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STUDYING WITH US

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Victoria University acknowledges the Ancestors, Elders and families of the Boonwurrung and Woiwurrung language groups of the Kulin who are the custodians of university land.

One of the last remnants of Indigenous grasslands on Kulin lands is located near Iramoo at the St Albans campus. We acknowledge that the land on which we gather and learn is the place of age old ceremonies of celebration, initiation and renewal and that the Kulin people’s living culture has a unique role in the life of this region.

To learn more about Victoria University’s Aboriginal programs and our commitment to the local Aboriginal community, please contact the Moondani Balluk Academic Unit by calling +61 3 9919 2836 or emailing Moondani.Balluk@vu.edu.au

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WELCOME

We’re thrilled you’re here! Whatever your path is, we’ll be by your side every step of the way, with services to help you, words of encouragement and opportunities to inspire you.

YOUR VU JOURNEY COULD INVOLVE:

 › an internship with one of our industry partners, like the Western Bulldogs or the Malthouse Theatre, gaining frontline exposure and experience as part of your degree,

 › studying in another country with our exchange programs and study tours,

 › learning from experts in your field.

This guide is full of useful information to help you on your way at VU. Read on for key dates and great activities, support networks available to you as a student, and how to enjoy your time with us while you study.

If you need anything – help, support, guidance, or just want to know where the best coffee or nearest ATM is – we’re never far away. Live chat with us, ask a question at ASKVU (askvu.vu.edu.au), call us on +61 3 9919 6100 or visit VUHQ. We’re always happy to help.

Whatever your reason for coming to VU, we’ve got your back. You’re on your way to success – congratulations and welcome!
FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

JANUARY
ST JEROME’S LANEWAY FESTIVAL
St Jerome’s Laneway Festival is one of Australia’s premier music festivals, staged on the banks of the Maribyrnong River and featuring international artists and bands.
melbourne.lanewayfestival.com

WOMINJEKA
Now in its 7th year, Wominjeka continues to be in the Footscray Community Art Centre’s annual program with a festival dedicated to the achievements of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.
footscrayarts.com

JANUARY – FEBRUARY
GOWEST
GOWEST was originally launched as part of Midsumma 2010, an initiative of Hobsons Bay City Council to support, represent and celebrate the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer (GLBTIQ) communities of Melbourne’s west.

It has now expanded to embrace most of the western suburb municipalities: Hobsons Bay, Brimbank, Maribyrnong, Moonee Valley, Moreland and Wyndham.
midsumma.org.au

FEBRUARY
VU FAMILY DAY
Bring your family and friends to a day of guided tours so they can also experience what it’s like to study at VU. Campus tours will be running, as well as fun activities such as face painting and a jumping castle for the kids.
vu.edu.au/welcome-to-vu/orientation

VU O-FEST (ORIENTATION)
Whether you’ve just finished school, are here on a student visa or are returning to study after a break, O-Fest is for you!

It’s the best way to get to know your campus, meet other students and connect with your teachers and other staff.
vu.edu.au/welcome-to-vu/orientation

MARCH
FROMAGE A TROIS – CHEESE, CIDER & YOU
Proudly part of the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival, Fromage a Trois Cheese & Cider Festival is held in the picturesque grounds of Werribee Park.
wyyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on

DON’T HAVE A DIARY YET?
Pick up your copy at your nearest VUHQ

There’s always something to see or do at and around VU – from free community events and cultural activities, to the student orientation carnival and local festivals. Mark them in your VU student diary, get out into the community and get involved!
AUSTRALIA’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA
Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea is an opportunity for friends, family or workmates to come together, share a cuppa and some delicious food, and help those affected by cancer.
facebook.com/vustudentlife

SEPTEMBER
AFL GRAND FINAL
Now a Victorian public holiday and also a VU holiday (VU libraries are usually open), Australian Football League (AFL) Grand Final Day is a celebration of sporting achievement and community spirit, and the day when the premiership champions for the year are crowned.
afl.com.au

OCTOBER & MAY
VU SWOT VAC
Also known as revision week, SWOT VAC is a period of the HE calendar without classes, allowing you time to study for upcoming exams.

NOVEMBER
MELBOURNE CUP CARNIVAL
Held on the first Tuesday in November, the Melbourne Cup is Australia’s most prestigious annual thoroughbred horse race. From competitive racing and high fashion to the finest food, Melbourne Cup (a Victorian public and VU holiday) is not to be missed.

DECEMBER
NYE FIREWORKS IN FOOTSCRAY PARK
Footscray Park comes alive for New Year’s Eve – with a fantastic line-up of stage entertainment, magnificent fireworks, carnival rides and games, and a delicious offering of food trucks to ring in the New Year.
maribyrnong.vic.gov.au

MARCH – APRIL
MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL
Australia’s largest comedy festival will be bringing the local and international laughs back to Melbourne.
comedyfestival.com.au

MAY
V4U DAY
Held as part of National Volunteer Week, V4U Day is VU’s biggest community volunteering event. It’s a great way to give back to the broader community (projects may see you working with local charities, schools and NGOs), while gaining great skills and having fun.
vu.edu.au/v4u

JUNE & NOVEMBER
VU EXAM REVIVER
Exams can be a stressful time. That’s why the Student Life team will be on hand with free bottles of water and lollies to help get you through.
facebook.com/vustudentlife

JULY
VU WELCOME FEST
It’s O-Fest (orientation) for mid-year. It’s a great time to reacquaint yourself with all the services and opportunities on and around campus, and a must if you’re new to VU!
vu.edu.au/welcome-to-vu/orientation

AUGUST
MELBOURNE SPRING FASHION WEEK
If rubbing shoulders with famous designers, models and the paparazzi is your thing, get along to MSFW. Events take place in various locations across Melbourne, including Melbourne Town Hall and City Square.
msfw.melbourne.vic.gov.au

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OUR SERVICE COMMITMENT

We believe in the power of education to transform lives and we will do everything we can to ensure you are well supported and informed.

We recognise that you are an individual with personal goals. Our student service and administration teams will empower and assist you to achieve your goals.

We aim to provide you with a high quality service, giving you the best student experience. To do this we are delivering services using best practice customer service standards.
You are at the centre of all that we do and we commit to the following:

› We will provide you with a great service experience by taking ownership of your student enquiry.
› We will deliver a service experience aligned to our values of access, excellence and respect.
› We will always be friendly, informed, proactive and engaged.
› We will be committed to the goal of resolving your queries at the first point of contact, with timely and accurate information.
› We will support you when you need assistance to connect with the right people in the University.
› We will listen to you and understand your service needs to provide you with personalised service.
› We will offer flexible and online service options that enable you to be an active partner with us in your learning journey.
› We will continuously improve services to students based on your feedback.

FIVE THINGS FOR YOUR VU BUCKET LIST

1. Volunteer! You’ll meet great people and get heaps of opportunities to develop leadership skills.

2. Study overseas and get credit for your course with VU’s partner universities.

3. Attend all of the uni parties and make new friends.

4. Join a club or society. Get involved, network and have loads of fun.

5. Flash your student ID card! Most places give student discounts, including movie theatres.
**GET STARTED**

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**WEEK 0 PREPARE**
- Join the Incredible Race – it’s part scavenger hunt, part campus tour and a whole lot of fun!
- Attend your course info session for unit selection advice and to meet others in your course.
- Dive in to O-Fest – it’s a week of events, food, fun, prizes and a great way to make new friends.
- Get VU Ready – sessions cover VU’s IT environment, study hints, tips and how to get the most out of your time with VU.
- Get familiar with key study and student admin dates.
- Log in to MYVU Portal to finalise your enrolment.
- Submit your photo in MYVU and pick up your student ID card from VUHQ.
- Set up your student email account.
- Download your unit content via VU Collaborate.
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**WEEK 1 ACTIVATE**
- Get to know your campus.
- Reconfirm your timetable.
- Get a membership at VU Sport and find out about study abroad and exchange – there’s lots to get involved in on and off-campus.
- Attend Clubs Fest and participate in campus life through clubs, societies, events and more.
- Attend all of your classes, lectures and tutorials.
- Check out the academic learning support VU has to offer.
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**WEEK 2 EXPLORE**
- Get to know your campus.
- Reconfirm your timetable.
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**WEEK 3 IMMERSE**
- Explore the local area, shops and cafes.
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**WEEK 4 CHECK IN**
- Need help?
  - Find the answer at ASKVU, call us on +61 3 9919 6100 or visit VUHQ for anything else!
  - vu.edu.au/welcome-to-vu

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* Check vu.edu.au for tuition payment due dates, census dates and administrative census dates for both HE and VET.
ENROLMENT

We’ll send you an email with everything you need to know about your enrolment.

ENROLLING IN A HIGHER EDUCATION COURSE?

It’s easy to enrol online, but if you need help, see our website for information about enrolment.

vu.edu.au/enrolment

TOP ENROLMENT TIPS

1. Make sure you enrol by the specified dates to secure your place in the course.

2. Attend a course info session, talk to your Course Coordinator and attend a VU Ready session – they’ll help set you up for success.

3. Make a note of the last day to add or drop units, organise your HELP or VET Student loan, pay for your fees up front or talk to us about a payment plan (there’s more about this under “Fees”).

KEY DATES:

vu.edu.au/calendar

ENROLLING IN A COURSE WITH VICTORIA POLYTECHNIC?

Before you enrol, you need to apply for a Unique Student Identifier (USI). You can do it online, it’s free, and only takes five minutes!

vu.edu.au/victoriapolytechnic/enrolling

usi.gov.au
MYVU PORTAL

Through MYVU you can update your enrolment and contact details, access your email, view online content for your course, update your timetable and much more.

myvuportal.vu.edu.au

UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

Visit MYVU Portal > My details and you’ll find Student Connect. This is where you can update your personal details, check your results and pay your fees. If you’re an HE student this is also where you can modify your enrolment (VE enrolment is paper-based).

VU STUDENT EMAIL

Enrolled? What next? Activate your email! It’ll be ready 24 hours after the first time you enrol.

This is where we’ll send you everything you need to know, so make sure you check your VU student email regularly or redirect it to your personal email.

vu.edu.au/student-email

HAVING TROUBLE LOGGING INTO MYVU?

You can:
› ask a question in ASKVU (askvu.vu.edu.au)
› call us on +61 3 9919 6100 or 1300 VIC UNI
› visit VUHQ.

“As a student, I value the ability to access my weekly readings, participate in online activities and even submit my assessments on my laptop or smartphone – it makes learning easy!”

ELYSE LANE
Master of Teaching

ONLINE LEARNING

VU Collaborate is our online learning management system (LMS). Access it via MYVU Portal > My Learning > VU Collaborate.

Using VU Collaborate, you can:
› view content related to your studies
› upload and conduct assessments online, such as assignment submission and quizzes
› communicate with your peers and instructors
› stay up to date with what’s happening in your courses.

vu.edu.au/vucollaborate

MY TIMETABLE

If you’re a higher education student, once you’ve enrolled you can allocate your class activities (like lectures and tutorials) online with MyTimetable. Log in via MYVU Portal > My Details > MyTimetable.

In MyTimetable you can:
› browse available times for the units you’re enrolled in
› specify your time preferences and when you’d like to attend class
› change your allocated class times after preferences have been sorted (subject to availability).
ASKVU
Got a question? Check ASKVU.
ASKVU has FAQs related to student administration, enrolments, fees, admissions, alumni, library, graduations, examinations and more.
If you can’t find the answer to your question, you can ask a new question or speak with one of our staff via live online chat.

STUDENT ID CARD
Your student card is your ticket to:
› library services, including computer bookings
› counselling and student advisory services
› great student discounts.
Apply for a Student ID Card online and collect it at your preferred VUHQ.
askvu.vu.edu.au/app/IDsubmit
GET INFORMED

FEES

When you enrol in a course, re-enrol or change your enrolment, check MYVU Portal for your new fee balance.

Your fee information, plus information on how to pay, is in MYVU Portal > My details > My fees.

The fees you pay depend on a number of factors, including:

› the units and course that you enrol in
› your citizenship status
› when you commence the course
› your prior qualifications.

ARE YOU SSAF SAVVY?

Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) is a compulsory student fee. It’s spent on non-academic things designed to make VU a better place for everyone. Student Transition Mentors, artistic murals, O-Fest, help finding housing, career services, clubs and societies and state-of-the-art sport and fitness facilities have all been made possible by SSAF. If you’ve got an idea that’ll benefit students, why not apply for a SSAF grant and make it a reality!

vu.edu.au/ssaf

TOP FEE TIPS

1. If you’re eligible, provide your tax file number before Census to defer your fees!

2. Make sure you pay your fees by the due date on your statement of account, and avoid a $150 late fee.

3. If you’re having problems paying your fees, we can help. Contact us early at ofq@vu.edu.au to discuss payment plan options.

vu.edu.au/fees
**SCHOLARSHIPS**

You might be eligible for a scholarship!

We award hundreds of scholarships each year to students at all levels – vocational education, undergraduate and postgraduate. Check out our equity scholarships, awarded based on financial need, and our merit scholarships, awarded based on achievement.


**LIBRARY**

At our libraries you’ll find much more than books!

Visit any of our seven campus libraries for help with your information needs, access to a computer and the internet, or a quiet place to study.

At most campuses you’ll find photocopying, computing, printing facilities, LCD projectors, digital cameras and DVD players available for your use or to borrow.

Access our online resources anywhere, any time.

Take one of our programs to develop your research skills and learn how to use our full range of resources.

[vu.edu.au/library](http://vu.edu.au/library)

“Always at the back of my mind, I really wanted to get that scholarship but didn’t know whether or not I would get over 90. When I was finally offered it, it was BIG!”

LUKE MARINELLI

Chancellor’s Scholarship recipient

**ASK A LIBRARIAN**

Get help accessing library resources by using our FAQ and live chat service.

[askalibrarian.vu.edu.au](http://askalibrarian.vu.edu.au)
DOWNLOAD THE VU SAFE APP to connect you to emergency assistance on campus, support services, request first aid or a security escort, receive safety updates, and track the VU shuttle bus.

SAFER COMMUNITY

We want to foster an environment on and around campus that makes you feel safe, where you feel empowered to speak up if something bothers you, or you believe someone needs help. If you experience or see concerning, threatening or inappropriate behaviour including bullying, stalking and sexual assault, talk to Safer Community. We provide support, advice and assistance.

vu.edu.au/safer-community  
+61 3 9919 5707

CREATING A SAFER COMMUNITY

Your safety matters to us. VU security regularly patrol buildings and car parks, both on and off-campus, and are here to help you.

If you’re leaving our St Albans or Footscray campus after 5pm, you might like to take the shuttle bus to the local train station.

vu.edu.au/security

+61 3 9919 4999

REQUEST A SECURITY ESCORT between campus buildings, or from buildings to your car, by phoning

vu.edu.au/security

+61 3 9919 5707
KNOW YOUR CAMPUS

FIND DETAILED CAMPUS MAPS (INCLUDING ACCESS AND MOBILITY MAPS) AT
vu.edu.au/campuses
CITY

We have four Melbourne CBD campuses – City Flinders, City Flinders Lane, City King and City Queen.

Our city campuses are home to business and multimedia courses, our International office, Osteopathy and Nutrition Clinics (take advantage of great discount rates), hairdressing, health and beauty, office admin and retail courses, and the College of Law, law library and two “moot” courts.

AT A GLANCE

Explore Melbourne CBD by foot and you’ll find all kinds of things you never expected – like cup.of.truth (a hole-in-the-wall café below Flinders St station) or some of the best street art in the world (try AC/DC lane or Crofts Alley).

Number of bars you’ve walked past without even realizing it: 16.


TOP FIVE PLACES TO EAT AND DRINK

1. FATHER’S OFFICE
   Daily happy hour 5–7pm and 8–10pm and all day Sunday.
   fathersoffice.com.au

2. ROLL’D
   Fresh and healthy rice paper rolls.
   rolld.com.au

3. ALICE NIVENS CAFÉ
   Beautiful homemade cakes and divine hot chocolate.
   alicenivenscafe.com

4. YUM YUM DUMPLINGS
   Fab dumplings across from City Flinders/Flinders Lane campuses.
   yumyumdumplings.com.au

5. DONTOO
   Cheap, delicious Japanese curry or ramen with even cheaper drinks.
   zomato.com/melbourne/dontoo-cbd
FOOTSCRAY

Footscray Park, Footscray Nicholson and VU@MetroWest make up our Footscray spread. Footscray Nicholson has a relaxed and friendly vibe and an emphasis on Victoria Polytechnic courses, Footscray Park is the largest of all our campuses and home to world-class sports science facilities, and VU@MetroWest is a buzzing hub, part of VU’s commitment to Footscray as a University Town, and available as a space for students, staff and the community.

AT A GLANCE

Footscray is located 5km west of Melbourne, and less than 10 minutes by train from Melbourne CBD.

There are more than 200 cafes and restaurants in Footscray. Try West48 (west48.com.au) if you like your food and coffee served in an industrial, rustic setting.

Fancy something stronger? Hop Nation Brewing is bringing craft beer to the back streets, Honeycomb Hideout combines beer, pizza and milk-crate tables, and Back Alley Sally’s offers pizza by Slice Girls west downstairs, and cozy booths upstairs.

Like your music raw? Kindred Studios has 13 rehearsal rooms, a stage and bar area, yoga/dance studio and film and photography studio. It’s where we host VU’s band comp, and the drinks are cheap.

50% of the population speak two languages at home (double the Australian average).

TOP FIVE PLACES TO EAT AND DRINK

1. REVERENCE HOTEL
   Live music with a Mexican influenced menu, including vegan options.
   reverencehotel.com

2. LITTLEFOOT
   Great for a quiet drink and a bite to eat.
   littlefoot.com.au

3. FOOTSCRAY’S BEST KEBAB HOUSE
   Fresh Turkish kebabs, boreks and Halal snack packs.
   zomato.com/melbourne/footscray-best-kebab-house-footscray

4. LENTIL AS ANYTHING
   Vegetarian restaurant offering pay-as-you-feel dining.
   lentilasanything.com/footscray

5. 8BIT BURGER
   Juicy burgers, crispy fries, potato gems, and yummy milkshakes.
   eat8bit.com.au
OUTER WEST

St Albans campus is our health and nutrition hub, and Sunshine hosts building, construction and engineering courses and the AMEP. Werribee is part of a modern technology precinct – specialised facilities for teaching and research include major research centres for water treatment, food science, fire safety and biomedical science.

AT A GLANCE

- Sunshine lies 11km to the west of the CBD, St Albans is 15km north-west of Melbourne, and Werribee is 32km south-west of the city.
- Get up close and personal with African wildlife at Werribee Open Range Zoo’s off-road safari. It’s a must see for tourists and Melburnites alike.
- Get your roll on! Laverton Skate Centre is one of Melbourne’s original roller skating rinks – in operation since 1983.
- In August, 2016, hundreds of people shuffled onto the small pier at Altona in search of the rare digital Nintendo character known as ‘Snorlax’ (The Age). Pokemon characters aside, Altona is always nice for a walk and has a particularly popular dog beach.

TOP FIVE PLACES TO EAT AND DRINK

1. **NEE HIGHPOINT**
   Korean fried chicken.
   nenechicken.com.au/highpoint-shopping-centre

2. **NEW YORK MINUTE**
   Gourmet burgers catering for omnivores and vegans alike.
   newyork-minute.com.au/locations

3. **FRESH CHILLI DELI**
   Awesome BBQ pork rolls.
   freshchillideli.com

4. **ST ALBANS HOTEL BISTRO**
   Pub grub with 20% discount for VU students.
   thestalbans.com.au

5. **LOS LATINOS**
   Latin American food, beer and mango margaritas.
   loslatinoscafe.com.au
TRANSPORT

You can get to each of our campuses easily by public transport. Check out the Public Transport Victoria journey planner to help you plan your route to VU.

ptv.vic.gov.au/journey

Find out about our parking, carpooling and bike hubs, including showers and lockers.

vu.edu.au/transport

TOP FIVE FUN THINGS TO DO IN MELBOURNE

1. Live music
   Melbourne is the live music capital of Australia. Gigs are published weekly in Beat (beat.com.au) or The Music (themusic.com.au). For disability access, see liveaccess.org.au

2. Football
   Immerse yourself in Melbourne’s sporting culture and watch a game of Aussie rules footy.
   afl.com.au

3. Escape Rooms
   Grab some friends and puzzle your way through an escape room! Check out the range of escape rooms where your team has an hour to solve clues and escape.
   melbourne.escapehunt.com

4. Eureka Sky Deck
   Get the best view of Melbourne at Eureka Sky Deck! Visit the restaurant on the top level or go to the edge if you feel brave enough.
   eurekaskydeck.com.au

5. Cat Café
   Snuggle up to some cute kitties at Cat Café Melbourne.
   catcafe.melbourne.com

STUDENT SPACES

Relax, study or catch up with friends at our comfy student spaces!

All our campuses have student lounges and informal learning spaces available for all students to use.

They have wi-fi access, moveable and fixed furniture, power points and some kitchenette facilities.

vu.edu.au/student-spaces
CHILDCARE
Take advantage of the great childcare deals for VU students!
We offer childcare for children aged up to six at our Footscray Park, Footscray Nicholson and Werribee campuses. Waitlist priority is given to students and staff.

vu.edu.au/child-care

FITNESS CENTRES AND FACILITIES
Campus life is about more than study. Our fitness facilities give you plenty of opportunities to keep fit and healthy.

Our Footscray Park, St Albans and Werribee campuses have modern, fully equipped fitness centres with group and individual fitness programs.

You can also take advantage of:

› a 25-metre indoor heated swimming pool at the Footscray Park campus
› team and personal training as well as group exercise classes at all fitness centres
› swimming lessons for adults and children at the Footscray Park Campus
› night-time competitions at Whitten Oval, Footscray Park, Footscray Nicholson and St Albans campuses
› multipurpose sports halls at Footscray Park, Footscray Nicholson and St Albans campuses
› tennis courts at Footscray Park and Werribee campuses
› a first-class athletics track and rugby field at the Werribee campus
› a wide range of sporting and recreational equipment for hire.

vu.edu.au/fitness-centres

CHAPLAINCY AND PLACES OF WORSHIP
Our chaplaincy service is here to offer multi-faith spiritual and emotional support.

The VU chaplain can put you in contact with people and communities of your own faith.

vu.edu.au/chaplaincy

TOP VU PERKS
1. Cheap tickets to plays at The Malthouse and discount student movie tickets at Sun Theatre, Yarraville.

2. Free wi-fi on all campuses.

3. Discount massage and myotherapy at VU’s Whitten Oval student teaching facility. And, you might catch a glimpse of the Western Bulldogs in training!
SEE THE WORLD

You have lots of great options to study overseas as part of your course!

Participate in an exchange program, or join a study tour or short term program. Studying overseas won’t extend the duration of your degree. And, with over 120 partner universities around the world and options for both semester long as well as shorter programs, taking an overseas study break has never been easier. Where will your degree take you?

vu.edu.au/study-overseas

“I went to Stetson University in Deland, Florida. It was an extremely valuable experience as it allowed me to be very independent, taught me new ways to learn and study and allowed me to experience a whole heap of things I never would have got to experience here in Australia!”

EMILY PRICE
Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Law

STUDY OVERSEAS
AND:

› develop a network of contacts and extend your career opportunities
› learn a language and enhance your communication skills
› receive financial support to help fund your trip
› gain life experience and greater self confidence
› receive credits towards your Victoria University degree, in consultation with your course coordinator.
FOUR TIPS TO BOOST YOUR JOB-READY SKILLS

1. Attend a careers workshop
   Our workshops cover general job skills, right through to very industry-specific programs.
   careers.vu.edu.au/students/events/

2. Plan your career
   Discuss your future with a career counsellor. Make an appointment now!
   careers.vu.edu.au/students/appointments

3. Apply for jobs
   Log into CareerHub for on-campus, local and international job listings.
   careers.vu.edu.au/students/jobs

4. Get help with your job application
   Email us at careers@vu.edu.au to find out how to improve your LinkedIn profile, or respond to key selection criteria (KSC).

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Are you walking around with an idea about how to address a problem but don’t know where to begin? Join a diverse group of hackers and emerging entrepreneurs and start something great!

At our hackathons and start-up schools, you’ll get a crash-course in innovation, the chance to share ideas and discover solutions, and have some fun along the way. At our purpose-built stimulation space, The Hanger, we provide students, staff and local business with the expertise and networks of three Entrepreneurs in Residence and access to world-class design services.

vu.edu.au/entrepreneurship

STUDENTS AS STAFF

Work with us while you’re studying and get invaluable professional experience!

We value our students’ skills, initiative and perspective, and our Students as Staff program creates jobs for VU students across the university.

careers.vu.edu.au

“Employers talk about wanting experience from graduates before they have started the role. I have always been confused about this until I became a Student as Staff. I was able to study and work in a flexible environment; I felt challenged and built up a meaningful work experience where I learned those transferrable skills we all need for the next step!”

SEVAL ULUS
Honours in Arts and Student Life SaS

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Career Services offered at VU are not just about getting you a job at the end of your degree.

We provide a whole host of services, networking events, hands-on workshops and practical job application coaching to build your employability skills throughout your entire time with VU.

We can help you nail your café interview, plan which roles you should aim for to help you land your dream job when you do graduate, and connect you with a mentor via one of our award winning industry programs.

vu.edu.au/careers-service
LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We’ll help you become a confident leader.

Develop your leadership skills and confidence by taking advantage of our leadership development opportunities.

Get inspired by young innovators at student leadership development events and workshops throughout the year, and hone your skills with our Lead2Change program.

vu.edu.au/studentleadership

“The Student Leadership Awards are a great way to stand out from the crowd and put yourself forward to help other people in a potentially daunting environment. It is a privilege just to be nominated for an award.

For me, one way to show leadership is to lead by example and attend class to be available to help others out when needed. Get on the front foot and ask someone how they are going and see if there are any ways you can help.”

SEAN EMERY
Winner of Victoria Polytechnic Student Leadership Award
CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Make friends, explore your interests and learn new things!

You can get together with other people studying your subject, or who live near your campus, or who just have similar interests. Lots of our clubs and societies run exciting events, from karaoke competitions to formal dances.

vu.edu.au/clubs

VOLLIES

Always meant to volunteer but never quite got round to it?

Our volunteering programs will match you up with other VU students to make friends, develop your skills, build your CV and help out the VU community and beyond.

You can:
› become involved in the community, connect with others at VU or make new friends
› gain work experience
› go on an adventure
› have fun!

vu.edu.au/volunteer

“Becoming a Vollie was the best thing I did at uni. I have met so many people, volunteered at many events, done things I never saw myself doing such as public speaking, made lifelong friends and enriched my uni experience.”

MARK MICALLEF
Bachelor of Education P–12

The International Students Association is a vibrant social network of Victoria University’s international student community.

As well as providing guidance and advice, they also host a diverse range of events for students from different cultures.

facebook.com/vicuniisa

VU Motorsport is a student engineering club led by mechanical engineers. They focus on designing and building racecars and preparing our student members for the real world of engineering.

facebook.com/VUMotorsport

The College of Business Society aims to enrich the social and study experiences for students in the College of Business, by providing support through proactive engagement in a fun and professional environment.

facebook.com/cobvicuni
SPORT

Become a VU Vulture! Representing VU in sport is an experience not to be missed.

You’re eligible to represent VU at regional, national and international sporting competitions, including the Australian University Games. You can also volunteer your services in other ways, including sports administration, managing, coaching and refereeing.

vu.edu.au/sport-team

“I’ve had the honour of representing VU at four University Games – three of them in field hockey and once in touch rugby! This has allowed me to travel around Australia to Sydney, the Gold Coast, Adelaide and most recently Perth. By being part of the Uni Games community, I have met some amazing people and made lifelong friends from within VU and other universities.

As part of the Sport and Exercise Science Society, I have also been able to participate in go-karting, archery attack, and indoor rock climbing as well as a host of social and industry engagement events.”

JEREMY YAP
Bachelor of Exercise Science
GET HELP

VUHQ
Visit VUHQ on any of our campuses, or call us on +61 3 9919 6100 to talk to one of our friendly and professional student advisors.

vu.edu.au/contact-us/
VUHQ-student-service-centres

If you need information, support accessing our services, advice, or want to give us feedback about our customer service, our team of Student Advisors are here to assist you.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT

Adjusting to a new culture and environment is exciting, but can be overwhelming at times.

We’re here to support you during your time at VU. We can help you understand the requirements of international study and guide you through the opportunities and support available at VU.

vu.edu.au/international-student-support

PICK UP YOUR MYVU INTERNATIONAL GUIDE

It’s a supplement to this one, and includes extra info specifically for you.
ACADEMIC SUPPORT
The Centre for Student Success provides a variety of academic support programs for all students.
Specialist lecturers and Student Mentors are available to help you with assessments, study skills, time management and more.

vu.edu.au/academic-support

FINANCIAL ADVICE
We’re here to help you with budgeting, tax returns and general financial advice.
We can also advise you on loans, scholarships, Centrelink and the Low Income Health Care Card.

vu.edu.au/financial-advice

TOP FIVE TIPS FOR SAVING MONEY

1. Shop in local markets and op shops
Markets such as Footscray or Queen Victoria sell cheap, fresh produce (especially just before closing), whilst op (or charity) shops (e.g. the Salvos and Savers) sell cheap furniture and clothing.

2. Student deals and discounts
Check out the student discounts in the back of your VU Student Diary or go to vu.edu.au/student-deals

3. Walk or ride to campus
Save money and the environment and walk or ride to campus.

vu.edu.au/bike-lubs

4. Pack your own food
Buying your lunch wastes lots of money. Bring lunch to uni and use the microwaves located in the student kitchenettes.

vu.edu.au/studentspaces

5. Buy books and equipment second hand
Save money on your text books by buying second hand via second-hand book buy, swap and sell Facebook groups.
Our Student Housing Service provides you with free advice and assistance, access to the student housing database and lots more. We also operate two residences for students – UniLodge @ VU (with cafe and convenience store) and Victoria Place.

vu.edu.au/housing

HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATION

If you have a disability or medical condition that could impact your studies, talk to us.

We can provide support to enhance your learning in class through course adjustments, alternative arrangements and direct, in-class support workers. Our Disability Liaison Officers (DLOs) help students participate in all aspects of student life by helping you determine the support you need. Talk to us about our range of library services, as well as specialist equipment and software, to support your studies.

vu.edu.au/disability

DISABILITY SUPPORT
We encourage you to be independent and effective problem solvers. By using our three-step process we can guide you through the steps to resolve problems.

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**STUDENT ADVOCACY**

We provide confidential advice, support and representation to help you progress successfully during your time at VU. We can help you prepare and present your own views regarding course progress, appeals, special consideration and complaint resolution.

vu.edu.au/advocacy

**COUNSELLING**

Need to talk things through? Come to us for confidential individual counselling sessions, as well as year-round group workshops to equip you with the skills, tools and resources to handle the demands of study.

vu.edu.au/counselling

vu.edu.au/complaint-resolution
STUDENT SUPPORT

Our free and confidential support and assistance will help you develop practical skills to better manage your time, money and personal issues.

We can help you develop strategies to concentrate on your studies, provide referral to support services for drug and alcohol abuse, assist with women’s issues, help with cultural support and connect you with other agencies including Consumer Affairs and Centrelink.

vu.edu.au/student-support

STAYING FRIENDS

When you graduate from VU, our connection doesn’t need to end.

Participating in the VU Alumni community, that has a global network of over 220,000 people across 130 countries, has many benefits including:

› networks with other professionals
› career advice
› participation in lifelong learning
› Malthouse Theatre benefits
› social events.

Connect with the VU Alumni network to make sure you stay in the loop.

vu.edu.au/alumni