



Hi there! My name is Sara Cinti, and I'm a full-time student at UM, following a BA in International Relations and Psychology. In 2024/25 I chose to go on exchange at the University of Canberra, and it was an experience I would recommend to anyone! From the beginning, UC made me feel supported, especially as an international and exchange student. The Global Learning team is always present, organising gatherings that help you settle in and experience Australian culture.

I lived in on-campus accommodation, located right on the university campus, with different housing options to choose from. It was the best decision for me. Living there made it easy to make friends and take part in activities like movie nights and organised trips around Canberra. UC also offers many clubs and student associations, similar to the University of Malta, from run clubs to faculty-based associations which are open and welcoming.

The lecturers were friendly and genuinely interested in their students. Tutorials were one of the parts I enjoyed most: once a week we met in smaller groups to discuss and apply what we learned during lectures. This made learning clearer and more interactive, and it's a system used across many faculties. The UC library was another great support, with librarians available every day to help with essays and exams, as well as afternoon support classes for students who need extra explanations. Although, in my opinion, the best thing that the University of Canberra has to offer are kangaroos on campus.

Living in Canberra added so much to the experience. The city offers shops, arcades, and places that reflect Australia's history, but also plenty of nature and hiking spots. There are always events and festivals to enjoy, like the National Multicultural Festival, Floriade, and the Hot Air Balloon Festival. With buses running throughout the city, getting around is very easy.

Even though Canberra is far from home, I can guarantee you that you'll never feel alone there. UC makes you feel welcome from day one, there is always support when you need it, and there is always something to do. I'm sure you'd love it as much as I did!