



During the Change of Preference period, Victoria University will be offering a variety of activities to ensure your students are supported to make great decisions for their future.

We invite you to pass this information on to your students.

Hotline 1300 VIC UNI Chat with us about study options at VU	8.30am – 6.00pm	Friday 15 December
	10.00am – 3.00pm	Saturday 16 December
	10.00am – 3.00pm	Sunday 17 December
	8.30am – 6.00pm	Monday 18 December
	8.30am – 6.00pm	Tuesday 19 December
	8.30am – 12.00pm	Wednesday 20 December
One-to-one appointment Book in for a 30-minute appointment with a VU course adviser	9.00am – 5.00pm	Friday 15 December
	10.00am – 3.00pm	Saturday 16 December
	10.00am – 3.00pm	Sunday 17 December
	9.00am – 5.00pm	Monday 18 December
	9.00am – 5.00pm	Tuesday 19 December
Change of Preference Expo Meet with VU staff and students to find out about our courses, scholarships, student life and more	3.30pm – 6.30pm Footscray Park Campus	Tuesday 19 December

REVOLUTIONISING THE FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

It's common knowledge that for many first year students the transition from high school to university can be a little overwhelming for some students. Imagine having to wrap your head around the sheer size of the campus, meeting new people and juggling the demands of multiple units, coursework and deadlines at once.

We believe achieving those early wins is incredibly important for students in their first year. That's what the First Year Model has been designed to do.

VU has a long-standing commitment to give any student, from any background, the chance to study and achieve their best.

Our experience, along with extensive research data, proves that investing in first year is critical for a student's future success.

That's why we developed the First Year Model – to put the students' needs first. We offer students the opportunity to learn in a way that develops their skills as confident, and independent learners.

Instead of juggling four units at the same

time, semesters will be broken into four blocks each. In those blocks, students will focus on one unit at a time, three days a week, for four weeks.

During a four week-long block, students will receive continual feedback, completing their assessments within the four weeks, and receiving their marks on the Monday after they've completed their unit.

One of the greatest benefits of the First Year Model is flexibility. Most units are available morning, afternoon and at times, in the evening, in multiple blocks throughout the year. This means students can choose what units they study and when, across the ten blocks throughout the year, to fit in with their work and family commitments outside of university.

The first unit students study is a fixed introduction to their discipline, course and university. This unit has been designed to set students up with a strong foundation, so they have the confidence and the skills to complete their studies. Which all means less stress and more success in first year.



VICTORIA UNIVERSITY



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, 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 and more. They will undertake real-world projects to put theory into practice, and gain invaluable workplace experience through placements.

CAREER OUTCOMES

Our arts courses can lead to a wide range of careers, including:

- writer
- web designer
- music performer
- sound technician
- visual artist
- artistic director
- community worker

WORKPLACE LEARNING

By undertaking real-world projects, students put theory into practice. Internships and work placements provide invaluable opportunities to learn within workplace contexts and community settings, and start forging a network of industry contacts.

Arts students collaborate with a breadth of organisations, events and venues, including Melbourne Writers Festival, the Emerging Writers Festival, SBS Television, Footscray Community Arts Centre, Malthouse Theatre, Netball Victoria, the Western Bulldogs, Maribyrnong City Council and the Magistrates' Court of Victoria.

Find out more at vu.edu.au/work-ready



ARTS COURSES

Whether a student is interested in, community services, visual arts, digital media, or even performing arts, we have a huge range of arts courses on offer. VU scored 5 stars in the 2018 Good Universities Guide for skills development for humanities, culture and social sciences, and social work.

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 EAL.

Bachelor of Screen Media

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

Bachelor of Criminal Justice

Prerequisites: Successful completion of an Australian Senior Secondary Certificate (VCE or equivalent) including Units 3 and 4 - a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or 20 in any other English.



A NEW VUHQ

Victoria University has embraced one of the initiatives that emerged from its Student Experience Taskforce and is introducing a new VUHQ for students at Footscray Park Campus, Building M, Level 1.

It will create a contemporary and vibrant space that enhances campus life for our students and community. The space is designed to be flexible enabling it to deliver a range of services, functions and events and

accommodate our Student Services Centre:

- VUHQ
- Careers Development
- VUSU
- Victoria Abroad

The adjacent Eastern Courtyard will be redesigned to enhance the natural surrounds whilst incorporating areas for events, student seating and gardens to ensure a more welcoming environment.



YEAR 11S – GET A HEADSTART ON YOUR LEGAL STUDIES CLASSES NEXT YEAR!

This event is designed for students moving into the Unit 3 of Legal Studies – under the new 2018 curriculum - next year. LEAP into Law is fortunate to have an impressive line-up of speakers for our Headstart event including:

- VU graduate, community lawyer and Australia’s first in-school lawyer - Vincent Shin
- Juries Commissioner Paul Dore
- David Thomson, our Teacher in Residence,

who has over 40 years’ experience teaching Legal Studies at high school level.

- Civil Solicitor Ellen Hooper

Students will learn about careers in the wider legal profession and the major players in the legal sector with respect to government and law-making. This has practical application to VCE Legal Studies which focuses on the governmental structure of Australia.

Date Tuesday, 21 November from 9.30am to 3.30pm.

Individuals may request travel subsidy and morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Students will need to **apply online**.

Applications close on Thursday 16 November

Please note late applications WILL BE accepted if places remain available.



VU’S STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

For students that are considering leaving home for the first time, or joining VU from interstate or overseas, staying in our student accommodation can help take the stress out of finding a place to live.

VU offers convenient, safe and friendly **university accommodation** in fully furnished apartments, with short-term accommodation options also available.

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DISCIPLINE IN PROFILE: EARLY CHILDHOOD & EDUCATION SUPPORT

Do your students want to make a difference in the lives of children during their most influential years?

There are endless opportunities for careers in the early childhood and education service industries. The education sector in Australia and internationally is growing, and the demand for qualified early childhood teachers and education support professionals has never been greater.

Victoria Polytechnic's outcomes-focused programs are delivered at the Werribee, Footscray Nicholson and St Albans campus, as well as some online delivery through our award-winning eLearning model.

PRACTICAL LEARNING

Each early childhood and education support course includes an extensive workplace-training component, to ensure students are confident and work-ready when they graduate. Students complete practical placements in a range of education settings including schools, childcare centres, community services and education programs. The children's services lab at the Werribee campus provides further opportunities for hands-on learning in a simulated workplace environment.

PATHWAYS

Successful completion of the **Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care** provides 8 unit credits (1 year) for the **Bachelor of Early Childhood Education**.

COURSES

- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate IV in Education Support
- Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care



SINGAPORE STUDY TOUR

A group of early childhood and education support students embarked on a 12-day learning journey across Singapore last month, exploring the country's early learning practices, curriculum and culture.

The study tour, hosted by partner institution ITE College (Institute of Technical Education) gave students a unique opportunity to gain important skills in cultural sensitivity and develop their confidence in preparation for the world of work. The group of 12 students participated in a range of practical placements at early childhood centres, alongside ITE students in the same discipline.

Student Molly Gregson said the tour had been a once in a lifetime opportunity that broadened her industry knowledge and reignited her passion for teaching.

"I truly believe this study tour extends you as an individual and as an educator, and when in the field I will be a better educator because of it."

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Tour our world-class facilities, meet our educators and find out more about our programs at a course information session. Visit the website to register or contact us to organise a special visit at a time that suits you. victoriapolytechnic.edu.au/info-sessions

NEW COURSES

Applications are now open for the following new courses

- Certificate IV in Design
- Certificate II in Civil Construction
- Certificate III in Civil Construction
- Certificate III in Hospitality

VET FUTURES

Secondary school students from across Melbourne experienced first-hand what the world of future work looks like at our VET Industry Taster Day last month. In partnership with the Australian Centre for Career Education (CEAV), the interactive event links learning to future work environments, and provides an immersive insight into studying at Victoria Polytechnic. Students engaged with advanced technologies including NAO humanoid robots, VR goggles, 3D printers and 360° cameras.

