Current International students were asked what ‘Top-Tips’ and information they would have liked to have received before they embarked on their journey to the University of Adelaide. This is a selection of what was said:

- Get accommodation that includes bills e.g. electricity, gas and make sure there is internet connection available
- Accommodation is likely to be more expensive than you have planned, be prepared
- Try and get accommodation before arriving in Adelaide (see accommodation website for recommended providers) [www.adelaide.edu.au/accommodation/](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/accommodation/)
- If you intend finding your accommodation after arriving in Adelaide, know how to go about finding it – contact the accommodation service!
- Bring your dictionary and scientific calculator
- Bring as much as you can e.g. phone, iPad, clothes etc. as things can be expensive in Australia
- Bring things that you will need immediately upon arrival e.g. toiletries
- Pack nice clothes for going out
- If you are arriving in January it will probably be very hot, pack accordingly!
- If you are arriving in July in can be cold and wet, if you have them bring a jumper and an umbrella
- Don’t forget your adapter for electronic devices – Australia is 240v. If you do not have one, they are readily available to purchase in Adelaide.
- You will need photo ID for things like opening your bank account and collecting your password and students card at Orientation week
- There are lots of places to buy Mobile phones and Sim Cards close to the University so this doesn’t need to be a worry
- Second hand book can be bought through the University Union’s website and also through a Book Co-op run through Ecoversity
- Check out the ‘Study Plan’ for your chosen degree in the Degree Finder: [www.adelaide.edu.au/degree-finder/](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/degree-finder/) and become familiar with the courses you may be able to choose within your first study period. If it’s too confusing don’t worry as someone will be available to help you enrol if you need it.
If you are a fee paying student you will have paid a $9,000 deposit for your studies. The remainder of the fee required for your first study period will be invoiced to you before the first day of teaching and must be paid by the 17th March (Semester 1, 2016 arrivals). There are several methods of payment, including but not limited to Credit Cards.

Your OSHC card can be delivered straight to your home once you have a postal address in Australia:

You must have a visa with permission to work if you plan to work in Australia. Check your visa details for work conditions as they differ between subclasses.
http://international.adelaide.edu.au/life/visas/

There are lots of Clubs and Association that you can join at the University. They promote themselves during O-Week and throughout the semester. You’re sure to find one or more of interest! https://www.auu.org.au/Clubs/ClubList.aspx

If you have children and it is possible to arrive without them, then it is better to come alone, find appropriate accommodation and settle in before having them join you.

Enrolment into your courses occurs after you have arrived in Adelaide unless you are a Study Abroad/ Exchange student.

You can collect your Student ID only after you have enrolled in your courses.

Whilst you’re on the University campuses most areas have Wi-Fi coverage and there are computer suites available for students however, these can be in high demand and it is recommended where possible you bring your own device. Personal devices can be configured to work throughout the University and can also have access to all your teaching and learning applications.

Other tips:

- Know the weather conditions, bring all your important documents and keep copies of them, practise English every day before you leave, try and contact a current student from your country to help you settle, read your course requirements very carefully and know that you can buy second hand things cheaply in Adelaide!

If, after your arrival, you think of something you wish you’d known beforehand please contact the International Student Centre and let us know!