

ARTS



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A woman with dark curly hair, wearing a blue patterned headband, a black short-sleeved top, a colorful beaded necklace, and bright pink pants, is sitting on a wooden stool. She is smiling and holding a professional video camera. The background is a solid yellow wall.

“I wanted to tell the inspiring stories of women who are breaking gender stereotypes.”

“I wanted my research to use a media that is accessible to a broad range of people to tell the inspiring stories of women who are breaking gender stereotypes. This project is contributing to that sense of change by featuring strong women in the public domain where they’ve traditionally not been well represented.”

DR CERIDWEN SPARK – POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW

Postdoctoral Research Fellow Dr Ceridwen Spark travelled to Papua New Guinea to collect stories of women who had the power to inspire change. The biographies of these women were made into six short documentary films, which challenge the idea that women have little to contribute in their male-dominated society.

Whether you are a budding artist, psychologist, musician, social worker, thinker, communicator or writer, we have a wide range of Arts courses to energise your passions and drive your career forward.

COLLEGE OF ARTS

All Victoria University Arts courses are delivered through our College of Arts. We offer stimulating and hands-on courses from communication, psychology, community development and creative industries to digital media, disability services, music and social work.

Our Arts courses range from vocational education (TAFE) certificates and diplomas to bachelor degrees and postgraduate courses, including graduate certificates and diplomas, masters and PhDs.

Our postgraduate studies are offered in a stimulating and supportive environment where you will learn alongside like-minded people and highly accomplished academics. Our lecturers have published many works and can draw on rich experiences to bring their teaching to life.

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“During my studies I worked in the marketing department of Hume Council, which ignited my desire to run for Council.

At 31, I was the youngest woman to be elected mayor in the history of Maribyrnong City Council. I am also on the boards of LeadWest, Western Melbourne Tourism and other organisations.

VU has a commitment to its students and the community, and the education I received was second to none.”

SARAH CARTER – BACHELOR OF COMMUNICATION (PUBLIC RELATIONS)



ARTS COURSE AREAS

Courses are offered across a broad range of Arts specialisations, at vocational training (TAFE), undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Our range of Arts specialisations include:

- Advocacy and Mediation
- Aged Services
- Applied Psychology
- Arts
- Communication
- Community Development
- Community Services
- Counselling
- Creative Arts
- Criminal Justice Studies
- Cultural Services
- Disability
- Editing
- Financial Counselling
- Graphic Design
- Human Services
- Interactive Digital Media
- Interactive Media
- International Studies
- Legal Studies
- Liberal Arts
- Library/Information Services
- Media Studies
- Modern Languages
- Multimedia
- Music
- Neuropsychology
- Performance Studies
- Professional English Communication
- Professional Writing
- Psychology
- Public Relations
- Screen and Media
- Social Work
- Sound Production
- Sports Psychology
- Theatre Arts
- Visual Art.

For detailed information about all Arts courses visit vu.edu.au/arts

INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS

We collaborate with a network of business and industry partners to gain insight into current and future needs of industry. This allows us to shape our courses to the needs of the workplace and helps guide our research. It also gives you access to world-class resources and workplace learning opportunities, allowing you to gain the latest knowledge, skills and experience to be career-focused and job-ready when you graduate.

College of Arts postgraduate students and researchers have collaborated with SBS Television, Victoria Police, Australian Centre for the Moving Image, Newport Islamic Society, Footscray Community Arts Centre, The Song Room, Melbourne City Mission, Malthouse Theatre and the Australian Multicultural Foundation.

Our psychology students have the opportunity to turn their theoretical knowledge into practice through an on-campus clinic that is open to the public.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORKPLACE LEARNING

Everything you learn with us has direct links to the workplace and your future career. Listed here are just some of the many opportunities our students take advantage of for practical learning.

MALTHOUSE THEATRE

VU is the official education partner of Malthouse Theatre, allowing opportunities for industry placements, workshops, collaborative projects and performance tickets to give our students real-world context for their studies.

OFFSET JOURNAL AND CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL

Third-year bachelor degree students have the opportunity to develop their skills by collaboratively publishing *Offset*, a journal containing contributions from established and emerging artists, as well as marketing and event-managing a three-day literary festival to launch the journal.

PLATFORM MAGAZINE

Students from writing and editing courses can write for, edit and produce the literary magazine *Platform*, as part of their second-year studies.

DESIGN STUDIO

Located at our City Flinders Campus, Design Studio offers a simulated work environment for final-year creative arts students to produce commercial work for both University and external clients, and finished to industry standards and deadlines.

PSYCHOLOGY CLINIC

Our on-campus Psychology Clinic provides Master of Clinical Psychology students the opportunity to turn their theoretical knowledge into practice, while offering psychological services to the wider community.

SOCIAL WORK CLINICAL PLACEMENTS

Social work students have the opportunity to extend their knowledge and experience by linking theory with the realities of practice through supervised education in at least two professional placements.

COMMUNICATIONS PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Students in their final year of a Communications, Public Relations, Professional Writing or Digital Media degree undertake a professional placement under the supervision of a qualified specialist in their area of study.

KINDRED STUDIOS

All music and sound production students have the opportunity to study at Kindred Studios, a professional arts industry facility located 1km from Footscray Nicholson Campus. VU has its own dedicated music rehearsal, performance and recording spaces as well as a huge range of equipment available for student use.

Find out more about VU work placements at vu.edu.au/work-ready

LEARN FROM THE BEST

"I worked as a scriptwriter at ABC Radio and was also a series producer for *Behind the News*.

Having my own production company allows me to share my knowledge with students and give them an insight into the industry, from researching a film, to pitching it and applying for funding."

ROBERT DE YOUNG – LECTURER

“Thanks to my VU degree, I’ve made **valuable connections that have helped me **break into the communications industry.**”**

“As part of the course, I completed an internship at Briggs Communications, a specialist communications firm, which was an opportunity that I found through the University. After completing the internship I was offered my current role as a communications adviser. Thanks to my VU degree, I’ve made valuable industry connections that have helped me break into the communications industry.”

RACHAEL FINLEY – MASTER OF COMMUNICATION





“I plan to continue to improve the lives of young Sudanese people in Melbourne.”

“VU’s pathways provided me with a streamlined pathway from my one-year diploma into the second year of my bachelor degree in psychology.

It was overwhelming to receive the Young Victorian of the Year award. I plan to continue to improve the lives of young Sudanese people in Melbourne.”

VICTOR VICTOR – CERTIFICATE III IN COMMUNITY SERVICES WORK,
DIPLOMA OF LIBERAL ARTS, BACHELOR OF PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES

FLEXIBILITY

THE VU MODEL OF TERTIARY EDUCATION

The VU Model provides opportunities for students from a wide range of backgrounds to achieve success on their own terms.

The VU model features work-integrated learning options, tailored learning support, plus flexible pathways and various entry and exit points between a tailored range of courses, including:

- largely accessible Bachelor degrees aimed at students who may be unsure about which study specialisations to follow, or require additional support while transitioning from vocational education
- specialist/professional degrees
- vocational education programs
- undergraduate degrees across a wide range of subject areas
- industry-relevant postgraduate programs.

ARTS PATHWAYS

We are one of the few universities in Australia to offer both vocational training (TAFE) and higher education. Our study pathways connect courses between vocational training and higher education, including postgraduate studies. Students can start their education journey at certificate level and proceed to a diploma, degree or even a PhD, exiting the pathway when they achieve their immediate study goal, and re-entering if and when they choose to further their studies.

Pathways are designed to suit all types of students including those seeking career advancement, those wanting to develop their skills, and those seeking a career change or personal development.

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ACCESS FOR EVERYONE

Victoria University is renowned for providing educational opportunities for a wide range of students of all ages, cultures, and socioeconomic and educational backgrounds. With flexible entry and exit points into our courses, academic and personal support, and one of the broadest range of scholarships of any university in Australia, we can help you succeed.

CREDIT FOR SKILLS AND PAST STUDY

We are committed to recognising previous studies and the life and work experiences that students bring with them when they decide to study with us. Students can receive credit by matching their previous experiences and studies with the skills and knowledge covered in course units, allowing them to complete their studies sooner.

FROM DIPLOMA TO DEGREE

We offer a streamlined pathway from some one-year diplomas straight into the second year of a bachelor degree, with full credit for the first year of the degree. This includes the Diploma of Creative Industries which pathways directly into the Bachelor of Creative Arts Industries, and the Diploma of Arts (Community) which pathways directly into the Bachelor of Arts (Community Development).

vu.edu.au/dip-into-degree

SCHOLARSHIPS

UNDERGRADUATE

We offer the most comprehensive suite of undergraduate student scholarships of any university in Victoria.

vu.edu.au/scholarships

POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK SCHOLARSHIPS

Visit our website for Victoria University and externally-funded postgraduate scholarships.

vu.edu.au/scholarships
researchscholarships@vu.edu.au

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

We offer many living stipend scholarship programs for postgraduate research students.

vu.edu.au/research-scholarships
gradresearch@vu.edu.au

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

We offer a range of special entry schemes for applicants who have been unable to reach their full educational potential or who may have restricted access to the courses of their choice because of their life circumstances.

vu.edu.au/access
03 9919 6100

We aim to ensure that students with a disability or medical condition are able to actively participate in all aspects of University life.

vu.edu.au/disability
disability@vu.edu.au
03 9919 5400

We encourage Indigenous Australians to apply for any of our courses. Our Moondani Balluk Academic Unit provides Indigenous students with support services.

vu.edu.au/moondani-balluk
moondani.balluk@vu.edu.au
03 9919 2836

SAMPLE PATHWAYS

Below are samples of our many Arts course pathways to give you an idea of how pathways work.

PSYCHOLOGY PATHWAY



CREATIVE ARTS PATHWAY



COMMUNICATION PATHWAY





“This research has important implications for sports psychology and sports performance.”

GARRY KUAN – PHD IN SPORT PSYCHOLOGY

2012’s Australian International Student of the Year Garry Kuan is using his PhD studies to explore how music and imagery can improve the athletic performance of elite athletes.

His research, ‘Music, Imagery Training and Sport Performance’, draws on his expertise in Sport Psychology, and his experience as first violinist with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra – the culmination of more than 20 years’ devotion to the instrument.

ARTS RESEARCH

Our staff undertake research that informs our teaching and learning, and is widely recognised for providing real benefits to industry and the community – locally, nationally and internationally. In the latest ERA (Excellence in Research for Australia) rankings, Victoria University received a ranking of world-standard for our research in social work, psychology, cultural studies, performing arts and creative writing.

We provide experienced and expert research supervision, and our innovative approaches, and the breadth and depth of research specialisations create an attractive range of postgraduate research options as part of masters and doctoral programs. We also welcome enquiries from prospective research students interested in developing new projects.

We offer many scholarships to assist postgraduate research and international research students with the costs of their study

CENTRE FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND WELLBEING

Our Centre for Cultural Diversity and Wellbeing conducts theoretical and applied research to better understand and promote the nexus between cultural diversity and human wellbeing in three areas:

- Research relating to cultural diversity which addresses the movement and transition of individuals, communities, languages, cultures and economies, and the conditions necessary for thriving and building resilience within and across intersecting cultural, religious, national, political, ethnic and social settings.
- Research focusing on the application of technology for community wellbeing and the use of technology to generate knowledge about people and their relationship to place, identity, their communities and to society. A particular focus is the diverse range of people in western Melbourne, and the potential of technology to empower the region's communities in new ways.
- Research that draws from the theory and methods of psychology, public health, bioethics and the social sciences to examine the role of culture and values in health, and communicate new knowledge to inform policy, practice and other community-led interventions in health and wellbeing.

COMMUNITY, IDENTITY AND DISPLACEMENT RESEARCH NETWORK

Our Community, Identity and Displacement Research Network is a public intellectual space which brings together academic scholars and postgraduate students to investigate new diasporas and changing meanings of displacement and identity. Questions about indigeneity, racism, refugees, sense of place, social inclusion, social justice, transnationalism and xenophobia can be raised, debated and discussed.

The network is particularly interested in work focusing on Melbourne's west because of its rich history of migration and diversity.

CREATIVE ARTS

Our Creative Arts research strengths include:

- creative writing: fiction, poetry, plays, memoir, autobiography, creative non-fiction
- journalism: print, online
- media arts: film, television, radio and digital media
- performance: dance and theatre
- visual arts: video, performance and installation.

We have three creative arts research networks:

- Narrative Research Network, which focuses on capturing stories of people's lived experience
- Digital Media Research Network, which focuses on cross-platform innovation, art applications, documentary-making and television studio use
- Creative Writing Network.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information about our research project areas contact Professor Anthony Love at:

anthony.love@vu.edu.au

03 9919 9458

vu.edu.au/graduate-research

For information on postgraduate supervision and how to apply for a research degree program, email Grace Schirripa at **grace.schirripa@vu.edu.au**

RESEARCH FOCUS

Our Arts research focuses on:

- Asian studies
- Community development
- Creative writing
- Cultural studies
- Digital media
- History
- Literary studies
- Media studies
- Performing arts
- Psychology
- Social work.

ARTS FACILITIES



The College of Arts has a range of industry-standard facilities across its four campus locations at Footscray Park, Footscray Nicholson, City Flinders and St Albans, including specialist computer laboratories.

CREATIVE ARTS FACILITIES

Our TAFE and higher education programs in creative industries offer state-of-the-art creative learning spaces at City Flinders Campus and at professionally-operated facilities giving students a unique opportunity to engage with the broader media, and creative arts communities and industries.

DESIGN STUDIO

Located at our City Flinders Campus, this commercial e-Design studio offers final-year graphic design students experience producing commercial work for internal and external clients.

LEVEL 17 ARTSPACE

This space includes art studios for students to create their art plus a public gallery to display it. Situated on the 17th floor of our City Flinders Campus, it encourages dynamic, challenging, innovative and experimental artistic practice.

KINDRED STUDIOS

This professional studio offers all music and sound production students the opportunity to study at a professional facility located just 1km from our Footscray Nicholson Campus.

PSYCHOLOGY CLINIC

Situated at our St Albans Campus, this clinic operates as part of the professional training for Master of Clinical Psychology students. Under the supervision of experienced clinical psychologists, students offer psychological assessment and treatment services to the local community.

FOOD AND CAFÉS

Our three city campuses have easy access to cafes and food outlets. All other campuses have on-campus cafes and food outlets for students, staff and the wider community.

CLASSROOMS OF THE FUTURE

Victoria University's classrooms are being transformed into creative and technology-rich environments.

The multi-platform learning space at Footscray Nicholson Campus – known as the Terrain Room, is one of a growing number of the University's rejuvenated physical spaces that have transformed classrooms, libraries and lecture theatres into creative learning and teaching environments.

LIBRARIES

Our campus libraries are known as 'learning commons' – integrated hubs that offer career advice, learning and IT support, and academic resources, all in a relaxed, lounge-like setting. Our learning commons' provide students with access to photocopying, computing and printing facilities, electronic and print resources, and a comprehensive information skills training program.

vu.edu.au/library

COMPUTER FACILITIES

We have nearly 4000 computers spread across all our campuses and in all campus libraries. PCs and Apple Macs are provided in teaching laboratories and open access facilities. A central IT helpdesk is available to answer all queries and provide assistance.

Students have access to a rich collection of online resources, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. These include databases or material housed within the library, student email, e-learning content for courses, student software packages and innovative social networking tools.

vu.edu.au/student-tools

SPORT AND FITNESS

Our sport services and facilities include:

- sport clubs, campus sport programs and representative sport opportunities
- quality fitness centres at Footscray Park, St Albans and Werribee Campuses
- a heated 25-metre swimming pool at Footscray Park Campus
- multi-purpose sports halls at Melton, Footscray Park and Footscray Nicholson Campuses
- tennis courts at Werribee, Footscray Park and St Albans Campuses.

vu.edu.au/sport

CHILDCARE

We operate multi-purpose childcare centres at Footscray Park Campus **03 9919 4578**, Footscray Nicholson Campus **03 9919 8698** and Werribee Campus **03 9919 8098**.

ACCOMMODATION

We own and operate a range of student accommodation, including Victoria Place, a modern apartment complex, and Student Village, a vibrant living environment for approximately 500 students located near Highpoint Shopping Centre and about 2 km from our Footscray Park Campus.

vu.edu.au/residences

HOUSING SERVICES

Our Student Housing Service provides free advice and assistance to students looking for housing as well as general tenancy advice.

housing@vu.edu.au

FEES AND ASSISTANCE

IMPORTANT FEE INFORMATION

Victoria University course fees will remain at pre-Commonwealth Government 2014 Budget levels for all students who enrol prior to 31 December 2014, before fee deregulation begins on 1 January 2016. This ensures that all students who have, or will enrol in a VU course in 2014 will be able to complete their undergraduate course at the same pre-budget fee level.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION/TAFE FEES

As a vocational education (TAFE) student at Victoria University, the fee you pay will depend on what course you enrol in and the units you study.

VE/TAFE students may be eligible for a government subsidy as well as a concession to help with their tuition fees. The University also offers eligible students the option to pay their tuition fees via instalments.

vu.edu.au/fees

HIGHER EDUCATION FEES

COMMONWEALTH SUPPORTED PLACES

Course fees for all domestic undergraduate students are shared between students and the Australian Government. The Government portion is called a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP).

The following table shows the maximum student contributions for 2014 admissions for a year of full-time study. These amounts are indexed each year, but the actual amount will depend on the units a student enrolls in.

studyassist.gov.au

and click on 'HELP Paying My Fees'.

2014 STUDENT CONTRIBUTION BAND AND RANGE (PER EFTSL)

Band 3: Law, accounting, administration, economics, commerce	\$0–\$10,085
Band 2: Mathematics, statistics, computing, built environment, other health, allied health, science, engineering, surveying	\$0–\$8,613
Band 1: Humanities, behavioural science, social studies, education, clinical psychology, foreign languages, visual and performing arts, nursing	\$0–\$6,044

Note: Students are required to pay additional amenities fees annually. This information was extracted from the Australian Government's Study Assist website: studyassist.gov.au

POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK DEGREE FEES

The University does not receive any government funding for postgraduate coursework student places, and students pay the full cost of their course. This is called a fee-paying place. Tuition fees are based on the units studied, rather than a fixed price for each course. Different units have different costs.

You can calculate your own individual course fees at vu.edu.au/fees

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH STUDENT FEES

Research degree students who are Australian citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand DO NOT pay any tuition fees.

ASSISTANCE

There are many options available to help students with the costs involved in studying at university.

HECS–HELP is the Australian Government's Higher Education Loan Program for students studying in a Commonwealth Supported Place. It allows Australian students to borrow the amount of their course fee contribution and then pay back the loan once they are in the workforce. Students can also pay their contribution up-front and receive a discount.

FEE–HELP is a government loan program that enables eligible students to defer the payment of their tuition fees.

studyassist.gov.au

FINANCIAL ADVICE

We offer free financial advice and information on all costs related to studying at university. This includes information about government assistance (such as HECS–HELP, Centrelink Youth Allowance and Austudy), household expenses, financial planning, student loans and tax.

vu.edu.au/financial-assistance

HOW TO APPLY

UNDERGRADUATE AND TAFE

Most applications for undergraduate and vocational education (TAFE) courses are made through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC). Information about all Victoria University courses offered through VTAC can be accessed on the VTAC website.

vtac.edu.au

Applications for courses not available through VTAC are made directly to the University. These include some undergraduate degrees, and vocational and further education (TAFE) programs. Details on how to apply for these courses are provided on our website.

vu.edu.au/apply

POSTGRADUATE

Applications for most postgraduate research and coursework programs are made direct to the University. Course indexes and hardcopy Direct Entry Application forms can be downloaded from our website.

vu.edu.au/apply

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

COURSE INFORMATION

Phone **+61 3 9919 6100** or **1300 VIC UNI**
Email **student.recruitment@vu.edu.au**
vu.edu.au/courses

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) website provides information on courses and how to apply for them.

vtac.edu.au

VU OPEN DAY

Come to VU Open Day at Footscray Park Campus on Sunday 24 August 2014, 10am – 4pm

vu.edu.au/openday

POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK AND RESEARCH

vu.edu.au/postgraduate

COURSES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

vu.edu.au/courses/international

QUESTIONS?

Ask us a question by visiting **vu.edu.au/gotovu**

ASKVU gives answers to common questions on anything from admission to graduation, including applications, enrolment, fees, exams and all other aspects of student life.

askvu.vu.edu.au

CAREER ADVICE

Email **student.recruitment@vu.edu.au**



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