchers, TropWATER, Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife & Australian Marine Parks won the 2023 Territory Natural Resource Management Collaborative Research Award for their work mapping seagrass in the Gulf of Carpentaria and protecting Sea Country.



Leading ant ecologist

In 2023, world-leading ant community ecologist Professor Alan Andersen was nominated for NT Australian of the year. Professor Anderson's expertise has improved the understanding of the Territory's biodiversity assets, helping to guide management of fire and invasive species, deepening Indigenous engagement in land and water management, as well as helping to develop economic opportunities in the new carbon economy.



PhD student given National Geographic Explorer status

PhD candidate Lucinda (Lulu) Middleton was named a 2023 National Geographic Explorer in recognition of her exceptional work researching upstream solutions to food and nutrition insecurity in coastal communities. Her research aims to identify the extent to which coastal communities depend on mangrove food systems for nutrition in Indonesia.

Resilience framework developed to combat NT's extreme heat

CDU researchers are investigating the role community leaders play in building resilience during times of drought. Researchers will then use this information to develop a drought resilience framework to help prepare and strengthen the community's response when drought occurs.

Ghost nets a national issue

Ghost nets are abandoned, lost or discarded fishing nets which can cause injury or death to marine species that may become entangled in them. To help combat ghost nets, CDU is using drones and artificial intelligence software routines to identify and quantify the volume of ghost nets from remote and difficult to access coastlines in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

Menzies School of Health Research

Menzies School of Health Research is one of Australia's leading medical research institutes dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing, particularly for First Nations peoples. For forty years, Menzies has led the way in global and tropical health research into life-threatening diseases and continues to translate its research into effective partnerships and programs in communities across Australia and the Asia-Pacific region.



[Learn more about research](#)

cdu.edu.au/international/how-apply/higher-degree-research



Life after CDU

Your connection with the University does not end with the completion of your qualification. After you graduate, we are here to support you throughout your career journey. Your knowledge, expertise and success can also be shared to develop others.

Once you graduate, you automatically become a member of our alumni cohort, joining a continually growing group of highly regarded professionals, knowledge brokers and change-makers. These are connections you can continue to foster for a lifetime.

Exclusive benefits to CDU Alumni include:

- ❖ **CDU Alumni account** – A CDU Alumni computer account is available to all graduates of Charles Darwin University. The account provides you with access to selected CDU online services through the CDU Portal upon your graduation (conferral).
- ❖ **Career Development** – Help identify your career goals and plan your career path with free support from the CDU Careers Centre, accessed from wherever you are through the CDU Portal.
- ❖ **Library Access** – Even after you finish studying with CDU, with an alumni account you will have access to a wide range of CDU Library's online resources, including a growing number of high-quality databases, e-journals and e-books. You will always be welcome to borrow physical materials from any of our campus libraries.
- ❖ **LinkedIn Learning** – Access over 15,000 courses, delivered in 7 languages. With free access to LinkedIn Learning, you can learn a wide range of new skills, anywhere and at any time. Learn a new language, how to build a website or app, become an expert user of Microsoft Office, learn how to play a musical instrument, or improve your leadership skills. The choices are endless.
- ❖ **Chinese language** – Master the most widely spoken language in the world with a 40% discount on courses offered by the CDU Confucius Institute.



You can also enjoy exclusive access to opportunities which have an impact to teaching and learning in your industry, develop and maintain rewarding personal and professional connections, contribute to leading research and knowledge development, and have a positive impact on future generations through the power of education.

CDU – Graduate industry ready



Find out more about CDU's Alumni Community

cdu.edu.au/alumni





Quality assurance

CDU adopts a quality assurance and enhancement strategy that reflects our recognition and understanding of our obligations to maintain quality practices, systems and processes that comply with the relevant standards and support diversity, innovation and excellence. See further information in the Educational Quality and Excellence Framework Policy.

As a dual-sector Australian Higher Education provider, CDU is regulated by – and our performance is regularly evaluated against – the following National Standards:

- Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2021
- VET Quality Framework
- Australian Qualifications Framework 2013
- Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 (ESOS Act)
- ELICOS Standards 2018
- National Standards for Foundation Programs.

Information about when enrolment may be deferred, suspended or cancelled is available in our International Student Visa Policy.

policies.cdu.edu.au/view-current.php?id=86

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