

VU COLLEGE COURSE GUIDE 2016



CELEBRATING
A CENTENARY OF
OPPORTUNITY 2016



VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

I'm very pleased to introduce you to Victoria University (VU), one of Australia's most culturally and socially diverse universities. Each year more than 45,000 students enrol at VU, including approximately 15,000 international students from 90 countries worldwide.

VU is part of a world-class education system. Our education and research partnerships include universities and organisations throughout Asia, the Americas and Europe. We are continually building on these partnerships, especially in Asia, where a number of our courses are taught at partner institutions.

We've built an international reputation in disciplines as diverse as business, engineering, education, nursing, sport science, information systems, transport and logistics, and beauty services. Graduating from VU will equip you with an internationally-recognised qualification.

At VU we will focus on helping you find true success by offering a flexible learning environment. We have multiple entry and exit points into and out of our courses, including easy transition between vocational courses and higher education.

VU College is an important part of our commitment to flexible learning. Through innovative teaching models, VU College enables students to gain direct entry to VU degrees through several pathways, including higher education diplomas and English language courses.

We are committed to ensuring that our students become confident, creative, ethical and respectful citizens that are making a difference locally, nationally and globally.

We also understand the challenges international students face when adjusting to a new culture and making new friends. Our dedicated International Student Support team will support you from your arrival through to successfully completing your studies.

The University you see today may be young, but it has a long, rich history, beginning as Footscray Technical School, which first opened its doors to students in February 1916. In 2016 Victoria University will be celebrating a 'Centenary of Opportunity', marking 100 years of providing excellent educational opportunities to a diverse community of students from Australia and around the world. Join us in 2016 and take advantage of the many great events and activities happening on and around our campuses.

Today's VU can help you achieve victory through high-quality teaching and flexible study options that suit your lifestyle.

I look forward to welcoming you to Victoria University in 2016.



Professor Peter Dawkins
Vice-Chancellor and President



A MESSAGE FROM THE COLLEGE DIRECTOR



Welcome to Victoria University (VU) College. Each year, thousands of students from diverse countries, cultures and educational backgrounds choose to study at VU College in Australia or internationally.

For the majority of our students, VU College is a pathway to higher education. As a leading pathway provider, we offer several diplomas that provide direct entry into the second year of bachelor degrees at Victoria University. These pathway diplomas are a popular option for both domestic and international students who, for a variety of reasons, wish to obtain a diploma before going on to further university studies or an entry-level career.

At VU College, we also offer English language courses which are specifically designed to help international students achieve the required level of English language proficiency for direct entry into a VU course. Regardless of what aspirations a student might have, VU College encourages them to strive for success by giving them the skills to excel in their chosen endeavours.

Carolyn Chong, Executive Director, VU College

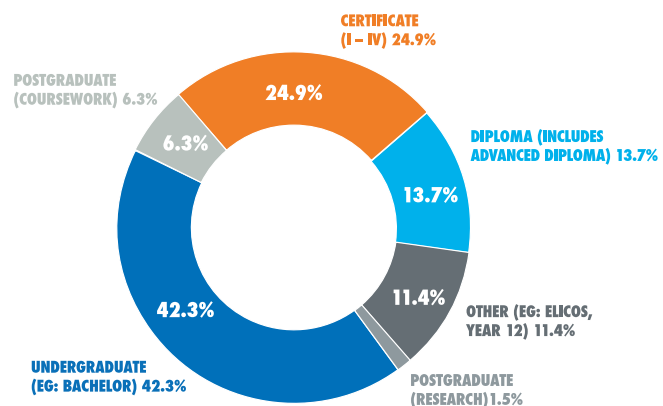
TOP 4% OF UNIVERSITIES WORLDWIDE

QS World University Rankings 2015/2016



Over **200 courses** to choose, from certificates and diplomas to bachelor degrees, postgraduate study and research degrees.

ACADEMIC LEVELS OF STUDY



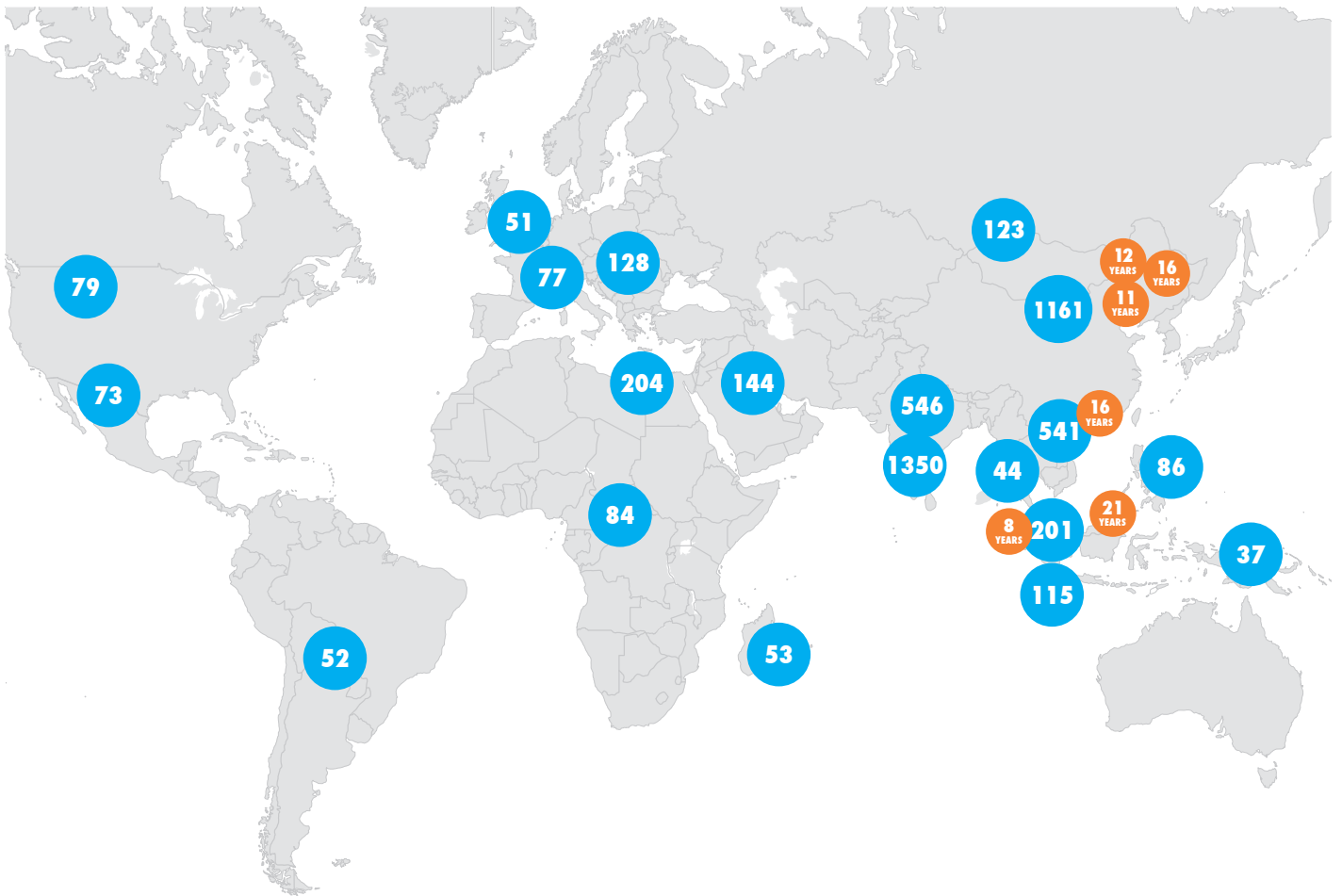
CAMPUSES

Courses are delivered across **8** campuses in Melbourne's city centre and inner west and **1** campus in Sydney.



VU AT A GLANCE

Ranked in the top 4% of universities worldwide (QS World University Rankings 2015/16) and located in the world's most liveable city, Victoria University offers international students access to a world-class education system. Approximately 50% of VU students come from a non-English speaking background, strengthening our reputation as one of Australia's most culturally diverse universities.



● STUDENTS BY NATIONALITY ● PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

STUDENTS BY CITIZENSHIP

- 1350 India
- 1161 China
- 546 Other South Asia
- 541 Vietnam
- 204 Middle East/North Africa
- 201 Malaysia
- 144 Kuwait
- 128 Other Europe
- 123 Other North Asia
- 115 Indonesia
- 86 Philippines
- 84 Africa
- 79 USA & Canada
- 77 Germany
- 73 Mexico
- 53 Mauritius
- 52 Other Latin America
- 51 United Kingdom
- 44 Thailand
- 37 Other Southeast Asia/Oceania

HISTORY OF PARTNER RELATIONSHIPS

- 21 YEARS SUNWAY COLLEGE Malaysia (est. 1994)
- 16 YEARS LIAONING UNIVERSITY Shenyang, China (est. 1999)
- 16 YEARS HANOI UNIVERSITY Hanoi, Vietnam (est. 1999)
- 12 YEARS HENAN UNIVERSITY Kai Feng, China (est. 2003)
- 11 YEARS CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF FINANCE & ECONOMICS Beijing, China (est. 2004)
- 8 YEARS LITHAN HALL ACADEMY Singapore (est. 2007)

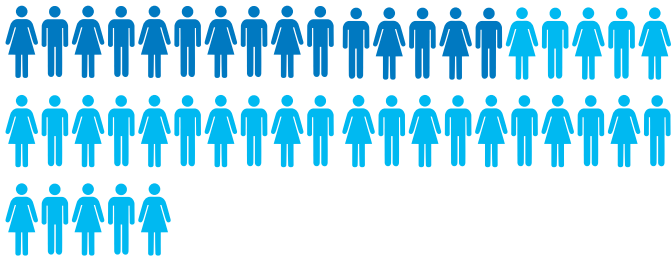
DELIVERING COURSES IN FOUR COUNTRIES



One of the largest providers of Australian qualifications in the **PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.**

ENROLMENTS

Total enrolments **45,000** (domestic and international), of which approximately **15,300** are international students.



ALUMNI

Overall number of registered alumni is **146,562** whilst the number residing overseas is **19,717.**



EDUCATING STUDENTS*



EDUCATING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



DELIVERING VU QUALIFICATIONS INTERNATIONALLY

* VU's predecessor institution was established in 1916.

VU COLLEGE — PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS



Victoria University College prepares students for academic and career success by providing direct pathways to VU degrees through higher education diplomas and English language courses. Our one-year diplomas offer a seamless transition into the second year of the following correlated degrees at VU: the Bachelor of Business, Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Engineering. VU College higher education diplomas are offered in Australia and with our education partners in China.

Among the many benefits of studying a diploma at VU College, our courses give students more contact time with teachers and extra academic support beyond the classroom, but with lower tuition fees than the first year of a bachelor degree. Alongside our diplomas, we offer nationally accredited English language courses in Australia and China. Run by VU English, the University's English language centre, these courses are designed to help students achieve the required level of English language proficiency for direct entry into a VU diploma or degree. Reflecting the University's international reputation, VU College also boasts strong educational links with Asia. These valuable partnerships provide students with opportunities to complete English language, diploma, bachelor and masters courses at home or abroad.



PIERRE RUTOMERA. GENERAL ENGLISH

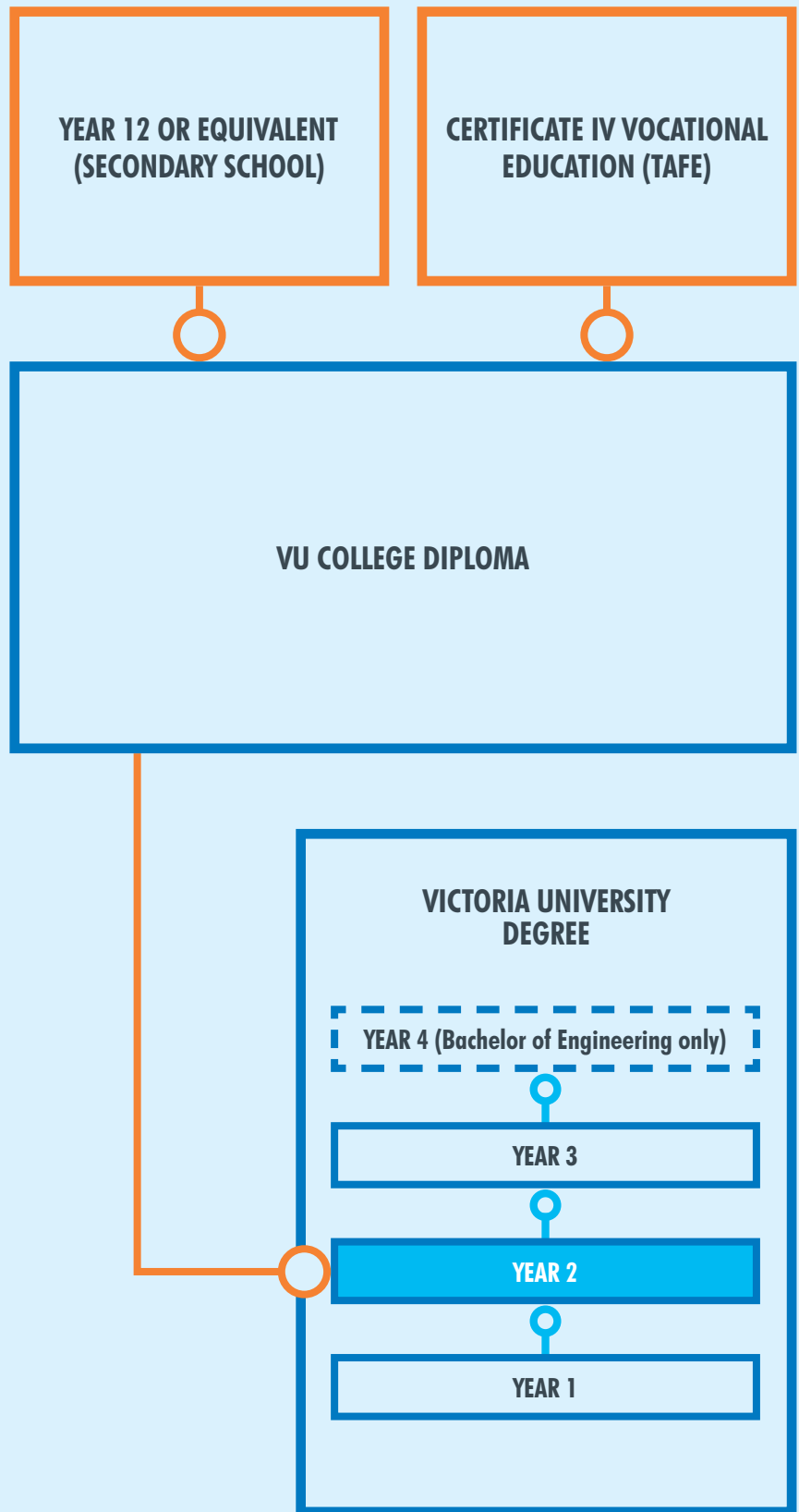
"As we say that Melbourne is the place to be, Victoria University is the place to study. The high quality of education and the hospitality of the University's community set it apart from other universities in the world."

HIGHER EDUCATION DIPLOMAS

VU College diploma students learn the same course content as first-year university students but in smaller class sizes, with more contact hours in the classroom. Our students also have extra academic support and assistance. Diploma graduates continuing to their selected degrees earn full credit for their first year, while graduates joining the workforce have the skills and knowledge to succeed in an entry-level career.

VU COLLEGE DIPLOMA STUDENTS:

- **feel** part of the VU community from their first day
- **gain** access to all VU facilities and services
- **learn** in smaller class sizes, which means more personal attention
- **participate** in longer tutorials, meaning more face-to-face time with teachers
- **obtain** academic support in and out of the classroom
- **save** money with lower tuition fees than the first year of a bachelor degree
- **connect** with dedicated Activities Officers to be involved in University life and make new friends.



Diploma Of

Business (Enterprise)

CODE: WDBE | CRICOS: 075552C

CAMPUS

City Flinders

INTAKES

2016: February and July

FEES2016 Tuition Fee: AU \$8,400 per semester for international students[^]**DURATION**

8 units (1 year) of study

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are expected to have:

- completed a secondary school qualification equivalent to an Australian Year 12 qualification
- obtained an IELTS (academic module) result of 5.5 with no band less than 5.0 or equivalent, OR
- satisfactory completion of VU English's English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Level 4.

STUDY PATHWAYS

- Bachelor of Business (Accounting)
- Bachelor of Business (Banking and Finance)
- Bachelor of Business (Event Management)
- Bachelor of Business (Financial Risk Management)
- Bachelor of Business (Human Resource Management)
- Bachelor of Business (Information Systems Management)
- Bachelor of Business (International Hospitality Management)
- Bachelor of Business (International Tourism Management)
- Bachelor of Business (International Trade)
- Bachelor of Business (Management and Innovation)
- Bachelor of Business (Marketing)
- Bachelor of Business (Music Industry)
- Bachelor of Business (Supply Chain and Logistics Management)

The Diploma of Business (Enterprise) is your first step towards a successful business career. It will give you a broad introduction to the industry and a range of skills relevant to the business sector. The course is designed to provide a pathway into the second year of any Bachelor of Business specialisation. To attain the Diploma of Business (Enterprise), students are required to complete 96 credit points (equivalent to 8 units).

The core units are:

- Accounting
- Business Law Principles
- Business Mathematics and Statistics
- Economics
- Information Systems
- Marketing
- Management
- Professional Communications

GRADUATE OUTCOMES

This diploma will help you take the next step and pathway to an undergraduate business degree. A business qualification can be tailored to suit your particular situation and interest. Focus your studies in one of our specialisations and gain transferable skills that will allow you to work successfully in a number of professions within a variety of organisations. With a wide array of specialisations, potential job opportunities include working in executive administration, accounting, finance, trade, events, logistics, information systems, music management, tourism, hospitality, business administration, human resources, marketing or project management.

Note: [^] Information and fees listed above are for international students commencing a course in 2016. Fees may change. *Admission, fee and CRICOS information in this guide are for courses offered at VU campuses in Melbourne only. For information about courses offered at VU Sydney visit vu.edu.au/vu-sydney

For further information on all units, pathways and admission requirements visit:
Australian residents vu.edu.au/courses/wdbe
International students vu.edu.au/courses/international/wdbe

**LASHINI ANDRADI. DIPLOMA OF BUSINESS (ENTERPRISE)**

"I was nervous about coming to Melbourne and VU at the beginning but I found such friendly and caring staff, lecturers and of course classmates. I recommend anyone to come and see the difference."

Diploma Of

Information Technology

CODE: VDIT | CRICOS: 077776D

CAMPUSFootscray Nicholson (February 2016);
City Flinders (from July 2016)**INTAKES**

2016: February and July

FEES2016 Tuition Fee: AU \$9,990 per semester for
international students[^]**DURATION**

8 units (1 year) of study

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are expected to have:

- completed a secondary school qualification equivalent to an Australian Year 12 qualification
- obtained an IELTS (academic module) result of 5.5 with no band less than 5.0 or equivalent, OR
- satisfactory completion of VU English's English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Level 4.

STUDY PATHWAY

- Bachelor of Information Technology

This course will help you develop skills and knowledge in a range of information technology fields. As part of the course, you will design databases, write computer programs in Python, schedule ICT development using Microsoft Project, connect databases to dynamic websites, and use Linux and study towards popular IT vendor qualifications. To attain the Diploma of Information Technology, students are required to complete 96 credit points (equivalent to 8 units).

The core units are:

- Web Development and CMS
- Introduction to Programming
- Communication and Information Management
- Computer Networks
- Introduction to Database Systems
- Operating Systems
- Introduction to Project Management
- Web Application and Server Management

GRADUATE OUTCOMES

On completion of this course, graduates will be qualified to work in a diverse range of fields including computer and network support, website development, database management, and programming.

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International students vu.edu.au/courses/international/VDIT

**SAHIL PURI. DIPLOMA OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

"Moving to Melbourne has been one of the best decisions of my life. Through the Diploma of IT, I have made many new friendships and gained leadership qualities."

Diploma Of Engineering

CODE: VDEN | CRICOS: 088602B

CAMPUS

City Flinders (from July 2016)

INTAKES

2016: July

2017: February and July

FEES

2016 Tuition Fee: AU \$10,500 per semester for international students[^]

DURATION

8 units (1 year) of study

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are expected to have:

- completed a secondary school qualification equivalent to an Australian Year 12 qualification
- obtained an IELTS (academic module) result of 5.5 with no band less than 5.0 or equivalent, OR
- satisfactory completion of VU English's English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Level 4.

STUDY PATHWAYS

- Bachelor of Engineering (Architectural Engineering) (Honours)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Civil Engineering) (Honours)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical and Electronic Engineering) (Honours)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical Engineering) (Honours)

The Diploma of Engineering is designed to help you transfer to the second year of your chosen engineering specialisation or to apply for entry to other bachelor degrees at VU. You will learn foundation skills and knowledge in mathematics, physics and problem-solving. With these basic skills, graduates of this course can begin entry-level work in engineering fields or go on to further studies in engineering or other disciplines.

The core units are:

- Engineering Mathematics 1
- Engineering Physics 1
- Engineering in the Community
- Problem Solving for Engineers
- Engineering Mathematics 2
- Engineering Physics 2
- Engineering Fundamentals
- Introduction to Engineering Design

GRADUATE OUTCOMES

On completion of this course, graduates will be able to investigate and solve basic engineering problems using latest technologies. They will also know how to combine their knowledge in mathematics, physics, statistics and information technology with the engineering discipline. Diploma of Engineering graduates may seek employment in areas where entry level positions require strong technical and problem-solving skills.

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SHUYAN HU. DIPLOMA OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

"At VU we study in many different ways. We have group studies and also self-studies, which makes the course really interesting and easier to learn."

VU ENGLISH



VU English was established in 1987 and has provided quality English language tuition for more than 25 years. VU English is part of VU College and is based in the centre of Melbourne at VU's City Flinders Campus. Our courses are designed to improve your English language skills and prepare you to study diplomas, degrees, masters and PhDs.

VU's English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS) has nine intakes per year. This means we can arrange your English study to finish just before you start your formal course at VU. There are six levels in VU English from elementary to advanced study. After successfully completing a level you can advance to a course in the next level, specialise in an area that interests you or apply to TAFE (vocational education) or university. We will assess which level is right for you through the VU English Placement Test.

BENEFITS OF STUDYING A COURSE AT VU ENGLISH:

- classrooms located in the centre of Melbourne's business district
- wide range of courses including General English, English for Academic Purposes and BULATS (Business Language Testing Service) Preparation
- outstanding teachers with years of experience and accredited qualifications
- an Independent Learning Centre for self-study and e-learning
- high quality university library and Learning Commons
- diverse English study support programs and clubs
- access to university counselling services for help with personal, psychological and social development issues
- high quality course materials developed specifically for VU English students.

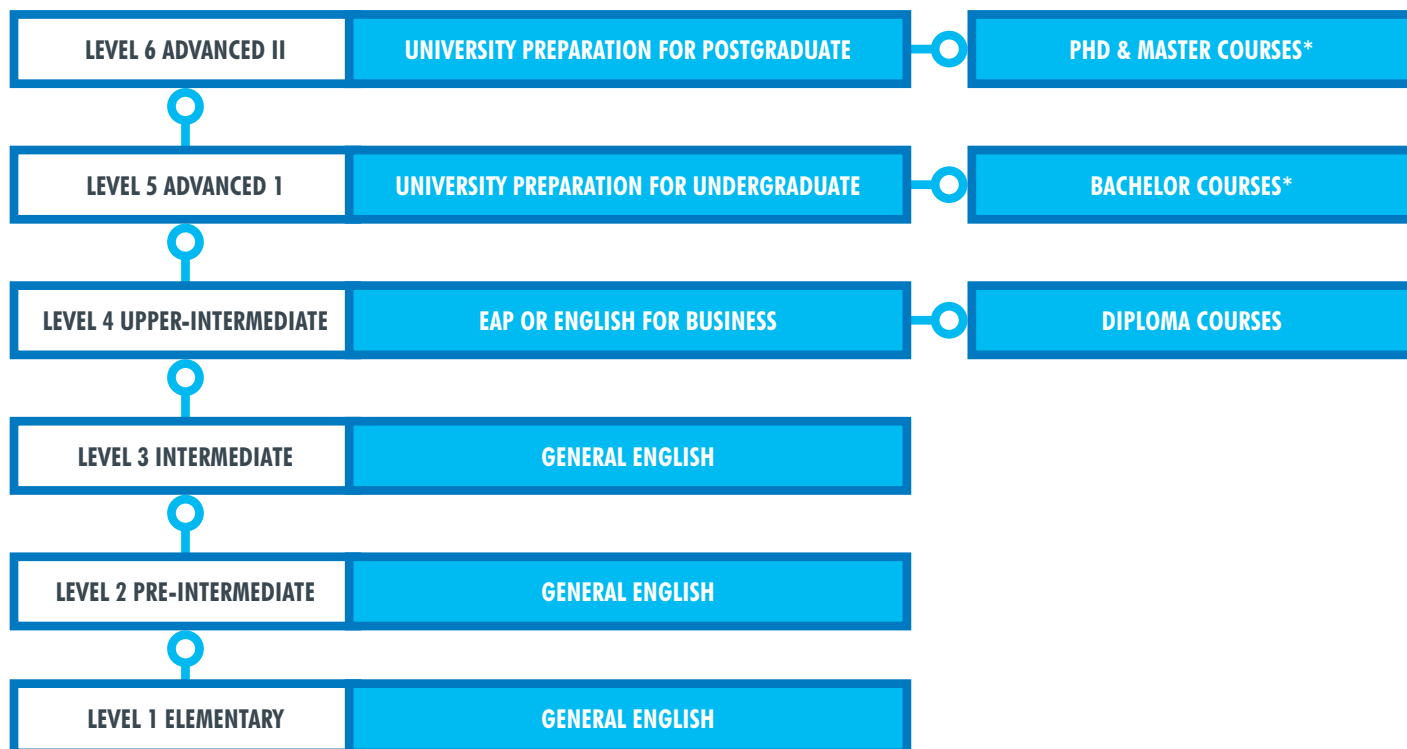


MICHAEL RATCLIFF, GENERAL MANAGER BA (MELB), M.ED. (E COWAN)

Michael has worked in international education since 1992, having taught or managed language centres in Australia, Korea, Japan, Thailand and China. During this time he has been a teacher, IELTS examiner, Teacher Trainer, Director of Studies and Managing Director. In 2005 he founded one of the largest private language centres in Australia, Greenwich College, and was on the board of ASX-listed education provider Redhill Education for three years. He joined VU in 2012 as General Manager of VU English.

VU ENGLISH

ENGLISH LEVELS AND PATHWAYS



Note: *Some VU courses require higher English language proficiency to gain entry into the degree.

LEARNING IN CLASS

We use an active teaching approach to help you learn English by focusing on reading, writing, speaking and listening. You will learn using our own course textbooks and teaching materials that have been developed specifically for each course. During your classes you will participate in:

- class discussions and role plays
- presentations and debates
- essay and report writing
- videos and audio learning
- workshops and tutorials
- quizzes and tests
- journal writing
- computer assisted learning.

The average class size is 15 students, with a maximum of 18 students. Our students study 20 hours a week, four hours per day. There are usually two hours of morning classes and two hours of afternoon classes.

Most days, extra support classes are held during lunchtime, including e-learning, speaking and film programs. Assessment of the course is a combination of ongoing assessment and final assessment tasks at the end of each course.

STUDY TOURS

In addition to English language courses, we provide customised study tours for foreign universities and institutions. We can arrange accommodation, airport pick-ups, excursions and a wide range of English language courses to meet your needs.

Our study tours are a great way to improve your English language skills and have a unique Australian experience.

VU CAMBRIDGE EXAMINATIONS CENTRE

The Victoria University Cambridge Examinations Centre is an authorised Cambridge University English Language examination centre. We are the only Cambridge exam centre located at a Victorian university. Students from any language centre in Melbourne are welcome to take their tests with us at our central city location 100 metres from Flinders Street Station. Cambridge exams are prestigious, internationally recognised language examinations. The exams can be used to demonstrate English language proficiency for employment and enrolling in university courses in Australia and the United Kingdom.

www.vu.edu.au/vu-english/cambridge-exam-centre-at-vu



GENERAL ENGLISH



GENERAL ENGLISH

CODE: VNGEN

CRICOS: 059112E

DURATION

10 weeks (200 contact hours) per level

CAMPUS

City Flinders

FEES 2016

A\$395 per week (plus an enrolment fee of A\$200).

Fees may be subject to change. For the latest fee information for this course, visit:

www.vu.edu.au/vu-english

ABOUT THIS COURSE:

Our General English course is for students with beginner to intermediate levels of English language proficiency. This course will help you develop the English language skills for:

- everyday use
- speaking, listening, reading and writing
- entry into the English for Academic Purposes course.

BENEFITS OF STUDYING GENERAL ENGLISH

- rapid progress in reading, writing, speaking and listening
- written progress report every five weeks
- take part in various programs and clubs
- use VU English textbooks and materials
- receive a University certificate when you graduate.

COURSE ESSENTIALS

- Levels:
 - General English, Level 1 (Elementary)
 - General English, Level 2 (Pre-intermediate)
 - General English, Level 3 (Intermediate)
- Duration: 5 to 10 weeks per level
- Entry: VU English Placement Test
- Pathways: EAP and Business English

TOPICS:

You will study a range of topics, including:

- accommodation
- education
- festivals and cultural celebrations
- food and cooking
- health and wellbeing
- living in Melbourne
- travel and transportation.

COURSE OUTCOMES

After completing General English Level 3, you will be eligible to move on to the following Level 4 VU English courses:

EAP4 – English for Academic Purposes – Upper Intermediate

EBP – English for BULATS Preparation

HOW TO APPLY

You will need to complete an ELICOS application form, and submit the completed application form to VU English. You may need to complete the VU English Placement test to determine your current level of English.

You can find the application form and additional information here:

vu.edu.au/vu-english/how-to-apply

NATALIE JONES, ENGLISH TEACHER BA (JCU), GRAD. DIP, MUSEUM STUDIES (JCU), POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE TESOL (QUT)

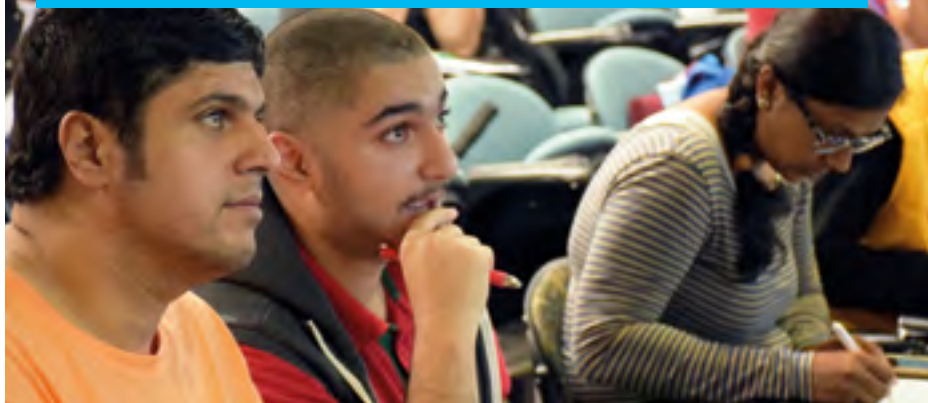
Natalie has taught English for 16 years, and teaching at VU English for the past three. Her international teaching experience has taken her to the Czech Republic, Germany, Taiwan, Thailand and Laos. She loves the interaction of being in the classroom with a mix of international students. In her free time Natalie loves travelling and learning about different places and people.



RICHARD HOLLAND, ENGLISH TEACHER BA (RHODES), MA (READING)

Richard has taught French in Africa, and English in the UK, France, the UAE and Australia. In 2003 he migrated to Australia and began working at VU. Richard likes teaching the higher academic levels, and his interests lie in grammar and writing. He loves travelling, and his favourite destinations are those that are historical, cultural and photogenic.

ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES



ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES

CODE: VNEAP

CRICOS: 082777E

DURATION

10 weeks (200 contact hours) per level

CAMPUS

City Flinders

FEES 2016

A\$395 per week (plus an enrolment fee of A\$200).

Fees may be subject to change. For the latest fee information for this course, visit:

www.vu.edu.au/vu-english

ABOUT THIS COURSE

English for Academic Purposes (EAP) prepares you for university or TAFE. It is designed for students with upper intermediate to advanced levels of English language proficiency who want to gain admission to diplomas, undergraduate or postgraduate courses. EAP is made up of three levels:

- EAP4 – Certificate and Diploma Preparation
Designed for students who want to study a TAFE course at Victoria Polytechnic, a TAFE division of Victoria University.
- EAP5 – University Preparation Undergraduate (UPU)
A specialised 10-week program for students who wish to enrol in a VU undergraduate course.
- EAP6 – University Preparation Postgraduate (UPP)
For students with an advanced level of English who wish to enrol in a VU postgraduate course.

BENEFITS OF STUDYING EAP

- Over 95% graduation rates
- Rapid progress in academic reading, writing, speaking and listening
- Practice in lecture and tutorial note-taking
- Direct entry to TAFE, undergraduate or postgraduate courses
- Extra support for students.

COURSE ESSENTIALS

- Levels:
 - EAP, Level 4 (Upper-intermediate)
 - EAP, Level 5 (Advanced 1)
 - EAP, Level 6 (Advanced 2)
- Duration: 10 weeks per level
- Pathways: IELTS Preparation and vocational education or university programs

TOPICS

You will study academic culture, writing, reading, listening and speaking; and improve your independent learning and study skills. You will study the following topics:

- culture
- language and the law
- business ethics
- trade
- global issues
- education

COURSE OUTCOMES

On completion of each level you can progress to the next level of English study, or commence your University course once you have achieved the required level of IELTS.

HOW TO APPLY

To commence an EAP course you will need to have:

- obtained a minimum IELTS of 5.0 (for entry into EAP Level 4)
- or
- completed a GE3 – General English 3 (Intermediate) course with VU English

If you have not achieved the required IELTS level of 5.0 you may be placed in the General English course. You may need to complete a VU English Placement test to determine your current level of English.

FIND A COURSE

View courses available to international students, and find out how to apply to study at VU:

vu.edu.au/international

PARSA HAGHIGHI. ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES

"There's a great culture within VU; everyone is so friendly. I recommend other students to come here with a goal in mind because at VU, they will achieve that goal."

ENGLISH FOR BULATS PREPARATION



ENGLISH FOR BULATS PREPARATION

CODE: VNEBP

CRICOS: 082779C

DURATION

5-10 weeks (100-200 contact hours)

CAMPUS

City Flinders

FEES 2016

A\$395 per week (plus an enrolment fee of A\$200).

Fees may be subject to change. For the latest fee information for this course, visit:

www.vu.edu.au/vu-english

ABOUT THIS COURSE

English for BULATS Preparation - an approved Cambridge English course - is designed to improve your business vocabulary, knowledge of business conventions and your general English language proficiency. The course will prepare you to study tertiary business courses. The course specifically focuses on every part of the Business Language Test Service (BULATS) exam, an internationally recognised language benchmarking tool. The course provides preparation, practice and information to ensure that students are fully prepared for the exam. We also provide advice on exam strategies and the opportunity to undertake a complete practice BULATS exam.

As part of the course you will learn about contemporary business scenarios including:

- company structure, performance and products
- marketing and advertising
- international business styles
- managing people
- business cultures, globalisation and business ethics.

BENEFITS OF STUDYING BULATS

- receive a weekly BULATS test practice
- gain a global BULATS score
- experienced teachers – VU English is the first BULATS provider in Melbourne
- study in an official Cambridge Exam Centre
- direct entry into TAFE courses.

COURSE ESSENTIALS

- Levels: Intermediate and Upper Intermediate
- Duration: 5-20 weeks
- Entry: IELTS 5.0, VU English Placement Test or completion of the preceding VU English level 3 (Intermediate)
- Pathways: EAP and TAFE or university courses.

COURSE OUTCOMES

On completion of this course you:

- can take the Cambridge BULATS exam and gain a global BULATS score
- will have achieved the English level required to gain direct entry into VU TAFE courses.

HOW TO APPLY

You will need to have:

- obtained a minimum IELTS of 5.0
- or
- completed a General English 3 (Intermediate) course with VU English.

To apply for admission into this course you may need to complete the VU English Placement test to determine your current level of English. To apply, you will need to complete an ELICOS application form, and submit the completed application form to VU English.

You can find the ELICOS application form here:

vu.edu.au/vu-english/how-to-apply

LI YUYING. ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES

"I've learnt a lot about the Australian culture since moving to Melbourne. My goal is to complete my Master of Accounting, and VU College is helping me to achieve that goal."

BULATS

Business Language Testing Service

 CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH
Language Assessment
Authorised Centre

ACCOMMODATION



ACCOMMODATION

Moving to a new city can be a strange, exciting and sometimes scary experience. Fortunately, Victoria University offers a range of accommodation options to help you feel right at home. Your choice of accommodation will depend on your personal needs, preferences and budget.

UNIVERSITY RESIDENCES

The University owns and operates two apartment buildings to accommodate students, staff and guests of VU. Living in one of our residences is a good choice if you have never lived out of home, or if you wish to live in a university environment. Providing both short and long-term accommodation, our student residences will give you access to the VU student community and support network.

UNILODGE AT VU

UniLodge at VU is a new 500-bed accommodation complex which opened in early 2016. The 12-storey building is located directly across the road from VU's Footscray Park Campus and a short walk from the Footscray Nicholson Campus. Operated by UniLodge, the premium complex features:

- single, dual and shared occupant apartments
- fully furnished and self-contained rooms
- recreation areas, a theatre and student café
- extensive landscaped areas including courtyards and roof terraces
- secure bicycle lock-up facilities
- ground-floor shops.

Information about fees, facilities, furnishing and life at the residence is available at unilodge.com.au/lodge/vu/

VICTORIA PLACE

Victoria Place is a modern apartment complex designed for students. Located on Ballarat Road, Footscray, it is a short walk to classes at our Footscray Park campus and all on-campus facilities including the University library, bookshop, cafeterias and sporting facilities. It is less than 7km from the heart of Melbourne, close to public transport and Highpoint Shopping Centre. The complex contains six dual-occupancy units and 41 single-occupancy units. Apartments are fully furnished, self-contained and designed to provide an independent living experience. Each unit has a bathroom, laundry, kitchen, bedroom and balcony.

Information about fees, facilities, furnishing and life at Victoria Place is available at vu.edu.au/campuses-services/our-facilities/accommodation/victoria-place



VICTORIA PLACE

STUDENT HOUSING SERVICES

Our Student Housing Services provides free tenancy advice and can assist in the provision of housing information including temporary housing, VU residences, share housing, private rental and commercial student apartments. If you are considering off-campus accommodation, our Student Housing Services operates a Student Housing database with share housing and vacant property listings. Student Housing Services also coordinates a House Hunting Friends Facebook group where you can connect with other students looking for housing. Student Housing Services also provides a Housing Mentor Program for incoming students. This program matches you with a current and experienced VU student who can support you with your search for accommodation. For more information about our housing options, read our comprehensive Housing Guide at vu.edu.au/housing



LIFE IN MELBOURNE



THE WORLD'S MOST LIVABLE CITY

Melbourne is Australia's second-largest city and consistently receives praise as a tourist destination.

In 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 the Economist Intelligence Unit rated Melbourne as the world's most liveable city out of 140 cities worldwide.

Moreover, Melbourne was voted the world's second-best student city, according to the QS Best Student Cities 2016 survey.

More than 100,000 international students choose Melbourne each year as their study destination.

Find out more about life as an international student in Melbourne at studymelbourne.vic.gov.au

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Getting around Melbourne is easy, with an extensive rail, tram and bus network connecting the city and suburbs. International students enrolled in a full-time undergraduate course (bachelor degree or associate degree) or diploma or advanced diploma courses can purchase a half-price annual Myki ticket for the zone/s in which they travel/study.

If you have time to enjoy the scenery, you can catch a bus or a train to almost any major city in Victoria or Australia. You can also travel by bus or taxi from the city to Melbourne Airport (Tullamarine), then catch a plane interstate.

Alternatively, if you have a driver's licence, you can drive. In Australia, driving regulations and laws differ from state to state, but in most Australian states and territories you are permitted to drive if you hold an overseas licence, as long as it is current. See Australia.gov.au for further information.

WEATHER

The climate of Melbourne is mild and temperate with four distinct seasons. Melbourne has a reputation for its changeable weather, and visitors should be prepared for anything – take an umbrella and wear layers that can be worn or removed as needed.

Overall, Melbourne enjoys a temperate climate with warm to hot summers (average temperatures of 14-25C), mild springs and autumns (average 10-20C), and cool winters (average 7-14C).

Find out more about the weather in Melbourne and around Australia at bom.gov.au

COST OF LIVING

EVERYDAY LIVING COSTS

We want you to focus on your studies while studying and not worry about your finances. So it is important that you have sufficient funds to cover your living costs while in Melbourne.

Under the Australian Government's migration regulations, student visa applicants (and their family members) need to be able meet their living costs and have access to the following funds:

- A\$18,610 a year for the main student
- A\$6515 a year for the student's partner
- A\$3720 a year for the student's first child
- A\$2790 a year for every other child.

In addition to the approximate living costs in the table below, be aware of any special expenses involved in your course. For example, if you have to buy special equipment or clothing, or travel to work placements. Remember to allow approximately A\$625 for books and stationery annually.

ITEM	AVERAGE COST PER WEEK AS*
Accommodation	
UniLodge at VU Note: an additional fee for security deposit and club levy applies	\$250
Victoria Place (VU facility) Note: an additional fee for security deposit and club levy applies	\$285
1 bedroom flat	\$420 (central Melbourne) \$260 (Footscray)
Shared rental	\$70 – \$250
Hostels and guesthouses	\$80 – \$135
Homestay	\$110 – \$270
Utilities for small apartment (gas, electricity, water, garbage disposal)	\$52
Groceries, drinks and eating out	\$80 – \$200
Personal care	\$25
Public transport (1 Zone) Discounted annual passes also available (see Life in Melbourne section or visit iusepass.vic.gov.au/iuse/user/login)	\$7.52 (daily pass); \$3.76 (one way); \$127 (monthly pass)

ITEM	AVERAGE COST PER WEEK AS*
Mobile phone	\$12
Internet	\$18

*Note: These average costs should be used as a guide only as costs can vary considerably.

Sources: numbeo.com/cost-of-living; liveinvictoria.vic.gov.au; studyinaustralia.gov.au

To ensure that you can focus on your studies rather than worry about your expenses, Victoria University recommends that you budget for higher living expenses than those listed by the:

Victorian State Government:

liveinvictoria.vic.gov.au/living-in-victoria/cost-of-living

Australian Government:

border.gov.au/Trav/Stud/More/Student-Visa-Living-Costs-and-Evidence-of-Funds
vu.edu.au/financial-advice

COURSE FEES (INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS)

Prior to commencing at Victoria University, you will be required to pay a fee deposit and sign your International Student Written Agreement in order to accept your offer into a Victoria University course.

Indicative course fees will be detailed in your International Student Written Agreement.

Subsequent tuition fees will be charged one semester at a time and will be payable prior to commencing your next semester.

You may need to buy equipment or specific clothing, or travel on public transport to undertake work placements for some courses, and those costs are not included in your course fees. Where possible, we recommend confirming these fees prior to enrolling in your course.

Fees will vary according to your course and are subject to change. Note that annual price rises will be applied to both commencing (new) and continuing students. For the latest information on fees visit:

vu.edu.au/courses/international

OVERSEAS STUDENT HEALTH COVER (OSHC)

Your International Student Written Agreement will also contain the fee for Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC). OSHC is a compulsory part of obtaining an Australian student visa and is designed to protect you while you are in Australia.

New policies for Overseas Student Health Cover in 2016, as quoted by our preferred provider Allianz, commence at A\$553 for a single adult for 12 months.

oshcallianzassistance.com.au

REFUND POLICY

Find information about Victoria University's refund policy on vu.edu.au/courses/fees-assistance/refunds/international-refunds

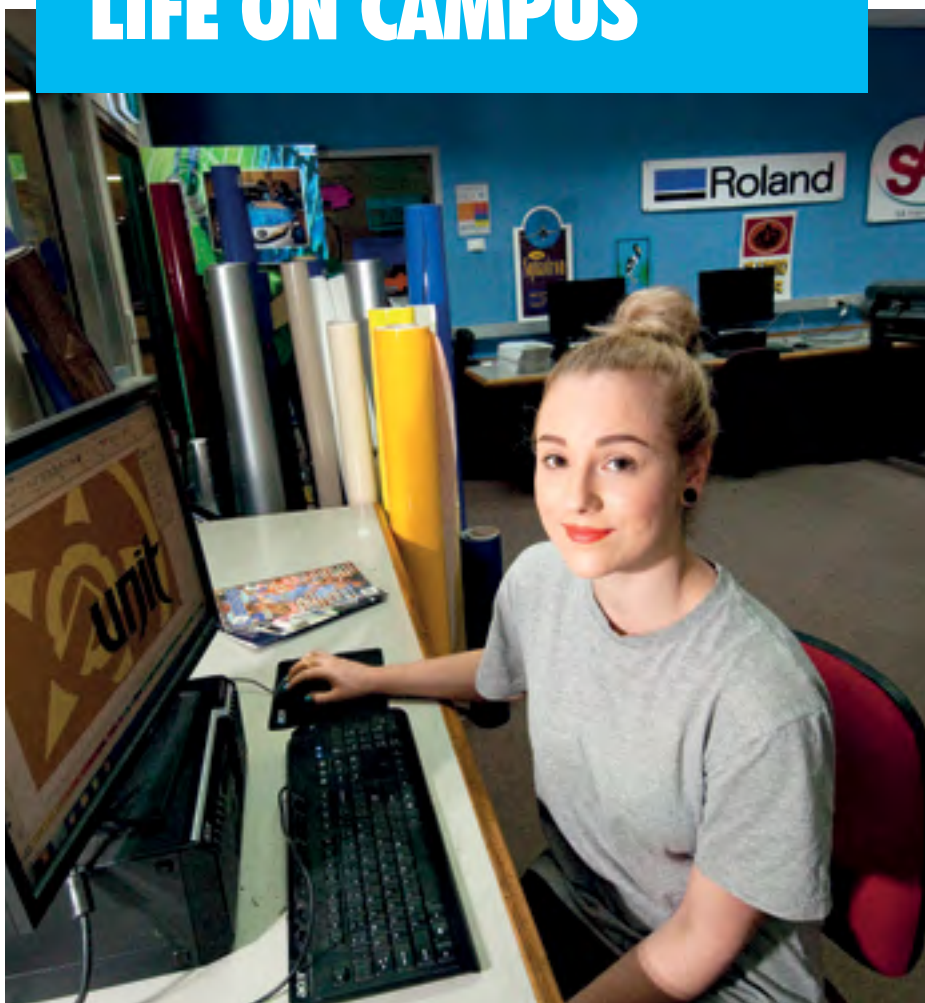
SCHOOLING FOR CHILDREN

If you have children from 6–17 years of age, it is a legal requirement that they attend school if they accompany you to Australia. There are many public, private and multi-faith religious schools for all ages, starting from approximately A\$8000 per year. To find out more about education and childcare in the State of Victoria visit:

liveinvictoria.vic.gov.au/living-in-victoria/education-and-childcare

To find out more about children's school fees visit:
study.vic.gov.au/deecd/schools-in-victoria/apply/en/school-fees.cfm

LIFE ON CAMPUS



Students at VU College have full access to the same facilities, support and networks available to all Victoria University (VU) students. Recognising the need to create a balance between study and social life, VU strives to enrich students' learning and social experiences with a range of engaging activities both on and off-campus.

O-FEST

The first social event of the University calendar - the week-long orientation event - is designed to help students make their first connection with VU and create social and networking opportunities. During orientation, students can take a tour of their campus, explore the library, chat with support staff and meet other new students.

CLUBS AND EVENTS

Joining a club or society is a great way to become part of the VU community. There are groups to cover almost any interest, such as fashion and films to philosophy, politics and religion. Such groups include the College of Business Society, VU Theatre Club and VU International Student Association.

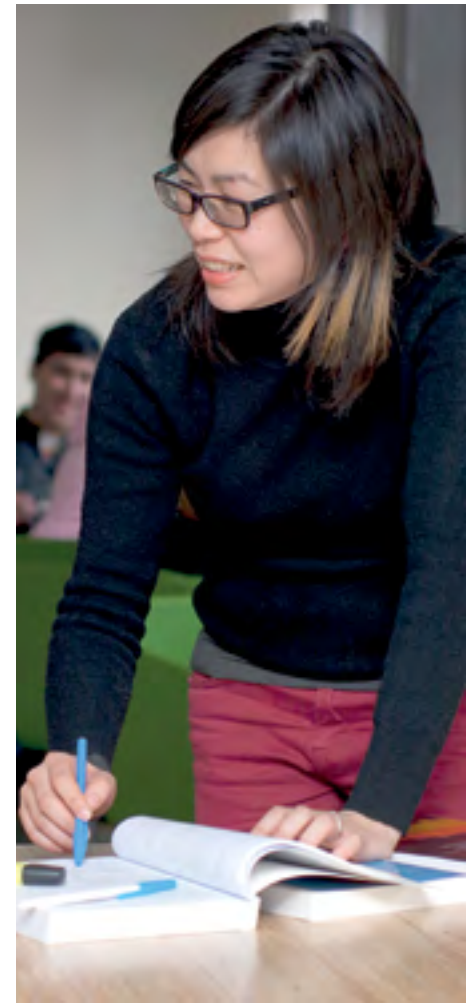


SPORT AND FITNESS

The University has several sports and health facilities including quality fitness centres, a 25-metre heated pool at the Footscray Park Campus, a first-class athletics track and rugby field at Werribee Campus, multi-purpose sports halls and tennis courts. VU also offers more than 40 sports clubs, campus sports programs and representative sport opportunities.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Student Service Centres offer face-to-face customer service to help students access services, support and information in an easy and convenient environment. Student Service Centres assist with general enquiries, referrals to specialised services, fee payments and on-the-spot administrative support.



DISABILITY SUPPORT

Disability Services provides advice and assistance to students with a disability and/or medical condition to ensure they can actively participate in all aspects of university life and community. Students are assessed individually for appropriate support services.

COMPUTER FACILITIES

More than 4,000 computers are located across VU's campuses and libraries. VU provides PCs and Apple Macs in teaching laboratories and open-access facilities, while a central IT helpdesk is available to answer queries and provide assistance.

LIBRARY

Known as 'learning commons', VU campus libraries offer career advice, learning, IT support and academic resources in a relaxed, lounge-like setting. At a VU learning common, students have access to photocopying, computing and printing facilities, electronic and print resources, and a comprehensive information-skills training program.

PRAYER ROOMS

VU embraces and celebrates the religious and spiritual diversity of our community. A range of multi faith prayer rooms are available for staff and students across seven VU campuses.

LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Students as Staff program encourages and prepares students to work at VU while they complete their studies. Work placements may include general administration, marketing projects, graphic design, website design and development, or events and management.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum academic requirements apply for entry into our diploma courses. Below is a snapshot of minimum entry requirements based on country of passport. For more information on entry requirements for international students, visit vu.edu.au/courses/how-to-apply/international-applications/entry-requirements

QUALIFICATION	LEVEL OF COMPLETION	DIPLOMAS
GLOBAL		
International Baccalaureate Diploma	Completed with an overall result of at least:	20
General Certificate of Education (A-Levels)	Completed with a pass in at least:	1 Advanced Level (A2) and 2 Advanced Subsidiary Levels
AUSTRALIA		
Foundation Program	Completed with an overall average of at least:	50%
Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)	Completed with an overall (ATAR/ENTER) score of at least:	35 (out of 100)
CHINA		
Senior Middle School Graduation Diploma	Completed the third year (Senior Middle 3) with an average score of at least:	70%
INDIA		
Indian School Certificate (issued by the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations)	Completed with an average score of at least:	55% ^
All India Senior School Certificate (issued by the Central Board of Secondary Education)	Completed with an average score of at least:	55% ^
Higher Secondary Certificate/Intermediate Certificate from State Board	Completed with an average score of at least:	60% ^
INDONESIA		
Sekolah Menengah Atas (SMA) 3	Completed with an average score (academic subjects) of at least:	6.0
KENYA		
Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE)	Completed with an overall average of at least:	C- (from 8 subjects) ∞
MALAYSIA		
Unified Examination Certificate (UEC)	Completed with a score of at least:	pass (at least C8) in 6 subjects
MAURITIUS		
General Certificate of Education (A-Levels)	Completed with a pass in at least:	1 Advanced Level (A2) and 2 Advanced Subsidiary Levels 2 Advanced Levels (A2)
NEPAL		
Higher Secondary Certificate	Completed with an overall result of at least:	2nd Division Pass (45%)
Higher Secondary Education Board Certificate	Completed with an overall score of at least:	2nd Division Pass (55%)
PAKISTAN		
Intermediate Certificate/Higher Secondary School Certificate	Completed with an average score of at least:	550 (out of 1100) or 50%
PHILIPPINES		
High School Diploma	Completed with an average (in all subjects) of at least:	C (75%) plus completion of two years of higher education studies (deemed comparable to an Australian AQF Certificate IV)
SRI LANKA		
Sri Lankan A-levels	Completed with a score of at least:	S in 3 subjects
THAILAND		
Matayom 6 (Certificate of Secondary Education)	Completed with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least:	2.0 (out of 4)
VIETNAM		
Bang Tot Ngiep Pho Thong Trung Hoc (Secondary School Graduation Certificate)	Completed with an overall average (in all subjects) of at least:	6.5 (out of 10)

^ Average score is calculated as the average of the best 4 subjects (excluding local language) non-academic subjects.

∞ Average of subjects are calculated where A = 12, A- = 11, B+ = 10, B = 9, B- = 8, C+ = 7, C = 6, C- = 5, D+ = 4, D = 3, D- = 2 and E = 1.

This information is accurate as of December 2015. Victoria University reserves the right to adjust these at any time. Qualification standards displayed on this page are indicative only, and achieving one of these goals does not guarantee a placement into a Victoria University course. The entry requirements should only be applied after it has been established the degree the applicant holds as an entry qualification is deemed comparable to an Australian degree according to the AEI-NOOSR country education profiles for the country where the qualification has been awarded. Meeting the entry requirement does not waive the requirement for the entry degree to be assessed as comparable to an Australian degree.

HOW TO APPLY



AUSTRALIAN RESIDENTS

If you are an Australian resident, there are two main ways you can apply for diplomas at VU College: apply directly to VU or apply through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC). VU College diploma courses commence in late February. Mid-year applications are also accepted for commencement in July. Check the course page online for the correct way to apply and the closing date for applications. Dates may change if a course is full or still accepting applications.

vu.edu.au/courses

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

If you are an international student, follow these six steps to apply for a course at VU:

STEP 1: CHOOSE A COURSE

For information about courses, fees and entry requirements for international students visit vu.edu.au/courses/international

STEP 2: PREPARE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

To apply for a course, you must prove that you meet the entry requirements by attaching the relevant documentation to your application. This may include:

- evidence of your English language proficiency
- certified copies of your academic transcripts and graduation certificates
- completed Background Information Checklist
- completed Advanced Standing forms (formerly known as Recognition of Prior Learning or RPL)
- other relevant documents such as letters from employers or schools, statement of purpose or research proposal.

STEP 3: COMPLETE AN APPLICATION

You can submit an application online and attach supporting documents using our online international application and enquiry system. The system also allows you to:

- check your application status
- respond to admission officers' comments
- prepare to accept your offer.

If more information is required after you have submitted your application, you will receive an email from VU staff advising of a change of status in your application.

Register to apply online at eaams.vu.edu.au/portal/

You can also apply through a VU approved agent. A list can be found at eaams.vu.edu.au/BrowseAgents.aspx

STEP 4: ACCEPT YOUR OFFER

Log into your international student application and enquiry system account to check the status of your application. If you have been given a conditional offer, you must meet all conditions before you can accept your offer.

Once you receive a full offer you need to:

- sign and return your Letter of Offer (note that the full document will need to be returned)
- pay your course fee deposit
- pay your Overseas Student Health Cover.

If your visa application requires an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE), VU will send an eCoE to you after your Letter of Offer has been processed.

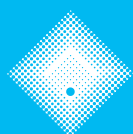
STEP 5: ORGANISE VISA

Most prospective international students intending to study in Australia must apply for a student visa.

It is important that you state your full study intentions when applying. For detailed information on student visa requirements how to apply, and related issues, contact: border.gov.au

STEP 6: TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

We can meet you at Melbourne Airport when you arrive as a new student and take you to your accommodation. The VU airport reception service is offered to all international students at the start of your course. To access the service, complete the Airport Reception Request form at least 10 days before you intend to arrive in Australia. Further information is available at: vu.edu.au/airport-reception



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