

The University of the South Pacific Fact Sheet

University Name	The University of the South Pacific
Website	https://www.usp.ac.fj/
Specific website for Exchange/Study Abroad	https://www.usp.ac.fj/study-at-usp/international-students/
Website for courses/units offered in English (where applicable)	https://www.usp.ac.fj/study-at-usp/
Link to 2021 Handbook & Calendar (H&C)	2021 Handbook & Calendar (H&C)
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*Subject to change	Semester 1, 2022	Semester 2, 2022
Admission Application Deadlines	7 th January, 2022	27 th May, 2022
Orientation Session	14 th – 18 th March & 19 th March *Special Cultural Immersion Trip organised on the 18th March. <i>(for students attending Laucala campus only and based on the COVID situation)</i>	8 th – 12 th August & 13 th August *Special Cultural Immersion Trip organised on the 13th August. <i>(for students attending Laucala campus only and based on the COVID situation)</i>
Classes Start Date	21 st March	15 th August

Mid Semester Break	7 th – 15 th May	1 st – 9 th October																																
Exam Period	16 th July – 14 th August	28 th November – 9 th December																																
Documents required for admission application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed USP Admission Application form (attached in email) Course selection sheet (attached in email) Certified academic transcripts and certificates Passport bio data page or birth certificate 2 passport sized photos <p>*Please refer to this link https://www.usp.ac.fj/study-at-usp/international-students/apply-international-students/admissions-process/ for more admission information and process.</p>																																	
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Course Selection Instructions	<p>As a Study Abroad or Exchange student, you can only take up to 4 courses each semester.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Please select your courses from the USP Handbook & Calendar (starting from page 290). Please indicate your top 4 preferences and 2 alternative courses. USP International will only seek approval for your top 4 preferences. Your alternative courses will only be taken into consideration if 2/4 courses are not approved.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> You are not permitted to take Preliminary and Foundation courses. Any courses where the third alphabet is 'P' or 'F' means they are a Preliminary or Foundation courses, for example, LLF11, SOP10. Any courses where the codes 400, 600, 700 or 800 are Graduate courses, for example, ED700, TS700, PA800, etc.</p>																																	

	<p>□ Different modes of Delivery are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Face to face (F) - offered on face to face mode with at least two hours of lectures per week and face to face tutorials during the semester of offer. 2. Print (P) - offered on Print mode. These courses do not offer weekly lectures and face to face tutorials during the semester of offer. 3. Blended Mode (B) - offered on blended mode and blends online and face to face delivery. Furthermore, a blended course is one where a substantial proportion of the content that is 30-79% is delivered online. Typically uses online discussion and has some face to face interaction between student and lecturer or tutor. 4. Online (O) - offered as an online course where most of the content is delivered online and typically has no face to face meetings, that is, 80% is offered in the online mode. <p><i>*Refer to page 133-139 of H&C for more information on Course Identification System.</i></p>
Credit transfer	<p>Upon completion of the exchange period, an official credit letter can be provided by USP upon request. An official transcript will also be mailed to the student's correspondence address.</p> <p>Exchange/Study Abroad students can take up to 4 undergraduate units from any of our 6 schools. [Please note any pre-requisites]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School of Accounting, Finance and Economics (SAFE) • School of Business & Management (SBM) • School of Information Technology, Engineering, Mathematics & Physics (STEMP) • School of Agriculture, Geography, Environment, Oceans & Natural Sciences (SAGEONS) • School of Law & Social Sciences (SoLaSS) • School of Pacific Arts, Communication & Education (SPACE) <p>Students must send their course selections to USP International well in advance in order for us to seek pre-approvals as inbound international/study abroad students will not have access to online course selection. Please visit the online Handbook & Calendar to view all courses and programmes:</p> <p>Handbook and Calendar</p> <p>Timetables will be posted on the students' online accounts on Student Online Services [SOLS] once all their courses are registered.</p> <p>http://www.student.usp.ac.fj/</p> <p>Generic timetable can be accessed via following -</p> <p>https://www.usp.ac.fj/sas/student-administrative-services/timetable-and-room-allocations/</p>
Number of units typically taken by exchange students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-4 undergraduate courses by face-to-face [F-F] mode to meet Fiji study permit requirements. Distance and flexible learning courses [DFL] need special approval.
Courses not available to exchange students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 400, 600, 700, 800 level courses as these are only for Graduate students • Courses where students do not meet the prerequisites
Insurance Cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incoming students to USP are advised to purchase a comprehensive insurance cover, including; medical, travel [including travel within the region and abroad], cover for the loss or damage to personal property etc. from their home country before they depart for USP.

Study Abroad Fees (if applicable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exchange student's tuition fees are waived Study abroad tuition fees are approximately FJD\$9,000 per semester *subject to changes
Accommodation Options (available at Laucala Campus only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accommodation options vary between the Halls of Residence; Waqavuka Flats; USP lodges and Off-campus accommodation. <p>Please visit link https://www.usp.ac.fj/commercial-operations/accommodation-services/ and https://www.usp.ac.fj/commercial-operations/usp-lodges/waqavuka-flats/</p> <p>Students can email their queries to: international@usp.ac.fj</p>
Living Expenses (Fiji)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One can expect to pay between FJD\$4000 - \$6000 for a semester but it is dependent on the type of activities a student engages in.
Local Transportation (Fiji)	<p>The cost of public transportation is reasonable since USP is centrally located. Bus fare from USP to the city is FJD\$0.70 one way. Taxi fare fall is FJD\$1.50 and FJD\$2 after 10pm, so a ride into town from USP will cost around FJD\$5.00.</p> <p>If students are thinking of travelling around the main island, Sunbeam Transport; Coral Sun and Pacific Transport are the 3 main bus companies that have buses service these routes.</p> <p>http://sunbeamfiji.com</p> <p>http://www.touristtransportfiji.com/coral-sun-express-booking</p>
Visa & Immigration Information	<p>Exchange and study abroad students are required to apply for a study permit. Our office handles permit applications for all international students and we require all students send their completed applications and payments to our office by 21st January 2022 for semester 1 and by 10th June 2022 for semester 2. Permit fees are FJD\$513.</p> <p>The deadline of Study Permit Fee is 7th January 2022, for Semester 1 and 3rd June 2022 for Semester 2 studies.</p> <p>For all international students, attending one of the campuses in Fiji, you are requested to apply for study/research permit via International Office after you have received your Offer Letter.</p> <p>The details of study/research permit application including; checklist, forms and requisite fees and COVID-19 travel process will be provided to you upon issue of your Offer letter. The International Office will assist with lodgment of your application.</p> <p>For students attending one of Fiji campuses;</p> <p>Please do not send applications directly to Fiji Immigration. Soft copies of the completed application and supporting documents can be emailed to international@usp.ac.fj and payment made online by stated deadlines above. Students can make online payments at https://www.usp.ac.fj/study-at-usp/tuition-fees/ and include the generated receipt with documents to be emailed. Keep originals with travel documents. Photographs where required can be affixed to the application before scanning. Please contact USP International for clarification.</p> <p>*Important –</p> <p><i>Due to global pandemic COVID-19, the Fijian Government is taking extra precautionary measures to ensure the protection of its people. Therefore, there is a new permit process in place now, to help screen incoming students and help protect the people from COVID-19. Approval of permits will be provided on a case by case basis and students will have to meet all requirements of the new process.</i></p>

	<p><u>Travel Advisory</u></p> <p>Please refer to this link https://www.mcttt.gov.fj/home/traveltofiiji/international-travel/#s for information on Entry Conditions to Fiji. Please keep checking the link as the information keeps on updating based on the COVID situation.</p> <p>Also, refer to Fiji Immigration website for more information http://www.immigration.gov.fj/</p> <p>Students, attending USP campuses other than Fiji, will have to follow the visa & immigration + COVID-19 travel protocols according to the country chosen to study from. You may also have to apply for the visa on your own. The USP International will assist with establishing contact with the campus staff for further assistance.</p>
Arrival Assistance	<p>For students attending one of Fiji campuses;</p> <p>We advise all inbound international exchange/study abroad students to arrive at the Suva/Nausori Airport the weekend before Orientation or on a specific day so that most of the students arrive together and we are able to arrange transportation from the airport to USP. For students who board the Coral Sun bus from Nadi Airport, our staff will be at the Holiday Inn to meet them. Students can call the USP International staff for assistance if they prefer to find their own way to USP from Nadi Airport.</p> <p>Under no circumstances are students to travel in a taxi from Nadi Airport to Suva alone or board minibuses. Taxis can be expensive for ‘foreigners’ and minibuses are not a safe mode of transportation. If students are disembarking at Nadi Airport and wish to find their own way to Suva, ask airport personnel for assistance or refer to Local Transportation above for bus schedules. One-way bus fare from Nadi Airport to Suva City is approximately FJD\$30.</p> <p>Students attending campuses, other than Fiji;</p> <p>You may have to make your own arrangement for transportation.</p>
Campus Facilities	<p>Please refer to the following site for details on campus facilities</p> <p>https://www.usp.ac.fj/centre-for-flexible-learning/our-services/student-learning-support/</p>
Campus Maps	<p>https://www.usp.ac.fj/campus/</p> <p>(Scroll to the bottom of page to check the campus maps).</p>

Note: The USP International Office is based at Fiji’s, Laucala campus only. For information about all other campuses please visit this [website](#) or contact the International Office on international@usp.ac.fj

Important Dates

Semester	Admission Application Deadline	Study Permit Fee	Study Permit Application	Accommodation Form
Semester 1, 2022	7 th January, 2022	14 th January, 2022	21 st January, 2022	7 th January, 2022
Semester 2, 2022	27 th May, 2022	3 rd June, 2022	10 th June, 2022	27 th May, 2022