



## MAKE VU YOUR PREFERENCE

At VU, we see students for more than their ATAR. Whether they have studied VCE or VCAL, are hoping to achieve an ATAR of 41 or 99, we can provide pathways to their dream career. Almost a third of all students who apply for a tertiary course through VTAC aren't offered their first choice, so we recommend preferring multiple courses in their area of interest.

VU's pathway courses provide more ways for students to reach their goal, and including related courses in their preference list helps to ensure they get to where they want, whatever their score. You can find a sample of Pathway courses in the 'related courses' section of our [Preference Course Finder](http://vu.edu.au/preference).  
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## OPEN DAY 2015

VU staff and students welcomed thousands of people to our Footscray Campus on Sunday 23 August for Open Day 2015. With more than 150 information sessions and activities, everyone had the opportunity to find their own path to victory. If your students missed Open Day or a particular session, they may find it in the recorded information sessions.



## STUDENTS QUIZ FORMER GOVERNOR-GENERAL

Over 180 Victorian senior high school girls packed into the Sir Zelman Cowen Centre at VU last week to quiz former Governor-General, the Hon. Dame Quentin Bryce.

The event offered girls, many from Melbourne's West, the opportunity to meet one of Australia's most interesting public figures and ask about her time as Governor-General as well as seek her advice on female leadership.

Students vied for a place at the event by writing up to 150 words identifying the issues they would advocate if they were Governor-General for a week, as well as drafting a question to ask Ms Bryce.

[Read more about the event.](#)

## MARK YOUR DIARY

- 22 SEPTEMBER** Explore VU: Business [vu.edu.au/explore-vu](http://vu.edu.au/explore-vu)
- 30 SEPTEMBER** VTAC timely course applications close (5pm)
- 29 OCTOBER** Stories we tell ourselves about teaching and learning mathematics [vu.edu.au/diamond-series](http://vu.edu.au/diamond-series)
- 6 NOVEMBER** VTAC late course applications close (5pm)
- 23 NOVEMBER** Change of preference opens
- 14 DECEMBER** ATARs released
- 16 DECEMBER** Change of Preference Expo, Footscray Park
- 21 DECEMBER** VTAC change of preference closes (midday)





## KIRBY MOOT

Students from law schools around Australia will compete in the fifth annual Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot Competition, hosted by VU's College of Law and Justice. Mooting is a simulation of the proceedings of a live courtroom, and is the oldest form of legal training for law advocates.

Secondary school students are invited to attend the four-day event as observers or volunteers.

The fifth annual **Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot Competition** will be held from 28 September – 1 October at the VU City Queen Campus.

Volunteers can **register online**.

## DISCIPLINE IN PROFILE: ARTS

VU offers a broad range of Arts courses to spark students' passions and take their careers further, whether they are budding artists, psychologists, thinkers or writers.

Our stimulating and hands-on courses cover areas like communication, community development, creative arts, legal studies, digital media, music, professional writing, graphic design, social work and more. They will undertake real-world projects to put theory into practice, and gain invaluable workplace experience through placements.

### CAREER OUTCOMES

Our broad range of Arts specialisations can lead to a wide range of careers, including:

- Writer or editor
- Artistic director
- Web designer / developer
- Broadcaster
- Music performer
- Sound technician
- Visual artist
- Psychologist
- Community worker
- Social worker

### WORKPLACE LEARNING

VU's College of Arts engages with industry groups to inform our curriculum, and provide workplace learning opportunities in all our courses.

Arts students collaborate with many exciting organisations, events and venues, including Melbourne Writers Festival, SBS Television, Victoria Police, Australian Centre for the Moving Image, Newport Islamic Society, Footscray Community Arts Centre, The Song Room, Melbourne City Mission, Malthouse Theatre and the Australian Multicultural Foundation.

### SAMPLE STUDY PATHWAY

#### Communication pathway

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Diploma of Professional  
Writing and Editing

Bachelor of  
Marketing Communication  
ABCMM

Master of Communication  
AMCN

Doctor of Philosophy  
UPAS



## FROM INTERN TO EMPLOYEE

Arts graduate Rachel Gale turned her internship with Netball Victoria into a full-time job.

"I really liked the practical experience that I got to take part in over the duration of my studies. I interned with Malthouse Theatre in my second year and then I interned with Netball Victoria in my third year. That's how I got my foot in the door, and from there I was offered a full-time position.

"Marketing Communications in sport is a really competitive industry to get into so having the opportunity to get that practical experience, not just theory based learning, was really helpful to me and gave me the edge over all the other graduates that I was competing against when it came to job searching."

Rachel Gale, Bachelor of Communication (now **Bachelor of Marketing Communication**) Sponsorship and Marketing Assistant, Netball Victoria



### ARTS COURSES

Below is a small sample of our Arts courses.

#### Bachelor of Arts

**Prerequisites:** VCE or equivalent with a study score of at least 20 in English (any), or 25 in English as an Additional Language (EAL).

**2015 Clearly in ATAR:** 43.1 (Footscray Nicholson); 50.15 (Footscray Park)

#### Bachelor of Marketing Communication

**Prerequisites:** VCE or equivalent with a study score of at least 20 in English (any), or 25 in English as an Additional Language (EAL).

**2015 Clearly in ATAR:** (new course)

#### Bachelor of Screen Media

**Prerequisites:** VCE or equivalent with a study score of at least 20 in English (any), or 25 in English as an Additional Language (EAL).

**2015 Clearly in ATAR:** (new course)

#### Bachelor of Psychological Studies

**Prerequisites:** VCE or equivalent with a study score of at least 20 in English (any), or 25 in English as an Additional Language (EAL), and 20 in a science.

**2015 Clearly in ATAR:** 50.2 (Footscray Park); N/A (St Albans)



## WORLD CHAMPION PLUMBER

Victoria University-trained plumber Dylan Di Martino proved he's among the best on the planet after winning a bronze medal at the International WorldSkills championships in Brazil in August.

WorldSkills – held every two years and known as the Olympics of vocational training – drew more than 1000 of the world's top apprentices to test their skills in 45 professions ranging from hairdressing to welding.

In a gruelling three-day competition, Dylan had to order supplies, then design, build, and test various plumbing and gas systems alongside other competitors in Masterchef-like work bays.

The young plumber hopes to remain connected to WorldSkills either as a judge or a trainer for other up-and-coming plumbers in future competitions.

## GILLARD GIVES KIRBY ORATION

Former Prime Minister, the Hon. Julia Gillard tackled equality and challenges to reform at Victoria University's fifth annual Kirby Oration. Dr Gillard used the opportunity to discuss marriage equality and modern challenges to good governance.

"This is a difficult age in which to sustain deep reform conversations and to build public acceptance of vital change. Not an impossible age for reform... But it is a difficult age," she said.

Read more and download the speech on our website.



## TAFE SPORT ACADEMIES

The VU Basketball, Soccer and Golf academies provide students with the opportunity to obtain a nationally recognised tertiary qualification (**SIS50612 – Diploma of Sport Development**) while developing their skills as a top athlete.

Students benefit from professional coaching and practical development to enhance their skills and understanding of their sport. They also enjoy access to the latest sport science, sport nutrition, sport psychology expertise and equipment. Their qualification offers pathways into employment options such as program developer, sport development manager or sport venues and facilities manager, or entry into a range of VU's sport and exercise science degree programs.

For further information contact Koya Marney on 9919 5587 or email [koya.marney@vu.edu.au](mailto:koya.marney@vu.edu.au)

## INFORMATION SESSIONS

### VCE PE revision lecture

Students studying VCE Units 3 and 4 Physical Education can find out everything they need to know ahead of exam at VU's revision lecture.

A highly experienced Physical Education teacher will provide tips and review the key knowledge and skills required for the exam, as well as discussing previous exam papers and model answers. The interactive lecture will also provide opportunity for student questions.

Find out more about the PE revision lecture, including how to register.

### Engineering activities for school students

VU's Engineering Schools Program offers free hands-on activities for school groups. These interactive activities give students a solid foundation understanding of the engineering process from the design stage, to construction and testing.

Workshops take place during Terms 3 and 4 from 10am – 12.30pm.

Find out more about the engineering activities, including available dates and how to register.

### Postgraduate information evening

Take your career to the next level with a Victoria University postgraduate degree. Whether you want to climb the career ladder, further your skills, follow a passion or study with an internationally recognised research community, we will help you reach your goal.

Find out more at the postgraduate information evening, Thursday 22 October, 5-7.30pm at our City Flinders Campus.

Visit our website to find out more and register to attend.

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