Southern Cross University is a multi-campus regional University with a vibrant profile of engaged teaching and research and a strong capacity in distance education delivery. It has a student population of more than 9,000 equivalent full-time students studying at its campuses, or with collaborating institutions within Australia and internationally.

The University is proud of its diverse and distinctive student body - 62 per cent of its students are from regional Australia, participation by Indigenous students is double the national rate, and its international profile includes students from more than 80 countries.

Southern Cross University is expanding, with a new campus on the Gold Coast as well as campuses in Lismore, which houses the majority of the University's academic and research units, Coffs Harbour, and The Hotel School Sydney. There is a wide range of programs on offer including environmental science, health and human sciences, education, business and law, visual arts and contemporary music, tourism, social science and social welfare. Southern Cross University also continues to enhance its research capacity, developing world-leading expertise in areas including geochemistry and plant science.