

# 2020

# STUDY ABROAD & EXCHANGE GUIDE





# WELCOME TO VU

As the University of Opportunity and Success, we are open and excellent, creating exceptional value for any student from any background and uplifting the communities in which we operate.

*Peter D. Jenkins*





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## Vice-Chancellor's Message

I am very pleased to introduce you to Victoria University (VU). Located in Melbourne, Australia, VU ranks in the top 2% of universities worldwide (*Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2019*).

During your time at VU, we will support you to succeed in your studies so that you can return to your home institution with newfound knowledge, skills, and a valuable international experience.

Beyond the classroom, you can look forward to a vibrant campus life, with many clubs for you to join and events for you to take part in.

Thank you for choosing VU - we hope you enjoy studying with us.

### Professor Peter Dawkins

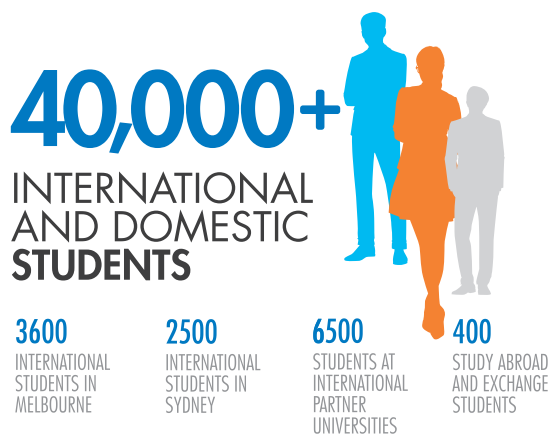
Victoria University  
Vice-Chancellor and President





# VU AT A GLANCE

Victoria University is a world-class university that has supported student success for more than 100 years.<sup>^</sup>



<sup>^</sup> VU's predecessor institution, Footscray Technical School, was founded in 1916 \*Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2019  
<sup>\*\*</sup> Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2019 <sup>+</sup> i-graduate English Language Barometer 2018



# WORLD-CLASS SUBJECTS



• TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS BY SUBJECT 2019



■ SHANGHAI RANKING GLOBAL RANKING OF ACADEMIC SUBJECTS 2018/2019



**100+**  
**COURSES**  
ACROSS  
9 DISCIPLINES

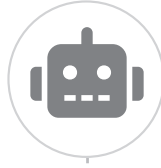
**12**  
IN SPORTS  
SCIENCE<sup>■</sup>



**33**  
IN AUTOMATION  
AND CONTROL<sup>■</sup>



**126-150**  
IN ENGINEERING  
AND TECHNOLOGY<sup>•</sup>



**37**  
IN HOSPITALITY  
AND TOURISM  
MANAGEMENT<sup>■</sup>



**4,000+**  
INDUSTRY  
CONNECTIONS



**251-300**  
IN EDUCATION<sup>•</sup>



**151-175**  
IN COMPUTER  
SCIENCE<sup>•</sup>



**20+**  
ACCREDITING  
BODIES

**300+**  
IN LIFE SCIENCES<sup>•</sup>



## MELBOURNE

**TOP 2**

MOST LIVEABLE CITIES  
FOR THE LAST 8 YEARS  
(INCLUDING 7 AS THE TOP CITY)

Economist Intelligence Unit Global  
Liveability Ranking 2011-2018

**TOP 3**

WORLD'S BEST  
STUDENT CITIES

QS Best Student Cities 2019





# DISCOVER MELBOURNE

Melbourne is the best student city in Australia and the third-best student city in the world (QS Best Student Cities 2019). Consistently ranked among the world's most liveable cities (Economist Intelligence Unit), Melbourne is a safe and inclusive city in which to live, study and work.

## Best Student City

With high living standards, a vibrant multicultural society and world-class study options, the state of Victoria welcomed 200,000 international students from more than 190 nationalities in 2018. At VU, students from over 100 nationalities study with us, making VU one of Australia's most culturally diverse institutions.

[studymelbourne.vic.gov.au](http://studymelbourne.vic.gov.au)

## Multicultural Melbourne

Famed for its multicultural atmosphere, Melbourne is home to large Chinese, Greek, Italian, Indian, Sri Lankan and Vietnamese communities. A truly international city, Melbourne hosts a full calendar of events and festivals to embrace ethnicity and diversity.

## A 24 Hour City

Move over New York, Melbourne is fast becoming the city that never sleeps! No matter what time of day or night, there are always things to see and do — from art galleries and museums to fashion, theatre or comedy shows.

[visitmelbourne.com](http://visitmelbourne.com)



INTERNATIONAL  
COMEDY  
FESTIVAL



FOOD  
AND WINE  
FESTIVAL



MELBOURNE  
FASHION  
WEEK



MELBOURNE  
CUP CARNIVAL



## World Sports Capital

The Sporting Capital of the Decade (SportBusiness Ultimate Sport City Awards 2016), Victoria hosts some of the world's biggest and best events including Australian Open Tennis, Formula 1 Australian Grand Prix, the Melbourne Cup, international cricket matches and the Rip Curl Pro Bells Beach world surfing competition. Watch some of the greatest sporting events at Melbourne's world-class sport and entertainment precinct, located just minutes from our City Flinders campus, or join the action with a local sporting club.

[visitmelbourne.com](http://visitmelbourne.com)

## Victoria and Beyond

Discover the diversity and beauty of regional Victoria from our golden beaches and fields of flowers to our native wildlife and alpine towns. The iconic 12 Apostles on the Great Ocean Road are just a few hours from Melbourne and you can also visit the penguin parade at Phillip Island, world-class wineries in the Yarra Valley and the sandstone mountains of the Grampians. Beyond Victoria, Australia offers a range of world-renowned tourist destinations.

[visitvictoria.com](http://visitvictoria.com)

## Food Guide

Students can buy groceries from a wide range of speciality international grocery stores, including Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Malay, Middle Eastern and Vietnamese supermarkets.

If you like to eat out, the following food precincts will cater to your tastes and budget:

- **Footscray:** in the west of Melbourne and where our Footscray Park and Footscray Nicholson campuses are located, Footscray is a feast of global proportions with many cuisines to tempt your tastebuds, including Chinese, Indian, Vietnamese, Malaysian, Thai and African. Footscray is also home to one of Melbourne's biggest markets and an extensive food court.
- **Chinatown:** minutes from our City Flinders campus, Chinatown is a major tourist attraction and home to a variety of restaurants offering cuisines from China, Thailand, Japan, Malaysia, Korea and more.
- **Lygon Street, Carlton:** known as Little Italy, Lygon Street has more than 100 restaurants, bars and cafés serving everything from pizza and pasta to gelato and cassata.
- **Lonsdale Street, city:** for Greek-style cakes, pastries and desserts, Melbourne's Greek precinct is bursting with choices.
- **Victoria Street, Abbotsford:** a short tram ride from the city, Victoria Street is a bustling stretch of traditional Vietnamese eateries, bakers, butchers and grocers.
- **Foster Street, Dandenong:** known as Little India, Foster Street dazzles visitors with beaded saris and unique jewellery, as well as an array of Punjabi sweets and authentic spices.



## Weather

Melbourne's climate provides four distinct seasons, although it is often remarked you can experience four seasons in one day! The average summer temperature is 26°C, autumn and spring is 20°C, and winter is 14°C.

[bom.gov.au](http://bom.gov.au)







# STUDY ABROAD AND EXCHANGE

Enhance your career prospects by studying one or more semesters at VU. As a VU Study Abroad or Exchange student, you will gain a high-quality education and a once-in-a-lifetime international study experience.

## Units of Study

In some countries, “units” are known as courses, subjects or modules. At VU, “units” are the components of a “course” or program of study.

A collection of specific units constitutes a complete course of study, or qualification. You will have a wide choice of units across the following discipline areas:

- Arts
- Business
- Computers and IT
- Education
- Engineering and Science
- Health and Biomedicine
- Law and Justice
- Sports and Exercise Science.

## Your Timetable

Some units may not be available for the semester you wish to study. Refer to current timetables as an indication of which units will be available during your intended semester at VU.

Timetables will be available in November for the first semester of the following year (late February – early June), in May for the second semester (late July – November), and September for the November trimester (PG business only).

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

## Home Degree Credits

Our programs are designed to give you the opportunity to spend one or two semesters of your course in Melbourne and to transfer the credits to your home institution.

We welcome undergraduate and postgraduate students.

When you finish your program you will receive an academic transcript from VU.

## Your Units

When you select your units, be aware that some have specific prerequisites or other entry requirements. You can check the prerequisites of any units you nominate by visiting the online handbook:

[vu.edu.au/units/search](http://vu.edu.au/units/search)

## Value of Units

Credit equivalencies for a semester of full-time study:

PLACE OF STUDY	EQUIVALENCY
Victoria University	48 credits
USA	12-15 credits
Canada	15 credits
UK	60 credits or ECTS
Europe	30 ECTS
Japan	15 credits



## STUDY ABROAD VERSUS STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

### Study Abroad

You qualify as a Study Abroad student if:

- your institution does not have an Exchange agreement with Victoria University; or
- your home university is one of our Exchange partners but you have not secured an Exchange place.

Tuition fees are payable to VU.

For more information, please contact Victoria Abroad at:

[educationsabroad@vu.edu.au](mailto:educationsabroad@vu.edu.au)

### Student Exchange

You qualify as an Exchange student if:

- you are enrolled at one of VU's international Exchange partners; and
- you are nominated by your home university.

No fees are payable to VU: your home institution's fees will apply.

Our international Exchange partners can be viewed at:

[vu.edu.au/study-at-vu/study-abroad-exchange-in-melbourne](http://vu.edu.au/study-at-vu/study-abroad-exchange-in-melbourne)



# THE VU WAY

## What is The VU Way?

The VU Way is our innovative approach to learning and teaching, based on the Block Model. In the Block Model, students study one unit every four weeks, rather than the traditional form of university teaching in which multiple units are delivered at the same time (see diagram below). The Block Model is based on similar approaches adopted by universities in the UK, North America and Scandinavia; but VU was the first university in Australia to introduce the Block Model to students in the first year of undergraduate degrees in 2018. By 2022, all vocational and higher education courses will be delivered in The VU Way.

As a student, The VU Way provides greater choice and flexibility. The consolidated timetable, small group classes, online subjects and blocks (units) offered repeatedly throughout the year provide:

- block-style teaching so you can focus on one subject at a time
- a simple timetable where classes are scheduled on three days per week so you can balance your work/life commitments
- smaller class sizes so you can build friendships with your classmates
- extra support such as peer mentoring, academic workshops and career preparation.

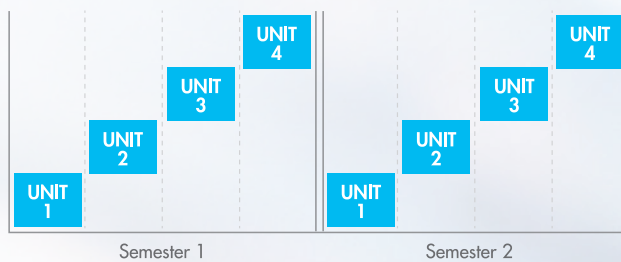
## An award winning model

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International Education  
Association of Australia  
Excellence Awards 2018

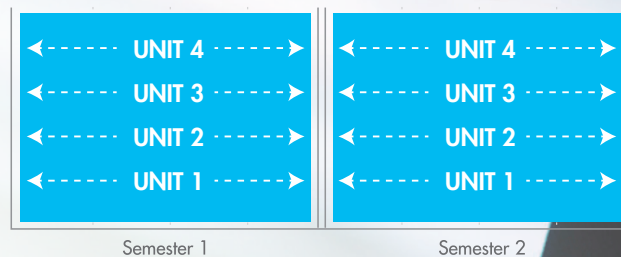


Victorian  
International  
Education  
Awards 2018

## BLOCK MODE



## TRADITIONAL MODE





# STUDY AREAS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

You can select your units from the following study areas:

## Arts

- Australian Indigenous Studies
- Gender Studies
- History
- Literary Studies
- Political Science
- Sociology

## Arts (Performing and Creative)

- Music
- Professional and Creative Writing
- Visual Arts

## Business and Management

- Accounting
- Banking and Finance
- Event Management
- Finance
- Hospitality and Tourism Management
- Human Resources Management
- International Trade
- Management and Innovation
- Marketing
- Supply Chain and Logistics Management

## Communications and Media

- Communications
- Digital Media
- Screen Media

## Education (Teaching)

- Education

## Engineering and Construction Management

- Architectural Engineering
- Building Design
- Civil Engineering
- Construction Management
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering

## Environment

- Ecology and Environmental Management

## Health and Community Services

- Community Development
- Health Sciences
- Human Movement
- Nutritional Therapy
- Social Work

## Information Technology

- Web and Mobile Application Development
- Computer Science
- Information Systems
- Mathematics

## Law

- Criminal Justice Studies
- Law

## Nutrition

- Nutrition and Food Science

## Psychology

- Psychology

## Science

- Biology
- Biomedical Sciences
- Biotechnology
- Chemistry
- Molecular Science

## Sport

- Outdoor Leadership
- Recreation Management
- Sport Management
- Sport Engineering
- Sports Science





## Health Insurance

All international students require health insurance whilst studying in Australia. The type you require is determined by the type of visa you require.

## Student Visas

It is a condition of your student visa that you have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for the entire duration of your stay in Australia. OSHC gives you access to out-of-hospital and in-hospital medical services.

Allianz Global Assistance is the preferred provider for OSHC; the University has negotiated special rates for VU students who apply for the 'Essentials' cover through VU, and additional inclusions beyond the standard policy coverage. New policies for OSHC in 2019 commence at A\$275 for a single adult for 5 months.

If you wish to arrange health insurance through your education agent or another provider, you should carefully compare the premium fee and the items covered by the insurance, since some health insurance policies do not cover all expenses that you may incur in the course of medical treatment that the VU-organised policy covers.

[vu.edu.au/study-at-vu/how-to-apply/international-applicants/organise-health-cover](http://vu.edu.au/study-at-vu/how-to-apply/international-applicants/organise-health-cover)

## Working Holiday Visas

Allianz Global Assistance is also the preferred provider for Overseas Visitors Health Cover (OVHC). Only students entering Australia on a working holiday visa can purchase this type of cover.

[ovhcallianzassistance.com.au](http://ovhcallianzassistance.com.au)

## Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE)

A CoE is a document issued by Victoria University that you will need to apply for an Australian student visa. You must apply for the visa at home. If you are not applying for a student visa, you will not require a CoE.

## How to Apply

Follow the steps on page 19 of this guide to find out how to apply for our Study Abroad or Exchange programs.

## Refund Policy

Find information about VU's refund policy at:

[vu.edu.au/international-refunds](http://vu.edu.au/international-refunds)

## Working and Studying

Student visa holders can work a maximum of 40 hours per fortnight (two weeks) when their course is in session and unlimited hours when their course is not in session.

For information on work rights which relate to the Working Holiday Visa please visit the Department of Home Affairs website:

[homeaffairs.gov.au](http://homeaffairs.gov.au)

# IMPORTANT DATES

## APPLICATION CLOSING DATES

**Semester 1/Trimester 1 2020**  
17 January 2020

**Semester 2/Trimester 2 2020**  
12 June 2020

**Trimester 3 2020** (PG business only)  
2 October 2020

## SEMESTER DATES

(all areas, except PG business)

**Semester 1 2020**  
24 February – 26 June

**Semester 2 2020**  
27 July – 20 November

## TRIMESTER DATES

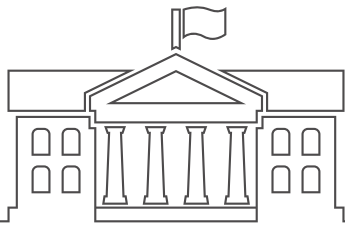
(PG business only)

**Trimester 1 2020**  
9 March – 5 June  
Exam period 15 – 19 June

**Trimester 2 2020**  
20 July – 9 October  
Exam period 19 – 23 October

**Trimester 3 2020**  
9 November – 12 February 2021  
Exam period 15 – 19 February 2021





# CAMPUSES

VU has five Melbourne campuses at which Exchange and Study Abroad students generally study. Two of these campuses are located in the CBD and another two are within 10km of the city centre, enabling students to easily access all that Melbourne has to offer.



## Footscray Park

Our largest campus, Footscray Park, features fantastic facilities and provides a great student experience. Located in Melbourne's multicultural hub of Footscray, the campus is only 10 minutes by train from the city. Footscray Station and UniLodge @ VU, our student accommodation, are within walking distance. The campus houses cafés, world-class sports facilities, state-of-the-art lecture theatres and learning commons, and an aquatic and fitness centre. Subjects taught at Footscray Park include business, engineering, sports and exercise science, and education.

The campus overlooks the famous Flemington race course - home of the Melbourne Cup. Situated next to public parklands, the campus provides the perfect place to relax after classes.



## City Flinders

Occupying prime position in Melbourne's city centre, our City Flinders campus consists of two buildings on Flinders Street and Flinders Lane. Both buildings are just minutes from Flinders Street Station, the Yarra River and the world-class Southbank dining precinct.

The campus is just a short walk from Melbourne's iconic Degraoves St, a bustling laneway home to Melbourne's famous cafe culture scene.

Courses in business and information systems are taught here.



## City Queen

The City Queen campus is made up of two historic buildings in Melbourne's legal precinct. The campus is located a short walk from Flagstaff Station. Home to the Victoria Law School and the College of Law and Justice, City Queen includes two moot courts, a law library, computer laboratories, lecture theatres and a student lounge. Several VU-run research centres, including the Sir Zelman Cowen Centre and the Mitchell Institute, are based here.



## VU CAMPUSES

To read more about VU's other campuses visit:

<https://www.vu.edu.au/campuses>

City Flinders campus







### St Albans

Located in a peaceful setting surrounded by native grassland and eucalyptus trees, the St Albans campus is within walking distance of St Albans station. The campus houses simulation laboratories and practical learning facilities for health science students, including trainee nurses and paramedics. Sports and recreation facilities, a childcare centre and café are among features of this picturesque campus.

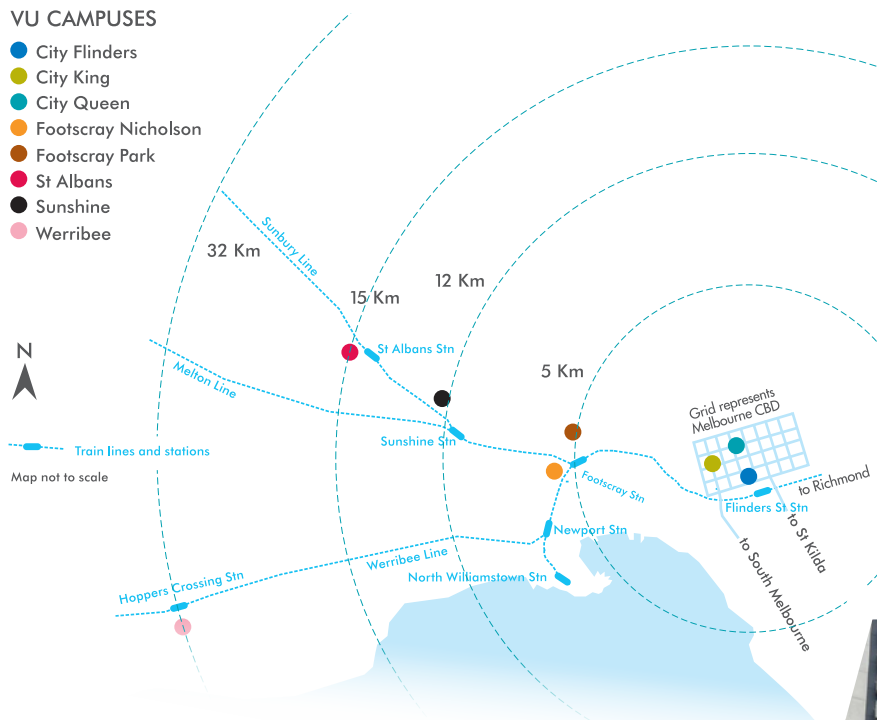


### Footscray Nicholson

Amid Footscray's vibrant dining and shopping precinct, Footscray Nicholson is just a short walk from Footscray Station. From here you can take the train to the city in just 10 minutes. Units in education, digital media, music, social work, and arts are taught at this campus. The campus offers contemporary classrooms, a café, meeting rooms, childcare centre and information technology services.

#### VU CAMPUSES

- City Flinders
- City King
- City Queen
- Footscray Nicholson
- Footscray Park
- St Albans
- Sunshine
- Werribee



The VU shuttle bus takes you between the campus and train station at our Footscray and St Albans campuses.

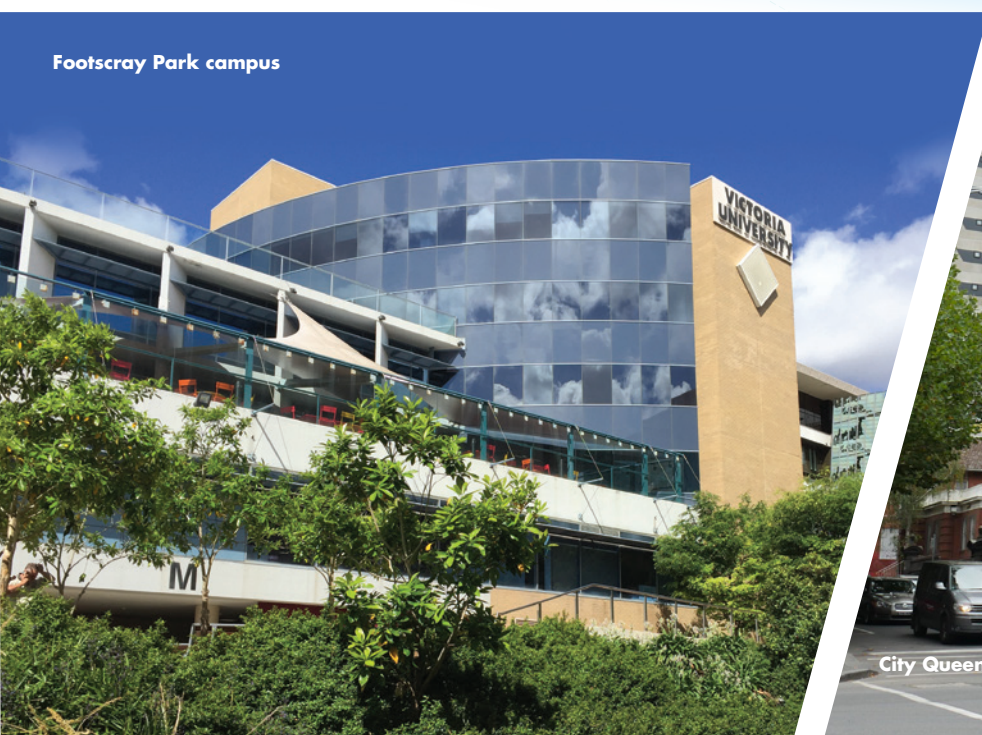


Services at selected campuses include a beauty day spa and hair salon, chaplaincy, childcare centres and kindergartens, a graphic design studio, and health and wellbeing clinics.



Fitness centres are located at Footscray Park, St Albans, Werribee and Footscray Nicholson, and we also have our own Community Sports Stadium in Footscray.

Footscray Park campus



City Queen campus







# STUDENT LIFE

Beyond the classroom, we offer a range of programs and activities to help you make new friends, experience the Australian lifestyle and feel included in the community.

## Orientation

As a new international student, you need to arrive in Australia before your course starts and in time to attend your compulsory orientation session. Aim to arrive at least a week before your international orientation so you have time to explore Melbourne and attend O-Fest events on your campus. International orientation provides important information from VU staff, students and community organisations about living in Melbourne and getting started at VU.

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

## Student Mentors

Student mentors are experienced VU students who are trained to help you adjust to university life and meet your academic goals. At the start of each semester, you might see student mentors near our student service centres. Student mentors offer advice on:

- navigating the campus
- learning to use MYVU Portal and the online library
- setting up and/or accessing your timetable and student email
- joining VU clubs and societies.

Once you're settled, our mentors can help you to improve your time management, critical thinking and problem-solving skills, and develop exam preparation techniques.

[vu.edu.au/student-mentors](http://vu.edu.au/student-mentors)



"There are many different clubs at VU that you can join, and I love the fitness and aquatic centre."

**Paula Konsek, Germany**

*Bachelor of Psychology*



## Clubs and Groups

VU has more than 60 clubs — including academic, social, sporting, religious, political and special interest groups. Joining a club is a great way to make friends and meet people with similar interests.

## International Student Association

The VU International Student Association (ISA) is a student-run group that hosts events and activities for international students at VU. The ISA provides advice and support on issues you may experience during your time in Australia.



## Safety

International students choose Australia for its reputation as a safe and secure place to live. Melbourne is in the Top 5 in the Economist's 2019 Safe Cities Index. At VU, the safety of our students and staff is paramount. Our staff and security team will offer support, advice and assistance whenever you need it. All campuses are tobacco and smoke-free.

[vu.edu.au/safer-community](http://vu.edu.au/safer-community)

## Sport and Fitness

We offer extensive sports and fitness services and facilities including:

- sports clubs, campus sport programs and competitions
- fitness centres and sports facilities at the Footscray Park, St Albans and Werribee campuses
- a heated 25-metre indoor swimming pool at Footscray Park
- remedial massage and myotherapy clinics at City King
- osteopathy clinics at City Flinders and Werribee.

In addition, we also operate beauty and dermal therapy clinics which are open to the public and run by students.

## Religion

VU welcomes all faiths and beliefs. Each VU campus provides access to prayer rooms and multi-faith chaplains.

[vu.edu.au/prayer-rooms-reflection-centres](http://vu.edu.au/prayer-rooms-reflection-centres)

## FREE APPS

### VU App

The VU App is designed for current VU students. It provides a handy portal to all of your essential digital systems so you can keep track of your classes, assignments, activities, results and more.

### VU Safe

Your personal security guard in your pocket! The app includes a safety alarm, First Aid requests, VU shuttle bus tracker, a virtual safe walk function, campus maps, emergency plans and incident reporting.

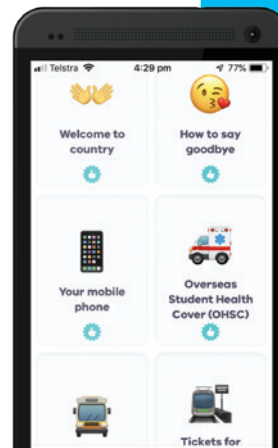
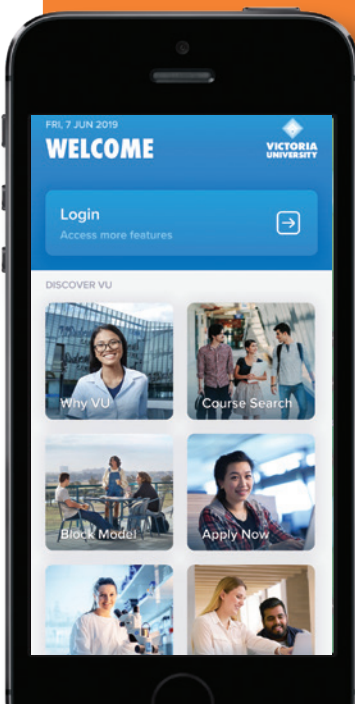
[vu.edu.au/safety-app](http://vu.edu.au/safety-app)

## Unlock Melbourne

Created by Study Melbourne (a Victorian Government initiative) and designed for international students arriving in Melbourne. Complete daily tasks and unlock information about one of the world's most liveable cities.

# VU APP

## AN APP FOR VU STUDENTS



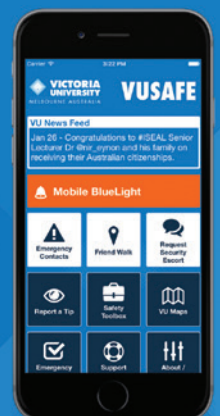
# VUSAFE

## CREATING A SAFER COMMUNITY

The free, official mobile safety app of Victoria University. VUSafe brings safety, security and support services at Victoria University to your fingertips.



[vu.edu.au/safer-community](http://vu.edu.au/safer-community)







# ACCOMMODATION

VU offers a safe, convenient and multicultural student residence with fully-furnished apartments and excellent living spaces. If you are moving to Australia, UniLodge @ VU is your perfect home away from home.

## Unilodge @ VU

This modern complex is located across from our Footscray Park campus. It is just a short walk from Footscray train station, which takes you to the heart of Melbourne and our City Flinders campus in approximately 15 minutes. UniLodge @ VU features fully-furnished apartments from A\$193 per week, per person twin-share. All utilities and 50GB per month of internet data are included in the rent. The have a combined value of more than A\$150/month.

Other features include:

- high-tech study rooms and beautiful living spaces
- a barista café, convenience store and rooftop garden
- half-court basketball court, pool table, table tennis and foosball
- cinema room with cable TV, BluRay, Xbox, and PlayStation.

UniLodge @ VU was a finalist for best affordable housing development in the 2018 Property Council of Australia Awards.



**Take a virtual tour**

[unilodge.com.au/lodge/vu/](http://unilodge.com.au/lodge/vu/)

## Private Rentals

Beyond UniLodge @ VU, other housing options include:

- **Share house:** a student rents a room in a shared household
- **Personal rental:** a student rents a house, unit or apartment
- **Homestay:** a student is a guest living with a local family in their home. VU's preferred homestay provider is Australian Homestay Network.



## City Living

Three campuses — City Flinders, City King and City Queen — are located in the central business district (CBD) of Melbourne, where there are many student residences and private rental options available.

Visit [realestate.com.au/rent](http://realestate.com.au/rent) to search vacancies and weekly rental costs. If students choose to live in the city, they can walk to our city campuses or catch one of the free trams that operate within the CBD.

## VU Student Housing Service

Once you arrive in Australia, our Student Housing Service can assist with:

- access to the VU student housing database – a free online guide with a list of rental properties
- a student housing guide with tips, checklists and links
- information about moving in, staying, and moving out of your rental property
- support with any housing issues.

It is recommended that you make accommodation arrangements before you arrive in Australia.

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

## House Hunting Friends

The Victoria Abroad Facebook group is a good way to connect with other inbound Study Abroad and Exchange students seeking accommodation.

[facebook.com/groups/exchangevu](https://facebook.com/groups/exchangevu)



### ROOM TYPE PER WEEK\*

Studio Twin-share	From A\$193
6 bedroom Multi-share	From A\$268
2 bedroom Regular	From A\$302
Studio Regular	From A\$332
Studio Queen/Accessible	From A\$365

### UNILODGE @ VU RATES\*

\*Rates are per person/per week based on a full year (52 weeks), listed in Australian Dollars and 2019 indicative. Rates include: utilities and 50GB of Internet data monthly, WiFi, all furniture including bed, desk, chair and wardrobe, heating and cooling, cooking facilities, and secure swipe card access into the building.





## Living Costs

Finding the right accommodation to suit your budget is a challenge for international students.

You should factor the cost of housing into your budget before you come to Australia, and have access to funds to cover possible rent increases while you are here. Some of these costs have been highlighted in the table to the right.

For further estimates on what it costs to rent through the private market in Melbourne, go to:

[studymelbourne.vic.gov.au/money-and-budgeting](http://studymelbourne.vic.gov.au/money-and-budgeting)

You might also need to consider the purchase of equipment, textbooks or clothing, such as a uniform, for some units.

Below is a list of additional items that you'll need to factor into your budget:

- Overseas Student Health Cover
- books and stationery
- travel to work placements
- library expenses

## Weekly Living Cost Guide (A\$)\*

Rent	
UniLodge @ VU (includes utilities and 50GB monthly Internet data)	\$193**
1 bedroom unit Footscray	\$290
1 bedroom unit CBD	\$450
Share house	\$85-\$215
Homestay	\$253-\$325
Groceries and eating out	\$80-\$280
Public transport (Zone 1+2***)	
2-hour default fare	\$4.30
7-day pass	\$43
Electricity, water and gas for small apartment	\$35-\$140
Mobile phone and Internet	\$20-\$55

\* This information is based on 2019 costs and is an estimate only as costs can vary considerably.

\*\* 12-month lease, twin-share studio apartment. See page 16 for full price list and inclusions.

\*\*\* Exchange students can apply for discounted annual public transport passes.



# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

View our entry requirements below or submit an online enquiry by visiting:  
**[eaams.vu.edu.au/enquiry](http://eaams.vu.edu.au/enquiry)**

## Academic performance

Academic requirements for the Study Abroad and Exchange programs are:

- achievement of 65% average in studies or 2.5 grade point average on a scale of 4 or equivalent.

## English language proficiency

Certified copies of results are required. Test results should not be more than two years old. We may accept other evidence of English language proficiency on a case-by-case basis, including high school-level English subjects.

If you do not meet our English language requirements, you can undertake an intensive course at Victoria University English (VUE):

**[vu.edu.au/vu-english](http://vu.edu.au/vu-english)**

EXAMINATION METHOD	UNDERGRADUATE	POSTGRADUATE
IELTS (Academic Module): Overall score (no band less than)	6.0 (6.0)	6.5 (6.0)
TOEFL Internet: Test score (no section score less than)	67 (Listening 12, Speaking 18, Reading 15, Writing 21)	79 (Listening 19, Speaking 19, Reading 18, Writing 22)
Pearson Test of English (PTE): Overall score (no section score less than)	50–57 (50)	58–64 (50)
Cambridge English– Advanced (CAE): Overall CAE score (no band less than)	169 (169)	176 (169)
DAAD English Proficiency Test: In all four sections	B	B

Applicants should refer to: [vu.edu.au/apply-international](http://vu.edu.au/apply-international) for the required individual test scores.

“ At VU, you study with students from all over the world so it’s a great opportunity to learn from different cultures, and the professors bring an international perspective to the classroom. ”

### Omar Garcia, Mexico

Units from the Bachelor of Building Design Exchange – Tecnológico de Monterrey



# HOW TO APPLY

## 1. Contact your home institution or agent

Find out if you are eligible to study at VU as a Study Abroad or Exchange student.

## 2. Check you meet VU's Entry Requirements

View our entry requirements on page 18 or submit an online enquiry by visiting:

<http://eaams.vu.edu.au/enquiry>

## 3. Apply Online

Apply online and attach supporting documents using our online system.

The system also allows you to:

- check your application status
- respond to admission officers' comments
- accept your offer.

If more information is required after you apply, you will receive an email advising of a change of status in your application.

Register to apply online at

[eaams.vu.edu.au/portal/](http://eaams.vu.edu.au/portal/)

or through a VU-approved agent if you are not studying at a VU partner institution and wish to seek assistance with your application.

[eaams.vu.edu.au/BrowseAgents.aspx](http://eaams.vu.edu.au/BrowseAgents.aspx)

## 4. Accept Offer

Login to your account to check your application status. If you have a conditional offer, you must meet all conditions before accepting your offer.

Once you receive a full offer you need to:

- sign and return your International Student Written Agreement (the full document will need to be returned)
- pay tuition fee (Study Abroad only)
- pay Overseas Student Health Cover (if applicable).

If your visa application requires a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE), VU will send a CoE to you after your acceptance has been processed.

## 5. Arrange Visa

Apply for a student visa.

Most prospective international students intending to study in Australia must have a student visa.

It is important that you state your full study intentions when applying. For detailed information on student visa requirements, how to apply, and related issues visit

[homeaffairs.gov.au](http://homeaffairs.gov.au)

## 6. Book transport

If you require VU to meet you at Melbourne Airport when you first arrive as a new student, complete the Airport Reception Request form at least 10 days before you intend to arrive.

[vu.edu.au/airport-reception](http://vu.edu.au/airport-reception)



## DON'T FORGET

Allow enough time to apply for your visa.



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