

VICTORIA LAW SCHOOL

College of Law & Justice

THE NEW WAY TO DO UNI



Academic and Management Team

- ◆ **Dean: Professor Michael Stuckey**
- ◆ **Deputy Dean and Director of Teaching and Learning: Associate Professor Lidia Xynas**
- ◆ **College Manager: Di Storey**
- ◆ **Academic staff (Lecturers and Tutors)**



An Academic Year at VU



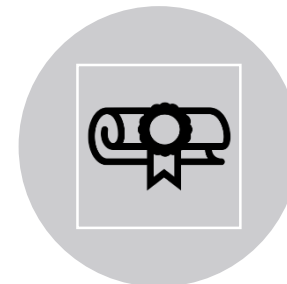
BLOCK DELIVERY: 11 (4 week) blocks per year



CENSUS DATES: key dates set by government to manage subject selections and enrolments



CORE AND ELECTIVE UNITS: core units are compulsory for the completion of a course, electives are selected from a range of options



MAJORS AND MINORS: Applicable to Bachelor of Legal Services and the Bachelor of Criminology only plus some double degrees



First Year and Beyond

- ◆ **The first-year and beyond of all bachelor degrees at VU will see units delivered one at a time, in four-week blocks. This means students won't have to juggle the deadlines and demands of studying multiple units at once. Instead they'll complete one unit before moving on to the next.**
- ◆ **All units will be conducted in small class sizes with three face-to-face sessions per week. This means students will get more one-on-one time with their teachers.**
- ◆ **Students will have access to different learning and teaching methods including:**
 - ◆ **online**
 - ◆ **educator-led delivery**
 - ◆ **tutorials**
 - ◆ **group work**
 - ◆ **laboratory and practical work (where it applies).**
- ◆ **Students will have access to additional activities designed to extend and improve their skills. These activities foster the skills they need to be an adaptable, resilient, confident and competent learner and employee.**



Single Degree Programs

Delivery campus: *Predominately Queen Street*

Bachelor of Laws

Bachelor of Laws (Graduate Entry)

Bachelor of Legal Services

Bachelor of Criminology



Double Degree Programs

Delivery campus: Queen Street, City Flinders, Footscray Park

Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Business

Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Arts

Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Criminology

Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Psychological Studies

Bachelor of Laws (Hons) /Bachelor of Psychology (Hons)



Honours Programs

Delivery campus: Queen Street

Students may elect to transfer into a Law Honours program:

Bachelor of Laws (Honours)

Bachelor of Laws (Graduate Entry) (Honours)

Honours programs may be combined to form a double degree.



Law Programs and the Priestly 11

- ◆ **Criminal law**
- ◆ **Torts**
- ◆ **Contracts**
- ◆ **Property**
- ◆ **Equity (including Trusts)**
- ◆ **Company Law**
- ◆ **Administrative law**
- ◆ **Federal and State Constitutional law**
- ◆ **Civil procedure**
- ◆ **Evidence**
- ◆ **Ethics and Professional Responsibility**



Other Compulsory Units in the Law Programs

- ◆ **Criminal law**
- ◆ **Torts**
- ◆ **Contracts**
- ◆ **Property**
- ◆ **Equity (including Trusts)**
- ◆ **Company Law**
- ◆ **Administrative law**
- ◆ **Federal and State Constitutional law**
- ◆ **Civil procedure**
- ◆ **Evidence**
- ◆ **Ethics and Professional Responsibility**

Elective Units in the Law Programs

- ◆ **Alternative Dispute Resolution**
- ◆ **Australian Employment Law**
- ◆ **Taxation Law**
- ◆ **Family Law in Society**
- ◆ **Indigenous People and the Law**
- ◆ **Human Rights Law**
- ◆ **Intellectual Property Law**
- ◆ **Privacy and Media Law**
- ◆ **Public International Law**
- ◆ **Advanced Legal Dissertation**
- ◆ **Advanced Legal Research Methods**
- ◆ **Wills and the Administration of Estates**

Points of Difference

- ◆ **Our law programs offer the following points of difference from our competitors:**
- ◆ **Block Delivery**
- ◆ **Campus Location**
- ◆ **Mooting Competitions**
- ◆ **Overseas study opportunities**
- ◆ **Legal Partnerships**
- ◆ **Student Support**
- ◆ **Clinical Placements**
- ◆ **Blended Learning**
- ◆ **Online study options in some units**

Legal Partnerships

Victoria Legal Aid Duty
Lawyer Service
Program

Victoria Legal Aid
Family Law Program

Victoria Legal
Aid Infringements Clinic

Victoria Legal
Aid General Clinic

Victoria
Police (Prosecutions
Division) Program

WEstjustice Sunshine
Youth Clinic

WEstjustice Fines clinic

WEstjustice Family Law
clinic

Westjustice Triage
Clinic

State Trustees Program

Young Workers Victoria
Program

Graduate Outcomes

All our law programs meet the academic requirements to be admitted as an Australian Lawyer in the Supreme Court of Victoria.

Following your law degree you will also be required to undertake a practical legal placement or complete a practical legal placement course.

Career opportunities can include:

- ◆ In House Counsel
- ◆ Solicitor
- ◆ Barrister
- ◆ Legal Aid
- ◆ Academic
- ◆ Judge or Magistrate
- ◆ Government Lawyer



Criminology at VU



The Bachelor of Criminology is a new degree that has been developed by the College of Law and Justice at VU and was offered for the first time in 2019.



The degree is designed to provide students with experiential activities in the areas of criminal justice, policing and sentencing.



The Format of the Degree

To attain the Bachelor of Criminology students will be required to complete 288 credit points consisting of:

- ◆ 96 credit points of First Year Core Studies
- ◆ 144 credit points of Professional Core Studies
- ◆ 48 credit points of Minor Studies



Criminology Focused Units

- ◆ Introduction to criminology
- ◆ Policing and offending
- ◆ Human rights law
- ◆ Corporate crime
- ◆ History of criminal law and trials
- ◆ Contemporary issues in criminology
- ◆ Crime across borders
- ◆ Mental illness and law
- ◆ Crime research and methods
- ◆ Research project



What the Profession Needs

- ◆ **Key parts of the industry and profession, including Victoria Police, recognise the need for a more educated workforce. Our criminology bachelor degree helps students fulfil that need, and makes them highly employable.**
- ◆ **Graduates have a valuable overview of the complex criminal justice system. Students will gain an appreciation and understanding of the interconnectedness of social welfare, law, correctional institutions, community, and policing.**



Graduate Outcomes

The Bachelor of Criminology degree qualification will be widely recognised in areas including:

- ◆ forensic work
- ◆ police work
- ◆ community legal settings
- ◆ legal aid
- ◆ security and intelligence organisations
- ◆ paralegal work
- ◆ youth justice
- ◆ correctional services
- ◆ community services.

Combining Criminology with a Law degree

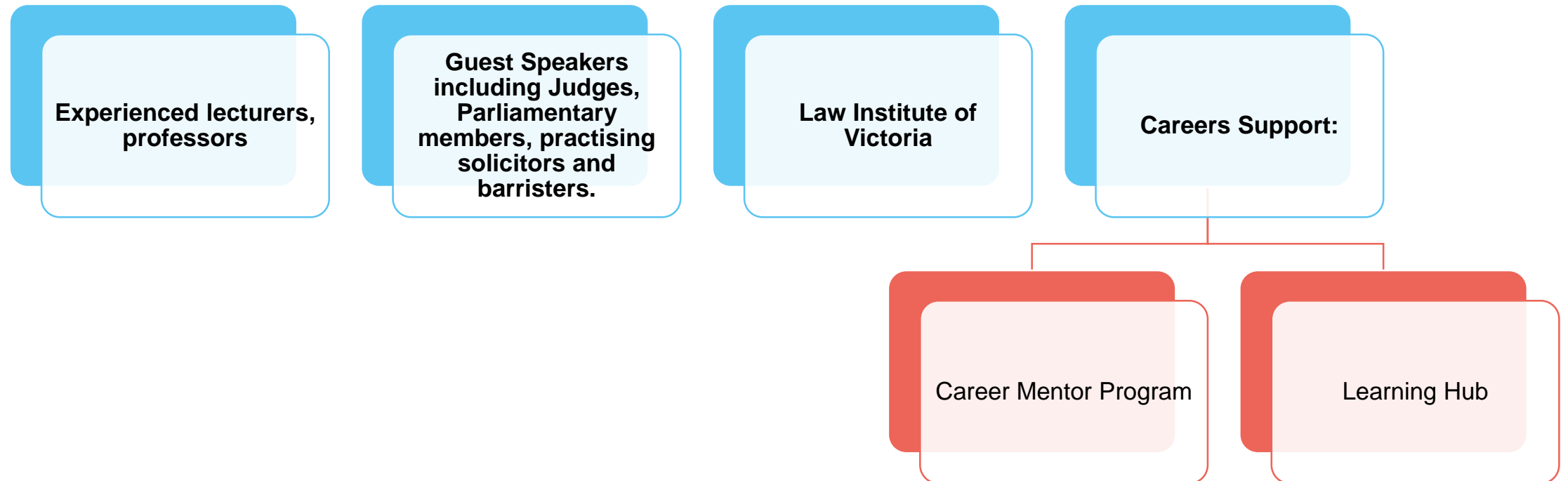


You can also seek to combine your degree with a Bachelor of Law at VU



As a 4.5 year program, you can become qualified for both degrees in fast tracked completion time.

Law and Criminology at VU- Industry Connections:



The Law/Criminology Library

The CLJ has a dedicated law / criminology library with comprehensive hardcopy and online collections and a specialist staff.

LEGAL RESEARCH CLASSES: The law library offers a series of classes to help students to obtain the legal research skills needed to succeed in law. The classes cover: Secondary Sources; Primary Sources; AGLC Referencing

BOOK EARLY: Bookings may be made via the Learning Hub home page or at the Law Library service desk.

- ◆ Online resources available 24 hours a day.
- ◆ Visit any campus library for help:
- ◆ your information needs
- ◆ access to a PC
- ◆ a quiet place to study
- ◆ Find out more at vu.edu.au/library



Academic Support and Resources



Student Learning Hub provides a variety of academic support programs for all students. Student Mentors are available to help you with:

university assignments and assessment tasks
writing skills
English
effective ways to study and manage your time.



Free support available at your campus Library



Writing Workshops



Student Writing Mentors



THANKS FOR YOUR
ATTENTION



ANY QUESTIONS?

OPEN DAY

18 AUG 2019

**10AM - 3PM
FOOTSCRAY PARK**

Presentation Name

