Since its establishment in 1996, the University of the Sunshine Coast has made a significant impact on the economic and cultural development of its region, serving a growing catchment from Brisbane’s northern suburbs through to Bundaberg. USC has around 9,000 students and continues to be one of Australia’s fastest growing universities. Demand for USC programs is strong, with plans to double enrolments in the next decade. The University is also in a period of rapid research development and growth.

More than 100 degrees and postgraduate programs are offered in the disciplines of: business, IT and tourism; creative industries, design and communication; education; engineering, planning and science; health, nursing and sport sciences; humanities, psychology and social sciences; and law. The University’s purpose-built campus features award winning academic buildings, cafés and sporting amenities. The campus borders a nature reserve, models innovative sustainability principles, and is shared with wildlife including kangaroos.

The University rated five stars in the Good Universities Guide 2014 for teaching quality, valuing face-to-face teaching and a more personal relationship with students.