

Frequently Asked Questions for Transnational (TNE) Students Transferring to Perth Campus

Who can I contact if I am interested in transferring to Perth?

Please contact the following Murdoch staff to discuss options:

Singapore & Malaysia - Neville Hiong N.Hiong@murdoch.edu.au Regional Manager – Singapore, Malaysia, Philippines, North Asia.

Dubai - Conor Murphy Conor.Murphy@murdoch.edu.au Regional Manager – Africa, Bhutan, Europe, Middle-East, Pakistan.

Assistance in formulating your study plan can be obtained by contacting:

Singapore and Malaysia students: Singapore.Enrolments@murdoch.edu.au

Dubai students: Dubai.studentservices@murdoch.edu.au

How much will I pay for a unit in Australia?

You will be charged per unit, and units can vary between AU\$3,855 to \$4,170 for a 3-point unit, depending on your chosen field and level of study. You can use the [fee calculator](#) to find out the fees that you will need to pay for your units.

Apart from the unit fees, there is also a Student Services and Amenities fee of AU\$326 per year.

Are there any Scholarships available to me?

Yes! As a Transnational student transferring to Perth campus, you are eligible to receive the [TNE Transfer Scholarship](#) when you transfer to Perth in 2023 or 2024. This will provide you with a 25% fee reduction for your first teaching period in Perth. You will then receive the [Welcome Back International Scholarship](#) which will provide you with a 20% fee reduction for each following teaching period for the remaining duration of your studies, while in Perth. Please visit the Scholarship pages for Eligibility requirements and further information.

When is it best for me to transfer?

You can transfer any time after the end of a teaching period. You can choose to study in Perth in the soonest relevant teaching period for your program. Most courses in Perth run on a semester-basis with semesters commencing in February or July. Some postgraduate Business courses run on a trimester-basis, with trimesters commencing January, May, and September. More information on teaching periods can be found [here](#).

Where can I find information on availability of units in Perth?

The units for your course can be found in the [handbook](#).

What is the GPA requirement for Relocating to Perth?

There is no defined academic criterion required for transferring your studies to Perth. As you are already a Murdoch student you will simply be relocating your studies to a different campus. However, due to the additional pressure you may encounter in studying in a foreign country (e.g., culture shock, missing family, and friends, adjusting to a new environment and routine) it is advisable that students intending to transfer are competent students who have passed all or most of their units in the past.

When will I receive my letter of offer?

Once your transfer application has been processed, the Admissions Office will issue an offer letter with the exact course duration (i.e. for period remaining).

Should I use an agent?

If you are from one of the countries listed on this [page](#), you are required to apply via an agent.

We will refer you to one of Murdoch University's nominated agents. The cost of the agent's services in this case is covered by the University and so they are free of charge for you! You can seek the assistance from one of Murdoch University's registered agents in Singapore or Dubai; the agent will assist in:

- Taking out a bank loan if necessary
- Facilitating the payment of your fees to Murdoch Perth
- Processing your student visa
- Finding accommodation
- Booking your flights
- Any other issues regarding transfer process

The list of [Murdoch agents](#) can be found online.

An agent that has assisted you previously can again assist with your visa application, however they must be a Murdoch approved agent found in the above link.

What do I need to know about visa processing?

Once you have made payment of the necessary tuition fees and Overseas Student Health Cover, you (or your agent if engaging one) will be sent a Confirmation of Enrolment (COE) by the University. This document will allow you to begin processing your student visa. The agent will call you to their office to undertake this process. Your visa will require you to undertake a medical check-up and your agent will advise you on how and where to go about this.

What facilities are available on campus?

There are so many facilities on campus! We have many cafes and eating outlets, and an IGA convenience store in the Student Hub (for varying dietary requirements including halal, and vegan), as well as a tavern and many vending machines on campus. The library has 24-hour access, as well as 24-hour computer labs. There is a gymnasium with squash courts and playing fields, health, and counselling services. With a non-denominational worship centre, ATMs, car parking, and many different clubs and societies to join, Murdoch University has you covered! More information can be found [here](#).

Is Internet available on campus?

The campus has free WIFI. You can use your Murdoch username and password to access the internet. There are also computer labs on campus for you to use.

Is there accommodation on campus?

Yes! The Murdoch University Village is on campus and has a swimming pool, barbecue deck, movie room, pool table and a group study lounge. There are various options for rooms and include both mixed and same-sex apartments for those who prefer. You are encouraged to apply for accommodation at the Murdoch University Village as soon as you have made payment for your studies. Please visit [Murdoch University Village](#) for more information and pricing.

Alternatively, off-campus accommodation can be easily found, with a single room costing approximately \$AU150-\$300 per week. This will depend on the location, number of tenants, and whether the room is furnished or unfurnished.

Can I take a part-time job when I'm in Perth?

Yes, you can work up to 40 hours per fortnight on a student visa and full time on university vacation periods. Casual work such as hospitality and retail can be found in Perth, though students should not rely on finding work to pay for their living expenses. Visit Murdoch's Alumni Careers and Employment Centre when in Perth to find out more. More information about working while studying and other visa conditions can be found on the [Department of Home Affairs website](#).

How do I open a bank account in Perth?

You will be given information on how to do this during the Orientation Week and you can choose the bank which best suits your needs. You will be asked to show your student ID card and passport to open an account.

Preparing your big trip to Perth:

Approximately one month prior to the commencement of your studies in Perth, you will be invited to a Pre-Departure seminar in your current study location. This will be held by a representative from Murdoch University in Perth and is designed to provide you with all the information you require to begin your relocation to Perth. It includes the "nitty-gritty" details about what to bring, what to do before you leave, what to do in the first few days in Perth and so on. This will be a fantastic opportunity to get advice about your transition to the Australian life and network with some of the other students who will also be relocating to Perth.

Orientation Week is held prior to the beginning of each semester to provide you with all the essential information you need to get started and settle into your first year at Murdoch. The [Orientation Guide](#) is available on the Murdoch website; Orientation is compulsory and you are expected to attend.