



PHOTOGRAPHY
STUDIES COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INFORMATION GUIDE



WHY STUDY AT PSC

Photography Studies College (Melbourne) is Australia's only tertiary institution specialising exclusively in photography, a highly respected and top multi-award winner consistently acknowledged by industry as the best Photography college in Australia.

Our specialised courses, unrivalled level of student satisfaction and industry connections, assist students to reach their creative potential and career goals, and for 50 years we have played a pivotal role in driving excellence and innovation in photography, image making and the visual arts.

This rich educational offering, including a renowned mentor program, industry practitioner teaching staff, small class sizes and a new specialised campus provides our students with a strong career focus and industry connections. Our highly regarded national and international guest speaker program, participation in overseas photography festivals and tours, and a focus on major industry awards and prizes constantly immerse our students in the best experience.

At PSC we offer every student an outstanding student experience within an expert and supportive community of practice.

WHY MELBOURNE IS THE BEST PLACE TO STUDY

Melbourne is the second largest city in Australia and the capital of the state of Victoria. It features amongst the world's most liveable cities for its culture, safety and well-developed infrastructure. Melbourne has over four million residents from over 140 nations. It has a worldwide reputation as a cultural centre and is great place for students to explore their creativity. There is always something to do or see! You will enjoy the variety of cultural events, galleries, exhibitions, festivals, fashion, theatre, architecture, restaurants and cafes, sport and leisure activities. Our great location provides the opportunity to balance study with easy access to a vibrant arts and recreation precinct.

For more information about Melbourne and studying in Australia go to:

visitvictoria.com

studyinaustralia.gov.au

The Study Melbourne Student Centre

<https://www.studymelbourne.vic.gov.au>

This centre is the first of its kind in Australia. It provides a wide range of information, referral and practical support for all international students in Melbourne and Victoria.



BACHELOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY AND DIGITAL IMAGING

CRICOS Course Code
079866G

2 intakes per year:

Start of Year intake: Feb each year

Duration: 2 years – 6 semesters

Mid Year intake: June each year

Duration: 2 years – 6 semesters

Delivery

Hybrid including Face-to-face and
Online

Includes interactive workshops,
seminars and tutorials

With this unique tertiary qualification there is a constant focus on strong technique, creative practice, new technologies, industry networks and career outcomes.

For full details go to the [Bachelor of Photography and Digital Imaging Course Guide](#)

UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE OF PHOTOGRAPHY

CRICOS Course Code 105886F

2 intakes per year:

Start of Year intake: Feb each year

Duration: 1 semester

Mid Year intake: June each year

Duration: 1 semester

This course provides you with a skills pathway to the Bachelor of Photography degree. It is undertaken in 4 subjects, and provides for 30 credit points of the 180 credit point Bachelor of Photography qualification.

For full details go to the [Undergraduate Certificate of Photography Course Guide](#)

International Graduates Career Success

Rakuto Makino and Hiroki Nagahiro, both from Japan gained their qualification at PSC and since graduating have forged exciting and international careers. After graduating Rakuto moved to Germany to establish himself on the international scene. He now travels between Germany and Spain forging his career, enjoying life and creating his range of photography. View his latest projects on his website: mr-sharaku.com

Hiroki Nagahiro graduated with a strong fashion folio and excellent skills in studio production. He now lives and works between London and Tokyo, and is represented by London-based photography, style and production agency August Management. Among his various fashion clients and publications are Superior magazine, Design Scene magazine, HUF magazine, Leon magazine and more. View his work on his website: hirokinagahiro.com and via August Management.



Photograph by PSC Graduate Hiroki Nagahiro



Photograph by PSC Graduate Rakuto Makino

MASTER OF ARTS PHOTOGRAPHY

CRICOS Course Code 096890

2 intakes per year:

Start of Year intake: March 2025

Duration: 1.5 years – 3 semesters

Mid Year intake: August 2025

Duration: 1.5 years – 3 semesters

Duration

1.5 years equivalent to 3 semesters

Delivery

Hybrid including Face-to-face and Online

Includes interactive workshops, seminars and tutorials

Our Master of Arts Photography program is the first of its kind in Australia and the Asia-Pacific. This program has an innovative and cutting-edge curriculum designed to enhance, expand and further your photography and creative practice.

For full details go to the [Master of Arts Photography Course Guide](#)



Photo by Paul Fisher

Dora came to PSC from Taiwan and has recently graduated.

"PSC was my priority when I was looking for photography colleges while in Taiwan because PSC was one of the ten best photography colleges in the world. When I came to PSCI really loved the cyclorama at the PSC studio, a huge really clean white wall that really pushed my creative practices because it's already there, you don't need to set-up your bay or anything and it's a perfect backdrop for commercial photoshoots.

I clearly remember while I was doing second year (my teacher) Katrin pushed me a lotto shoot. She is one of my favourite teachers because she always has lots of ideas and she always creates some work that is outside of the frame and pushes the boundaries, and she pushed me to do lots of stuff I haven't done before..... I'm really grateful for that..**"**

Dora Wu
PSC Graduate



Photograph by PSC Graduate Dora Wu



APPLICATION, ADMISSION CRITERIA AND ENROLMENT

Admission criteria

Bachelor of Photography CRICOS Course Code 079866G Undergraduate Certificate CRICOS Course Code: 105886F

Completion of the relevant course International Student Application form

Evidence of completion of Secondary School Year 12 or equivalent

Photographic folio of your creative work 8 to 10 images*

Interview

Your folio of images must be your own work, and demonstrate creative potential and an aptitude for photography. Selection is based on successfully meeting all the admission criteria and participation in the interview with your folio of creative work (if you are in Australia already if not a skype interview can be arranged).

Master of Arts Photography CRICOS Course Code 096890M

Completion of the Master of Arts Photography Application Form as an International Student

Meet specific academic and/or professional entrance requirements

Evidence of Bachelor with Honours or Bachelor Degree qualification or equivalent

Interview

Applicants are required to attend an interview (if not in Australia this will be via zoom or skype) with their current folio of work for details go to http://www.psc.edu.au/ma_photo/

English language proficiency:

Bachelor of Photography Undergraduate Certificate

IELTS (Academic Module):
Overall score 6.0
(no band less than 6.0)

TOEFL Internet:
Test score 65

Pearson Test of English
(PTE):
Overall score 50-57 (no
section score less than 50)

Cambridge Test
Total score of 169

Masters

IELTS (Academic Module):
Overall score 6.5

TOEFL Internet:
Test score 79

Pearson Test of English
(PTE):

Overall score 58

Cambridge Test
Total score of 175

Advanced standing and credit transfer

PSC will ensure that all prospective students with relevant prior experience (RPL) or academic studies (credit transfer) are advised of the possibility of having this prior experience and/or studies taken into consideration. Credit can reduce the amount of study needed to complete a degree.

Enrolment

Successful applicants will be advised in a formal Photography Studies College Letter of Offer.

To accept the offer you are required to complete the International Student Enrolment Form and pay the Administration Fee and amount of the annual Tuition Fees together with the Overseas Student Health Cover payment. Once these payments are received and processed an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE) will be issued. Once you receive your eCoE you can apply for a student visa at your nearest diplomatic mission – as noted on your eCoE. Please note that the PSC Refund Policy is clearly stated on the International Enrolment Form.

Annual Tuition Fees

Please refer to the International Tuition Fee Schedule.

Equipment Costs

In addition to the annual international tuition fees, there are additional essential equipment and material costs – refer to the PSC Expenses Other than Tuition Fees Sheet for details.

Overseas Student Health Cover

To be covered for health insurance costs and as a visa requirement, you will have to pay the Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for yourself and any family members travelling with you at the time of enrolment. The OSHC provides medical and hospital insurance. Photography Studies College's OSHC provider is Medibank Private. For further information: www.medibankprivate.com.au

Student Visa information

<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500>

Further information

Contact the Course Advisor

✉ study@psc.edu.au

☎ +61 3 96823191

APPLYING FOR A STUDENT VISA

PSC is a registered Higher Education Provider. Students require a Student Visa - Subclass 500.

Information about applying for a Student Visa for Australia is available from the Australian Department of Home Affairs at <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/>

Information can also be obtained at www.studyinaustralia.gov.au

Student visa requirements

Your will need:

A current Photography Studies College (Melbourne) letter

of offer into the relevant Higher Education course

An electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE)

Proof of financial support for your period of study

A valid passport

You may be required to undergo certain health checks as part of your visa application.

Documentary evidence for student visas

Prior to submitting your student visa application, you must check against the Document Checklist tool on the Department of Home Affairs website go to Visa Options for studying in Australia to find out which documents need to be attached to your visa application. Documentary evidence is determined by the Country of Passport and education provider.

Working while you study

The Australian Government has temporarily extended working hours for student visa holders. You will be able to work more than 40 hours a fortnight in any sector of the economy.

Educational services for overseas students (ESOS) act

The Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) framework provides quality education and protects the rights of international students in Australia. For more detailed information about the protection and assurance provide by ESOS legislation, visit <https://www.education.gov.au/esos-framework>

Arranging travel

You are responsible for making your own travel arrangements to Australia. It is advisable that you arrive in Melbourne at least 1-2 weeks before classes commence so that you have time to settle in and find suitable accommodation.

Remember to check with your airline on the baggage allowance that your ticket allows.

Orientation and settling in

At PSC we work to ensure that all international students have a productive and fulfilling educational experience. Our Student Engagement and Support Coordinator is available to assist with information on accommodation and settling in. An orientation program is provided by the Student Services Administration Coordinator to ensure that all International Students are familiarised with PSC, the course and with studying and living in Australia. The relevant PSC International Student Handbook provides details of assistance, lists of policies and rules and rights that are applicable.

Current news and events

Check out all the latest news and updates on PSC students, graduates, teachers and events just go to <http://blog.psc.edu.au/blog>



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[Photography Studies College \(Melbourne\)](https://www.linkedin.com/company/PhotographyStudiesCollege)

COST OF LIVING

Australian currency

Australian currency is denominated as follows:

Notes	\$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100
Coins	5c, 10c, 20c, 50c, \$1, \$2
There are no 1c or 2c coins.	

Items in Australia are priced down to single cents (for example \$2.99) but when you pay, the total will be rounded up or down to the nearest five cents. Thus \$2.99 becomes \$3.00, and \$12.42 becomes \$12.40.

As with all currencies, the Australian dollar exchange rate can vary over short periods of time. You can find the current exchange rate or convert to your own currency at www.xe.com

Finance considered reasonable to provide minimum standard of living while studying

There are financial requirements you must meet in order to receive a student visa. After 10 May 2024 the 12-month living costs are:

For students or guardians	AUD\$29,710
For partners coming with you	AUD\$10,394
For a child coming with you	AUD\$4,449

for more information go to:

immi.homeaffairs.gov.au

<https://www.studyaustralia.gov.au/en/life-in-australia/living-and-education-costs>

International Students can also apply for an International Student Travel Pass

<https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/tickets/myki/concessions-and-free-travel/children-and-students/international-students/information-for-students/>

Accommodation

Hostels and Guest houses	\$90 to \$150 per week
Shared Rental	\$200 to \$252 per week
Homestay	\$350 to \$410 per week
Rental	\$375 to \$450 per week

Other living expenses

Groceries and eating out	\$120 to \$380 per week
Gas, electricity	\$30 to \$40 per week
Phone and Internet	\$18 to \$40 per week
Public transport	\$30 to \$80 per week
Car (after purchase)	\$150 to \$260 per week
Entertainment	\$140 to \$180 per week

* The costs quoted here are only an indication of every day expenses and do not include accommodation, return airfares, overseas student health cover (OSHC) or course fees and costs. Don't forget to take these into consideration before lodging your application.

CHECKLIST

In preparation for coming to Australia here are some important things to consider:

- ☐ A current valid passport
- ☐ Student visa
- ☐ Ensure you check Australia's definition of fully vaccinated for international travel purposes
- ☐ Apply for a credit card and or arrange sufficient funds
- ☐ Confirm overseas access to your fund with your bank
- ☐ Arrange travel insurance
- ☐ Arrange accommodation
- ☐ Arrange transport from Melbourne airport to accommodation
- ☐ Ensure sufficient funds for taxi, bus or phone in case of emergency.

Important documents to pack

- ☐ Passport
- ☐ Letter of offer and electronic confirmation of enrolment (eCoE)
- ☐ Travel insurance policy
- ☐ ID cards, drivers' license, birth certificate (or copy)
- ☐ Leave copies of these documents in a safe place in your home country in case of loss.

Other items you may want to bring from home or purchase in Melbourne

- ☐ Camera and accessories (Refer to PSC Expenses other than tuition fees information sheet)
- ☐ Linen
- ☐ Bath towels
- ☐ Toiletries
- ☐ Mobile phone
- ☐ Laptop
- ☐ Australian standard electrical plug or adaptor

Other items

Make sure you are fully aware of what you can and cannot bring into Australia. Also be aware of the strict quarantine rules that apply when entering Australia. If you have any doubt about whether your goods are prohibited, then you should declare it on your Incoming Passenger Card. This will be provided to you on the plane. For more information go to: <https://www.studyaustralia.gov.au/en/plan-your-move>

Melbourne and Australia may have a different climate to what you have experienced so be sure to pack clothing for all weather conditions and seasons. You will be arriving in February which is our final month of summer. Autumn is from March to May, winter June to August, spring from September to November and summer December to February.

On arrival

- ☐ Call home and let them know you have arrived safely.
- ☐ Settle into accommodation and purchase required household items and food
- ☐ Contact Students Services on +61 3 9682 3191 to arrange a time to come into PSC
- ☐ At PSC you will be issued with your Student ID Card, your OSHC card, another copy of the PSC International Student Handbook
- ☐ Open a bank account
- ☐ Arrange a mobile phone account or purchase an Australian sim card
- ☐ Attend your international student orientation

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