

Sydney Pre-departure Kit

The Faculty of Law at the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS) is looking forward to hosting you during your upcoming studies in Sydney. Following is important information as you prepare for your visit. Further information will be provided during orientation on the first day of class.

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Part 1: Travel Information

Arrival in Australia

Visas

All US citizens must have a valid passport and an electronic travel authority (ETA) to enter Australia. You can obtain an ETA from <https://www.eta.immi.gov.au> or through a travel agent or airline. You should get a short-stay visitor ETA, which will allow you to stay in the country for up to 3 months.

Australia has no immunization requirements. If you plan to visit other countries before or after the program, you should check the requirements for those countries. Please ensure that you have medical insurance coverage.

Travel Dates

You cross the international dateline and arrive two days after your departure from the States. Classes start on Monday, 6 June. You must arrive in Sydney by 5 June, which is a departure from the US on Friday, 3 June.

Quarantine Matters

After clearing Immigration, you will claim your bags and proceed through Customs. Australia has strict quarantine laws and heavy fines apply for violations. Do not bring any fresh fruit or vegetables into the country. You can bring some packaged food into Australia but you must declare this on your arrival card. See <http://www.daff.gov.au/aqis/travel/entering-australia/cant-take>.

Transport from the Airport

There is a train station at the international airport. The cost of the train is almost the same as a taxi. There are shuttle services to different parts of the city (see <http://kst.com.au/airport.php>). See the Transport section for more information about trains and buses in Sydney. Further information about the airport is available from www.sydneyairport.com.

Money

There are exchange bureaus at the airport and throughout downtown Sydney (known as the Central Business District or 'CBD'). Almost all ATMs in Sydney recognise foreign bank cards and will issue you cash in Australian dollars. There are exchange bureaus and ATMs within a block of the UTS Law campus.

You do not need to bring travellers' checks or Australian currency with you if you wish. Check with your bank to make sure that your ATM card will work overseas. The Australian dollar comes in notes of \$50, \$20, \$10 and \$5, with each note a different colour. There are \$2 and \$1 gold coins and silver 50 cent, 20 cent, 10 cent and 5 cent coins. There are no pennies. American dollars are never recognised as a form of currency.

The Australian dollar is trading above parity with the American dollar, meaning that prices in Australian dollars are slightly more in US dollars. Sydney has a high cost of living. Food, transport and clothes are more expensive compared with prices in the US. You should budget at least \$15 - \$30 per day.

Tipping is welcome but it is not an Australian custom and therefore not expected.

Transport

Student Concessions

** You do not qualify for student concessions (discounts) on Sydney trains, buses and ferries. The New South Wales government does not grant travel concessions to international students and you are in Sydney on a tourist visa. Transit staff regularly patrol stations, buses and trains. You risk fines of several hundred dollars if you are found to be travelling on a student concession rate.

Trains

Central Station is less than a ten minute walk to UTS Law and is the closest train stop. Sydney has an extensive rail network. Weekly, fortnightly and monthly passes are available. Visit www.cityrail.info for fares and routes.

Buses

Numerous bus routes pass within one – two blocks of the UTS Law campus. The closest bus stops are at Railway Square (next to Central Station) on Broadway St or at the corner of George St and Hay St. Bus passes (weekly, fortnightly and Travel Ten) can be bought from many newsagents, convenience stores and even train stations. Visit www.sydneybuses.nsw.gov.au for more information. To view bus routes that service UTS, visit <http://www.sydneybuses.info/uploads/file/pdfs/university-maps/uts-busservices.pdf>.

Light Rail

Sydney operates a light rail from Central Station to the Inner West suburbs. There is a light rail stop half a block from the Law Faculty. The light rail is a convenient form of travel if your accommodation is in an Inner West neighbourhood (eg Annandale, Glebe, Leichardt) or if you wish to travel to certain tourist sites such as the Fish Market.

Ferries

Catch a ferry from Circular Quay (the train station for the Opera House) to tourist destinations such as the beachside community of Manly and the Taronga Zoo. The Sydney harbour is stunning and a ferry ride is a less expensive alternative to harbour cruises.

Monorail

Constructed for the 2000 Olympics, the monorail is a tourist attraction serving some points of interest but should not be considered a form of transport. There is a monorail stop one block from the UTS Law Faculty.

Taxis

Taxis in Sydney are abundant but expensive. You are charged by time, not distance. There are extra charges for travelling from the airport or across the Harbour Bridge. All cabs accept credit card payments. Tipping is welcome but not expected.

Telephones

Calling to Australia

Landline: American international access code + Australia country code + city code + number.

Example: 011 + 61 + 2 + 9514 3248

The city code for Sydney is 02 but the 0 is dropped when calling from overseas. All Australian land line phone numbers are 8 digits. All landlines in Sydney begin with 9.

Mobile: American international access code + Australia country code + mobile.

Example: 011 + 61 + 421 454 342

There is no city code for calling an Australian mobile. All Australian mobile numbers are 10 digits and begin with 04. The 0 is dropped when calling to a mobile from overseas.

Calling the US from Australia

Australian international access code + US country code + area code + number.

0011 + 1 + area code + phone number.

You can purchase international calling cards from any convenience store. Rates to the US are usually 1 – 3 cents per minute.

Phone stores at the airport and throughout the city offer pre-paid mobiles or SIM cards. There are telephone stores in the shopping centre across the street from UTS Law that can provide you with phones and SIM cards.

Dial 000 in case of an emergency. 000 is the Australian equivalent of 911 in the US.

What to Pack

Clothing

Pack a variety of clothes. Winter in Sydney is mild, with an average daytime temperature of 65 and evening of 50 F. However, it can reach into the 40s and winters in Sydney can be damp and penetrating. (Temperatures in Australia are displayed in Celsius). Pack warmer clothes if you are travelling to the Blue Mountains on the outskirts of Sydney or south to place like Melbourne. Pack summer/beachwear if you are travelling north to Queensland. The ocean is rather chilly in Sydney in June. Sydney has many outdoor activities, including kayaking on the harbour and bush walking in nearby forests.

For classes you may wear what you would normally wear to class in the States. Smart casual is advisable for visit to the courts in the CBD. However, professional attire is not required, as Australians tend to be more casual in their attire.

Adaptors and Plugs

Electricity is 240-250 volt, 50 cycle AC. Electrical plugs are three-pronged and you will need adaptors for any electrical items you bring with you from the States. Adaptors are available in Sydney but you will save time and hassle if you bring them with you.

Housing

The University of Technology, Sydney has a list of nearby budget accommodations. See <http://www.ssu.uts.edu.au/housing/hotels/budget.html>.

Other useful housing websites include:

www.accommodationsydney.com.au
www.apartmentservice.com.au/sydney.html
www.accommodationsydney.com.au
www.studentuniverse.com
<http://sydney.craigslist.com.au>
www.apartmentsplus.com.au
<http://ibs.statravelgroup.com/B2cus/AniteXmlGateway.aspx>
<http://ratestogo.com>
www.yha.com.au/hostels/details.cfm?hostelid=29
www.sydneygardenview.com/
www.theoaksgroup.com.au

Sightseeing

Sydney is a vibrant city with many attractions and has much to offer beyond the Opera House and a stunning harbour. There is tourist information centre in Darling Harbour, a 15-minute walk from UTS Law, as well as in The Rocks, located across from the Opera House and Circular Quay Station.

Day trips to destinations such as the Blue Mountains and the Hunter Valley wine region are accessible by train or rental car. The major airlines that fly throughout Australia include Qantas, Virgin and Jetstar.

About UTS Law

The Faculty of Law at the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS) is one of the largest law schools in Australia, with 2500 undergraduate and postgraduate students. UTS is an urban campus, located in the heart of Sydney's Chinatown on the edge of the city's downtown (known as the Central Business District or 'CBD').

UTS's city campus has two main areas at Broadway and Haymarket. The Haymarket building houses the Law Faculty and the university library. The Law Faculty is across the street from a shopping centre and market. Numerous restaurants, cafes and tourist attractions are within walking distance.

Australian universities operate on a different academic calendar. UTS students will be in exams and on holiday during the month of June. However, all campus facilities will be open and you will have a chance to meet UTS Law students and staff at a welcome lunch on 7 June.

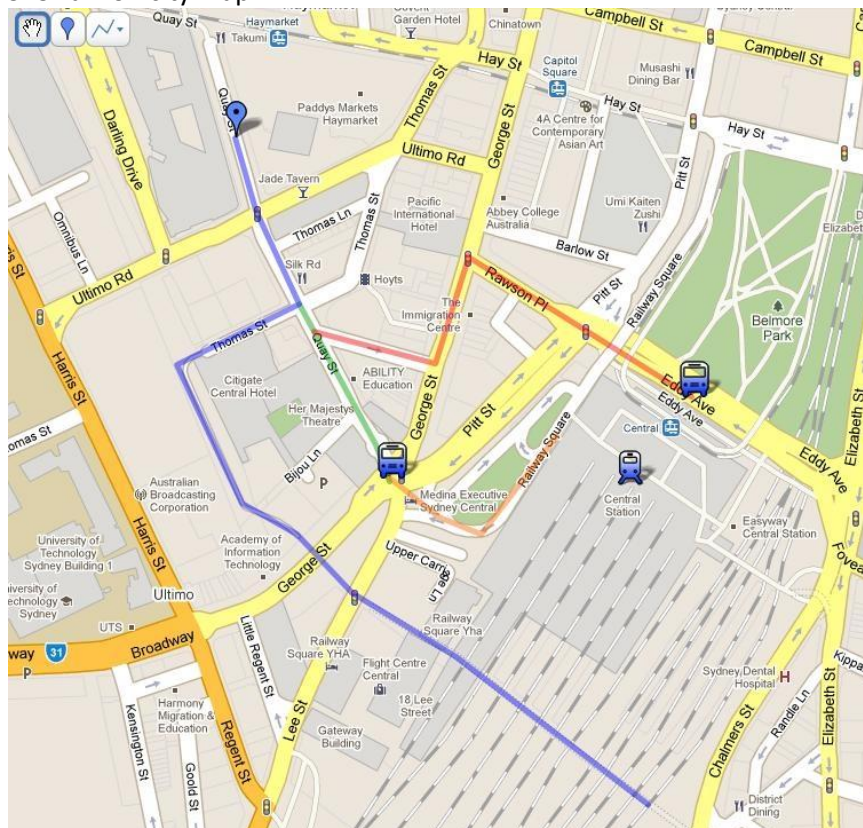
See www.law.uts.edu.au for more information.

Directions to UTS Law

The Law Faculty is located in Building 5, Block B of the Haymarket campus at 1 – 59 Quay St (pronounced 'key street'). It is directly across the street from Paddy's Market, a tourist landmark.

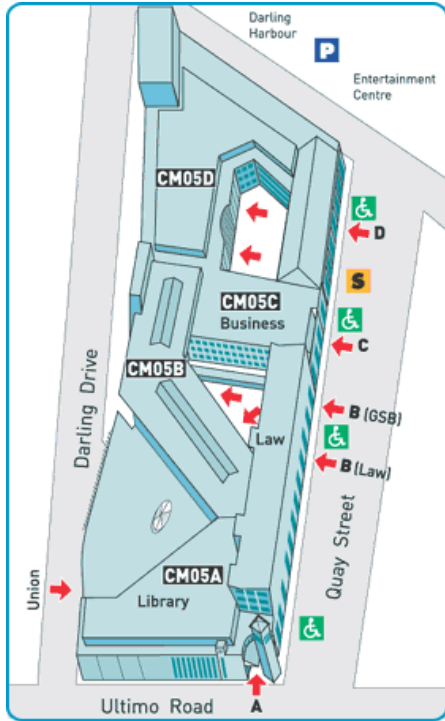
Your classes will be held in Room 318, Level 3, Building 5, Block B.

UTS Law on city map

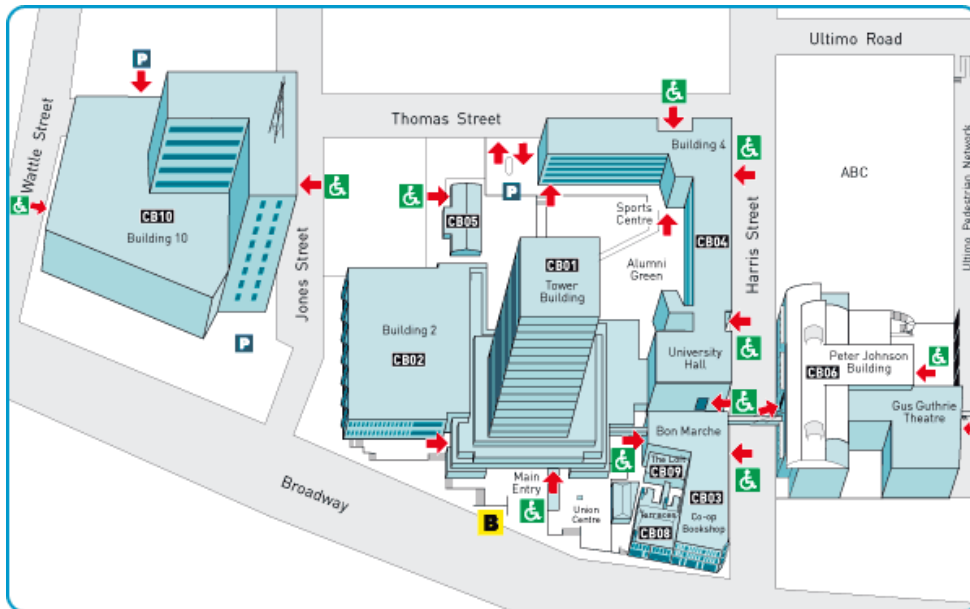


The blue balloon indicates the location of the UTS Law building. (UTS has a tower at Broadway and Harris Streets. It is highly visible from several parts of the city but is a 15 minute walk to the Law Faculty). Several major bus stops are noted. Central Station is located in front of Belmore Park.

Haymarket, City Campus



Broadway map, City Campus



Computer Access

Prior to your departure for Australia, you will receive a username and password that will allow you to log on to any computer at UTS. (The username and password will also be supplied to you on the first day of class but computers will be accessible if you arrive the week beforehand). There are 9 computer labs across campus, including in Building 5, the location of your studies, and within the library. In order to access the computer labs within the library, you will need a library card (see below).

There is free wi-fi on campus.

Library

A library card has been arranged for you which will give you access to the library and its computer labs. Your library membership does not provide for you to borrow materials from the library. You will need to visit the Library reception to have your picture taken and library card issued.

The UTS library is located on the corner of Building 5 in Block A, next to the Law Faculty. You do need to make an appointment to obtain your library card. To avoid long wait times, it is best to visit the library individually or in small groups.

You can set up an account on your library card to print from the computers within the library. Printers in labs other than the library recognise only UTS student cards.

Library Hours

Monday to Thursday	8.00am - 10.00pm
Friday	8.00am - 9.00pm
Saturday	10.00am - 6.00pm

UTS Reading Materials

Frances Simmons, a lecturer at UTS Law, will be conducting a number of classes in the Santa Clara program. Her readings have been placed on e-reserve at the library. To access a soft copy, visit <http://www.lib.uts.edu.au/drr/search.html> and search using Frances' surname 'Simmons'. You do not need a library card number to access the e-reserve materials.

Sports Facilities

UTS has a fitness centre located in Building 4, a few blocks from the Law Faculty, that is available to you as a member of the public. See www.utsunion.uts.edu.au/fitness. The Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre is a YMCA with an Olympic pool and complete gym located a few blocks from campus that also offers casual visits. See www.itac.org.au.

Lockers

There are a very limited number of lockers on the ground floor of UTS Law for weekly hire. Lockers can be rented from The Hub store on the ground level of UTS Law.

Emergency Contact Numbers

Dial '6' from any campus phone in case of an emergency.

Dial '000' for medical emergencies. 000 is the Australian equivalent of 911 in the US.

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