

KYINANDOO INDIGENOUS STUDIES

FACULTY OF ARTS, EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

"The Kyinandoo course students are possibly the most content and close-knit student group at VU. Two of them - Mia Stanford and Kevin Moore even learned they were related to each other."

MIA STANFORD AND KAREN SUTHERLAND
BACHELOR OF ARTS - KYINANDOO (INDIGENOUS STUDIES)

"Lecturers are all really passionate about their roots and it makes a difference - it makes them stand out, they absolutely rock - they're fantastic"

WHY STUDY KYINANDOO AT VU?

- Kyinandoo is a Wurundjeri word meaning 'clever', if you're an Indigenous Australian, this course has been made for you
- The only one of its kind in Victoria - an Indigenous program that gives you career options working with indigenous people.
- Kyinandoo gives you Indigenous Australian and Global Indigenous fields of study
- Smaller class sizes mean more individualised attention and a greater community environment between all students.
- Students have access to community activists, rare Indigenous archival material and well-rounded Indigenous academics and the ability to participate in local and national Indigenous community activities and events
- Indigenous Scholarships
- Located in a culturally safe and relevant environment with access to an Indigenous nursery and grasslands.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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HOW COURSES WORK

Looking for a most deadly course that gives you career options? The Bachelor of Arts (Kynandoo) is aimed specifically at Indigenous Australians, and for non-Indigenous people interested in working with or for Indigenous communities or groups.

This course will embed Indigenous values of relatedness, community and respect for Elders in all its units. It is a 3 years full time and may be taken full or part time.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Kynandoo offers units dealing with Indigenous Australia and Global Indigenous tradition, cultural heritage, contemporary and leadership issues. And then it gives you the space to take a set of units specific to your career goals. It provides Indigenous and non-Indigenous students with critical understanding of Indigenous issues. You will do 7 core Indigenous Australian Units and 7 core Global Indigenous Units plus 10 elective units of your choice from anywhere across the University (provided you meet their entrance requirements).

If you've studied VE or other higher education programs, credit may be available. And a number of pathways already exist in to the Kynandoo program, particularly from the VE Community Services area.

The opportunities in Kynandoo are as open as your imagination.

LEARNING IN THE WORKPLACE AND COMMUNITY/ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Each of the core Indigenous Australian and Global Indigenous Units in Kynandoo offer the availability for students to complete a community placement or a community-related research project.

Project or placement tasks will require students to solve community or organisational matters through team and individual inquiry.

A number of Indigenous traineeships or Indigenous graduate entry programs are in existence across government agencies at the Federal and State levels for students of Kynandoo.

HOW DO I GET IN?

Current Year 12 student requirements are: Units 3 and 4—a study score of at least 20 in English (any).

Non Yr 12 Applications:

Special arrangements can be made for mature-ages applicants.

PATHWAYS:

For VE or HE programmes with credit are available.

WHERE DO I STUDY?

This course is offered at the St Albans Campus.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

This course will be beneficial for anyone working in leadership and service positions with Indigenous communities or businesses, and/or dealing with Indigenous issues in government, education, health, social sciences, sports, tourism and so on.

The Bachelor of Arts will also provide access to graduate programs in VE and higher education where the selection of studies in these programs qualifies students for enrolment.

Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians who undertake this course will be "culturally competent" and have the flexibility, social, and communication capabilities for building relationships with Indigenous Australian people and their communities. Such a skill can will be transferable to any global Indigenous community given the core Global Indigenous Units in the program. For those aspiring to work in third world countries, or the United Nations for example, this program would be of great benefit.

Students enrolled in this program are able to complete the Managing Learning and Inquiry Unit and the Indigenous Careers Development Unit which provide academic support and tutoring assistance as well as giving student the opportunity to fully understand their career goals and aspirations.

HOW DO I APPLY?

All prospective students should apply through VTAC. Indigenous Australian students should check out the relevant section of the VTAC Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) online form and complete if applicable.

An Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Information Form is also required to be completed by prospective students and is available online at www.vu.edu.au/courses/applying/how-apply

FEES

For the latest update on fees, consult the fee guide on www.vu.edu.au/courses/fees-and-scholarships

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

For specific information about entry requirements, application procedures and an updated list of courses offered to international students, visit www.vu.edu.au/international-students

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