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“The opportunity to undertake VU’s Work-Integrated Learning and gain experience within the legal field was the best career decision I have made.

Working at a legal firm while I studied provided me with the insight and experience I was lucky to obtain at such an early stage in my career. This practical experience has given me confidence and direction for the future.”

LISA McNICHOLAS – BACHELOR OF LAWS

VU LAW AND JUSTICE

Aspire to a dynamic and fulfilling career in law? Victoria University's College of Law and Justice delivers courses that are a springboard to careers in all facets of the legal sector, and form a solid support for work in any industry.

So whether you're aiming for legal practice or an administrative, management or specialist role, we can provide all the knowledge, skills and professional recognition you need.

COLLEGE OF LAW AND JUSTICE

At Victoria University we prepare you for the challenges of the legal world with classroom and workplace learning that reflects the real work you will do. Our partnerships with the courts and community legal services provide unique experience of the justice system, laying the foundations for a career in law that could range from working in government, the community or private enterprise.

With courses ranging from certificates and diplomas to postgraduate degrees, we have a study opportunity for you, whatever your level of education. Our flexible pathways give you more options to achieve your goals while balancing life and study commitments.

Our legal courses are delivered through our College of Law and Justice, which incorporates the Victoria Law School and the Sir Zelman Cowen Centre.

Our postgraduate courses are delivered through the Sir Zelman Cowen Centre – named in honour of Australia's former Governor-General, the late, distinguished legal academic Sir Zelman Cowen – in partnership with the Cambridge University Board of Continuing Education.

We also offer research opportunities through masters and PhD degrees for you to explore specific areas of legal theory or practice under expert supervision.

Operating from our City Queen Campus – in the heart of Melbourne's legal precinct – and our flagship campus at Footscray Park, the Victoria Law School will endow you with the skills required of contemporary legal practice.

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LAW AND JUSTICE AREAS

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

- Australian Immigration Law and Practice
- Business Administration (Legal)
- Business (Governance)
- Commercial Arbitration
- Criminal Justice Studies
- Doctor of Philosophy (Law)
- Forensic Law
- Immigration Law
- Insurance Law and Practice
- Laws
- Laws/Arts
- Laws/Business
- Legal Practice Management
- Legal Services
- Master of Laws by Research
- National Practice
- Notarial Practice.

For a detailed list of all law and justice courses visit vu.edu.au/law-justice



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KOT MONOAH – FOUNDATION STUDIES, BACHELOR OF LAWS/BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS

Our industry connections allow you to apply your knowledge while you study, ensuring you graduate work-ready. We provide you with all the grounding you need for a rewarding career in law, and to make a difference to the lives of real people.

Victoria University staff and students benefit from strong partnerships with local, national and international legal organisations, facilitating our court internships, internationally recognised moot program, and our work with community legal centres.

VU staff and graduate students also conduct research with industry partners to solve real-world problems in areas of international law, courts and justice, governance and regulation, and legal scholarship.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR LAW PLACEMENTS

Everything you learn with us has direct links to the workplace and your future career. For students studying law and justice, the Victoria Law School offers the following workplace programs:

MAGISTRATES' COURT PROGRAM

Second and third-year students can get involved in rosters at Melbourne, Sunshine and Werribee Magistrates' Courts – an opportunity provided through our partnership with Victoria Legal Aid.

FAMILY LAW INTERNSHIPS

Through our partnership with Victoria Legal Aid, you have the opportunity to participate in a six-month work placement with their Family Law Division, helping families resolve disputes and achieve safe and enduring care arrangements for children.

SUPREME COURT AND COUNTY COURT INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

With the support of some of Victoria's most respected judges, students have the opportunity to gain a practical and detailed understanding of court proceedings.

SUNSHINE YOUTH LEGAL CENTRE

Staffed by VU's third and fourth-year students, the Centre provides young people with free legal advice and referrals. You will gain hands-on experience with real cases.

vu.edu.au/work-ready

INTERNATIONAL MOOTING SUCCESS

Victoria Law School is equipping graduates for success through its world-class moot program. The moot courts at our City Queen Campus give students an opportunity to simulate proceedings, draft written appellate submissions and present legal arguments.

Our students have many opportunities to participate in moot competitions both locally and internationally. The VU team received the coveted Champion of the Moot Shanghai 2014, beating out 28 teams from law schools in 11 countries including the US and countries across Europe and Asia.


The team's achievement put VU at the top of participating law schools, which included Loyola University Chicago, Singapore Management University, University of Helsinki and the University of Cologne.

The international success of Victoria University's moot program is a testament to the College of Law and Justice's commitment to enhancing students' legal skills, such as advocacy, so they are better equipped for practise in the real world.

LEARN FROM THE BEST

Some of Australia's most illustrious legal professionals impart their knowledge and experience as Victoria University lecturers and adjunct professors. These include:

- Retired High Court Judge the Hon. Michael Kirby AC CMG
 - Former Attorney-General Nicola Roxon
 - Professor Robert Richter QC
 - The Hon. Justice Chris Maxwell QC
 - Criminal law specialist Robert Stary
 - Victorian Chief Magistrate Ian Gray
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Today I’m a junior solicitor at a boutique-sized firm in Melbourne’s CBD where I advise clients on a range of topics including intellectual property, unfair dismissal and taxation.”

MICHAEL TOURKAKES – ADVANCED DIPLOMA OF LEGAL PRACTICE, BACHELOR OF LAWS



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My job helped me through my diploma, and vice versa. I went on to study law and now I’m practising as a lawyer at a commercial firm in Melbourne’s CBD.”

KATE BARTLETT – ADVANCED DIPLOMA OF LEGAL PRACTICE, BACHELOR OF LAWS

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.

LAW AND JUSTICE 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 looking for personal development.

vu.edu.au/pathways

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 faster.

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 Law course pathways to give you an idea of how pathways work.

LAW PATHWAY



LEGAL SERVICES PATHWAY



IMMIGRATION LAW PATHWAY





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“I travelled to Melbourne from Malaysia with my young family to earn my PhD – something I felt was necessary as an academic.

I approached a number of universities, but I felt most comfortable with my Victoria University supervisor. She understood what I wanted to do with my research.

I think it’s really important that a potential supervisor will appreciate your idea rather than simply tell you what to do.”

**DR AIDA MARIA ISMAIL – DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
(CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND CORPORATE INTEGRITY)**

LAW AND JUSTICE RESEARCH

Research excellence means you have access to the latest thinkers, facilities, academics and international recognition when you undertake your degree.

Many of our researchers enjoy international reputations for excellence. Through partnerships and collaborations, the work of our dynamic and enthusiastic research community benefits the whole University, as well as industry, the community and government.

RESEARCH FOCUS

Victoria University's governance research program sits within the College of Law and Justice. It aims to improve governance of the private and public sectors through the use of independent academic research, consultancies and postgraduate teaching.

The Victoria Law School encourages research that involves working with industry partners to solve real-world problems. Research is undertaken by academic staff members and research students in the College's disciplinary groups:

- Governance and Regulation
- Courts and Justice
- International Law.

HIGHER DEGREES BY RESEARCH

Research degrees can be obtained by undertaking a Masters by Research, PhD or Professional Doctorate.

To find a supervisor with similar research interests to you, email law.school@vu.edu.au

vu.edu.au/graduate-research



LAW AND JUSTICE FACILITIES

Our Victoria Law School at City Queen Campus is in the heart of Melbourne's legal and business district, surrounded by courts, law firms and legal practitioners. Students have easy access to the courts and professional law libraries because they are literally just down the street. This is particularly relevant for students participating in our Magistrates' Court, County Court and Supreme Court programs. These programs provide valuable grassroots insight into, and observation of, the criminal justice system in action.

OUR LEGAL CONNECTIONS

Our close relationships with courts, legal services and law firms provide many unique placement and volunteering options. Students can gain clinical, hands-on experience through work placements at the Sunshine and Werribee Magistrates' Courts, Victoria Legal Aid and Sunshine Youth Legal Centre. These experiences help students develop skills that allow them to make a difference to the lives of real people.

vu.edu.au/practical-legal

MOOT COURTS AND LAW LIBRARY

Our two high-tech moot courts at City Queen Campus give students an opportunity to participate in simulated proceedings, draft appellate submissions and present legal arguments. Mooting skills give students a significant professional advantage by equipping them for success in the real world.

The City Queen Law Library has large loans and reserve collections. Students also have access to a number of professional law libraries in Melbourne's legal precinct.

CITY QUEEN CAMPUS

As with all VU campuses, City Queen has student lounges and informal learning spaces. The Campus is also conveniently located near public transport. While there is no car parking on Campus, you can use our VU Carpool Program to make car-sharing arrangements with fellow students or staff who have similar travel needs.

vu.edu.au/campuses/city-queen

CROSS-CAMPUS FACILITIES

As well as our City Queen Campus, VU has two other campuses in Melbourne's CBD and five across the western suburbs. All campuses are easily accessed by public transport.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

We have nearly 4000 computers spread across our campuses and in all campus libraries. A central IT helpdesk is available to answer all queries and provide assistance regarding PCs and Macs, software and email use.

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

LIBRARIES

Many of 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.

vu.edu.au/library

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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