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THE NEW WAY TO DO UNI

VU NEWS



We are continuing to deliver courses digitally and remotely and are extremely proud to see our students achieve [high rates of academic success in Blocks 2 and 3](#). While it can be challenging, we are enjoying connecting with you online and encourage you to continue connecting with us over the phone and virtually. Our Open Day will be held virtually on Saturday 15 August and registrations can be made at vu.edu.au/open-day-2020.

The Future Students Team

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Work ready: training professionals for the fight against cybercrime

In 2019, cybercrime cost the Australian economy \$1 billion (Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission). This year, rates of cybercrime are even higher, as cybercriminals exploit the IT changes created by the COVID-19 pandemic, in particular the security vulnerabilities created by people working from home. Businesses are looking to dramatically increase their spending on cyber security, during the pandemic and beyond. VU is training professionals to meet this demand, with courses that are designed to meet the needs of industry. Some of the ways we prepare our students to be work ready:

- High-achieving students in the Bachelor of Information Technology are eligible to receive a 12-month paid IT internship.
- VU Polytechnic's Certificate IV in Cyber Security, supported by the Cisco Networking Academy.

Read about the exciting careers of two VU alumni working in the industry: [Christine](#), who's working the dream at Facebook, and [Zahra](#) , who's hacking her way to success via VU's course pathways.



Tech savvy: applying skills in laboratory simulated learning environments

With our [Bachelor of Biomedical Science](#), [Bachelor of Biomedicine](#) and [Bachelor of Biomedical and Exercise Science](#) courses, students learn through both theoretical and practical scenarios (including workplaces and community settings) where they apply the fundamentals of medical techniques. The combination of theoretical and experiential learning helps our students build excellent problem-solving skills.

These courses can lead to exciting careers in areas such as biomedicine, microbiology, immunology, crime scene investigation and neuroscience. STEM changemaker, Jerusha Mather completed a Bachelor of Biomedicine at VU and has received national recognition for her advocacy and research work. [Read our interview with Jerusha](#) to learn about her impressive career.

Students benefit from our three-way partnership at the [Centre of Health, Research and Education \(CHRE\)](#) with University of Melbourne and Western Health at the Sunshine Hospital. In third year, students undertake a research project with a clinical and/or research team. They put their theoretical knowledge into practice in the laboratory, simulated learning environments, and community and industry settings.



Future focused: achieving global ranking success in sustainable development

Victoria University is ranked 12th globally for Quality Education and 33rd for Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions in the 2020 Times Higher Education (THE) Impact rankings.

The rankings assess universities' contribution to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDGs are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030. VU ranked an impressive 101–200 overall out of 767 globally ranked institutions, and also ranked 101–200 for Partnership for the Goals, and Good Health and Well-being.

Read more about [VU's commitment and contribution to planetary health](#).



Industry in focus: helping students find their calling in the arts

Victoria is a creative state. The creative industries contribute [\\$22.7 billion](#) a year, which is 8% of our total state economy. The social and cultural impact of this creative work is immeasurable: it helps us understand the world around us, transforms our perceptions, and feeds our souls, hearts and brains. There is no question COVID-19 has caused enormous challenges for individuals and businesses in the arts, but the recovery is already underway.

Creative Victoria has launched a new [Sustaining Creative Workers initiative](#) and the Australian Council for the Arts has also introduced a [2020 Resilience Fund](#). And artists are finding [inventive and genius ways](#) to help us all feel connected and to make sense of this new reality.

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VU and VU Polytechnic play a key role in the education, training and development of future leaders and collaborators across all arts and creative industries in Melbourne and Australia. Our staff are highly experienced, connected and passionate and teach in our [excellent facilities](#) such as [Kindred Studios](#) (voted among the top 10 co-working spaces in the world by Lonely Planet). Our [state of the art equipment, TV and radio studio and Mac Labs](#), and our links with industry enable us to provide real world experiences for our students to create their own networks amongst the industry.

Explore some of our courses:

[Bachelor of Arts](#)

[Bachelor of Screen Media](#)

[Bachelor of Music](#)

[Communications, Arts & Design courses at VU Polytechnic](#)



Free TAFE at VU Polytechnic

Know a student who's thinking of completing a TAFE course but isn't sure which to choose? Encourage them to check out the [Free TAFE courses](#) we offer at VU Polytechnic. Free TAFE aligns with skills and jobs that are in priority workforce areas,

so students get the skills they need to land a job in an area that's in demand by Victorian employers.

To play our part in controlling the spread of COVID-19, VU Polytechnic has transitioned on-campus courses to remote and flexible digital learning. Online learning solutions have equipped teachers with innovative remote learning strategies to improve student engagement and achieve significant learning developments with digital resources.

For a limited number of courses, practical and hands-on learning and assessments that cannot be conducted remotely, are being delivered on campus. This is to progress vocational training and allow for continued student course progression and success.

ONLINE EVENTS:

InspirED Expo: Victoria University will be participating [in the virtual fair](#).

VU Virtual Open Day | The New Way To Do Uni

Discover Why VU's Revolutionary Block Model is The New Way To Do Uni.

[Register now](#) | Launching Online Saturday 15 August 2020.

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