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"VU enabled me to participate in fundamental career-building opportunities within the industry whilst completing my studies."

"VU helped me make the necessary contacts to secure both a full-time month-long internship at the media agency, Starcom Mediavest, and a two-week placement at creative agency, Clemenger BBDO. This led to me gaining full-time employment with Starcom Mediavest, before I had even graduated!

Without a doubt the best thing about studying at VU was the staff. Besides being helpful, they were also extremely resourceful and full of experience and a breadth of industry knowledge. These are exactly the kind of people you want to learn from."

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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 in 2017 and become a part of 100 years of tradition.

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CHOOSE ARTS AT VU

Are you a budding artist, psychologist, musician, social worker, researcher, communicator, or writer?

Our wide range of arts courses will energise your passions, and our practical industry-based learning opportunities will equip you for a career anywhere along the arts spectrum, from graphic design to community services.

Most arts courses at Victoria University (VU) are delivered through our College of Arts. We offer hands-on courses ranging from communication, psychology, community development and creative industries through to screen media, music and social work.

Our courses are offered in a stimulating and supportive environment where you will learn alongside like-minded people and highly accomplished academics. Our lecturers are selected on the basis of their close ties to the industry they teach and will draw on their wealth of experience to give you real-world advice for a head-start on your path to success.

Our arts qualifications cover vocational education (TAFE) certificates and diplomas through to bachelor degrees and postgraduate courses, including graduate certificates and diplomas, masters and PhDs. As one of the few universities in Australia to offer both TAFE and higher education, we have flexible entry points and a wide range of study pathways to help you reach your career goals, regardless of your education background.

VU arts graduates go on to enjoy outstanding careers in fields as diverse as international community development, multimedia design, professional editing, public relations and psychology. VU is renowned for creating work-ready graduates who are a top choice with employers.

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 includes:

- aged services
- communication
- community development

- community services
- counselling
- creative arts
- criminal justice studies
- cultural services
- disability services
- graphic design
- interactive digital media
- liberal arts
- library/information services
- marketing communication
- multimedia
- music
- professional English communication
- professional writing
- psychology
- public relations
- screen and media
- social work
- sound production
- visual arts.

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



ARTS INDUSTRY CONNECTED

GAIN THE EMPLOYMENT EDGE

We collaborate with a network of high-profile business and industry partners to gain insight into the current and future needs of arts related industries. Our arts courses and research projects are directed at making your study career-focused and helping you become the ideal graduate employee in your desired field.

Our industry connections also offer you access to world-class resources and practical learning opportunities, so you gain the latest knowledge, state-of-the-art skills and exceptional experience to be job-ready for your future workplace.

Our arts students and researchers collaborate on many exciting events and with organisations including Melbourne Writers Festival, Footscray Community Arts Centre, Malthouse Theatre, Maribyrnong City Council and the Jewish Holocaust Museum and Research Centre.

INDUSTRY ACCREDITED

Many of our arts courses are industry accredited by organisations such as the Public Relations Institute of Australia, the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council, the Australian Association of Social Workers, the Australian Community Workers Association, and the Australian Library and Information Association.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORKPLACE LEARNING

Everything you learn with us has direct links to the workplace and your future career. Listed below are just some of the many opportunities you can take advantage of for practical learning as a VU arts student.

MALTHOUSE THEATRE

VU is the official Prompt Education Partner of Malthouse Theatre, allowing opportunities for industry placements, workshops, participation in the Malthouse Provocateurs program, collaborative projects and performance tickets to give you the real-world context for your studies.

OFFSET JOURNAL

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.

DESIGN STUDIO

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

PSYCHOLOGY CLINIC

Our Psychology Clinic at VU at MetroWest 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.

PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Students in community development, marketing communications, professional and creative writing and screen media degrees undertake a professional placement under the supervision of a qualified specialist in their area of study, enabling them to graduate with firm skills and an established network in their field.

PARLIAMENTARY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Each year, students undertaking a Political Science specialisation have the opportunity to apply for a competitive internship with a member of the Parliament of Victoria during their third year of study. It provides students with real-world experience in public policy research and writing, as well as first-hand exposure to the operation of the parliamentary system.

STUDENT-LED COMMUNICATION AGENCY

Our Student-led Communication Agency is an exciting initiative, as it supports Bachelor of Marketing Communication students to be early career professionals by working with industry clients on real projects to real deadlines.

KINDRED STUDIOS

All music and sound production students have the opportunity to study at Kindred Studios, a professional arts industry facility located 1km from our 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.

TV AND RADIO STUDIO

Our media production precinct at our Footscray Park Campus includes a multi-camera television studio that houses a green screen for visual effects and CGI work, a radio studio, post production labs, a Green Room, hair, makeup and costume facilities, and an equipment loans office. Students use HD cameras and professional audio recording equipment and have access to industry standard post-production software tools.

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

FLEXIBLE PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

We are the University of Opportunity and Success. Our courses are designed to offer students from diverse backgrounds the opportunity to achieve success on their own terms. This includes flexible pathways and alternative entry programs to help you pursue your dream career, regardless of your prior experience.

With one of the broadest ranges of scholarships of any university in Australia, we are renowned for providing educational opportunities to a wide range of students of all ages, cultures, and socioeconomic and educational backgrounds.

We offer a range of work-integrated study options, academic and personal support programs, and various entry and exit points between courses, including:

- vocational education programs
- bachelor degrees across a wide range of subject areas for those who may be unsure about which specialisations to follow, or require additional support while transitioning from vocational education
- specialist professional degrees
- 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. This means that you can start your education journey at certificate level and proceed to a diploma, degree or even a PhD. You may also exit the pathway when you achieve your immediate study goal, and re-enter if and when you choose to further your 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.

vu.edu.au/pathways

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.

CREDIT FOR SKILLS AND PAST STUDY

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

vu.edu.au/credit

SAMPLE PATHWAYS

Below are samples of our many arts course pathways to give you an idea of how pathways work. Note: unless otherwise indicated, these are not guaranteed pathways but suggested study journeys.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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

vu.edu.au/scholarships

POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK SCHOLARSHIPS

Visit our website for VU 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

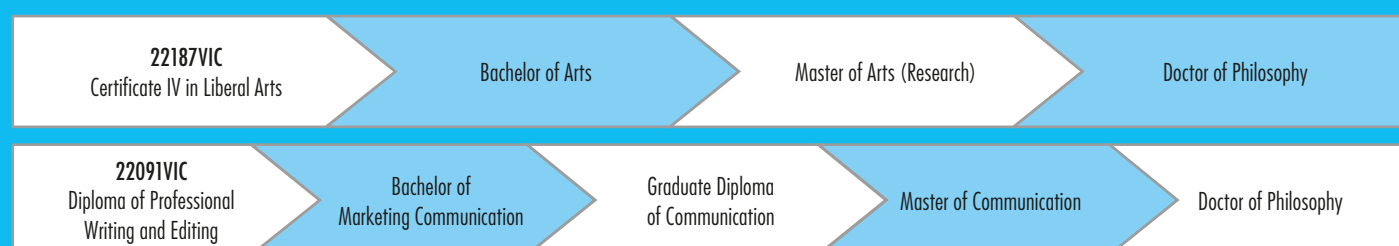
We aim to ensure that students with a disability or medical condition are able to actively participate in all aspects of university life.

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

PATHWAY EXAMPLES



*"VU changed my life and
set me on a professional path
I could have previously
only dreamed about."*

"Completing my PhD has been the most profound experience of my life. I was so beautifully supported and nurtured by my supervisors and the institution throughout my study that I emerged from the experience so much more confident in myself and in my ability to pursue opportunities relating to my passion: writing.

The novel I wrote as part of my PhD project was picked up for publication not long after I completed the PhD. Anchor Point was published in early 2015 and I recently signed a contract for my second novel."

ALICE ROBINSON

Doctor of Philosophy

Alice's debut novel, *Anchor Point*, was longlisted for the 2016 Stella Prize.



ARTS RESEARCH

Our teaching staff undertakes research that informs our courses and is widely recognised for providing real benefits to industry and the community – locally, nationally and internationally.

We provide expert research supervision for masters and doctoral programs. The breadth and depth of our innovative research specialisations creates an attractive range of postgraduate research options. We also welcome enquiries from prospective research students interested in developing new projects.

RESEARCH FOCUS

Our arts research focuses on:

- community development
- creative writing
- cultural studies
- digital media
- history
- literary studies
- politics
- psychology
- social work.

Our arts research centres and networks focus on the themes of cultural diversity and wellbeing, community, identity and displacement, and creative arts and creative writing.

ARTS RESEARCH CENTRES AND NETWORKS

We encourage collaborative teamwork approaches to the creation of new knowledge. Our postgraduate researchers can conduct research through various groups.

THE CENTRE FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND WELLBEING (CCDW)

CCDW conducts theoretical and applied research to better understand and promote the connection between cultural diversity and human wellbeing in three program areas:

- mobilities, transitions and resilience
- cultural diversity, technologies and creativity
- culture and values in health.

CREATIVE ARTS

Our creative arts research strengths include:

- creative writing: fiction, poetry, plays, memoir, autobiography, creative non-fiction
- media arts: film, television, radio and digital media
- visual arts: video and installation.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information about our research project areas contact Professor Phillip Deery at:

phillip.deery@vu.edu.au
03 9919 4597
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

In the 2015 ERA (Excellence in Research for Australia) ratings, Victoria University received a ranking of world-standard for research in Language Communication and Culture, and Cultural Studies.



SPECIALISED ARTS FACILITIES

Our arts students have access to a range of industry-standard facilities including specialist computer laboratories at Footscray Park and St Albans Campuses, as well as the emerging 'creative industries hub' at Footscray Nicholson Campus.

CREATIVE ARTS FACILITIES

Our TAFE and higher education programs in creative industries offer state-of-the-art creative learning spaces and professionally-operated facilities. This gives you a unique opportunity to engage with the broader media, and creative arts communities and industries.

DESIGN STUDIO

This commercial e-Design studio offers final-year graphic design students experience producing commercial work for internal and external clients.

THE CENTRE SPACE

The Centre Space is a white-walled open plan public area that is used as a gallery, exhibition, seminar, display or workshop space. It is located at VU's newest facility – VU at MetroWest.

KINDRED STUDIOS

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

PSYCHOLOGY CLINIC

Situated at VU at MetroWest, 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.

GENERAL FACILITIES

FOOD AND CAFÉS

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

CLASSROOMS OF THE FUTURE

VU'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 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 more than 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.

You will 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

As Australia's leading sports university, we offer extensive sport services and facilities to all students, including:

- 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 Footscray Park Campus
- tennis courts at Werribee, Footscray Park and St Albans Campuses.

vu.edu.au/sport

CHILDCARE

We operate multi-purpose childcare centres at the following campuses:

Footscray Park 03 9919 4578
Footscray Nicholson 03 9919 8698
Werribee 03 9919 8098.

ACCOMMODATION

We own and operate a range of student accommodation, including the brand new UniLodge @ VU. This 500-bed complex offers luxury apartment living for our students. Situated across the street from the Footscray Park Campus and close to the vibrant creative arts precinct in Footscray, this complex is just a short walk to shopping and public transport that provides easy access to our other campuses.

vu.edu.au/residences
unilodge.com.au/lodge/vu

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

HOW MUCH WILL MY COURSE COST?

COURSE FEES AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Course costs vary between VE/TAFE and higher education courses, depending on whether you are a government-funded student or full-fee paying student, and the units you select.

Below you will find some important information and a general guide to costs.* The latest information and a specific guide to study costs, including VU's Unit Fee Schedule, is available at:

vu.edu.au/fees

VE/TAFE FEES

The fees you pay as a VE/TAFE student depend on a number of factors, including:

- whether the course is government-funded
- your citizenship status
- when you commence the course
- your age
- your prior qualifications
- the units and course that you enrol in.

Some VE/TAFE students may be eligible for a government subsidy (such as the Victorian Training Guarantee) to support tuition fees, depending on:

- citizenship status
- age at time of enrolment
- prior study completed.

VE/TAFE students are also required to pay an annual Student Services and Amenities Fee. In 2016 this amounted to \$204 for full-time government funded students, \$102 for part-time government-funded students, \$42 for students studying off campus and \$84 for concession card holders. Students studying less than 25 hours are exempt from the fee.

Visit vu.edu.au/ssaf for more information on the Student Services and Amenities Fee.

VET FEE-HELP is available to assist eligible students studying higher level vocational education and training (VET) qualifications to pay their tuition fees. Higher-level VET qualifications are at the diploma level and above. VET FEE-HELP can be used to pay all or part of an eligible student's tuition fees, but cannot be used for additional study costs such as accommodation or text books.

Visit studyassist.gov.au for further information and to check eligibility.

HIGHER EDUCATION FEES

The options available to students enrolled in higher education courses are:

- Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) — course fees are shared between students and the Australian Government, which subsidises your course fees.
- Full-Fee Place (FFP) — you must pay the full cost of your course.

All domestic undergraduate students at Victoria University are enrolled in a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP).

This table (below) shows the maximum student contribution and full-fee amount for 2016 admissions, per year of full-time study.

STUDENT CONTRIBUTION BAND	MAXIMUM STUDENT CONTRIBUTION PER 1 YEAR OF FULL-TIME STUDY (2016)
BAND 1 Humanities, behavioural science, social studies, education, clinical psychology, foreign languages, visual and performing arts, nursing	\$6,256
BAND 2 Mathematics, statistics, computing, built environment, other health, allied health, science, engineering, surveying, agriculture	\$8,917
BAND 3 Law, accounting, administration, economics, commerce, dentistry, medicine, veterinary science	\$10,440

*All fee information provided here was correct at the time of printing. For the latest guide to fees and payment information, please refer to our website at vu.edu.au/fees

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

Higher education students are also required to pay an annual Student Services and Amenities Fee. In 2016 this amounted to \$290 for full-time students and \$145 for part-time students.

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 DEGREE FEES

If you qualify for an Australian government-funded place under the Research Training Scheme you will not be required to pay course fees.

If you are offered a full-fee paying place you can apply for FEE-HELP government assistance as outlined below.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

For information on course fees as an international student, select your course from the list at:

vu.edu.au/courses/international

PAYING YOUR FEES

There are several options available to help you with the costs involved in studying at university.

HECS-HELP

The Australian Government's Higher Education Loan Program, HECS-HELP, allows Australian citizens and Humanitarian Visa holders to borrow the amount of their student contribution and pay it back once in the workforce and earning a specified amount. You also have the option of paying some or all of your student contribution up-front and receiving a discount.

FEE-HELP

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 study-related costs. 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-advice

"I always look to VU's public relations and marketing communication students as a first port of call - 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



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HOW TO APPLY

There are several ways to apply for courses at VU, based on:

- your chosen course study level
- your residency status
- the time of year
- whether you are a current or recent student of VU (within the last six months).

UNDERGRADUATE AND TAFE

Applications for undergraduate and vocational education (VE/TAFE) courses are either made through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC), or by direct application to the University.

Information about all VU courses offered through VTAC can be accessed on the VTAC website at:

vtac.edu.au

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

vu.edu.au/apply

POSTGRADUATE

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

vu.edu.au/apply

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

COURSE ADVICE

Phone 03 9919 6100 or 1300 VIC UNI
gotovu.custhelp.com
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 28 August 2016.

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

GOTOVU 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

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Footscray Park Campus
Ballarat Road, Footscray

For further course information:
phone 03 9919 6100
or 1300 VICUNI
gotovu.custhelp.com



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