The University of Melbourne has made an exciting change to how undergraduate study abroad and exchange (SAEX) students manage their enrolment, allowing incoming students to add a large number of subjects to their study plan without the need to submit a form or seek approval from the University of Melbourne.

We hope this change will allow students the autonomy of managing their enrolment and will reduce the time it takes for students to learn which subjects they are eligible to take at Melbourne. It will free up the time of our course planning team who will now only need to assess subjects for students that are at the graduate level or that require prerequisite knowledge.

**Which subjects have been preapproved?**

There are over 400 undergraduate subjects which have no prerequisite requirements that students can add to their study plan themselves. This includes a wide range of subjects we know are popular with incoming SAEX students including:

- MULT20013 – Australia Now
- INDG10001 – Indigenous Australia
- CCDP20001 – Street Art
- UNIB20018 – Going Places – Travelling Smarter
- MUSI20149 – Music Psychology
- MGMT10002 – Principles of Management
- MGMT20001 – Organisational Behaviour
- BLAW10001 – Principles of Business Law

**When (and how) can students enrol in preapproved subjects?**

Once students have accepted their SAEX place at Melbourne and have been admitted into the program, they are able to add preapproved subjects to their study plan. There are three steps involved:

1. Adding the subject to the study plan (students can do this once they are admitted)
2. Enrolling in the subject
3. Registering for a specific class time/seat in the subject

Like many universities there are key dates around enrolling in subjects and registering for classes - enrolment opens and the handbook and timetable is published each year in November (for the following academic year). Further information on subject enrolment is available on Get Started and we will be providing students with advice on how to enrol in subjects once they are admitted.

**What about postgraduate students?**

Students applying as an Exchange Postgraduate (EX-PG) or Study Abroad Postgraduate (SA-PG) student will continue to submit a “Proposed Study Plan” form as part of their application and this will be assessed by the Course Planning team. Students will be advised of their approved subjects prior to their arrival.

**Does this change the University of Melbourne application?**

Students are still required to upload a “Proposed Study Plan” form as part of their online application, but this form only needs to list subjects that have prerequisite requirements and/or are at a graduate level.
If a student intends to take a full load of preapproved subjects, they are still required to upload a “Proposed Study Plan” form but can select the appropriate box to advise our team they are planning to take preapproved subjects.

If the subject is listed in the handbook as being available to Study Abroad and/or Exchange students and has prerequisite requirements, students will need to list this subject on the “Proposed Study Plan” form along with evidence as to how they meet the prerequisite requirements.
What if a student is worried about missing out on a seat for a particular subject?

Most of our subjects don’t have class quotas, so once a student is enrolled into a subject, they will be guaranteed a seat in a class. Subjects that have quota restrictions are listed on the handbook in the “Dates and times” section, along with instructions on what the quota is and how to meet it. An example is the subject Beer Styles and Sensory Analysis.

What if a student changes their mind and wants to add other subjects after they apply or before they arrive?

Students are still able to add and drop subjects up until the end of the second week of classes. Students will be provided with instructions on how to add subjects that have prerequisites as well as adding preapproved subjects to their study plan. There will also be in person support on campus once students arrive in Melbourne.

What if a student has already submitted their application for Semester 2, 2020?

Their application will be assessed as normal; students don’t need to resubmit their “Proposed Study Plan” form.

Approval from home institution

We still advise students that it is their responsibility to ensure that the subjects they enrol in have been approved by their home institution and that you will receive credit towards their degree. Further information is available on returning home.

Thank you so much for supporting this change, we hope it will make your students’ application and pre-arrival experience easier. Please contact the Global Learning team if you have any questions related to this change.