



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.

vu.edu.au/centenary



VICTORIA UNIVERSITY



# CHOOSE LAW AND JUSTICE AT VU

Are your sights set on a dynamic career in legal practice, administration, management or specialist areas of law and justice? Whichever direction you aspire to, we can provide the knowledge, skills and practical experience you need to achieve your goals.

Victoria University (VU) delivers hands-on, industry-connected courses that offer a springboard to careers in all areas of the legal sector. Our innovative professional placement opportunities and practical internships offer solid support for your future employment in law across diverse industries and workplaces.

At VU, we prepare you for the challenges of the legal world with classroom learning and professional placements that reflect the real work you will do in your future career. Our partnerships with courts and community legal services provide unique experiences of the justice system, laying the foundations for a career in law that could range from working in government or the community, to private enterprise.

In the heart of Melbourne's CBD, the Victoria Law School as part of our College of Law and Justice, provides you with the skills to address the challenges of contemporary legal practice. Our courses span certificates and diplomas to postgraduate degrees — we have a study opportunity for you, whatever your level of education. Our flexible pathways give you more options to achieve your goals while balancing life and study commitments.

At postgraduate level, we offer research opportunities through masters and PhD degrees for you to explore specific areas of legal theory or practice under expert supervision.

Operating predominantly from our City Queen Campus — in the heart of Melbourne's legal precinct — as well as our flagship campus at Footscray Park, our courses in law and justice will ensure you graduate with the skills required to be a top choice for employers in contemporary legal practice.

#### LAW AND JUSTICE COURSE AREAS

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

Our range of law and justice specialisations includes:

- Australian immigration law and practice
- business administration (legal)
- business (governance)
- commercial arbitration
- criminal justice
- laws
- laws/arts
- laws/business
- laws/psychological studies
- laws/psychology
- legal services
- Master of Laws By Research
- Master of Laws (Applied Migration Law)
- national practice
- Doctor of Philosophy (Law).

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



#### **GAIN THE EMPLOYMENT EDGE**

All of our courses in law and justice are designed in consultation with renowned legal professionals to provide you with a solid foundation for a successful law career. Our high-profile industry connections allow you to apply your knowledge while you study, ensuring you graduate work-ready.

Our partners and industry associations include the Department of Justice (Victoria), Migration Institute of Australia, Department of Education and Employment (Commonwealth), Stary Norton Halphen Criminal Law Specialists, Law Institute of Victoria, Magistrates' Courts of Victoria, County Court of Victoria, Victoria Police, Victoria Legal Aid and WEstjustice Sunshine Youth Office.

VU students benefit from these partnerships through opportunities such as practical court internships, our award-winning internationally recognised mooting program, and professional placement with community legal centres. Our graduates are equipped with the hands-on skills required to take their career forward and have the industry connections and networks necessary to gain employment in the competitive legal field.

Victoria University staff and graduate students also conduct research with industry partners to solve real-world problems in areas of international law, courts and justice, governance and regulation, contributing knowledge to government and the wider community. We will provide you with all the grounding you need for a rewarding career in law, and to make a real difference in people's lives.

#### **INDUSTRY ACCREDITED**

Several of our law and justice courses are recognised by industry, including our Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Business accredited by CPA Australia, Institute Of Chartered Accountants Australia, Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport, and Australian Marketing Institute; and our Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Psychological Studies and Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Psychology, accredited by Australian Psychology Accreditation Council. All of our law programs deliver the required academic areas of knowledge (as set out under Schedule 1, Legal Profession Uniform Admission Rules 2015) required for admission as an Australian lawyer.

#### **LAW PLACEMENTS**

Everything you learn with us has direct links to the workplace and your future career success. If you study law and justice with us, the following workplace programs are available:

#### **MAGISTRATES' COURT PROGRAM**

Second and third-year students can join rosters at Melbourne, Sunshine and Werribee Magistrates' Courts — an opportunity provided through our partnership with Victoria Legal Aid (VLA).

## INTERNATIONAL MOOTING SUCCESS

We equip you for graduate success through our world-class moot program. The moot courts at our City Queen Campus give you an opportunity to simulate proceedings, draft written appellate submissions and present legal arguments. Our students have many opportunities to participate in moot competitions both locally and internationally.

VU holds the Hon. Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot Competition — a four-day annual competition for teams across Australia. In 2015, the VU team was the only Victorian team to advance to the semi-finals of the competition.

Our 2014 mooting team received the coveted Champion of the Moot Shanghai 2014, defeating 28 teams from other law schools in 11 countries including the US and countries across Europe and Asia. This achievement placed VU at the top of participating law schools, which included Loyola University Chicago, Singapore Management University, University of Helsinki and the University of Cologne.

The international success of our moot program is testament to VU's commitment to enhancing your legal skills, such as advocacy, so you are better equipped for work in the real world.

#### **WESTJUSTICE SUNSHINE YOUTH OFFICE**

Staffed by VU's third and fourth-year law students, WEstjustice Sunshine Youth Office provides young people with free legal advice and referrals. You'll gain hands-on experience with real cases.

#### **FAMILY LAW INTERNSHIPS**

Through our partnership with VLA and WEstjustice, you have the opportunity to participate in a six-month work placement with the VLA's Family Law Division or WEstjustice Werribee Office, helping families resolve disputes and achieve safe and enduring care arrangements for children.

## PROSECUTIONS DIVISION OF VICTORIA POLICE

This program comprises a series of two-week placements in a variety of police prosecution specialist areas including Melbourne Prosecutions Unit, Research and Training Unit, Civil Advocacy Unit, Commissions and Inquiry Division and Police Coronial Support Unit.

## SUPREME COURT, FAMILY COURT AND COUNTY COURT INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

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

Find out about the numerous law work placement opportunities we offer 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 range 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.

#### **LAW AND JUSTICE PATHWAYS**

We are one of the few universities in Australia to offer both vocational training (TAFE) and higher education. Our study pathways connect courses between vocational training and higher education, including postgraduate studies. 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

#### **SAMPLE PATHWAYS**

Below is a sample of our many law and justice course pathways to give you an idea of how pathways work. Note: unless otherwise indicated, these are not guaranteed pathways but suggested study journeys.

#### **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

#### **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 all 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

#### **LAWS PATHWAY**

22276VIC BLGE Bachelor of Laws **UPLL** Doctor of Philosophy **LBLS BMLT** Advanced Diploma of Legal Practice **Bachelor of Legal Services** (Graduate Entry) Master of Laws (Research) (Law)

**MIGRATION LAW PATHWAY** LTML Graduate Certificate 22276VIC **LBLS** LMAM Master of Laws **UPLL** Doctor of Philosophy in Australian Migration Law Advanced Diploma of Legal Practice **Bachelor of Legal Services** (Applied Migration Law) (Law) and Practice





# LAW AND JUSTICE RESEARCH

Our teaching staff undertake 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.

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

#### **RESEARCH FOCUS**

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

We encourage research with industry partners in areas of governance and regulation, courts and justice, and international law.

Our research development focuses on four particular areas:

- governance and regulation
- the scholarship of legal education
- international law
- courts and justice.

VU's governance research program aims to improve governance of the private and public sectors through the use of independent academic research, consultancies and postgraduate teaching.

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

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

vu.edu.au/graduate-research



#### **LEARN FROM THE BEST**

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

## RETIRED HIGH COURT JUDGE THE HON. MICHAEL KIRBY AC CMG

The Hon. Michael Kirby, an active international human rights advocate, comes into the classroom to discuss his life as a highly respected judge.

#### PROFESSOR ROBERT RICHTER QC

Professor Richter brings his extensive experience as Barrister and Solicitor and Queen's Counsel of the Supreme Court of Victoria to his role as an Adjunct Professor in the College of Law and Justice.

#### THE HON. JUSTICE CHRIS MAXWELL QC

As an Adjunct Professor in the College of Law and Justice, The Hon. Chris Maxwell, provides insight into the legal profession, drawing on his work as Principal Private Secretary to former Commonwealth Attorney-General Senator Gareth Evans and President of the Court of Appeal of the Supreme Court of Victoria.

#### **CRIMINAL LAW SPECIALIST ROBERT STARY**

Robert Stary, Principal, Stary Norton Halphen Criminal Law Specialists, is one of the most experienced criminal legal practitioners in Victoria.

#### THE HON. JUDGE PHILIP MISSO

The Hon. Judge Philip Misso is a Judge of the County Court of Victoria and an Adjunct Professor in the College of Law and Justice. Judge Misso regularly presents seminars for VU students, as well as assisting as a moot judge in VU-run moot activities.

### FORMER ATTORNEY-GENERAL NICOLA ROXON

Australia's first female Attorney-General, Nicola Roxon, (pictured, left) is the advisory board chair of VU's Sir Zelman Cowen Centre, which conducts law industry-related courses, consultancy and research.



Victoria Law School at our City Queen Campus is in the heart of Melbourne's legal and business district, surrounded by the city's courts, high-profile law firms and legal practitioners.

You will have easy access to the courts and professional law libraries, located in surrounding streets.

This is particularly relevant for those participating in our Magistrates' Court, County Court, Family Court and Supreme Court programs. These programs provide valuable grassroots insight into, and observation of, the criminal justice system in action, offering outstanding opportunities to forge key industry connections and take your career forward.

#### **MOOT COURTS AND LAW LIBRARY**

Our moot court at City Queen Campus presents an opportunity to participate in simulated proceedings, draft appellate submissions and present legal arguments. Mooting skills give you a significant professional advantage by equipping you for practical success in the real world court system.

The City Queen Law Library offers an extensive range of law books, journals and compendiums. The law librarians provide expert services to support staff and students in their learning and research endeavours. The Law library's online and physical collection is vast and current. You will also have access to a number of professional law libraries in Melbourne's legal precinct.

#### **CITY QUEEN CAMPUS**

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

vu.edu.au/campuses/city-queen

#### **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

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

"VU law students can offer the profession and the justice system a greater depth and a greater understanding than students from most other institutions."

"Why have we chosen VU as the institute of choice for us? VU law school has a close relationship with the justice system. It was Victoria University that first commenced a program with the Magistrates' Court, and the Magistrates' Court is the people's court. That's where 90% of criminal cases are resolved. The comprehensive program involves VU law students linking with magistrates and working within the court system and legal aid.

This is what VU law students have ahead of everyone else – practical placements and practical knowledge of how the justice system operates. They've been mentored and tutored by significant members within the profession."

#### **ROBERT STARY**

Principal, Stary Norton Halphen Criminal Law Specialists Adjunct Professor, College of Law and Justice





# 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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