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VICTORIA UNIVERSITY A QUICK GUIDE TO STUDY FOR YEAR 10 & 11 STUDENTS

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Caitlin Kerr Bachelor of Music "Quickly after starting university, I noticed how different it was going to be from high school - it's a whole different ball game."

"What initially felt new and scary quickly turned into a new lifestyle of independence and responsibility. It's easy to adapt to the change around you when you have so much support from the university. They want you to do well."

BRIGITTE FRACHEA

Bachelor of Sport Science (Human Movement) / Bachelor of Psychological Studies

CELEBRATING A CENTENARY OF OPPORTUNITY



In 2016, Victoria University is celebrating a Centenary of Opportunity. The University has a long, rich history as a direct descendant of Footscray Technical School, which first opened its doors to students in February 1916.

With 100 years of experience in providing excellent opportunities to all our students and communities, today's VU can help you find true success through high-quality teaching and flexible study options that suit your lifestyle.

Join us and become a part of the VU tradition of great education in the west.

vu.edu.au/centenary



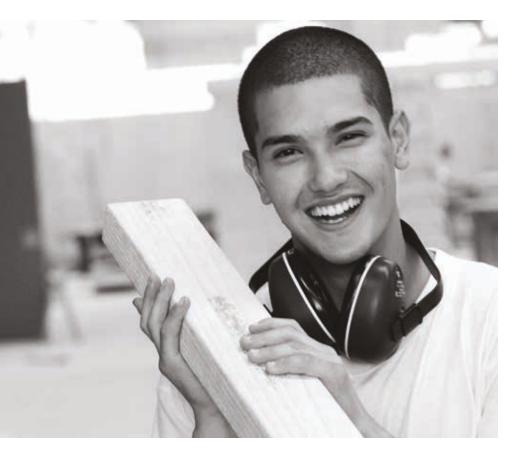
VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A TAFE COURSE AND A UNIVERSITY DEGREE?

We make it easy for you to transfer from TAFE courses to degree courses if you want to specialise in your study area or gain a place in your dream course – even if you don't get the results you hope for.

Not sure which kind of course is right for you? See how TAFE and university compare.

	TAFE	UNIVERSITY
Qualifications	CertificatesDiplomasApprenticeships	• Bachelor degrees
Course delivery	 Practical training Classes Interactive workshops	Theory-focused classesWorkplace learningLectures, tutorials and seminars
Learning style	 Supported learning More hours in classroom learning 	 Individual and team learning For each hour in the classroom, students are expected to study three hours on their own
Course length	6 months—3 years	3—4 years full time

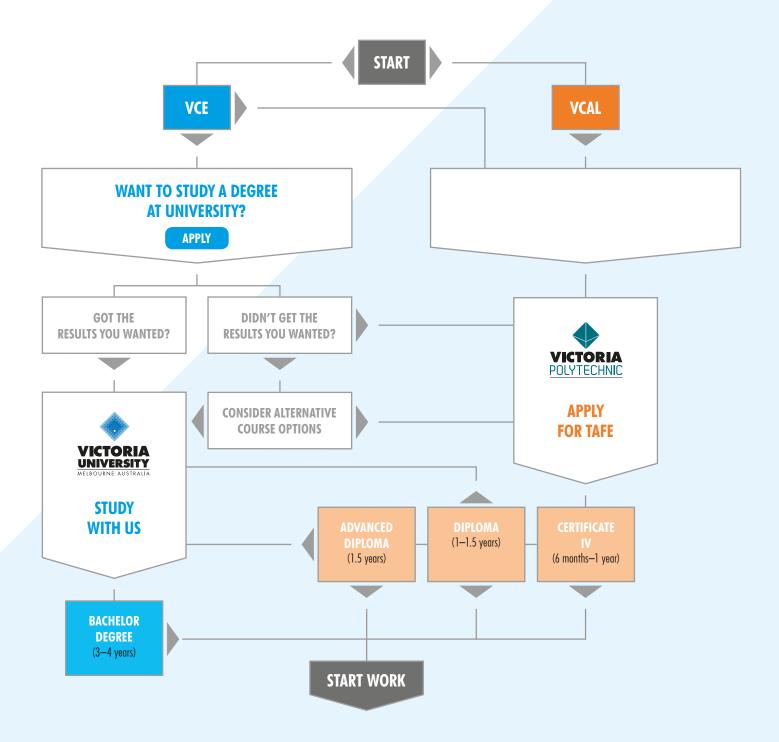


WHAT IS A PATHWAY?

Pathways connect courses between TAFE and university. This means that if you don't get the results needed for a specific bachelor degree course, we can help you to design a pathway that will get you there anyway. You might undertake a certificate or diploma at TAFE and then make a transition to VU.

You can find out more at vu.edu.au/pathways

There are many different pathways to achieving success in your study and career. That's why we offer both vocational education (TAFE) courses through our TAFE division, Victoria Polytechnic, and higher education (university) degrees.



HOW WILL YOU ACHIEVE YOUR DREAM?

Even though there are still a couple of years before you finish school, now is a great time to start thinking about your future career plans and the courses that will take you there.

FOLLOW YOUR PASSION

You may already know what your dream job is, or you may still be thinking about it. Choosing a career path is exciting, but it can also be confusing when there are so many options available.

The best way to start narrowing down your choices is to think about what you love to do. You'll be happiest studying a course and working in a job that matches your personal interests and strengths.

Whether you enjoy writing, maths, sport, computers, fashion or something else, Victoria University (VU) can help you find victory on your own terms.

We offer a wide range of courses across many areas, and each course includes practical workplace learning so you get a feel for your future job while you study. Our teachers are all experts in their industries, so you'll also gain great connections for finding work in your chosen profession too.



EXPLORE ANOTHER COUNTRY AND CULTURE WHILE STUDYING

We have more than 100 international exchange partners so you can complete part of your VU degree overseas!

You can study with one of our partner universities for up to a year and get credit towards your VU course while you explore a new country and culture. Choose from universities in the US, Mexico, Peru, Canada, France, Austria, Germany, the UK, Sweden, Italy, Spain, Turkey, Japan, Fiji and more!

You can also join international study tours during your uni holidays through a short-term exchange program.

vu.edu.au/study-overseas

"Through Victoria University, I was able to study in Fiji."

"I also attended a month-long program in India where I worked in a remote village to help local women set up sustainable and empowering businesses.

Combining this field of expertise and travelling to developing countries has given me a greater understanding and awareness of what I want to achieve when I finish my degree."

SAM SUENDERMANN Bachelor of Arts (Community Development)



WHAT DO YOU DREAM OF DOING IN THE FUTURE?

START PLANNING FOR YOUR DREAM JOB

Whatever you see yourself doing in the future, a VU course may be your best option to get there. We can help you to connect the dots between your VCE studies, our courses and your ultimate career.

To get into most courses, you will need to have studied certain subjects in VCE. That's why it's important to choose the right VCE subjects now so that you're prepared for the right university course to take you to the career you want.

Whether you dream of coaching professional sport teams, inventing the next internet, developing Third World nations, writing a best-seller or being a prize-winning biomedical researcher, victory is yours for the making at VU.

FIND YOUR COURSE

We can help you design your dream career. Our courses are supported by world-class facilities, hands-on workplace learning opportunities, and teachers who are experts in their industries, so you graduate with the most current practical skills in your chosen profession.

For information on all of our courses, course length and career outcomes, visit our online Course Finder at vu.edu.au/courses You can search by course name, key words or course code.

See the table (opposite) for some suggestions to help you think about your options.

Note: English or EAL are required for almost all courses so we strongly recommend working hard in this area to achieve your best results. **Be sure to research specific courses to understand the prerequisites**. Prerequisites can vary from one study institution to another, in different years, and between TAFE and university courses so it is essential that you check what is required.

ARE YOU GOOD WITH NUMBERS?

DREAM JOB	POSSIBLE COURSES	RELEVANT SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER
• Accountant	• Accounting	Accounting, Business Management,
 Business analyst 	 Financial Planning 	any mathematics, Economics.
• Human resource adviser	• Human Resource Management	
• Market analyst	 International Trade 	

LIKE WORKING WITH YOUR HANDS?

DREAM JOB	POSSIBLE COURSES	RELEVANT SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER
• Bricklayer	• Bricklaying	Automotive, Building and Construction,
• Builder	 Building and Construction 	Electrical Industry, Engineering, Furnishing, Hospitality, Interactive Digital Media.
• Plumber	• Plumbing	· · · · ·
• Carpenter	• Carpentry	
• Make-up artist	• Specialist Make-up	
• Hairdresser	• Hairdressing	

LOVE TO WRITE?

DREAM JOB	POSSIBLE COURSES	RELEVANT SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER
• Scriptwriter	• Screen Media	Literature, Drama, Theatre Studies, Media, Business Management.
• Journalist, writer or editor	 Professional and Creative Writing 	
• Marketing/public relations co-ordinator	 Marketing Communication 	
• Radio/television producer	 Creative Industries 	

ARE YOU CREATIVE AND ARTISTIC?

DREAM JOB	POSSIBLE COURSES	RELEVANT SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER
 Festival director 	Creative Industries	Visual Communication Design, Art, Studio
 Music producer 	• Music	Arts, Music, Media, Product Design and Technology, Literature, Theatre Studies.
• Web developer	 Interactive Media 	
• Poet	 Professional and Creative Writing 	

INTERESTED IN THE HEALTH SCIENCES?

DREAM JOB	POSSIBLE COURSES	RELEVANT SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER
• Osteopath	 Science (Osteopathy) 	Biology, Chemistry, Physics, any
 Registered nurse 	 Nursing 	mathematics, Health and Human Development, Biology, Physical Education.
• Paramedic	• Paramedicine	
• Dietician	 Nutrition and Food Sciences 	
 Forensic scientist 	Biomedical Sciences	
Wellness consultant	Health Science	

DID YOU KNOW?

Our sport, clinical exercise, physical education, and recreation students have industry placement opportunities with over 350 sports industry employers. Employers love our students.

Find out why at vu.edu.au/employer-testimonials

INTERESTED IN HELPING PEOPLE?

DREAM JOB	POSSIBLE COURSES	RELEVANT SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER
 Community services 	 Psychology/Laws 	Psychology, Global Politics, Australian
• Lawyer	 Laws and Legal Services 	Politics, Legal Studies.
 International aid worker 	 Community Development 	
 Social worker 	• Social Work	
 Youth worker 	• Youth Work	

WANT TO DESIGN THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF OUR COMMUNITIES?

DREAM JOB	POSSIBLE COURSES	RELEVANT SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER
• Draftsperson	 Architectural and Building Engineering 	Product Design and Technology, Systems
• Engineer	Civil Engineering	Engineering, Physics, Chemistry, any mathematics.
 Industrial designer 	• Electrical and Electronic Engineering	
 Surveying technician 	 Mechanical Engineering 	
• Engineering technician	 Sports Engineering 	

ARE YOU GREAT WITH COMPUTERS?

DREAM JOB	POSSIBLE COURSES	RELEVANT SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER
 Applications developer 	Computer Science	Software Development, Product Design and
• Programmer	 Network and Systems Computing 	Technology, Informatics, any mathematics.
Systems analyst	 Information Technology 	
 Technical and user support 	 Digital Media and Technology 	
Software engineer	• Electrical and Electronic Engineering	

DO YOU LOVE SPORT?

DREAM JOB	POSSIBLE COURSES	RELEVANT SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER
 Exercise physiologist 	• Exercise Science and Human Movement	Physical Education; Health and Human
 Fitness instructor 	• Fitness	Development.
• PE teacher	 Physical Education (Secondary) 	
 Program development co-ordinator 	 Sport and Recreation Management 	
 Remedial/sports massage therapist 	 Remedial Massage/Myotherapy 	
 Sports coach 	 Sport Coaching 	

WANT TO HELP PEOPLE LEARN?

DREAM JOB	POSSIBLE COURSES	RELEVANT SUBJECTS TO CONSIDER
Child care supervisor	 Early Childhood Education and Care 	Any mathematics.
 Primary or secondary school teacher 	• Education (P—12)	
 Training manager or assessor 	 Training and Assessment 	
• Teacher aide	 Education Support 	

Some of our students choose to do their work placement with our partner, the Western Bulldogs Football Club. Pictured: VU student and Bulldogs mid-fielder, Mitch Wallis.



FOLLOW YOUR PASSION



"I knew that I wanted to pursue electrical engineering, so I ensured that I completed all the prerequisite subjects at high school to enrol in the uni course. Victoria University has been the perfect learning environment for me."

SHAUN CLARK

Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical and Electronic Engineering)

GETTING STARTED

USEFUL TIPS

Before you make decisions about your future, it's important to take the time to do some research.

- Speak to your school careers practitioner, parents and teachers about your study strengths, your VCE subjects and related courses and careers.
- Check out career expos, course information sessions and VU Open Day. Events like these are a great opportunity to ask questions and get advice from employers, teachers and current students.
- Volunteer or get some experience in a workplace to gain some understanding of the day-to-day requirements of the careers you are interested in.
- Check out course guides, career brochures and websites including: vtac.edu.au studyassist.gov.au vu.edu.au/courses vu.edu.au/year-10

GLOSSARY

Universities use many terms and words you might not be familiar with. Here are a few explanations:

ATAR (Australia Tertiary Admission Rank)

Based on a maximum score of 99.95, an ATAR score indicates how a student has performed in Year 12 based on their VCE subject scores. It is used to help universities and TAFE institutes select students. Your ATAR ranks you against all other students in Victoria.

Bachelor degree

Also called an undergraduate degree, a bachelor degree is a course of study at university that spans 3–4 years.

CSP

A Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) is a subsidised enrolment at university. This means the Australian Government pays part of your fees, while you pay the rest as a 'student contribution' amount. Most undergraduate (bachelor degree) courses are CSP-fee type.

HECS-HELP (aka HECS)

The Australian Government's Higher Education Loan Program is called HECS-HELP. It allows Australian citizens to borrow the student contribution, to be paid back once you are in the workforce, earning a minimum amount.

Pathway

This is a term used to describe a link between courses in vocational education (TAFE) and higher education.



Prerequisites

Prerequisites are particular VCE subjects that need to be completed before you can enter certain vocational education or higher education courses.

Lecture

A lecture is a large, formal class in which a lecturer presents course material to all students enrolled in a particular subject.

Tutorial or 'tute'

Usually less formal than a lecture, tutes are small classes where course material from lectures and readings can be discussed in detail.

VCAL

VCAL stands for Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning. This certificate is a more hands-on approach to finishing Year 12. If you complete your school studies with VCAL, you will only be eligible for TAFE courses.

VETiS

Vocational Education and Training in Schools (VETiS) courses can be completed by students in Years 10, 11 and 12, and are counted towards their ATAR score. Completion of a VETiS course provides a qualification or partial completion of a Certificate II or III.

VTAC (Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre)

VTAC processes your application for university or vocational education (TAFE) courses and supplies it to the universities and/or TAFE institutes that you have nominated. Each university and TAFE institute then chooses to make offers to students based on their ATAR score or the quality of their direct applications (universities offer entry to some courses by direct application, rather than VTAC application).



At VU we're known for preparing our students – not only for a career, but for life too. We have strong connections to lots of high profile industry leaders who help us design our courses, and you'll have work placement opportunities during your study with us, so you'll gain all the skills you need to be a top choice with employers when you graduate.

ACHIEVE SUCCESS ON YOUR OWN TERMS

We see the potential for success in everyone, regardless of background, previous experience and study results. That's why we're known as 'The University of Opportunity and Success'.

With both TAFE courses and university degrees on offer, you can easily transition between courses so you can achieve your ultimate career goal without any obstacles.

vu.edu.au/pathways

RECEIVE SUPPORT EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

We provide hundreds of scholarships, financial assistance, mentoring programs, career counselling services, individual learning support, and study workshops to help you transition from school to university.

We'll always be available to help you achieve your goals in study, career and life.

vu.edu.au/student-support

JOIN AUSTRALIA'S LEADERS IN SPORT

VU is Australia's leading sports university. Our sport students work with elite sporting organisations such as the Australian Institute of Sport, Melbourne Vixens, Western Bulldogs, and even Real Madrid Football Club in Spain!

Students learn within our state-of-the-art sport and learning precinct from teachers who are experts in the field including coaches, biomechanists, fitness trainers and more.

We have the largest number of sport and exercise science courses in Australia, and the most advanced sport and exercise science learning and research facilities in the Southern Hemisphere. It's no surprise that our graduates are among the most in-demand employees in the sports industry.

vu.edu.au/leaders-in-sport





GRADUATE JOB-READY

Employers love our graduates because they get practical experience in the workplace as part of their courses. We also work closely with businesses and industry organisations when designing our courses to make sure that what you learn is relevant to the needs of your future workplace.

You'll study in world-class, industry-standard facilities, such as our engineering and exercise science labs at our Footscray Park Campus; our new trades training centre at Sunshine Campus; our nursing and paramedicine labs at St Albans Campus; our graphic design facilities at Footscray Nicholson Campus, and our IT lab facilities at all VU campuses.

vu.edu.au/work-ready

DID YOU KNOW?

More than 1200 students received financial assistance to study at VU last year!

Our range of over 500 scholarships provides financial and practical assistance to hundreds of students every year.

Our Chancellor's Scholarships (up to \$20,000) are for students who achieve an ATAR score of 90 or above.

Our Achievement Scholarships (up to \$20,000 for degree students and up to \$4000 for TAFE students) are offered exclusively to students from schools in Melbourne's west.

Read about our full range of scholarships at vu.edu.au/scholarships

UNI ISN'T JUST ABOUT STUDY

As well as exciting courses and state-of-the-art learning facilities, we have lots of places where you can have fun on campus too.

Lounges, cafés and a campus bar mean there's always a welcoming place to relax with friends. We have group fitness classes, gyms, competitive sports teams and clubs, and of course there are loads of student clubs and societies you can join to meet people with similar interests.

Social activities play a big part in your time at uni.

vu.edu.au/student-life

JOIN US AT OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 28 AUGUST 2016 10AM-3PM FOOTSCRAY PARK CAMPUS

Whether you're in Year 10 or studying VCE, VU Open Day will help you prepare for the future. Soak up the festival atmosphere with fantastic entertainment and fun activities while learning about uni life.

Bring your family and friends to explore our campus and meet our friendly staff. Talk to current students about their courses, and hear about our support services, facilities and social activities.

Throughout the day, there will be lots of course information sessions, interactive workshops and demonstrations in sport and exercise science, engineering, law, arts, paramedicine and more.

vu.edu.au/openday

"I always look to VU's PR and marketing students as a first port of call, as they stand out from the crowd."

"We have offered employment to many VU students, who have joined MCN and are starting their careers in advertising and media.

While we usually receive a huge number of applicants for positions at MCN, those that come from VU are high calibre students who are dedicated. In my experience, they have an education with a difference – an education that has prepared them 360-degrees, academically, personally and professionally. They have a willingness to roll their sleeves up and start a real career."

MELINA AUGOUSTAKIS Strategic Planning Director, MultiChannel Network (MCN)

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