



VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

**A NEW
SCHOOL OF
THOUGHT**

MELBOURNE AUSTRALIA

**2009-2010
INTERNATIONAL**

**STUDY
ABROAD
GUIDE**



WELCOME TO VU

Thank you for your interest in studying at Victoria University in Melbourne, Australia. Not only is it one of the world's most cosmopolitan cities, Melbourne is also seen as the cultural capital of Australia.

With 11 campuses, 47,000 enrolled students and 3200 staff, VU is a great place to learn. We have more than 11,800 international students from over 90 countries studying our courses.

VU is internationally recognised for high quality teaching, learning and research that is locally relevant and globally significant. Our quality courses, supported by modern technology and facilities, ensure that our students get the most from their studies.

We're proud of our reputation for being a progressive university where students thrive and creativity and innovation flourish. We work hard to ensure each student has the opportunities and support they need to reach their potential and achieve their goals. In the 2008 Australian *Good Universities Guide*, we were given a five-star rating for our staff-to-student ratio, and our graduates gave us five stars for their development of generic skills.

In recognition of its education excellence, VU won three prestigious Australian Learning and Teaching Council Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning in 2007.

To strengthen VU's relationships with community, industry and professional groups, we also make ongoing and significant cultural and intellectual contributions both locally and abroad. Today, more than 70 international partners share our spirit of excellence, ambition and pride in all that we do.

Recently we set down our future goals for the University, captured in the document *Making VU 2016: a Statement of Purpose*. By 2016, our centenary year, VU will be a leading university among those known for their knowledge of the changing nature of work and the workplace, and will continue to be applauded for its strong community values. We will be a distinctive international university that blends vocational and professional, conceptual and creative pursuits. To achieve this, we have made a number of commitments, including:

- ensuring at least 25 per cent of each student's assessment is based on learning in the workplace and in the community;
- providing customised learning experiences for our students;
- creating 12 industry and community-focused roundtables that have a strong voice in the creation of a distinctive VU; and
- becoming a leader in workforce development and vocational education, placing VU at the forefront of education and training for skills shortages and new professions in Australia and abroad.

These commitments show VU's determination to providing its students with an education that equips them with the key foundations for their future lives, both in employment and in their communities.

I warmly invite you to choose VU as a stepping stone towards your future career success.



Professor Elizabeth Harman
VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENT



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STUDY ABROAD

Study Abroad programs are available if:

- your institution does not have an exchange agreement with Victoria University (VU), or
- if your home university is one of VU's exchange partners, but you have not secured an exchange place.

Study Abroad students can study for a semester or a full academic year at VU, and are normally required to pay up front tuition fees to VU.

Throughout this guide we will use the term Study Abroad to mean both Study Abroad and Exchange.

EXCHANGE

If you are enrolled at one of Victoria University's (VU) exchange partners, you are eligible to come to VU as an Exchange student.

You can study for one semester or a full academic year and receive credit for your home degree. To qualify as an Exchange student, you will need to be nominated by your home university.

Exchange programs are run on a reciprocal basis, so you will continue to pay your tuition and student activity fees at your home university, rather than paying tuition fees to VU.

NEW SCHOOL OF THOUGHT?

VU uses the banner 'a new school of thought' to define the University as a forward-thinking institution.

With fresh ideas that stem from 90 years of teaching experience, our future vision is aimed at reinforcing the University's reputation as a progressive institution where challenging conventional thinking is not just encouraged - it's expected.

A 'new school of thought' is a fresh approach to established concepts that are rapidly gaining popularity. 'School of thought' is a predominantly English-language expression which means a particular philosophy or point of view held by a group of people.

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

Victoria University International's communications arm of the marketing and recruitment team has produced this guide exclusively for international students.

Information in this guide is for 2009-2010 and is current as of 30th April 2008. Updates or changes to course information from Victoria University will occur from time to time. All information, including fees and offerings, is subject to change. Additions, amendments, cancellations and suspended courses are listed at: WWW.VU.EDU.AU/INTERNATIONAL/COURSESANDFEES

For the most up to date information contact your local VU agents or visit: WWW.VU.EDU.AU/INTERNATIONAL/AGENTS

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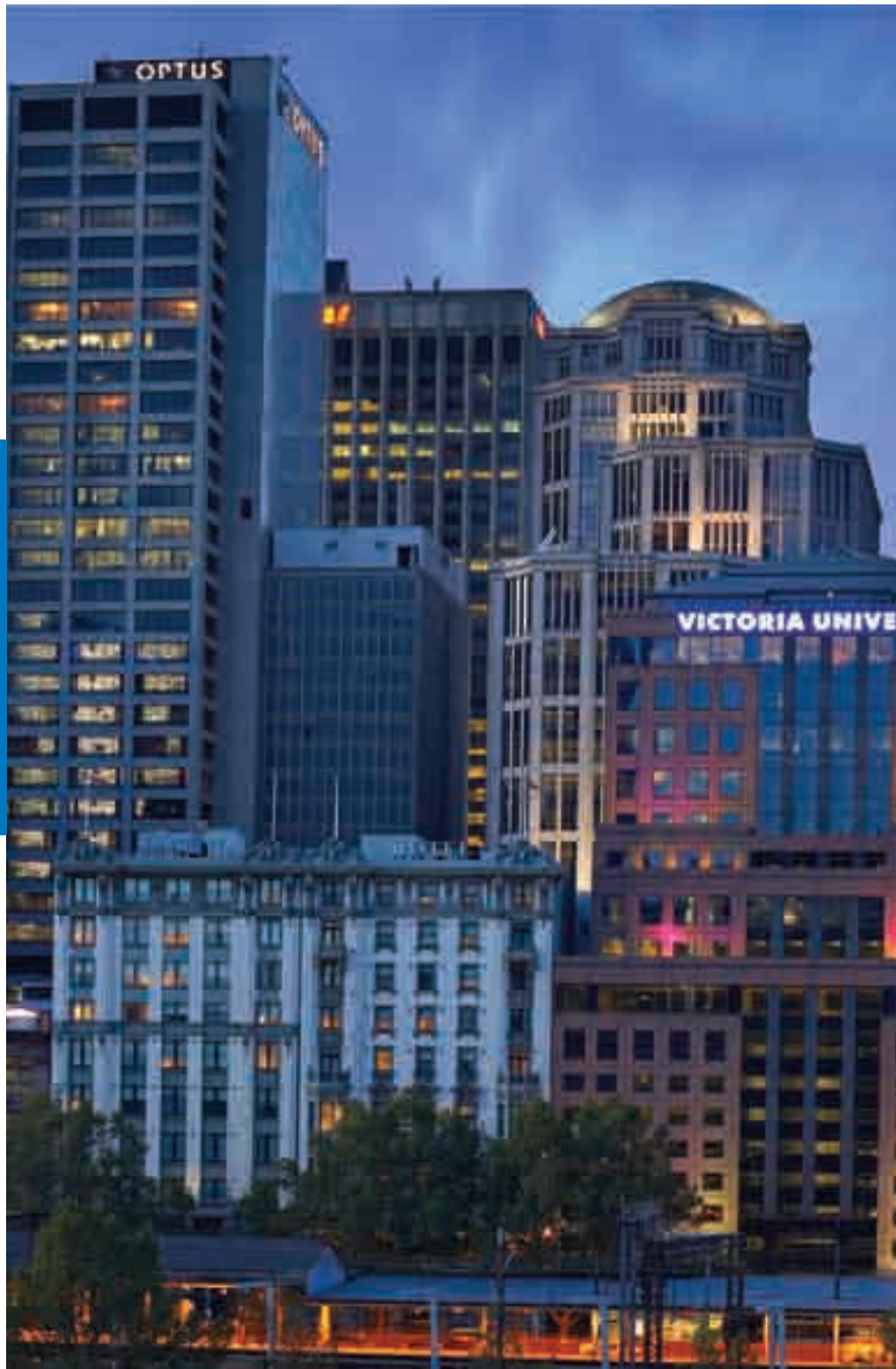


SOPHISTICATED AND COSMOPOLITAN, MELBOURNE IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST LIVEABLE CITIES.

Melbourne's standing as a study destination is borne out by the fact that there are more international students in Melbourne than in any other city of the world apart from London. The thriving business and cultural life of Melbourne is built upon a tradition of academic excellence and an education system that's among the best in the world.

**Melbourne is amazing!
There's always something
going on. You can never be
bored unless you want to be.**

Lace Leilani Nayman - Greenville, NC
East Carolina University, USA





Main Image:
 City Flinders Campus, Melbourne
 Far left: Australian Formula One Grand Prix
 Photographer Getty Images, Tourism Victoria
 Left: AFL Match - MCG 2001
 Photographer David Hannah, Tourism Victoria
 Bottom: Global Ballooning 2007.
 Global Ballooning.



CITY SIGHTS

Much of Melbourne's beauty lies in its architecture which reflects a mix of the old and the new. Historic buildings blend with modern designs, creating a unique and dynamic cityscape. There are many wide, tree-lined boulevards which make it easy to get around by bicycle, public transport and car, and also on foot. In almost every city street you will see Melbourne's famous trams, both ultra-modern and heritage, being frequented by tourists and commuters alike.

Flowing through the heart of Melbourne, the Yarra River is the focal point for many outdoor activities and events. Melbourne has a greater proportion of open space than any other major city, and a walk along the riverbank leads to leafy parklands and the Botanical Gardens which are among the finest in the world.

On either side of the river you will see the restaurants, shops and outside activity at Southbank, the futuristic architecture of Federation Square, Crown Entertainment Complex and the Melbourne Aquarium, as well as many locals cycling, jogging, strolling or enjoying watersports.



CULTURAL AND CULINARY DIVERSITY

Home to 3.7 million people from more than 140 nations, Melbourne is one of the world's most harmonious and culturally diverse communities. Melbourne's long history of welcoming and embracing cultures from all over the world has led to its reputation as the culinary and cultural capital of Australia. The city and surrounding suburbs are filled with a vast array of award-winning restaurants, cafés, bars, casual eateries and food stores representing almost every cuisine in the world. You can have a lot of fun exploring new tastes here, and you'll have no trouble finding everyday favourites as well.

One of the best places to experience Melbourne's diversity is by absorbing the sights, smells and sounds of the historic Queen Victoria Market, or by checking out the many other markets in Melbourne's inner suburbs.

Another European feature of Melbourne is its precincts, each with their own unique culture and character.

These include:

- Chinatown and the Greek precinct in the city centre
- Lygon Street in Carlton, the historic heartland of Melbourne's Italian community and the place where the city's famous café culture was born
- Carlisle Street in East St Kilda, a traditional centre for Eastern European and kosher foods
- Victoria Street in Abbotsford, with its concentration of Vietnamese groceries and restaurants
- Sydney Road in Brunswick, where you'll find many halal stores and Middle Eastern restaurants
- Johnston Street in Fitzroy, featuring many Spanish restaurants
- Brunswick Street in Fitzroy, home to Melbourne's bohemian culture with a fascinating collection of designer and retro clothes shops, bookstores, galleries and cafés, and a vibrant nightlife



ARTS

Much of the city's soul lies in its long tradition in the arts. Melbourne has world-class opera, ballet, theatre and live music venues, outstanding art galleries including the National Gallery of Victoria, and numerous museums.

There is also an extensive array of theatres and cinemas throughout Melbourne's many suburbs.

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

The City of Melbourne hosts many world-class arts and cultural events throughout the year, including:

- Melbourne International Film Festival
- Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- Melbourne Fashion Festival
- Melbourne International Arts Festival
- Melbourne Food & Wine Festival
- Melbourne Fringe Festival
- Moomba Waterfest
- Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show

I really wanted to study in Melbourne because I had heard great things about its diversity and friendliness since the university offered a great program for my course and was in a beautiful city. VU has a very strong hospitality program and I knew VU was the place for me .

Eva Tringali — New York
The State University of New York at
New Paltz, USA

SPORTS

The birthplace of Australian Rules Football, Melbourne's passion for sport is legendary. Each year the city celebrates the Melbourne Cup, one of the world's most famous horse races and the peak event in the Spring Racing Carnival, with a public holiday.

Other major sporting events held in and around Melbourne throughout the year include:

- Australian Open Tennis Championships
- Formula 1 Australian Grand Prix
- Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix at Phillip Island
- Rip Curl Pro surfing championships at Bells Beach
- International cricket matches

SHOPPING

Melbourne is regarded as the fashion capital of Australia and a shopper's paradise, with specialist boutiques, large department stores and intriguing shops dotted throughout the city's network of lanes and arcades, as well as in suburban shopping centres.



CLIMATE

Melbourne has a mild, temperate climate with four distinct seasons which are very much part of the city's character. Spring through to autumn is a vibrant outdoor season of festivals, swimming and other water sports, alfresco eating, outdoor theatre and cinemas. Winter is the time for theatre, football, dining, conversation, open fires and shopping for warmer clothes.

TRANSPORT

A commercial and industrial centre, Melbourne is serviced by daily flights to major cities throughout Asia, the United States and Europe.

The Melbourne metropolitan area has an integrated public transport network comprising trains, trams and buses which service all parts of the city and outer suburbs. Public transport is reliable, safe and easy to use.

An extensive network of bicycle tracks, shared footways and on-road bike lanes makes cycling an attractive option for getting around.

BEYOND MELBOURNE

Victoria is a geographically diverse state with a rich natural environment. Within easy driving distance from Melbourne, you can discover:

- one of the world's most spectacular coastal roads
- surfing and safe swimming beaches
- world-class wine regions
- rugged ranges and ski resorts
- wildlife sanctuaries
- rainforests, lakes and rivers
- National Parks and quiet rural landscapes
- mineral spas, caves and historic goldfields

Outdoor activities within close proximity to Melbourne include bushwalking, fishing, golf, horse riding, mountain biking and hiking, aerospots (hot air balloons, skydiving, hang-gliding), rock climbing, skiing, snowboarding and white water rafting.

For more information on Melbourne and Victoria, go to:

www.thatsmelbourne.com.au
www.visitvictoria.com.au

Melbourne has more international students than any other city of the world apart from London.



Far left: Australian Tennis Open 2000
 Photographer Dale Singleton, Tourism Victoria
 Left: Ladies fashion - Spring Racing Carnival
 Photographer Tony Feder, Tourism Victoria
 Top: Spring Racing Carnival
 Photographer Tony Feder, Tourism Victoria
 Above: Luna Park - St Kilda 2001
 Photographer David Hannah. Tourism Victoria.

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

From its origins in 1916, Victoria University has grown into one of Australia's largest universities. We have over 47,000 students, including more than 11,800 international students from over 90 countries studying our courses.



THERE ARE MANY REASONS WHY OUR STUDENTS CHOOSE VU FOR THEIR STUDY ABROAD AND EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE.

CONVENIENT LOCATION

Three of our campuses are located in Melbourne's Central Business District (CBD), putting you right at the heart of all that Melbourne has to offer.

Four other campuses are within 10 kilometres of the CBD.

All of our campuses are easily accessed by public transport. Students often comment that each VU campus has a unique atmosphere and culture. This adds another layer of diversity to your studies.

For more details on our campus locations and facilities, see Pages 10-12 and the map on Page 33.

Please note that the campus you study at will be dependent on the courses/subjects you select.

STUDENT FOCUS

VU provides outstanding education, research and training in a supportive, people-centred environment. We place great importance on maintaining a welcoming and inclusive learning environment throughout all our campuses.

Due to our continuing commitment to diversity and cultural integration, VU is truly a place where students from anywhere in the world can learn, meet different people, enjoy new experiences and gain skills relevant to their chosen profession.



MULTI -AWARD WINNERS

VU has been recognised by the Australian Tourism Award for Excellence in Tourism Education and Training on three occasions. Our hospitality and tourism program continues to attract more students to these courses than any other Australian university. VU also leads the way in many emerging career areas such as multimedia, sport and recreation, biotechnology, electrotechnology, transport and logistics.

Our higher education awards in recent years included first prize in the Melbourne Airport Tourism Business Leaders Competition; two of the three major statewide awards from the Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation; the inaugural Department of Justice Scholarship; the Walter Mangold Trust Travelling Scholarship; the Alan Missen Foundation Essay Prize; and a Fulbright Award.

As one of the best education providers in the country, VU won three prestigious Australian Learning and Teaching Council Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning.

In recent years, two-thirds of our research students' theses were classified as 'high quality' by external examiners. These were among the best results in Australia.

EDUCATION FOR TOMORROW'S WORKPLACE

VU is a leader in industry-based learning and was the first Australian university to implement a Work Integrated Learning Policy. We understand the importance of applying knowledge gained in the classroom to real-world situations. This means that when our students graduate, they don't just have knowledge – they also know how to use it.

Victoria University organised work placement with a tourism operator — that's one of the reasons why I chose to study here.

Nina Haeming, GERMANY, Bachelor of Business (Tourism)



VU continues to foster partnerships with organisations and groups that have both local and international influence.

Partnerships with key organisations add an important teaching and research dimension to our work.

Industry partners include Qantas, SAP Software, the Microsoft Academic Alliance, China Water International, Ericsson, British Telecom, Lonely Planet, Connex, City West Water, Boral, TTI (which delivers training to Holden and Toyota) and the Sofitel Group (to run the Sofitel Academy).



Far top right: Sunbury Campus
Top: City Flinders Campus
Above right: Brighton Beach
Above left: Treasury Gardens

LEARNING IN THE WORKPLACE AND COMMUNITY (LIWC)

VU students graduate work, career and future ready. As part of its strategic direction of 'Making VU a New School of Thought', VU is committed to utilising workplace and community settings as sites for at least 25% learning in every course – both on and off-campus. By 2010 a minimum of 25% of every VU course will consist of 'real-world' based learning. Some courses have already met this goal.

CUTTING-EDGE KNOWLEDGE

VU's research activities allow staff to remain at the forefront of knowledge and expertise. Our research centres and institutes provide innovative solutions to industry and community issues in areas such as health, rehabilitation, cultural diversity, hospitality and tourism, economic change, sustainability and water supply, telecommunications, corporate governance, risk engineering and logistics.

Many of the results of our research are passed directly on to our students through teaching and training.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

As part of VU's commitment to our international students, we are dedicated to providing customised support services throughout your time in Melbourne to ensure that your Study Abroad experience is successful and enjoyable.

For details of all our student services and facilities, see Pages 19-23, or go to: WWW.VU.EDU.AU/INTERNATIONAL

INDUSTRY TRAINING ON-CAMPUS

INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC LEARNING RESOURCES

LEARNING SPACES

All VU campuses feature equipment that is currently used by industry. For example, the Sunbury and Footscray Nicholson Campuses are equipped with commercial cooking facilities, while Footscray Park has sports science laboratories.

FULLY LICENSED TRAINING RESTAURANTS

VU is able to provide a real life experience to students as they train for their careers in Hospitality and Tourism.

VU's fully licensed training restaurant facilities have been purpose-built in consultation with industry leaders to offer sophisticated training environments with the latest in technologies and equipment.

All training restaurants are fully licensed and facilities include:

- state-of-the-art unit kitchens with individual stainless steel work stations which include a large preparation area, and all the latest cooking equipment
- fully operational commercial restaurant and kitchen
- demonstration and training bar
- demonstration theatre
- multimedia laboratories
- an International Hotel Management Simulation Exercise (CRASE-Cornell Restaurant Administrator Simulation Exercise)

Our industry-specific facilities ensure more of our students are ready to work when they graduate. Why? Because VU students learn in an environment that replicates workplace conditions.



The Terrace Restaurant

Footscray Nicholson Campus

Open to students and the public, 'The Terrace' is the University's major hospitality training restaurant and is also located on the campus. Offering an affordable modern dining experience, The Terrace Restaurant is open for lunch and dinner during TAFE term dates.

For function enquiries please email hospitality.tourism@vu.edu.au

The Terrace Restaurant
Hoadley Building
Cnr. Albert and Pilgrim Streets, Footscray
Phone: +61 3 9919 8708
Email: hospitality.tourism@vu.edu.au

Services include:

- Lunches from 12pm
- Dinners from 6.30pm
- Open during TAFE Term Dates

Bookings are essential.

Victoria's Restaurant

Sunbury Campus

Treat yourself to an affordable modern dining experience in VU's fully licensed training restaurant situated within opulently restored, Federation style surroundings.

Victoria's Restaurant
Building 1, Circular Drive, Sunbury
Phone: +61 3 9919 3300
Email: hospitality.tourism@vu.edu.au

Services include:

- Lunches from 12pm
- Dinners from 6.30pm

Bookings are essential.

Cityscape Restaurant

Footscray Park Campus

Cityscape's contemporary design enables the School of Hospitality, Tourism and Marketing to continue to achieve educational goals in a realistic industry setting. The restaurant is fully licensed, with a full dining room and a private meeting room seating up to 80 guests. Customers can choose a quick, casual lunch or the more formal dining option.

Operated as a teaching facility for Food and Beverage Management subjects, Cityscape has been a key teaching and learning facility since 1986. Over that time, hundreds of students enrolled in our hospitality degree courses have studied the principles and practices of successful food and beverage management within the restaurant.

Students explore how a bar operates from a managerial perspective, such as stock control systems and pricing. Each day, the barperson is responsible for requisitioning stock from the store, stocking the bar, developing the wine list for the day and preparing the daily cocktail.

Cityscape is open to staff, students and to the general public.

Cityscape Restaurant
Building K, Level 5, Ballarat Rd, Footscray
Phone: +61 3 9919 4556

Services include:

- Lunches from 12pm to 2pm
- Open during Higher Education Term Dates

Bookings are not essential, but recommended.



Creative Industries Design Studio Flinders Street Campus

With spectacular views over the city and Southbank, VU's brand new, architect-designed Flinders Street facility is able to complete a range of industry based projects.

At any time, businesses are able to come in, brief the Design Studio on their job, and the students will be able to produce the required work within a short timeframe at reduced rates.

What this means for the students is that the brief runs with similar deadlines and parameters as is commonly set within the industry. A rotating roster of students assist in the everyday running of the studio which includes the creative design and finished art for all jobs developed as per the initial brief set and delivered by the client.

The mission statement for the Creative Industries Design Studio is to offer the students an opportunity to experience the professional procedures and practices of an industry-based studio by allowing them to produce industry based jobs for both internal and external clients in a simulated work environment.

The Studio is headed up by VU staff lecturers and includes final year graphic design students, with multimedia, games and visual arts students' involvement when projects require their skills.

Level 17, 300 Flinders St, Melbourne
Phone: +61 3 9919 1593
Open weekdays between 9.30am and 5pm

Services include:

- Graphic design and branding
- Publication
- Promotional Material
- Website design and coding
- Flash design and production
- Audio and Visual Production

'LIVE' CLINICS

VU runs a number of 'live' clinics that allow students practical, real-world experience to build their skills in a dynamic client environment.

HEALTH SCIENCES TEACHING CLINICS

The Health Sciences Teaching Clinics provide a learning, teaching, practice and research facility for students and staff of the School of Biomedical and Health Sciences.

All our students have had appropriate class room study and laboratory practice. The aim of the clinics is to give students the experience of an operational clinic with paying clients but with the security of a supervising teacher.

Services are available to members of the general public as well as VU students and members of the University community. The clinics are located at St Albans and City Flinders Lane.

Services include:

- Chinese Herbal Medicine
- Massage
- Nutritional Therapy
- Osteopathic Medicine

Some services differ between campuses.

Information on fees and opening times are available at: WWW.VU.EDU.AU/FACULTIES_AND_TAFE/HEALTH_ENGINEERING_AND_SCIENCE/SCHOOLS/HEALTH_SCIENCES/HEALTH_SCIENCES_TEACHING_CLINICS

St Albans Campus

Building 2, McKechnie Street, St Albans
Phone: +61 3 9919 2625

Bookings are essential.

City Flinders Lane Campus

Level 4, 301 Flinders Lane, Melbourne
Phone: +61 3 9919 1111

Bookings are essential.



PERSONAL SERVICES TEACHING CLINICS

The School of Personal Services at Victoria University is a team of professional, highly qualified educators, committed to providing students with quality, current education. The clinics provide a safe, supervised learning clinic environment for both students and clients.

Under guidance and supervision from qualified and registered practitioners, services provided by students include:

- Hairdressing - cutting, styling and colouring and fashion perms
- Beauty Therapy - waxing, facial and body treatments, manicures, pedicures and electrolysis
- Massage - relaxation, therapeutic, sports and remedial

VU students, financial VU Alumni members and non-financial VU Alumni members are also entitled to access these services.

King Street Campus

Level 1, 225 King Street, Melbourne
Phone: +61 3 9919 7834

Bookings are essential.

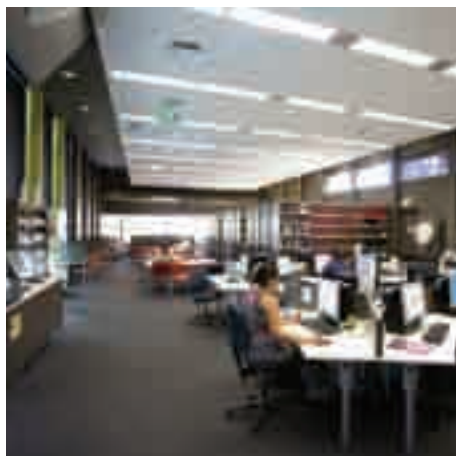
CAMPUSES

CITY QUEEN CAMPUS

The City Queen Campus occupies two striking heritage buildings that have been extensively refurbished.

The Queen Street buildings are located very close to the centre of the city at the heart of the legal precinct of Melbourne's CBD, within walking distance of state and federal courts, law firms and government offices.

The campus houses VU's Law School, Judicial Administration & Justice Studies Institute, and the Sir Zelman Cowen Centre for Continuing Legal Education, as well as postgraduate business programs.



Facilities include a law library, computer laboratories and two moot courts.



WHERE:

City Queen Campus
283 and 295 Queen Street
Melbourne
Melway Map: 2F, C2
Metlink Zone: 1

HOW TO GET THERE:

By train, bus and tram services from all parts of Melbourne.

CITY FLINDERS CAMPUS

City Flinders Campus puts you in the centre of city life.

The Flinders Street building is home to the Faculty of Business and Law and multimedia courses. It is a modern, award-winning 18-floor building located directly opposite Flinders Street train station.

Overlooking the Yarra River, the building is close to Federation Square and the cafés and shops of Southbank. Facilities include a state-of-the-art conference centre, spacious library, computer facilities and a student lounge.

The Flinders Lane building houses Victoria University International and VU's English Language Institute.



Adjacent to both buildings is University Arcade which houses a Student Service Centre and bookshop.

WHERE:

City Flinders Campus
300 Flinders Street and
301 Flinders Lane
Melbourne
Melway Map: 2F, E6
Metlink Zone: 1

HOW TO GET THERE:

By train, bus and tram services from all parts of Melbourne.



Left: Footscray Park Campus

FOOTSCRAY PARK CAMPUS

Footscray Park Campus is the administration centre of the University. Six kilometres from the centre of Melbourne, it occupies a seven-hectare site next to parklands along the Maribynong River.

Facilities include a student tavern, cafés, medical centre and bookshop. A video network connects the library audiovisual facilities with selected lecture theatres.

Students can relax in a fully equipped three-level aquatic centre, gymnasium and aerobics studio.

Cityscape restaurant, a learning facility of the School of Hospitality, Tourism and Events is also located at Footscray Park.



WHERE:

Footscray Park Campus
Ballarat Road, Footscray
Melway Map 2S, F4
Metlink Zone 1

HOW TO GET THERE:

By train to Footscray station (Williamstown, Werribee, Melton or Sydenham lines), local bus, or 10 minutes by car from the city centre. Located ten minutes walk from the Footscray train station. The 406 bus runs along Ballarat Road past the main university entrance and continues on to the train station.

ST ALBANS CAMPUS

The extensive grounds at the 32-hectare St Albans Campus sit alongside Jones Creek and the surrounding native grasslands dotted with gum trees.

The Campus is made up of contemporary buildings encircling a large piazza. It offers arts, science, and business programs, and features an award-winning online training centre and advanced multimedia facilities.

The campus also has state-of-the-art research centres, including a sleep laboratory and a 'wet lab' for marine studies.



WHERE:

St Albans Campus
McKechnie Street
St Albans
Melway Map 25, K3
Metlink Zone 2

HOW TO GET THERE:

By train to St Albans station (Sydenham line), local bus, or 25 minutes drive from the city centre. Buses to St Albans train station are available at the gates of McKechnie Street and Building 10 roundabout. Call security during the semester on 9919 2110 to arrange pickup.

St Albans campus is approximately 10 minutes walk from the station down McKechnie Street.



A study abroad semester gives you a new way of thinking, new possibilities for your future working life around the world

Christian Gueth — Iserlohn
Business Information and Technology School (BITS), Germany

WERRIBEE CAMPUS

Situated in the Werribee Technology Precinct, the Werribee Campus is well-placed to take advantage of significant investment in the local scientific community.

Spread over 16 hectares, it features specialised facilities for teaching and research, including major research centres for the Faculty of Health, Engineering and Science, and a recently completed animal care and breeding facility. The Campus also incorporates the Industrial Skills Training Centre, located on the eastern side of Hoppers Lane.



WHERE:

Werribee Campus
Hoppers Lane, Werribee
Melways map 206 H5 and J6.
Metlink: Zone 2

HOW TO GET THERE

Train to Hoppers Crossing station, local bus, or 25-30 minutes by car from the city centre via the Princess Freeway or Western Ring Road.



VU AREAS OF STUDY



ARTS

- ARTS
- ASIAN AND PACIFIC STUDIES
- ASIAN STUDIES
- AUSTRALIAN AND INDIGENOUS STUDIES
- COMPUTER MEDIATED ART
- CULTURAL STUDIES
- HISTORY
- LANGUAGES: CHINESE, INDONESIAN, JAPANESE, SPANISH, VIETNAMESE
- LITERATURE
- POLITICAL SCIENCE
- SOCIOLOGY
- WOMEN'S STUDIES

ARTS – PERFORMING, CREATIVE

- CREATIVE ARTS INDUSTRIES
- MUSIC
- PERFORMANCE STUDIES
- PROFESSIONAL WRITING

BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

- ACCOUNTING
- BANKING AND FINANCE
- BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
- ECONOMICS
- ELECTRONIC COMMERCE
- EVENT MANAGEMENT
- FINANCE
- HOSPITALITY
- HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
- MARKETING
- RETAIL COMMERCE
- SPORTS ADMINISTRATION
- TOURISM

COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA

- COMMUNICATIONS
- MULTIMEDIA
- PUBLIC RELATIONS

EDUCATION (TEACHING)

- EDUCATION

ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

- ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING
- BUILDING ENGINEERING
- CIVIL ENGINEERING
- ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING
- ROBOTIC ENGINEERING
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ENVIRONMENT

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- ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING
- ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

- BEAUTY THERAPY
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
- DERMAL THERAPIES
- HAIRDRESSING
- HEALTH SCIENCES
- HUMAN MOVEMENT
- MASSAGE
- NUTRITIONAL THERAPY
- OSTEOPATHY
- PARAMEDICS
- RECREATION
- SOCIAL WORK

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- COMPUTER ENGINEERING
- COMPUTER SCIENCE
- INFORMATION SYSTEMS
- MATHEMATICS

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- GLOBAL LOGISTICS AND TRANSPORT
- GLOBALISATION STUDIES
- INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS
- INTERNATIONAL TRADE
- INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

LAW

- ADVOCACY AND MEDIATION
- CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES
- LEGAL STUDIES
- LAW

NUTRITION

- NUTRITION AND FOOD SCIENCE

PSYCHOLOGY

- PSYCHOLOGY

SCIENCE

- BIOLOGY
- BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES
- BIOTECHNOLOGY
- CHEMISTRY
- MOLECULAR SCIENCE
- OPTOELECTRONICS
- PHYSICS

SPORT

- RECREATION MANAGEMENT
- SPORT ADMINISTRATION
- SPORTS SCIENCE

VICTORIA ABROAD

The Victoria Abroad team, a part of Victoria University International (VUI), will ensure that your Study Abroad experience in Melbourne and at Victoria University is one that you will always remember.



Victoria Abroad is the first point of contact for Study Abroad students.

Victoria Abroad is the first point of contact for Study Abroad students. We are located at the City Flinders Campus, in the central business district of Melbourne, and you can also contact us at Victoria University International's office at Footscray Park Campus. Footscray is just six kilometres (four train stations) from the centre of Melbourne.

During International Orientation Week, the Victoria Abroad team holds a special session where you will be given information on your study program and on life in Melbourne to maximise your enjoyment while studying at Victoria University. The Victoria Abroad team also organises a Welcome Function during the first two weeks of semester and a mid-semester 'get together' to keep you connected with other Study Abroad students.

During your time with us, you will meet many other Study Abroad students from around the world, and you will also study and socialise with a variety of Australian students. You will be able to immerse yourself in the 'Aussie' culture and experience many things that will be new and exciting to you.

Victoria Abroad works closely with a range of international offices in partner institutions. You can view the list of our partner institutions at: WWW.VU.EDU.AU/INTERNATIONAL/STUDENTEXCHANGE

If you think your institution may have a formal agreement with Victoria University, please visit the international office at your home institution where the adviser will be able to give you more information about VU.

For more information about VU's Study Abroad options for 2009, please email Victoria Abroad on educationabroad@vu.edu.au or go to: WWW.VU.EDU.AU/INTERNATIONAL/STUDYABROAD

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM AT VU

Our Study Abroad program is designed to give international students the opportunity to spend one or two semesters of their course (the majority of opportunities exist for undergraduate degree students) in Melbourne, transferring the credit to their home institution.

We recommend that you complete at least the first year of your course before studying abroad. In general, you are required to have at least a credit average in your studies.

As a Study Abroad student, you will have a wide choice of subjects across all disciplines offered at VU, enabling you to meet the subject requirements of your home institution, and also to broaden your educational experience by studying subjects not available to you at home.

As a guide, a 12 credit point VU subject is equivalent to 3 or 4 US/ Japanese credit points and 7.5 ECTS credit points. Three to four subjects (36-48 credit points) is considered to be a full-time subject load. To fulfil your student visa obligations, you must enrol in a full-time load. See Page 29 for information regarding student visas.

As a Study Abroad student, the maximum number of subjects allowed is five per semester. When selecting your subjects, be aware that some courses have specific prerequisites or other entry requirements. If English is not your first language, you must meet the English language requirements for your studies.

It is very important that you discuss the subjects you wish to take at Victoria University with your course adviser at your home institution before travelling to Australia. This will ensure that you gain maximum credit towards your degree program.

Following completion of your program you will receive an academic transcript and a completion certificate.

The Study Abroad program fee for 2009 is A\$7,800 per semester. Fees listed here are the indicative fees for 2009. These fees are subject to approval and may change. There are no fees for Exchange students.

FACULTY HANDBOOKS

For more detailed information on degree programs and subjects, please refer to the Victoria University Handbooks.

They are available online at:
WWW.VU.EDU.AU/HANDBOOKS

Please note that not all subjects are offered every semester. You will need to check subject availability and campus location on the faculty timetables. You can do this online at:
WWW.VU.EDU.AU/FACULTIES/TIMETABLES



UNIVERSITY FACULTIES

VU's Faculty of Health, Engineering and Science is recognised as one of the major providers of health, engineering and science programs in Australia.

Victoria University has three higher education faculties and two vocational education faculties. You can select your subjects from amongst the courses offered by these faculties. See Page 13 for a sample list of study areas offered at VU.



HIGHER EDUCATION

ARTS, EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

One of VU's six Research Centres, the Centre for Ageing, Rehabilitation, Exercise and Sport (CARES), is also part of this faculty.

The Faculty has excellent facilities including an exercise rehabilitation unit, television and radio studio, psychology clinic, sleep laboratory, modern computer laboratories and digital postproduction facilities. There is also an interaction laboratory for social work and psychology students.

For more information about the Faculty of Arts, Education and Human Development and its courses, go to: WWW.VU.EDU.AU/AEHD

BUSINESS AND LAW

VU's Faculty of Business and Law is one of the largest business faculties in Australia. It offers students a critical advantage in career progression by combining challenging academic standards with practical learning.

The Faculty offers a personalised teaching environment that recognises the individual needs and expectations of students. Small group tutorial sessions and workshops are included in all areas of study.

For more information about the Faculty and its courses, go to: WWW.BUSINESSANDLAW.VU.EDU.AU

HEALTH, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE

This Faculty is recognised as one of the major providers of health, engineering and science programs in Australia. It operates at the forefront of knowledge and technology, providing sound scientific training with a strong emphasis on problem-solving and practical skills to equip students for a range of professional careers.

The Faculty of Health, Engineering and Science provides a new approach to learning, and has introduced major changes to problem-based learning strategies in the classroom.

For more information about the Faculty and its courses, go to: WWW.VU.EDU.AU/HES

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

With an excellent reputation for meeting the needs of students and industry, this Faculty values up-to-date and industry-relevant courses where students have the opportunity to study in modern facilities. This faculty takes a practical approach to learning by utilising work-integrated approaches, simulated workplaces and traditional teaching methods.

TECHNICAL AND TRADES INNOVATION

Maintaining close links with industry, this Faculty and bases its courses on industry endorsed competency standards. It uses on-the-job and flexible teaching to deliver training that produces graduates who are ready to enter the workplace.

For more information about VU's Vocational Education Faculties and their courses, go to: WWW.VU.EDU.AU/FACULTIESANDTAFE/TAFE

STUDY ABROAD COURSES

Discipline specific programs are now being offered with increases in the number of courses available expected to increase over the coming year.

Current Study Abroad programs now include:

- Australian and Indigenous Studies
- Asian and Pacific Studies
- Sport and Recreation Management

ACCOMMODATION

Melbourne offers a range of options for students seeking accommodation. These include homestay, shared housing, private rental, furnished apartments and hostels.

It is strongly recommended that you do not sign any contract at the VU residencies without a two week trial.

VU STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

Students may stay either permanently or temporarily at one of VU's two student accommodation residences. It is strongly recommended that you apply in advance. Application forms are available from the VU website and can be faxed or emailed.

For more information visit:
WWW.VU.EDU.AU/CURRENTSTUDENTS/SUPPORTSERVICES/HOUSINGSERVICES/VUSTUDENTACCOMMODATION/

Student Village and Sunbury Hall provide excellent opportunities to make friendships

STUDENT VILLAGE

The Student Village is located in Maribyrnong, eight kilometres from the city. It is very close to bus and tram services and is connected by shuttle bus in the evenings to Footscray Park Campus and Footscray train station. It is also close to the large Highpoint Shopping Centre. The Student Village offers low cost, self-catered accommodation for students. Set on 12 hectares of parkland, it is a large, vibrant 'living and learning' facility with a strong sense of community and support.



SUNBURY HALL

Serving students attending Sunbury and St Albans campuses, Sunbury Hall is located at VU's Sunbury Campus. A 35 minute drive from the city by car, and 12 minutes north of the airport, Sunbury Hall offers a high standard of self-catered accommodation within a single building in a quiet location. It has a mix of ensuite and standard rooms. The area is well serviced by trains to the city (35 minutes) and St Albans Campus (15 minutes) with a bus service at the door.

Both residences have an extensive program of events and activities to help you settle into life in Melbourne, with everything from social events to information sessions and sporting competitions. And if you need help you can speak with any member of the Residence Life Team who are senior students trained to answer any questions you may have and direct you to VU services if needed. Student Village and Sunbury Hall provide an excellent opportunity to make friendships and offer a range of services which include 24-hour staff support, cable TV in lounges, evening security, free parking and sporting/leisure activities.

For more information and booking enquiries, go to: WWW.VU.EDU.AU/RESIDENCES

There are also many hotels, motels, youth hostels and backpacker accommodation in Melbourne where you may like to stay temporarily while looking for other accommodation.

HOUSING SERVICES

VU's Student Housing Service provides extensive advice on finding suitable accommodation and maintains a database of single and shared private rental vacancies. To contact Student Housing, phone +61 3 9919 8886. To access the database and to view or download housing information go to: WWW.VU.EDU.AU/HOUSING

You might like to also visit the following websites to explore accommodation options in and around Melbourne:

www.domain.com
www.realestate.com.au
www.melbourne.gumtree.com.au
www.flatmatefinders.com.au

I had a good experience for my academic and personal development. It's given me the tools I need to succeed in an international environment for my future working life

Maria Cristina Maldonado Luna - Querétaro
Tecnológico de Monterrey (ITESM), Mexico

Top: Sunbury Hall - student accommodation

LIVING COSTS

Footscray Campus offers good gym and swimming facilities, with affordable rates for students – has great classes like 'total tone'! Good having a security bus there too in the evenings if you have a late class and need to get to the station.

Victoria Dobrowolska – Leeds
Leeds Metropolitan University, UK

The table below provides an estimate of how much it will cost to live in Melbourne while studying. Please note that these costs are presented as a guide only, and should be considered the minimum amount required. You will need money for other spending related to moving to Melbourne, such as airline tickets. Mobile phone charges are not included in this table. Overseas Student Health Cover charges are based on the 2009 fee for one year's cover.

Please visit the following website for up-to-date information on living costs.
WWW.VU.EDU.AU/HOUSING



COST OF LIVING ESTIMATES (A\$)*

	Renting		Student Village	
Establishment Costs				
Bond/Damages deposit		\$480.00		\$350.00
Rent/Accommodation Fees in advance		\$480.00		\$997.35
Application fee and other charges				\$420.00
Furniture, linen, crockery etc...		\$525.00		\$180.00
Books, stationery		\$630.00		\$630.00
Overseas Student Health Cover		\$349.00		\$349.00
Telephone connection		\$50.00		
		\$2,514.00		\$2,926.35
Weekly Costs	Per Week	6 Months	Per Week	6 Months
Rent/Accommodation fees	\$120.00	\$3120.00	\$114.45	\$2976.00
Food and beverages	\$80.00	\$2080.00	\$80.00	\$2080.00
Public transport	\$30.00	\$780.00	\$30.00	\$780.00
Personal health, chemist, haircut	\$15.00	\$390.00		
Hobbies, sport, entertainment	\$10.00	\$260.00		
Mobile Phone	\$20.00	\$520.00		
Utilities (gas, electricity, phone, water)	\$25.00	\$650.00		
Estimated Minimum Annual Living Costs		\$9,075.00		\$7,299.00

*Estimated Minimum Annual Living Costs are for 2009 only. Amounts are subject to change in 2010.

SUPPORT SERVICES

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Victoria University International is committed to doing all we can to ensure that you have the best chance of achieving excellence and making the most of your Study Abroad experience.

Victoria Abroad and the International Student Support unit (ISS) are the links between Study Abroad students and the broader university.

We provide personalised services including:

- Pre-Departure
Once you formally accept your offer you are sent a pre-departure pack from the ISS team
- Orientation
An international orientation program and support during the University's orientation. By attending orientation you will receive an orientation satchel that you can use during your studies
- Support
Ongoing personal and social support during your stay
- Visa Advice
Advice on visa renewal and assistance in dealing with government agencies
- Health Cover
Assistance and advice related to Overseas Student Health Cover
- Social Activities
Programs include a welcome, mid-semester function and a farewell
- VU Resources
Resources and assistance available through the following booklets:
 - o Your Journey to VU
 - o Arrive and Survive
 - o Muslim Guide to Living in Melbourne

ISS and Victoria Abroad organise a range of social events and provide students with up-to-date information related to their studies and their stay in Melbourne. This includes a 'Meet the Locals' program where international students can gain valuable local knowledge about Melbourne by meeting students who are already residents of the city.

For more information about International Student Support, go to: WWW.VU.EDU.AU/INTERNATIONAL/LIFEATVU/

Study Abroad students have access to all the services and facilities offered by VU, as detailed on the following pages.

STUDY SUPPORT AND LANGUAGE SKILLS

VU's Student Learning Unit offers programs which can help you with study skills within the Australian academic environment including:

- essay writing
- oral presentations
- research and referencing
- study planning and time management
- exam technique
- basic mathematics and science skills
- English language skills

For more information, go to:
[HTTP://TLS.VU.EDU.AU/SLS](http://TLS.VU.EDU.AU/SLS)

There is also a subject offered by the Faculty of Arts, Education and Human Development titled Advanced English for Speakers of Other Languages.

You may wish to take this subject if improving your English is one of your goals during your Study Abroad period.

Please contact Victoria Abroad for more information.

HOUSING SERVICES

The Student Housing Service provides a range of free services to help students find and maintain suitable accommodation in and around Melbourne. For more information, see Page 17.

HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES

A consultation with a health professional can be arranged through the Medical Centre located at Footscray Park Campus. This can include advice on general health concerns, lifestyle issues, nutrition and injury assistance.

For more information, go to:
WWW.VU.EDU.AU/HEALTHSERVICES

CAMPUS SECURITY AND SHUTTLE BUS SERVICES

VU operates a free evening shuttle bus service at the Footscray Park and St Albans Campuses during semester to provide students with quick transport to local train stations. The Footscray Park service also provides a link to the Student Village. For a timetable phone Facilities Management on +613 9919 4150.



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At St Albans Campus there is an 'on demand' shuttle bus service. The bus waits inside the McKechnie Street entrance to the campus transporting staff and students to St Albans train station as required.

While on campus, VU's security officers are on hand to assist in all safety matters – you can dial 6666 from an internal phone at any campus for assistance.



Be ready to open up and learn about all cultures and lifestyles because there's a myriad of diversity at VU. Be outgoing and get involved in activities because the friendships will last a lifetime.

Chris Finnerty - Rohnert Park, CA
Sonoma State University (CSU), USA



Top: VU Students in Recording Studio
Above: Purchasing tickets at Flinders Street station
Far right: Checking out The Block Arcade, Melbourne

STUDENT COUNSELLING

Free and confidential counselling services are available at most VU campuses. You can seek an appointment to:

- discuss any personal or relationship matter with a counsellor
- get help in dealing with stress, anxiety or lack of confidence
- seek support in a crisis
- see a financial adviser for guidance on personal finances, household expenses and budgeting

For more information, go to:
WWW.VU.EDU.AU/SS/COUNSELLING

PERSONAL WELFARE

At VU, we are committed to supporting students' spiritual and emotional well-being as well as their educational progress.

At all campuses, the student lounges provide a quiet space for students to get away from busy campus life.

Multi-faith chaplaincy services are available to provide spiritual support and pastoral care to students of all religions. Group sessions are held throughout the year on a wide range of topics related to spirituality and wellbeing. Prayer rooms are available on most campuses.

For more information, go to:
WWW.VU.EDU.AU/CHAPLAINCY

EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

VU has a long-standing commitment to equity and social justice. The ESJB develops and implements programs and policies across VU designed to maximise the access, participation and success of students from diverse and disadvantaged backgrounds and aims to foster a climate of acceptance and cooperation. The branch offers a range of services to students dealing with complaints of alleged discrimination and harassment. It also provides specific support to students with a disability.

International students with disabilities or an ongoing medical condition are encouraged to contact Disability Services (disability@vu.edu.au) for information and advice about how Victoria University assists students with medical conditions to actively participate in all aspects of university life and community. Once enrolled, students with medical documents detailing the impact of their condition can register for support services such as:

- alternative assessment arrangements
- specialised equipment
- specialised software
- alternative format course materials
- adjustments within the course
- study advice
- direct support in class

For further information visit:
WWW.VU.EDU.AU/EQUITY

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

EVALUATE YOUR CAREER OPTIONS

This unit helps students evaluate career options and prepare for graduation by providing information about current and future job opportunities around the world. It also provides advice about how a student can gain skills required for specific professions. This unit also conducts individual consultations. For more information visit: WWW.VU.EDU.AU/CAREERS

Student Career Development can help you prepare for the working world, whether you've arrived at VU with clear career goals or only a general idea of where you're heading.

Our aim is to provide you with career management skills that will last well beyond your university years. Through our resource centre, website and trained staff, we offer the following services:

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

- Counselling to help you decide on your career goals
- Help creating a strategy for getting where you want to go
- Advice on how to gain experience in your chosen field

JOB SEARCH AND EMPLOYMENT PREPARATION

- Resume and application writing tips
- Job search training and advice
- Interview skills coaching
- Employment preparation workshops
- Job vacancies advertised on our WorkWizard website

RESOURCE CENTRE AND WEBSITE

- Career development and job search fact sheets, books, guides and other resources – hard copy and on our website
- Jobs, events, news and learning in the workplace opportunities advertised on our WorkWizard website
- Resource centre equipped with computers and newspapers for job searching
- Employer brochures, company guides and information packs available on all campuses

WORKING IN AUSTRALIA

Many students choose to work part-time while studying. From 26 April 2008, a separate Work Rights Visa is no longer required. All student visas now automatically have a permission to work attached. You (and any dependent family members on your student visa) can commence working once you are enrolled. For further information see: www.immi.gov.au

Under the conditions of your student visa, you and your dependent family members may work up to 20 hours per week in term time and unlimited hours during vacation. The 20 hour per week limit includes any voluntary or unpaid work, but does not include work that is formally registered as part of your course.

Students cannot expect to rely on part-time employment for income support because suitable work is not always easy to find.

Employers advertise available jobs on Student Career Development's WorkWizard online jobs board. We can also offer advice on the best places to look for a part-time job.

FIND US

The Student Career Development resource centre is located at Footscray Park Campus, Building M, Level 4. We also have staff at City Flinders, Footscray Nicholson, Sunbury, Sunshine, St Albans and Werribee Campuses.

Phone: +61 3 9919 4944

Website: WWW.VU.EDU.AU/CAREERS



STUDENT FACILITIES

Victoria University's facilities reflect our commitment to excellence. Each VU campus has comfortable and well-equipped learning areas such as lecture theatres, tutorial rooms and laboratories. VU students on all campuses have access to modern facilities as detailed below.

EMAIL

VU provides you with a free email account upon enrolment which you can keep forever!

Your DEJAVU email account is the fastest and safest way to communicate with VU staff and students. Use it as your primary account to ensure you are receiving important emails from within the VU community.

As a student, you are expected to regularly check your account for updates on the management of your course, key student administration matters (e.g. census dates, grades, re-enrolment, fees, graduations etc.) and individual emails from your lecturers and fellow students.

Leveraging powerful enterprise infrastructure from Microsoft through the Live@EDU Service, key points about this service include:

- 5GB Mailbox
- Calendar and calendar sharing with other students
- Compatibility with Windows, Mac OS and Linux (Internet Explorer and Mozilla Firefox)
- Powerful anti-spam and anti-virus filtering
- Forwarding
- Familiar Live Hotmail interface
- Easy to keep in contact with students and staff
- Customise colours
- Anywhere, anytime access

DEJAVU - An email account that is yours for life!

COMPUTER FACILITIES

Extensive IT facilities and services are available at each campus. PCs and Apple Macintosh computers and multimedia facilities are provided in teaching laboratories and open access labs. Students have access to the internet across each campus and receive a VU email address for personal use. Printers, photocopiers and DVD players are available for student use.

Central IT Helpdesk support is available to answer student queries and provide assistance. Students are also granted access to the VU wireless network.

LIBRARY SERVICES

The VU Library network provides students with access to:

- an extensive range of electronic and print resources
- a comprehensive information skills training program
- a warm, friendly student-centred environment
- photocopying, computing and printing facilities

Services can be accessed at the libraries on each campus or online at: WWW.VU.EDU.AU/LIBRARY



Right: Swimming facilities at Footscray Park Campus
Far Right: City Flinders Learning Commons

The international events held have been really successful, especially the welcome function. The events have helped me meet other students.

Emma Bonnici - Leeds
Leeds Metropolitan University, UK



You can also take part in a wide range of sporting activities ranging from 'come and try' events, team sports and regional competitions. We offer regional and national opportunities to compete for VU in various sports, giving you the chance to explore your sporting potential and enjoy the experience of travelling as part of a team.

For more information, go to:
WWW.VU.EDU.AU/SPORT

RECREATION

We provide a range of recreational activities throughout the year which are a great way of meeting other local and international students. They include:

- campus entertainment and social activities
- tours and adventure trips
- film festival, art prize, band and comedy competitions
- clubs and societies in special interest areas – sport, recreation, lifestyle, study area, religion, ethnicity and more

For more information, go to:
WWW.VU.EDU.AU/STUDENTS/CAMPUSLIFE

ON-CAMPUS FACILITIES

Most VU campuses feature:

- Student Service Centres
- student lounges
- cafés and take-away food outlets
- bookshops

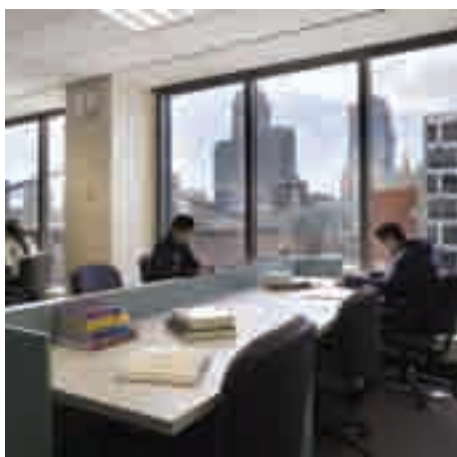
There are Childcare Centres at Footscray Park, Footscray Nicholson, Newport and Werribee campuses.

SPORT AND FITNESS

VU campuses feature an extensive range of sporting facilities because we know that campus life is not just about study.

VU's sporting facilities include:

- a ten-lane, 25-metre indoor heated swimming pool at Footscray Park Campus
- an athletics track and rugby field at Werribee Campus
- multi-purpose sports halls at Melton, Footscray Park and Footscray Nicholson Campuses
- tennis courts at Werribee, Footscray Park and St Albans Campuses
- a wide range of sporting and recreational equipment available for hire



USEFUL INFORMATION



APPLICATION CLOSING DATES

For the semester commencing late February:
15 December

For the semester commencing late July: 15 June

All applicants are advised to apply as early as possible to ensure the application process can be completed before the desired commencement date.

Please note that some of the subjects offered in the School of Human Movement, Recreation and Performance have class quotas and places may be limited.

TUITION FEES

Fees are payable in full before each semester commences. If they are not paid by the due date, you may be required to pay additional late enrolment fees and your course enrolment may be cancelled. This could possibly lead to cancellation of your student visa.

ADDITIONAL COSTS

Some courses have additional charges for items such as industry-specific equipment and clothing or extracurricular activities. These costs are not included in the tuition fee.

Please refer to specific course details for more information.

STUDENT ORIENTATION

Orientation is a compulsory program which consists of an academic and social component and information designed specifically for you. The program is held the week prior to the commencement of classes and provides the opportunity for you to familiarise yourself with your new environment and to learn about all the support services available at VU.

Orientation is an exciting time of year. We offer many social activities and opportunities for you to meet other students, and you will also be able to seek advice about subject enrolment. We ask that you arrive in Melbourne at least two weeks before the start date of your semester to enable you to attend the program.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

You will be assessed in each of your subjects, usually on an ongoing basis. Courses are designed to monitor progress and achievements, as well as to contribute to and enhance learning. VU uses a range of assessment methods which can include:

- Attendance
- Examinations
- Tests
- Exercises
- Essays/assignments
- Seminar presentations
- Practical reports
- Individual and group projects
- Case studies
- Journal/analytical/debriefing reports
- Articles
- Clinical projects
- Laboratory practicals
- Field observations

To ensure fairness and equality in VU's assessment methods, re-assessments are not normally granted. For details regarding the methods of assessment for a particular course or subjects, please view the VU handbook online at: WWW.VU.EDU.AU/HANDBOOK

USE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

As a public sector agency, VU abides by the Victorian Information Privacy Act 2000 and the information privacy principles it contains. The University also complies with privacy obligations under the Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988. VU's Information Privacy Policy is available online at: WWW.VU.EDU.AU/LIBRARY/PDF/IPPPG.PDF

In certain circumstances, VU will need to share the information you provide to us with Australian and State Government agencies, as required by the Education for Overseas Students Act 2000 and the National Code 2007, which are applicable to educational institutions that provide education services to overseas students.

HIGHER EDUCATION ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2009

SEMESTER 1, 2009

VU Orientation Week	23 – 27 February
Study Abroad Welcome and Orientation	26 February
Semester One	2 March – 5 June
Mid-Semester Function	27 March
Mid-Semester Break	6 – 17 April
Farewell Function	11 June
Semester One Examination Period	15 June – 4 July
Mid-Year Break	6 July – 31 July

SEMESTER 2, 2009

VU Orientation Week	27 – 31 July
Study Abroad Welcome and Orientation	30 July
Semester Two	3 August – 31 October
Mid-Semester Function	17 September
Mid-Semester Break	28 September – 2 October
Farewell Function	29 October
Semester Two Examination Period	9 – 28 November

Please note: Dates may be subject to change.

PROVISIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2010

SEMESTER 1, 2010

VU Orientation Week	15 – 19 February
Study Abroad Welcome and Orientation	18 February
Semester One	22 February – 28 May
Mid-Semester Function	19 March
Mid-Semester Break	29 March – 9 April
Farewell Function	3 June
Semester One Examination Period	7 – 26 June
Mid-Year Break	28 June – 23 July

SEMESTER 2, 2010

VU Orientation Week	19 – 23 July
Study Abroad Welcome and Orientation	22 July
Semester Two	26 July – 22 October
Mid-Semester Function	16 September
Mid-Semester Break	27 September – 1 October
Farewell Function	29 October
Semester Two Examination Period	1 – 20 November

Please note: Dates may be subject to change.



International students can gain valuable local knowledge by meeting students who are already living in Melbourne.



ELI

ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

Victoria University offers a wide range of ELICOS (English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students) at all levels from Lower Intermediate to Advanced.

All English language courses are held at our English Language Institute (ELI), located in the heart of Melbourne's central business district close to shops, restaurants and tourist attractions.

The Institute has highly qualified teaching staff and modern facilities.

It uses the latest techniques and approaches to teaching English to ensure students gain the skills they require to communicate confidently in English.

All courses are fully accredited by the Australian Government.

TUITION FEES

Tuition fees for all English language courses in 2009 are A\$340 per week. Fees listed here are the indicative fees for 2009. These fees are subject to approval and may change.

For further information about ELI's courses, including application forms, go to: WWW.VU.EDU.AU/ELI



Good to understand, well structured and the location is perfect. Excellent facilities for any study course - I love it. Everyone here (staff) is very nice and friendly.

Davinder Saini — Hisar, Haryana, India

Top right: Federation Square, Melbourne
Left: Mridul Mahajan, India, Bachelor of Business (Accounting)
Far left: VU students at Federation Square

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Academic requirements for the Study Abroad program are as follows:

- Proof of enrolment in a university degree or post-secondary program.

Students who are not enrolled in a post-secondary program will need to provide evidence of successful completion of their secondary school studies and any other requirements deemed necessary.

- Achievement of 65% average in studies or 2.5 grade point average on a scale of 4 or equivalent.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

English language requirements for undergraduate courses are summarised in the table below.

Copy of results will be required. IELTS and TOEFL scores should not be more than two years old.

Other evidence of English language proficiency may be acceptable and will be assessed on a case by case basis. We reserve the right to seek further documentary evidence where considered necessary. Under student visa regulations, IELTS is the only English proficiency test accepted for students in certain assessment levels.



If you do not meet the English requirements, you can undertake an intensive course at VU's English Language Institute (see Page 27).

If you achieve the required level of English proficiency in this course, you will be eligible for entry into the Study Abroad program.

Applicants who fail to meet the English language requirements are encouraged to seek a conditional offer of a place, subject to achieving the required level of proficiency.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS - IELTS AND TOEFL

IELTS (International English Language Testing System) – Academic Module	Minimum overall score of 6.0 (no band less than 6.0)
Paper-based TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)	Minimum score of 550 with a Test of Written English (TWE) score of 5.0
Computer-based TOEFL	Minimum score of 213 with an Essay Rating (ER) score of 5.0
Internet-based TOEFL	Minimum score of 80 with a minimum of 20 in all sections
DAAD English proficiency test	Satisfactory completion

Top middle: Student at Footscray Park Campus
Above right: Relaxing by the Yarra River, Melbourne
Far right: VU students at Federation Square, Melbourne

STUDENT VISAS

You must apply for a student visa in your resident country before arriving in Australia. This can only be done once you receive an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment.

The nearest Australian diplomatic mission can provide advice about the visa application process: www.dfat.gov.au/missions

Please note that Australian student visas have strict conditions which must be adhered to. These conditions relate to character, health, financial capacity, medical and hospital insurance, length of stay, accompanying family members, permission to work, visa extensions, study requirements, student obligations such as notification of residential address, etc.

There are different visa requirements depending on your country of origin.

For more information, please refer to the Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship's website: www.diac.gov.au/students

FULL-TIME STUDY

It is a student visa requirement to study full-time and satisfy course requirements in order to maintain a valid enrolment.

HEALTH INSURANCE

As an international student in Australia, it is compulsory to pay Overseas Student Health Cover. This is an Australian Government requirement. (Exceptions apply for some students from Norway or Sweden who are covered by their governments' health schemes.)

VU has a preferred provider arrangement with OSHC Worldcare. For more information, go to: www.oshcworldcare.com.au

WORKING WHILE STUDYING

International students can work a maximum of 20 hours per week while the course is in session and full-time during the holiday periods. Students cannot expect to rely on this form of income for support because suitable work is not always easy to find.

From April 2008, a separate Work Rights Visa is no longer required. All student visas now automatically have a permission to work attached – you can commence working once you are enrolled.

Dependents of overseas students also have to apply for a work rights visa and may be permitted to work 20 hours per week.

For further information see: www.immi.gov.au

VU provided us with extraordinary opportunities. Our lecturer in Consumer Behaviour managed to get us into a pre-opening of the new Telstra-Icon Store to talk to the marketers and executives

Juergen Malieske - Bonn, Germany



HOW TO APPLY

1 ENSURE YOU MEET THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

See Page 28 and 29 for full details of the Study Abroad requirements in relation to academic performance and English language proficiency.

2 SELECT YOUR SUBJECTS

See Page 16 for information about how to choose your subjects from the courses offered by VU.

3 COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

See Page 31-32. Please ensure that you complete all sections, then sign and date your form. (Note that processing your form will be delayed if applications are incomplete.)

4 ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

This includes:

- Official certified copies of all academic transcripts and certificates to date. (Please include the official translation if not in English).
- Evidence of your English language proficiency (see Page 28).

5 SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Send your application form and documentation to us as indicated on the form. See Page 24 for information on closing dates. You can also submit your application through one of VU's registered agents, but please note fees may apply if you do this. A list of agents is available online at WWW.VU.EDU.AU/INTERNATIONAL/VUINYOURCOUNTRY

6 RECEIVE YOUR OFFER

Your application will be assessed and if approved, we will send you:

- Letter of Offer
- Offer Acceptance Information booklet ('Accept your place at VU')
- International Student Offer Acceptance Form

7 ACCEPT YOUR OFFER

Complete and return your Acceptance Form together with your payment (see Page 15).

8 RECEIVE YOUR CONFIRMATION OF ENROLMENT

We will send you this together with information to help you plan your departure and arrival in Melbourne and advice on how to take advantage of our airport reception service.

9 APPLY FOR YOUR STUDENT VISA

See Page 29 for information about Australian visa requirements and application process.

10 ARRANGE YOUR ACCOMMODATION, FLIGHT AND AIRPORT RECEPTION

See Page 17-18 for information about student housing and other accommodation options. Note that you will need to arrive in Melbourne at least two weeks before the start of your semester so that you can attend our Orientation program (see Page 19). You will need to request airport reception at least a week before your scheduled arrival.

11 CONTACT VICTORIA ABROAD

As soon as you can after your arrival in Melbourne, contact Victoria Abroad (see Page 19).

12 AND FINALLY ...

Commence your study and enjoy all that Melbourne has to offer.

ENQUIRIES

If you would like any further information regarding the application process or the Study Abroad program at VU, please do not hesitate to contact us at the addresses shown on the back page of this booklet.

STUDY ABROAD APPLICATION FORM



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CRICOS Provider No: 00124K

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Agent Stamp

- This form should not be used by permanent residents or citizens of Australia or citizens of New Zealand.
- There is no application or enrolment fee for the Study Abroad Program.
- The Study Abroad program fees are A\$7800 per semester. These fees are indicative for 2009, subject to approval and may change.
- All documents must be certified by a recognised authority (i.e. school, university, Victoria University representative).

PERSONAL DETAILS

Please write your name exactly as it appears in your passport if you already have one.

Family Name: Mr/Ms/Miss/Mrs

Given Name:

Date of Birth (day/month/year): Gender: Male Female

Country of Birth: Citizenship:

Passport Number (if applicable): Country of Passport:

Please attach a photocopy of the photo ID page from your passport.

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

Number and Street Name:

Suburb/Town: State/Province:

Postcode/Zipcode: Country: Phone: Fax:

Please print email address clearly.

Email Address (Personal):

Email Address (University):

PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)

Number and Street Name:

Suburb/Town: State/Province:

Postcode/Zipcode: Country: Phone:

DURATION OF STUDY PROGRAM: One Semester One Year

SUBJECT PREFERENCE

List your preferred subjects of study, campus and commencing semester. Subject codes and titles must be written in full. Visit www.vu.edu.au/handbooks for a listing of subject names and codes. Please check the prerequisites of any subject you nominate. Select four subjects and two alternate subjects.

	Subject Name	Subject Code	Campus Code	Commencing Semester and Year
Example:	History 1A-Australian History: 19th Century	AAH1007	FP	1-2008
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VISA STATUS

Are you currently in Australia? Yes No

If yes, please indicate: Visa type (i.e. student, tourist, etc.):

CURRENT STUDIES IN YOUR HOME COUNTRY

Are you currently enrolled in a university degree or other post-secondary program? Yes No

Institution: Country:

Degree Program: Major Field of Study:

Anticipated Date of Completion:

PREVIOUS STUDIES

Highest level of education completed (i.e. high school or tertiary):

School/Institution:

Country/State:

Date commenced (day/month/year):

Date completed (day/month/year):

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

You must provide documentary evidence of your English language proficiency to meet Victoria University's English language requirements.

1. English is my first language Yes No
 2. I have sat an IELTS test Yes No (attach results)
 3. I have sat a TOEFL test Yes No (attach results)
 4. I have sat a DAAD test Yes No (attach results)
- I am completing/have completed an ELICOS course.

Name of Institution:

Date commenced (day/month/year):

Anticipated Date of Completion (day/month/year):

Would you like to study English at Victoria University prior to commencing your academic course? Yes No

DISABILITIES

Do you have a disability for which additional assistance is required? Yes No *If yes, please attach a separate sheet outlining this disability.*

GUARDIAN ARRANGEMENTS

Are you under 18 years of age? Yes No

DECLARATION

I,

(Applicant's full name in BLOCK LETTERS and, if the student is under 18 years of age, parent/guardian's full name)

- declare that the information and supporting documentation provided is true and complete.
- acknowledge that Victoria University reserves the right at any stage to vary or reverse any decision made regarding admission or enrolment on the basis of incorrect or incomplete information.
- understand and accept that I must abide by all terms and conditions of my visa.
- am able to make appropriate arrangements to fund my studies.
- have read, understood and agree to be bound by the University's refund policy and conditions. This policy is available upon request or at WWW.VU.EDU.AU/INTERNATIONAL/APPLY_NOW/REFUND_POLICY
- am fully responsible for my educational and living expenses while studying at Victoria University in Australia.
- agree to advise the University within seven days if there are any subsequent changes to my residential address.
- acknowledge that the information collected on this form will be used for the purpose of assessing my application to study at Victoria University.
- acknowledge that the information I provide to the University may be made available to Australian and State Government agencies, pursuant to obligations under the ESOS Act 2000 and the National Code 2007. I recognise that disclosure to Government agencies can include, but is not limited to, information regarding breaches of a student visa condition, changes to my enrolment and/or for visa processing purposes.
- authorise Victoria University to obtain further relevant documentation to support my application if necessary.
- acknowledge that as a public sector agency, VU abides by the Victorian Information Privacy Act 2000 and the information privacy principles it contains. The University also complies with privacy obligations under the Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988. VU's Information Privacy Policy is available online at: WWW.VU.EDU.AU/LIBRARY/PDF/IPPPG.PDF
- authorise the University to provide my address and details of enrolment to its approved registered agents, if I applied through one of Victoria University's registered agents.
- acknowledge that due to various government regulations related to the privacy of applicants, Victoria University cannot disclose information to any third party such as family members or friends without the written consent of the applicant.
- understand that any school-aged dependants accompanying me to Australia will be required to pay full fees if they are enrolled in a school in Australia.
- understand that any documentation I submit becomes property of Victoria University and will not be returned to me.
- have read, understood and accept the above conditions.
- acknowledge that the University reserves the right to alter any course, subject, admission requirement or fee without notice.

Signature of applicant:

Date:

Signature of parent/guardian (for student under 18 years of age):

Date:

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

Have you:

- Completed all sections of this application?
- Signed and dated the declaration?
- Enclosed certified copies of academic transcripts and award certificates and, where appropriate, certified English translation of academic records?
- Where appropriate, enclosed certified copies of English language test scores?

SEND YOUR APPLICATION TO:

POSTAL ADDRESS:

Victoria Abroad
Victoria University International
City Flinders Campus
PO Box 14428
Melbourne Victoria 8001
Australia

Fax +61 3 9919 1466

Email educationabroad@vu.edu.au

CAMPUS LOCATIONS

MELBOURNE

Sunbury

20km

Melton

Werribee

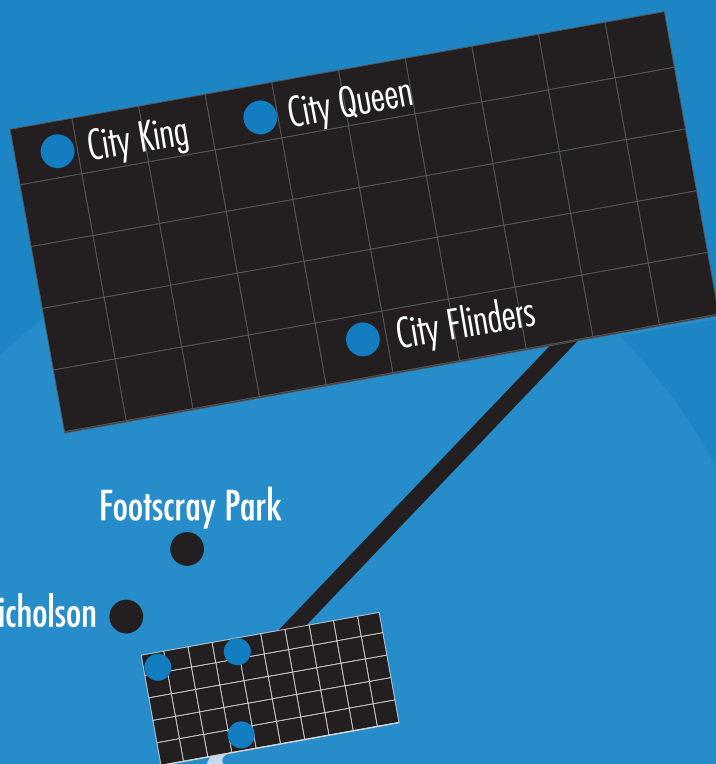
St Albans

Sunshine

Footscray Nicholson

Newport

10km



VU IN YOUR COUNTRY

Staff visits

In 2009-2010, VU staff will travel overseas on numerous occasions to meet and talk with students about the experience of studying at VU.

Partners Institutions

VU offers many opportunities to study VU courses in countries outside Australia.

Agents

If you want to speak to someone in your country about studying overseas, VU's approved agents are there to assist.



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