



## SUCCESS BEYOND ATAR SCORES

### ATAR scores are in and students are now considering their next steps.

Regardless of the outcome, Victoria University (VU) provides opportunities for them to reach their goals. We help set students on the path to their dream course, so they can achieve success on their own terms.

Students can discuss course options with us throughout the change of preference period.

The Change of Preference Expo is a great opportunity to find out about courses, fees, scholarships and student life directly from academic staff, VU course advisers and current students.

- Wednesday 16 December, 4pm-7pm, Footscray Park Campus.

Our course advisers will be available for one-to-one appointments (at our Footscray Park Campus), phone enquiries and online chat during the following times.

### Appointments:

- Monday 14 – Friday 18 December, 9am – 6pm
- Monday 21 December, 9am – 11am

### Phone queries (1300 842 864) and online chat ([vu.edu.au/change](http://vu.edu.au/change)):

- Monday 14 – Friday 18 December, 8.30am – 6pm
  - Monday 21 December, 8.30am – 12 noon
- [vu.edu.au/change](http://vu.edu.au/change)



## A CENTENARY OF OPPORTUNITY

VU is celebrating a Centenary of Opportunity in 2016 and to celebrate we're organising a range of exciting events at the University and in the local community.

Look out for STEM Week run by the College of Engineering and Science and a series of Law Week events organised by the College of Law and Justice.

We're proud of the role we've played in our community over the last 100 years and we're excited about sharing our vision for the future as the University of Opportunity and Success.

View the full Centenary program and register to receive updates about upcoming events at [vucentenary.com.au](http://vucentenary.com.au)

## PRIORITISING STUDENTS IN THE WEST

Victoria University's West +5 Scheme allows VU to add some extra points to an eligible student's aggregate score.

Students in Year 12 in the council areas of Brimbank, Hobsons Bay, Hume, Maribyrnong, Melton, Moonee Valley and Wyndham are eligible for West +5.

Students from these schools don't need to apply for this scheme – the extra points are automatically added by the VU admissions team. All VU undergraduate degrees are included in the scheme except Law.

[vu.edu.au/special-admission-programs](http://vu.edu.au/special-admission-programs)

## MARK YOUR DIARY

- 16 DECEMBER** Change of Preference Expo, Footscray Park
- 21 DECEMBER** VTAC change of preference closes (midday)
- 3-4 FEBRUARY** Course Information Evenings for students still looking for 2015 study options





## DISCIPLINE IN PROFILE: SPORT AND EXERCISE SCIENCE

VU offers the largest number of sport-related courses in Australia, covering all areas of sport, exercise science and active living. Courses span the vocational education (TAFE), bachelor and postgraduate levels, so students will find an entry point that suits their current level of education.

Students learn from internationally recognised teaching staff in state-of-the-art facilities, and gain real-world experience through work placements and learning opportunities with over 350 prestigious sporting organisations. Major partners include the Australian Institute of Sport, Netball Australia, Western Bulldogs Football Club and Real Madrid Graduate School Universidad Europea.

### CAREER OUTCOMES

Our sport and exercise science courses can lead to a wide range of careers, including:

- sports scientist
- sports administrator
- athlete counsellor
- strength and conditioning coach
- personal trainer
- physical education teacher
- recreation planner
- massage therapist

### WORKPLACE LEARNING

The College of Sport and Exercise Science's Career and Professional Development (CPD) program facilitates compulsory work placements for second and final-year undergraduate students.

With mentoring and support along the way, students complete 70 and/or 140-hour industry placements that advance career maturity, and dramatically improve employability.

Nationally recognised by the Australian Learning and Teaching Council as a leader in the university sector, the program has connections with more than 350 sport, exercise, physical education, clinical exercise and recreation organisations.

### SAMPLE STUDY PATHWAY

#### Information Technology pathway

SIS50612  
Diploma of Sport Development

Bachelor of Applied Science  
(Honours)(Human Movement)  
HHHM

Master of Applied Science  
HREH

Doctor of Philosophy  
UPSS

### SPORT AND EXERCISE SCIENCE COURSES

Below is a small sample of our sport and exercise science courses.

#### HLT40312 - Certificate IV in Massage Therapy Practice

**Prerequisites:** VCE or equivalent.  
**2015 Clearly in ATAR:** N/A

#### Bachelor of Exercise Science (Clinical Practice)

**Prerequisites:** VCE or equivalent with a study score of at least 20 in English (any), or 25 in EAL.  
**2015 Clearly in ATAR:** 61.9

#### Bachelor of Sport Science (Human Movement)

**Prerequisites:** VCE or equivalent with a study score of at least 20 in English (any), or 25 EAL.  
**2015 Clearly in ATAR:** 53.3

#### Bachelor of Sport Science (Human Movement)/Bachelor of Psychological Studies

**Prerequisites:** VCE or equivalent with a study score of at least 20 in English (any) or 25 in EAL  
**2015 Clearly in ATAR:** 50.45



### SHOOTING HIGH

Shannon Zuccala, gained an edge in the job market through VU's sport industry networking opportunities and practical work placements.

"I chose Victoria University because it offered courses that allowed me to enter my desired industry and I had heard of some great success stories from past students. VU has great facilities and friendly staff with a wealth of knowledge.

My course offered me networking opportunities and practical experiences gained through work placements at Albion Sports, Country Basketball Victoria and the Australian Grand Prix Corporation. Each of these placements allowed me to learn skills that I have used or am currently using in my profession.

I am now employed at Basketball ACT as the Competition and Game Development Coordinator where I work to improve the delivery of basketball programs in the ACT. I get a great sense of achievement from seeing all the hard work and effort pay off when these projects are successful."

**Shannon Zuccala, Bachelor of Arts (Sport Administration)/Bachelor of Business (Marketing)**



## VU ELITE ATHLETE PROGRAM

Elite athletes studying at VU have access to a range of support services to help them successfully complete their studies while training and competing at an elite level.

Our athlete support program helps students balance study with training and competition demands, and provides access to our sport and fitness facilities and research facilities.

VU has around 90 elite student athletes, many of whom have competed at the Olympics, Commonwealth Games, World University Games and World Championship events.

More information about the elite athlete program, including how to apply is available at [vu.edu.au/elite-student-athlete](http://vu.edu.au/elite-student-athlete)

## AUSTRALIAN LIVING PEACE MUSEUM

Australia has its first peace museum. Emeritus Professor in VU's College of Arts, and long-time peace activist, Michael Hamel-Green has helped establish the online collection of images, videos and documents linked to more detailed sources of information.

The Australian Living Peace Museum (ALPM) is a repository for important and inspiring stories of Australian individuals, groups and organisations committed to peace and non-violent social change.

"Most of us are aware of the museums or icons of war found in almost every major park or public space in Australia, yet there are no museums of peace," he said.

Professor Hamel-Green hopes that having access to peace narratives may inspire Australians from primary school age upward to enhance their awareness about living and sharing peace.

[livingpeacemuseum.org.au](http://livingpeacemuseum.org.au)



Alumni Award recipients Maxwell Gratton, Catherine Lou, John Lasich and Adam Bromage.

## ALUMNI AWARDS

VU recognised the exceptional achievements of past students at the annual Alumni Awards on 27 October.

The awards recognise alumni who reflect the spirit of VU, have demonstrated behaviours that exemplify respect and excellence, and who have excelled in all spheres of society.

- Dr John Lasich received the Distinguished Alumni Award for pioneering work to replace fossil fuel energy with leading edge solar power.
- Kon Karapanagiotidis OAM won the Outstanding Alumni Service Award for work as CEO and founder of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre.

- Maxwell Gratton received the Young Achiever Alumni Award for professional achievement in roles at Football Federation Victoria and as CEO of Basketball ACT, as well as providing ongoing opportunities for VU students.
- Adam Bromage was awarded an Outstanding Student Alumni Award, having completed his Bachelor of Science (Psychology) with 23 High Distinctions and First Class Honours after being turned down by other universities and initially struggling with his studies.
- Catherine Lou received an Outstanding Student Alumni Award for her leadership, enthusiasm and willingness to help fellow students, particularly as a committed advocate for international students.

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