VICTORIA UNIVERSITY
MELBOURNE AUSTRALIA

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Study Abroad at Victoria University

In Australia's number one student city.

Discover more about Study Abroad and Exchange at VU

An experience to remember

At Victoria University (VU), you'll discover your new second home, making friends and memories to last a lifetime.

We're a world-class university, renowned for our inclusive environment, industry connections and innovative approach to education. VU students come from over 110 countries, bringing vibrancy and diversity to our campuses in Melbourne, Australia's number one student city*.

With Study Abroad and Student Exchange options across a wide range of courses, you'll study with expert lecturers in small, interactive classes. You'll develop leadership skills, cultural awareness and confidence while making new friends, building networks and gaining credit towards your degree. Get inspired by the people around you and find your place in the VU community.

"My time at VU changed my life. I was blessed with beautiful classmates, amazing trips and friends who have turned into my family. I've made memories to last a lifetime."

Tabea
Study Abroad student from
German Sport University, Germany

*QS, Best Student Cities 2027 (Melbourne ranks 4th in the world)

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Discover more about life in Melbourne

Australia's number one student city

Study overseas as part of your degree and gain a truly global perspective.

Welcome to Melbourne - one of the world's most welcoming cities! It's also Australia's cultural capital, best student city*, most liveable city† – the list goes on and on.

Whatever you enjoy, you'll find it in Melbourne, from the biggest and best sporting events to amazing live music, restaurants and nightlife. There's food for every taste and an endless selection of film, theatre, comedy, art and multicultural celebrations.

It's such a diverse and exciting city, with over 250,000 international students enjoying the beautiful parks and beaches, excellent shopping, friendly locals and plenty of Aussie sunshine.

Oh, and did we mention the coffee? Best in the world, they say, and great to get you through your assignments.

"Melbourne is a great mix of nature and city. It's very beautiful. You can experience a lot of different things – the people are wonderful and the city is large so there is a lot to do here."

Linnea
Study Abroad student from
Karlstad University, Sweden

QS, Best Student Cities 2027
† Economist Intelligence Unit, 'The Global Liveability Index 2026'

Iconic landmarks all within 2km of the VU City Tower















Discover more about life in Victoria

Beyond Melbourne

Discover the best of Victoria

If you're excited to explore Australia, Victoria's the perfect place to start. Outside of its capital city, the state offers endless adventures, from golden beaches and lush national parks to historic country towns full of charm.

Catch a wave with surfing lessons along the iconic Great Ocean Road, framed by the breathtaking Twelve Apostles. Step back in time to the Victorian Gold Rush in beautiful Ballarat. Watch the world-famous penguin parade at Phillip Island, or hike through the spectacular Grampians mountains.

Everything's easy to reach, with affordable transport, welcoming locals and plenty of opportunities to meet Australia's most famous residents: koalas and kangaroos.

And when you're ready to explore even further, Melbourne makes the perfect launch pad for road trips and flights across the rest of Australia.











Study abroad and exchange programs



#1 in Victoria

Skills Development

QILT Student Experience Survey 2024

Student Exchange

Broaden your education by studying one or more units at VU. If your home university is one of our international exchange partners, you can apply to be nominated to study with us on Student Exchange. No tuition fees are payable to VU; your home institution's fees will apply.

Study Abroad

Alternatively, if you cannot secure an exchange place or if your home university doesn't have an exchange agreement with us, you can come as a Study Abroad student, paying fees direct to VU but still receiving credit for your studies when you return to your home institution.

Study Abroad and Exchange students can choose from a wide range of subjects while completing your semester(s) at VU. Study areas include:

- Arts and Education
- Business
- Engineering
- Science
- Health and Biomedicine
- Information Technology
- Law and Justice
- Sport and Exercise Science

Focused, flexible learning

Victoria University students benefit from the award-winning VU Block Model®, an innovative and inspiring teaching method. Undergraduate students focus on one subject at a time, in four-week blocks and small, interactive classes, a method that has significantly improved student engagement and results. Some postgraduates study two subjects at a time over eight-week blocks.

Our flexible course delivery empowers you to achieve your goals while balancing other commitments. For further details about the VU Block Model, see pages 10-11.

VU is also renowned as a leader in industry-based learning. You'll benefit from state-of-the-art facilities and practical, real-world learning, with opportunities to get involved in industry projects and experiences.

Hear more from recent VU exchange students

Entry requirements

To be eligible for entry into the Study Abroad or Student Exchange program, you must provide proof of enrolment in a university degree and evidence of a 65% average in your studies or a 2.5 grade point average on a scale of 4 or equivalent.

You will also need to provide evidence that you meet VU's English language requirements:

- Academic IELTS overall score of 6.0 (with no band less than 6.0), or equivalent, for entry into undergraduate degrees.
- Academic IELTS overall score of 6.5 (with no band less than 6.0), or equivalent, for entry into postgraduate degrees.

Visit the website for further details:

vu.edu.au/exchange-entry-requirements

Discover more about Study Abroad and Exchange at VU

Study and assessment

Units are taught one at a time over four-week blocks for undergraduates and two at a time over eight-week blocks for some postgraduates. Each unit has around three face-to-face teaching sessions per week, in small interactive classes lasting 2-3 hours each.

Assessment can include written work and tests undertaken in class or online; group presentations; fieldwork, practical or laboratory experience; and final examinations.

Study credit

Credit equivalencies for a semester (four units) of full time study at Victoria University are:

- USA: 12-15 credits
- Canada: 15 credits
- Europe: 30 ECTS
- UK: 60 credits or 30 ECTS
- Japan: 15 credits.

Study Abroad your way

With our flexible VU Block Model®

Feel confident and engaged in your studies with our unique VU Block Model. VU is the first university in Australia, and the largest in the world, to teach with this award-winning learning model – giving you better focus and more flexibility as you build job-ready skills.



Flexible intakes and durations

At VU we offer extremely flexible options for Study Abroad and Student Exchange students. We offer six intakes throughout the year, as shown in the diagram below. Choose to study with us for anything from one block* (four weeks) to two semesters (one year) – whatever works for you!

Study one subject at a time

Forget juggling four subjects at once. Study one subject at a time, in four-week blocks – so you can really focus and achieve your best.

Some postgraduate students study two units at a time in eight week blocks

*Postgraduate students must study a minimum of 2 blocks (8 weeks)

How our VU Block Model works

Interactive, workshop-style classes

We've said goodbye to big lecture theatres. Learn in smaller classes where you can collaborate, apply your skills and build your confidence.

Build career-ready skills

Textbooks only get you so far. Our courses are focused on hands-on learning and industry experience, so you graduate ready for your career.

Four-week model

Four-week model: all undergraduate and some postgraduate courses.

	Semester 1					Semester 2				
	Summer Block	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4	Winter Block	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4
	JAN – FEB	FEB – MAR	MAR – APR	APR – MAY	MAY – JUN	JUN – JUL	JUL – AUG	AUG – SEPT	SEP – OCT	OCT – NOV

Eight-week model

Eight-week model: all postgraduate courses in Business, IT & Cyber Security, and Engineering & Built Environment.

	Semester 1		Semester 2	
	Semester break	Block 1	Block 2	Semester break	Block 3	Block 4
	JAN – FEB	FEB – APR	APR – JUN	JUN – JUL	JUL – SEP	SEP – NOV

Enjoy more flexibility

With three-hour classes, three days a week, it's easier to plan your time and balance study, work, family and everything else that matters in life.

Make connections

In smaller classes, you can really get to know your teachers and classmates. Plus, enjoy opportunities to network with our expert industry partners.

Achieve better results

With better focus, hands-on learning, and more support from your teachers and classmates, our VU Block Model sets you up for success.

"In small classes we can easily interact with teachers and focus on practice as well as theory, which will best prepare me for my life and career."

Toolsika
Criminal Justice/Psychological Studies student

There are six entry points where you can start your course.

To find out more about our award-winning VU Block Model, visit **vu.edu.au/block-model**

Campuses built for success

VU campuses are built for every kind of learner. From our VU City Tower in the CBD to Footscray, Sunshine, St Albans, and Werribee, each campus gives you the space to succeed. From our VU City Tower in the centre of Melbourne to Footscray, Sunshine, and St Albans in the west, each campus gives you the space and support to succeed.

Explore our VU campus videos





City Campus

VU City Tower

370 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.

Study in the heart of Melbourne at the purpose-built VU City Tower, in the city's vibrant business and law precincts. With dynamic learning spaces and modern technology, it offers a supportive and engaging environment for students.

Features: Collaborative classrooms, student-run health and beauty clinics, study spaces, IT support and student services, prayer room, the VU SAP Academy and student lounge and cafes, simulation Moot Courts, a specialised law library, and a prayer room.

Course areas: Business, Counselling, Criminology, Dermal Sciences, Digital Media, Early Childhood Education, Education, English, Information Technology, International Community Development, Osteopathy, and Law & Legal Practice.



Footscray Nicholson

Corner of Nicholson & Buckley Streets, Footscray.

Focused on TAFE courses, the campus features modern learning facilities, along with unique student-run enterprises, including a restaurant and a tax clinic.

Features: Hospitality training restaurant (VenU), childcare training spaces, prayer room, a recreation centre with sports courts and a library perfect for studying.

Course areas: Business, Early Childhood Education & Care, Events Management, Hospitality, Music, School-Based Education & Support.



Footscray Park

70–104 Ballarat Road, Footscray.

Overlooking the Maribyrnong River parklands, VU's original and largest campus is in the heart of one of Australia's fastest-growing regions – Melbourne's west.

Features: Biomechanics labs, Aquatic and Fitness Centre, Altitude Hotel, engineering labs, a TV and broadcast studio, Pride room and prayer rooms. Plus, our modern student accommodation, UniLodge Victoria University, is right over the road.

Course areas: Arts, Business, Community Development, Construction Management, Criminal Justice, Cyber Security & IT, Engineering, Education, Psychology, Science & Sport Science, Screen Media, Social and Youth Work.



Your community, your VU



#1 in Victoria

Peer Engagement

QILT Student Experience Survey 2024

“Getting involved in student activities helped me strengthen my relationships both socially and professionally. VU has a strong sense of community and it goes the extra mile for its students.”

Divya
Business graduate

Student life and scholarships

Get connected on campus

Uni isn’t just about classes – it’s where you find your people, explore your passions, and feel at home being exactly who you are.

At VU, you’ll find plenty of opportunities to make meaningful social connections on campus, including:

- a wide range of clubs to join across sport, culture, outdoor adventure and more
- regular campus events, including movie nights and multicultural festivals
- extensive student support – from academic mentoring to employment advice and counselling
- our award-winning VU thrive* active living and wellbeing program
- great facilities and services, including gyms, swimming pool and student-run clinics
- VUSU, your student union – get involved and access support, including for LGBTQIA+ students.

Discover more about student life

VU Block Model® International Scholarship

At VU, we’re committed to supporting your success. Our unique VU Block Model International Scholarship guarantees all eligible international students 10-30% off tuition fees for your Study Abroad program.

You’ll be awarded a 10%, 20% or 30% scholarship based on assessment of your previous academic results. The scholarship is guaranteed if you meet the entry requirements for any eligible course, but 30% scholarships are limited, so apply as soon as you can.

“Attending social events like O-fest helped me connect with other students. I also appreciated when teachers encouraged introductions – it made a big difference in feeling welcome.”

Natalia
Study Abroad student from Universidad de Monterrey, Mexico

Support from day one

A welcoming community

At VU, we create welcoming and inclusive learning environments where every student can thrive. Our free support services are designed to help you succeed in your studies and make the most of your time in Melbourne.

Airport pick-up

Arriving in Melbourne for the first time? We can welcome you at the airport and take you to your accommodation. This free service is available when you register at least five days before your arrival.

Employment support

International students can work part-time in Australia for up to 48 hours per fortnight during study periods. Our VU Careers Hub can help you improve your CV, search for jobs and prepare for interviews.

Find out more about our student support services

VUHQ

VUHQ is our student service centre and your first stop for advice, assistance and support. Located on every campus, our friendly student advisers can connect you with the services you need to succeed at VU.

Learning Hubs

Our on-campus Learning Hubs offer study support, daily drop-in sessions and practical workshops covering everything from academic writing to time management. You can also access help from student mentors and our 24/7 online Learning Hub Tutoring service.

Counselling and welfare

Access free and confidential support to help manage personal, financial and study-related challenges. We can also provide advice on accommodation and connect you with services in the wider community.

Discover more about accommodation options

Your VU community

Make the most of campus life
At VU, you’ll discover endless opportunities to get connected and make friends on campus.

Explore clubs and societies
From anime to outdoor adventures, find people who share your passion or discover a new hobby.

Enjoy campus events
Don’t miss our movie nights, cultural festivals, food trucks, live music and more.

Get active
Join a VU sports club or enjoy our campus fitness centres and pools.

Treat yourself
Enjoy heavily discounted services at our student-run hair and beauty salon plus massage and osteopathy clinics.

Celebrate you
From our LGBTQIA+ Pride rooms to cultural clubs and celebrations, our campuses are safe and welcoming spaces.

Make a difference
Gain skills and connections through student volunteering opportunities, or join our paid Student Ambassador Program.

Discover more about getting connected on campus



Accommodation

UniLodge Victoria University

If you're looking for a great place to live in Melbourne, we offer guaranteed accommodation at UniLodge Victoria University – our safe, welcoming and affordable student accommodation complex that's the perfect place to make new friends.

UniLodge VU offers a range of room options at affordable prices that include unlimited WiFi and all energy bills, so you won't have to worry about additional costs. It's also just a short walk or train ride from our main VU campuses in the west and centre of Melbourne.

As well as fully furnished apartments, the complex features an exciting range of facilities, including:

- high-tech study rooms and 24/7 security
- gourmet kitchens, dining rooms, a shop and café
- TV lounges and a cinema room with streaming services
- a basketball half-court, BBQ, pool table, table tennis table and rooftop garden.

unilodge.com.au/vu

Room type	Annual cost*
Studio twin-share	From $219 per week
6 bedroom multi-share	From $289 per week
2 bedroom regular	From $349 per week
Studio regular	From $399 per week
Studio deluxe	From $499 per week

*These rates are for UniLodge VU in Footscray in 2026 and are per person/per week in Australian dollars. Rates include all WiFi and energy bills, all furniture and secure swipe card access.

"Studying abroad has taught me a lot: how to plan big projects, how to adjust to new situations, how to handle stress more effectively and ultimately how to be more creative."

Maximilian
Study Abroad student from
Technische Hochschule Mittelhessen, Germany



Other accommodation options

UniLodge also has accommodation options in central Melbourne for anyone who prefers to be right in the heart of the city, or for use in rare cases when our Footscray complex is entirely full. If you prefer to rent privately, options include:

- homestays: live with a local family in their home for a minimum of four weeks. VU's preferred homestay provider is the Australian Homestay Network
- share houses: rent a room in a house and share facilities
- private rentals: houses, flats, units and apartments, usually unfurnished
- short-stay: hotels, hostels and private rooms give you somewhere to stay while you look for longer-term options.

homestaynetwork.org/vu

realestate.com.au/share

realestate.com.au/rent

VU student housing service

Once you arrive in Australia, our student housing service can provide:

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

Book in advance

We recommend booking accommodation before you arrive in Australia, at least for the first few weeks. An inspection should be conducted before agreeing to a long-term private rental or share house arrangement.



Fees and living costs

Plan your budget

Before you begin your studies, it's a great idea to create a budget based on your lifestyle and accommodation choices. The guide below provides an overview of the main costs to consider when studying and living in Melbourne.

Living costs

As a condition of your student visa you must have enough money to pay the costs of your stay, including your travel and living expenses.

The Insider Guides' Cost of Living Calculator is a useful way to help estimate your costs in Australia.

immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas

insiderguides.com.au/cost-of-living

studyaustralia.gov.au

Health insurance

You must have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) to obtain a student visa. Victoria University can arrange your OSHC for you, which gives you extra benefits over any policy that you can purchase directly.

Student Exchange

There are no tuition fees payable to VU for Student Exchange when you are nominated as an exchange student by one of our international exchange partners. Your home institution's fees will apply.

Study Abroad

As a Study Abroad student, tuition fees are payable to VU. See our website for the latest Study Abroad tuition fees.

vu.edu.au/apply-for-exchange-in-melbourne

Additional expenses

Coming to a new country, you'll also need to budget for compulsory health insurance, visas, travel and living costs. VU campuses are easily accessible through Melbourne's public transport network and close to some of the city's best markets, where you can save money on fresh food and other essentials. Expect to spend at least AU$100 per week on food and drink.



What's next?

Simple steps to your future at VU

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

Select your units of study

Search for VU subjects related to your area of study.

3

Apply online

Apply to study at VU using our online system, EAAMS. Check the website and application guide for full details of how to apply.

We're here to help

Find out more about how to apply

Apply early

Remember to leave enough time to complete your application and apply for your visa.
vu.edu.au/apply-for-exchange-in-melbourne

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"Studying at VU has honestly been my favourite uni semester yet – something I'm going to remember for my entire life. It's opened my eyes to a whole different way of life and how to do uni."

Parker
Study Abroad student from
East Carolina University, USA

Hear more
from Parker

We're here for you

Email

Get in touch with our team at **educationabroad@vu.edu.au**

Visit

vu.edu.au/exchange

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