

OUR FIRST YEAR MODEL STUDENTS ARE "LOVIN' IT"

VU's First Year Model students have spoken. And the news is great. Out of 1200 students surveyed, an overwhelming 88% said they felt 'extremely happy', 'happy', or 'all good' about studying under VU's new First Year Model.

Under the First Year Model, VU students complete their course via block delivery: one unit at a time over four weeks as opposed to four units at once over a 16 week semester.

First Year Model also offers more one-on-one time with teachers, smaller class sizes than our competitors, and activities that will help to build their confidence to succeed and excel.

Here is what our students had to say:

"I like the fact that its classes are more engaging. I changed courses this year so I experienced the old model and this one is far better. Already I've been introduced to more people in my

class whereas last year it took about a month. I don't feel like I'm kinda just left to figure everything out on my own as well and I'm definitely getting more out of just focusing on one subject at a time. It allows me to focus more and get into the swing of things."

"I love the format, it's not so daunting working in single blocks instead of diving into four subjects at once."

"Lovin' it!"

"I like how inclusive the classes are, not only for interacting with the teacher but with other classmates. The new blocking really makes adjusting to uni so much easier than expected, definitely a lot more enjoyable due to not having the stresses of four subjects."

"The ability to settle in to uni life without the stress of having to jump in the deep end and trying to not get swamped. It's been daunting just starting with one subject let alone with 4. No wonder people have previously dropped out."

SAVE THE DATE! MAY 25TH CAREERS IN THE OUTDOORS

A day of hands-on workshops, information and fun for Year 9 - 10 students is being run by Outdoors Victoria & Victoria University at our Footscray Campus

Careers in the outdoors is a growing part of the economy contributing \$6.1 billion to the Victorian economy. If you have students interested in a career in the Outdoors then this day is for them!

More information and details to register is available [here](#).

Students will:

- Explore career paths in outdoor recreation and activity, outdoor education, nature-based therapy and nature-based tourism.
- Hear from a diverse range of inspiring leaders in the outdoors running tailor-made workshops.

MARK YOUR DIARY

- 3 MAY VCE and Careers Expo
- 22 JUNE VU Careers Practitioners' Forum
- 19 AUGUST Open Day





DISCIPLINE IN PROFILE: BACHELOR OF ARTS

Whether a student is a budding artist, musician, a thinker or a writer, VU has a broad range of arts courses to spark passions and take careers further.

An Arts degree is the ideal preparation for today's changing world since it develops the highly sought-after skills of communication, problem-solving, teamwork and critical thinking that modern employers want. With an emphasis on the humanities, creative arts and social sciences students will develop a grounding in the diversity of ways of knowing.

By undertaking real-world projects during the course, students will put theory into practice. Through internships and work placements, students will have invaluable opportunities to learn within workplace contexts and community settings, and start forging a network of industry contacts.

We collaborate with a network of business and industry partners. Everything students

learn with us has direct links to the workplace and their future career. We offer students many opportunities for practical learning.

Through the Graduating Projects, the Bachelor of Arts brings students together in group tasks to engage with the workplace and broader community.

The Victoria University Bachelor of Arts is distinctive for its emphasis on scholarly disciplines that are highly engaged with the workplace and the broader community. It offers this deeply rooted concept of an Arts education within the context of issues that prevail in Australia now. Students can study overseas for a semester at one of our many international partner institutes.

Everything learnt with VU has direct links to the real world.

OFFSET JOURNAL

Third-year students in the College of Arts and Education have the opportunity to develop their skills by collaboratively publishing the journal, presenting contributions from esteemed and emerging artists.

PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Students in community development, communication, writing and screen media undertake a professional placement under the supervision of a qualified specialist in their area of study.

KINDRED STUDIOS

Voted as one of the top ten shared working spaces in the world (Lonely Planet), our Kindred Studios provides all our music students with the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in a professional facility.

WESTERN BULLDOGS AFLW PREMIERS 2018!



VU Partner, the AFLW Western Bulldogs secured their first Grand Final premiership win on Saturday 24 March. In a close game played in wet conditions, the Bulldogs prevailed, despite their skipper Katie Brennan being suspended.

Dominant in the muddy match was legendary midfielder and VU alum Kirsty Lamb.

VU's 30-year partnership with the Bulldogs has helped cement its reputation as leaders in sport.

VU'S NEW FYM MID-SEMESTER START DATE

Applications are now open to a select number of degrees with students able to start studying 30 April.

For undergraduate students who might have missed out on already starting their studies in February, with our first year model there's no need to wait until July.

Applications close 22 April.

View the [courses available](#)



GOOD THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO STUDY HARD

Christine Soriano was never interested in computer science. She is now UI Designer at Google.

"I was never inclined to study Computer Science growing up. I think it was more the technology that came from my dad's interest in making and creating things.

I initially chose VU for my Bachelor in Computer Science because of the proximity and the flexibility they offer. They gave me the opportunity to learn vital skills and experiences in my field and the staff were ever so supportive during my Honours year to help me succeed in my work.

The hands-on learning at VU gave me the benefit of exposure to working and responding to real-world requests, learning how to project manage the world of a team within a hard deadline and to understand what it takes to design, implement and launch a solution with real consequences.

Thanks to my experience, I got a great job at ANZ as User Experience Designer where we designed the very first iPhone App for ANZ called goMoney. After that I applied at Google where I am now defining the design system for Google Cloud amongst other projects.

My degree gave me the foundational skills to go out there to make, create and solve problems for others."

COURSE: Bachelor of Science (Computer Science) (Honours)

VU LAW & JUSTICE STUDENTS TAKE OVER PARLIAMENT

VU's First Year Model is all about delivering an enhanced undergraduate experience for VU students, while continuing to provide outstanding opportunities to any student from any background. Over two days in February and March earlier this year, VU first year Law and Justice students swapped the classroom for the hallowed halls of Parliament.

Through hearing from senior parliamentary officials, students learned about the legislative process, how laws are passed and the role of parliamentary committees.

"This is much more than a tour of Parliament – this is a remarkable opportunity for Law and Justice students to get a behind-the-scenes look at complex legal processes and how our State is managed. For many of these students, Parliament is that imposing building at the top of Collins Street where people pose for wedding photos. Now these students have exclusive access to officials and key parliamentary people who can help bring the Law and Justice curriculum alive", VU lecturer Kathleen Raponi explained.

This has been the first time university students in Victoria have accessed parliament as part of their curriculum, reflecting VU's First Year Model approach, which encourages educators to take their students out of the classroom to learn from the real world.

Clerk of the Legislative Council Andrew Young and Clerk of the Legislative Assembly Bridget Noonan, who will help deliver the lectures, say, "The Parliament is really pleased that Victoria University has recognised the importance of students understanding how laws come about, not just learning the established law. The students will gain an understanding of Cabinet processes, bills in the Parliament, and parliamentary committee inquiries direct from people involved in those processes."

The unique collaboration between VU and Victoria's State Parliament, with input from the Department of Premier and Cabinet, is part of VU's commitment to a bold and innovative approach to teaching and learning for Higher Education students beginning their first year of studies.

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HOSPITALITY COURSES REOPEN AT VICTORIA POLYTECHNIC

VU Polytechnic's Hospitality, Tourism and Events learning facilities are world class with three state-of-the-art commercial kitchens including individual stainless steel work stations and the latest cooking equipment. Featuring two demonstration kitchens, a training bar and restaurant seating up to 150 guests and multimedia laboratories, students train in an environment that closely simulates the workplace.

To further opportunities for workplace learning, the Polytechnic has key student placement partnerships with industry leaders such as The Mansion Hotel and Spa Werribee, TFE Hotels, Crown Melbourne, and The Radisson on Flagstaff Gardens.

VenU is our student-run restaurant at Footscray Nicholson Campus, providing a simulated work environment for hospitality students to refine their skills under the guidance of our expert teachers. VenU will be open to the public for lunch every Wednesday (and some Thursdays) until June 27.

We invite you to book your students in for a facilities tour. Please contact Leshika Samaraweera to book on **Leshika.Samaraweera@vu.edu.au** or 99197701.

NEW HOSPITALITY COURSES

Programs have now commenced in Hospitality Management and Commercial Cookery, with new courses starting from mid-semester:

SIT50316 Diploma of Event Management

Students will learn how to coordinate and manage effective, safe and engaging events, develop fundamental planning, communication and organisational skills, and acquire a detailed understanding of the event management process.

SIT50116 Diploma of Travel and Tourism Management

Students will develop the high-level skills required to manage travel and tourism operations and learn about business management in tourism and global trends related to industry operations.



INNOVATION TECHNOLOGY

VU Polytechnic's NAO Robots impressed attendees at Wyndham Council's inaugural **WYNnovation Festival** earlier this month.

This exciting technology was featured at our exhibit and marquee in the **Grand Prix Industry & Innovation Precinct**.



STUDENT SUCCESSES IN THE ARTS

VU Polytechnic alumna and teacher Demet Divaroren's debut novel *Living on Hope Street* (Allen and Unwin, 2017) has won the prize for Young Adult Literature in the 2018 Victorian Premier's Literary Awards.

"VU's Diploma of Professional Writing and Editing gave me the tools, knowledge and support to begin my writing career... For us to grow as people, we need to broaden our horizon and have access to different perspectives."

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Bookings are now open for the following opportunities:

- 23 APRIL** Hospitality Facilities Tour
- 24 APRIL** 10am – 11am Information Sessions for the course areas listed above