
LAW & CRIMINOLOGY

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Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Criminology



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WHERE CAN VU TAKE YOU IN LAW & CRIMINOLOGY?

Are you convincing, investigative and have a passion for fairness? As a graduate in law, legal services, criminology or criminal justice, you'll be in demand across many industries.

We have some of Australia's most distinguished legal professionals imparting their experience and knowledge as lecturers and adjunct professors. These include the Hon. Justice Chris Maxwell QC, Professor Robert Richter QC, criminal law specialist Robert Stary, former Victorian Chief

Magistrate Ian Gray, and former High Court Judge The Hon. Michael Kirby AC.

Study at VU and discover why employers nation-wide rate our graduates second highest for employability*.



CAREER



ORGANISATIONS YOU MAY WORK IN



POTENTIAL JOB TITLES

LAW

As a law graduate, you'll have met all academic requirements for the Victorian Legal Admissions Board.

Law firms, finance institutions, defence force, courts, police force, government, community legal centres and legal departments in companies.

Barrister; Solicitor; Lawyer; Policy Adviser; Human Rights Advocate.

LEGAL SERVICES

Get prepared for a career in legal support or postgraduate study in laws.

Law firms, courts, government and legal departments in companies.

Paralegal; Court Clerk; Legal Clerk; Compliance Officer.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Gain an understanding of the Australian justice system and the role of various agencies within it.

Law firms, police force, courts and prison services.

Welfare Support Worker; Correctional Officer; Customs/Border Force Officer; Court Administrator.

CRIMINOLOGY

Help police, legal, and social-welfare organisations address the causes and results of criminal behaviour.

Forensics, police, community legal settings, legal aid, security and intelligence organisations, paralegal in law firms, youth justice organisations, correctional services and community services.

Police Officer; Corrections Officer; Forensic Science Technician; Loss Prevention Specialist.

To practise as a lawyer in Australia, you need to be admitted by the Supreme Court of an Australian state or territory, and then obtain a practising certificate.

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Supervised Workplace Training (1 yr with a law firm) OR Practical Legal Training (6 – 12 mths with a PLT provider)

3

Admission to Legal Practice: Apply for admission with the Victorian Legal Admissions Board

4

Practising Certificate: Supervised legal practice for 18 – 24 mths

COURSE	FURTHER INFORMATION
LAW	
Bachelor of Laws	vu.edu.au/courses/BLAW
Bachelor of Laws (Honours)	vu.edu.au/courses/LHLW
Bachelor of Laws (Graduate Entry)	vu.edu.au/courses/BLGE
Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Arts	vu.edu.au/courses/LBLA
Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Business	vu.edu.au/courses/LBWB
Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Business	vu.edu.au/courses/LHWB
Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Criminology	vu.edu.au/courses/LBLC
Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)	vu.edu.au/courses/LHWP
Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Psychological Studies	vu.edu.au/courses/LBWP
LEGAL SERVICES	
Diploma of Legal Services	vu.edu.au/courses/BSB52215
Advanced Diploma of Legal Practice	vu.edu.au/courses/22276VIC
Bachelor of Legal Services	vu.edu.au/courses/LBLS
CRIMINOLOGY	
Bachelor of Criminology	vu.edu.au/courses/LBCR
Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Criminology	vu.edu.au/courses/LBLC
CRIMINAL JUSTICE	
Bachelor of Criminal Justice	vu.edu.au/courses/ABCJ
Bachelor of Criminal Justice and Psychological Studies	vu.edu.au/courses/ABCY

PRACTICAL LEARNING

All our courses are designed to fully prepare you for work, and taught by industry-connected teachers who are experts in the field. Here are just a few of the opportunities available to students in the field of law.

WEstjustice PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

Offers four to six month placements in four different programs: Sunshine Youth office, Family Law Clinic, Infringements Clinic and Legal Triage Clinic.

POLICE PROSECUTORS' PROGRAM

In partnership with Victoria Police, this is the first police internship of its kind in Australia. Over 10 weeks, students rotate across the Magistrates' Court, Civil Division, Coroners Court, Research and Training and Major Enquiries areas.

SUPREME COURT PROGRAM

Spend four days gaining experience and insights into the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal structure and its inner workings.

KIRBY MOOT COMPETITION

Our mooting competition is the largest in Australia, and can be selected as an elective unit in your law degree. It has strong support from the County Court of Victoria, members of the Victorian Bar, various law firms and practical legal training institutions, with law professionals invited as judges.

“I AM NOW A LEADER AMONGST THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.”

“VU represents a true cross section of society. I faced financial and psychological barriers to completing high school. I was born and educated in the west. Coming straight to uni from Year 12, I needed a place I could call home and VU was home for me.

Through debating, I found I had a platform where I could express myself and discovered my passion for law. I am now a leader amongst the local community, actively engaging and volunteering to organise programs for the youth.

My ultimate goal is to enter into Federal or State politics, a mission I’ve undertaken, not only for my own achievement, but on behalf of my community.”

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AT VU WE KNOW THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO SUCCEED AT LEARNING, SO WE PROVIDE MULTIPLE WAYS TO ACHIEVE A WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION AND EXCITING CAREER.

We are one of only six universities in Australia to offer both TAFE and university courses, meaning you can choose the level of study that best suits you.

Our courses are designed with close industry consultation, and you'll have opportunities for engaging work placements and internships to give you a head start in your future workplace. But above all, VU's New Way To Do Uni is about putting you and your success at the centre of everything we do. Our richly diverse and supportive community will reward you with unique experiences in the classroom and beyond.

VU BLOCK MODEL

In 2018 VU was the first Australian university to introduce the VU Block Model. This new approach to learning is focused on making your transition into university easier, your chances of study success greater, and giving you the skills to succeed when you enter the workforce.

WHY IS VU'S BLOCK MODEL BETTER FOR ME?

1

YOU'LL FOCUS ON ONE SUBJECT AT A TIME

Complete one subject every four weeks before moving on to the next. At other universities, you need to complete multiple subjects at once, while at VU you'll be fully focused on each subject.

2

YOU'LL BUILD YOUR CONFIDENCE

The progression of subjects in the Block Model will give you early feedback and success, and build confidence in your studies from day one.

3

YOU'LL FEEL SUPPORTED

Smaller classes mean you have more one-on-one time with your teachers and classmates. And with a timetable that can allow flexibility outside of uni, you can work, and spend time with family, friends and pursue other interests.

GET FUTURE FOCUSED WITH BLENDED LEARNING

Study at Victoria University Polytechnic, VU's TAFE division, and you'll learn with our multi-award winning Blended Learning model. Blended Learning is flexible, industry-based and focused on preparing you for the modern workplace. It replaces paper-based theory tuition with a combination of user-friendly online learning and face-to-face workshops. Online components mean you can learn anytime, anywhere – and then you'll refine your skills through practical learning and on-the-job work placements.

PATHWAYS

Course 'pathways' offer an easy transition between courses at different levels, so that you can start with a certificate and progress right through to postgraduate study – in many cases gaining credits along the way. Students starting in Higher Education degrees can also add to their portfolio of skills with practical, hands-on training through our TAFE programs.

Find out more at vu.edu.au/pathways



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