

REDUCED STUDY LOAD

This form is to be used by international onshore students on a student visa, excluding Exchange and Student Abroad students.

As part of the student visa conditions, Victoria University monitors the course progress of students to ensure they can complete their course requirements within the specified course duration as per their Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE). To meet this requirement, students are expected to study a full load (48 Credit Points) in each half year period (i.e. January to June /July to December). Students who are in their final study period with less than 48 Credit Points remaining in their course of study are not required to apply for a reduced study load.

Sponsored students are encouraged to contact their sponsor to advise them of the reduce in study load. This is important because reducing the study load may impact the financial guarantee amount and duration that has been agreed to by the student's sponsor and the university. An unauthorized reduced study load may result in the sponsor refusing to cover costs for study periods not agreed to.

To reduce the study load, students must seek college recommendation and permission from the Enrolments team, by completing and submitting this application form. Until the application has been approved in writing, the student must attend all classes, submit assignments, participate in all unit related activities including exams and pay all course fees by the due date for the relevant study period. The application will be rejected if any tuition fees are outstanding. An outcome letter will be issued to the student within five working days and emailed to the Victoria University student email account.

REDUCED STUDY LOAD REASONS

The University can only approve a reduced study load in special circumstances that are deemed to be beyond the student's control. *All documents must be originals, or certified copies and in English. Documents issued in a foreign language must be translated by a registered translator or interpreter.

REASON	EXAMPLES INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO	EVIDENCE
COMPASSIONATE AND COMPELLING	Serious illness or injury (diagnosed)	Detailed medical certificate outlining severity of illness, expected duration, plan for recovery and impact on studies
	Bereavement of an immediate family member (parent, spouse, sibling, child)	Death Certificate
	Involvement in a traumatic experience (being a victim of crime, or witnessed a serious incident)	Police report
	Political upheaval or natural disaster in home country requiring emergency travel	Notification form the Department of Foreign Affairs and Airline ticket
COURSE STRUCTURE	Failed pre- or co-requisite unit and unit is not run in the current study period	Recommendation from the college and study plan
	Unit is cancelled and too late to pick an equivalent unit	
	Major/core unit is not available	
UNSATISFACTORY PROGRESSION	Failed 50% or more of units or failed unit more than twice	Academic Action Plan

HOW TO SUBMIT:

This application can be submitted in person to a VUHQ or emailed to the Enrolments team via ASKVU (askvu.vu.edu.au).

PERSONAL AND COURSE DETAILS

STUDENT ID: _____

ARE YOU AN INTERNATIONAL ONSHORE STUDENT? YES NO

ARE YOU A SPONSORED STUDENT? YES NO

FAMILY NAME (AS STATED IN PASSPORT): _____

GIVEN NAME(S): _____

VISA EXPIRY DATE: _____

SELECT REASON: COMPASSIONATE/COMPELLING

COURSE STRUCTURE

PROGRESSION

COURSE CODE: _____

COURSE TITLE: _____

CAMPUS LOCATION: _____

STUDY LOAD REDUCTION

I WISH TO REDUCE MY STUDY FOR:

UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	STUDY PERIOD	YEAR

STUDENT DECLARATION

I declare that the information on this form provided by me is true and completed in full. I have obtained college recommendation and have attached all supporting documentation. I understand that reducing my study load may have implications on my student visa and I should contact the Department of Home Affairs on 131 881 for further information.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY		COLLEGE RECOMMENDATION (COLLEGE STAFF TO COMPLETE)	
	STAFF NAME:		COLLEGE STAFF TITLE:
	COMMENTS:		
	WILL THE DURATION OF THE COURSE BE IMPACTED:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
	STUDENT EXPECTED COURSE END DATE:	STUDY PLAN PROVIDED:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	COLLEGE STAFF SIGNATURE:		DATE:

OFFICE USE ONLY		ENROLMENTS TEAM TO COMPLETE	
	APPLICATION APPROVED:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
	STAFF NAME:		
	STAFF SIGNATURE:		DATE:

PRIVACY STATEMENT

Victoria University (VU) values your privacy and is committed to handling your personal information in accordance with the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic) and other applicable privacy legislation. The personal information collected on this form will be used primarily for the purposes of assessing and processing this application. VU may also use and disclose your personal information to verify the information provided by you, to comply with government and other reporting requirements and/or to carry out associated activities connected with this application. Your personal information may also be disclosed to Commonwealth and State agencies such as the Department of Education and Training and the Department of Home Affairs in accordance with VU's obligations under the Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 (Cth) (**ESOS Act**), the National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students 2018 (**National Code**) and other applicable legislation. Your personal information will not otherwise be used or disclosed without your consent, unless permitted by law. By completing and submitting this application, you agree to VU collecting, using and disclosing your personal information as described above and in accordance with VU's Privacy Policy and Student Information Privacy Collection Statement (which provides further detail about the types of personal information VU may collect from you and how it is managed) available on the Privacy page on our website vu.edu.au/privacy

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If you have any questions, you can access [ASKVU](#),
speak to us via live chat or call us on **+61 3 9919 6100**.

Our VUHQs are located at the following campuses:

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City Flinders	Werribee	Footscray Nicholson	