



Welcome to Victoria University





Country is alive. Country is here and now, not some relic of the past.

We acknowledge and pay our deep respects to the Ancestors, Elders, and families of the Traditional Owners on all of our campuses. At Victoria University (VU) we honour First Nations cultures. Everything we do and every decision we make is underpinned by a commitment to Protecting Country. Country

is both a place of belonging and a way of believing, as well as contributing to the conservation of critical environmental and diverse cultural assets. It is a community-driven movement towards long-term social, cultural, physical, and economic prosperity and sustainability.



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Our 2022–2030 Strategy

Start well, finish brilliantly

Purpose

We are of Melbourne's west and of the world – championing progressive and excellent education, research, service and a deep commitment to Protecting Country.

Vision

To be one of the leading impact-driven universities in the world by 2030.

Strategic Drivers

To achieve our vision, we have identified five Strategic Drivers. Our vision is big and ambitious. It is also achievable.

Three elements are particularly distinctive for VU:

- ◆ Matching learning to lives with unique-in-the-sector offers across TAFE and Higher Education.
- ◆ A 'flipped campus' approach bringing ethical industries onto and into the core of each campus.
- ◆ Research that is focused, measurable and creative, with a profound impact on Protecting Country and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Click below to read more.

[Full Strategic Plan](#)

Student snapshot

Victoria University (VU) has offered accessible, world-class education for more than a century. VU is one of only six Australian universities to offer both TAFE and higher education courses, with pathways in between.

49,106 total students

37,025 Higher Education (HE) students

12,081 Vocational Education and Training (VET) students

Student Equity Participation Rates

35.7% HE

Student Equity Success Rates

92.1% HE

Student Equity Participation Rates

51.7% VET

Student Equity Success Rates

82% VET

42.2%

of VU HE students are the first in their family to go to University, with a

93.4%

success rate

18,542

International students

11,519 Onshore

7,033 Offshore

from

113

countries

48% HE

and

69% VET

students live in Melbourne's West

35%

of domestic students were born overseas

Notes:
Students may be counted in multiple sections of the same table but will only be counted once in the totals. Therefore, totals may be lower than the sum of their parts. This applies to all the figures in the snapshot. Equity Rates: Aggregated measure that includes First Nations Peoples; Non-English-Speaking Background; Disability; Low socio-economic status; Rural/ Remote. Excludes International. HE success rates: Passed Load as a proportion of assessed load for domestic, onshore, commencing and continuing students in all qualification levels who are in one or more of the equity groups. Excludes international and First Generation students. VET Success Rates: Passed Load (in Effective Hours) as a proportion of Assessed Load (in Effective Hours) for domestic, onshore, commencing and continuing students in all qualification levels who are in one or more of the equity groups. First-in-Family student participation includes domestic and international.

Education Rankings

QILT Student Experience Survey Results:



Overall Educational Experience

#6 in Australia

Peer Engagement

#2 in Australia

Teaching Quality

#4 in Australia

Skills Development

#5 in Australia

QILT Student Experience Survey 2023

Research Rankings

#70

Young University Rankings

Times Higher Education 2024

#7

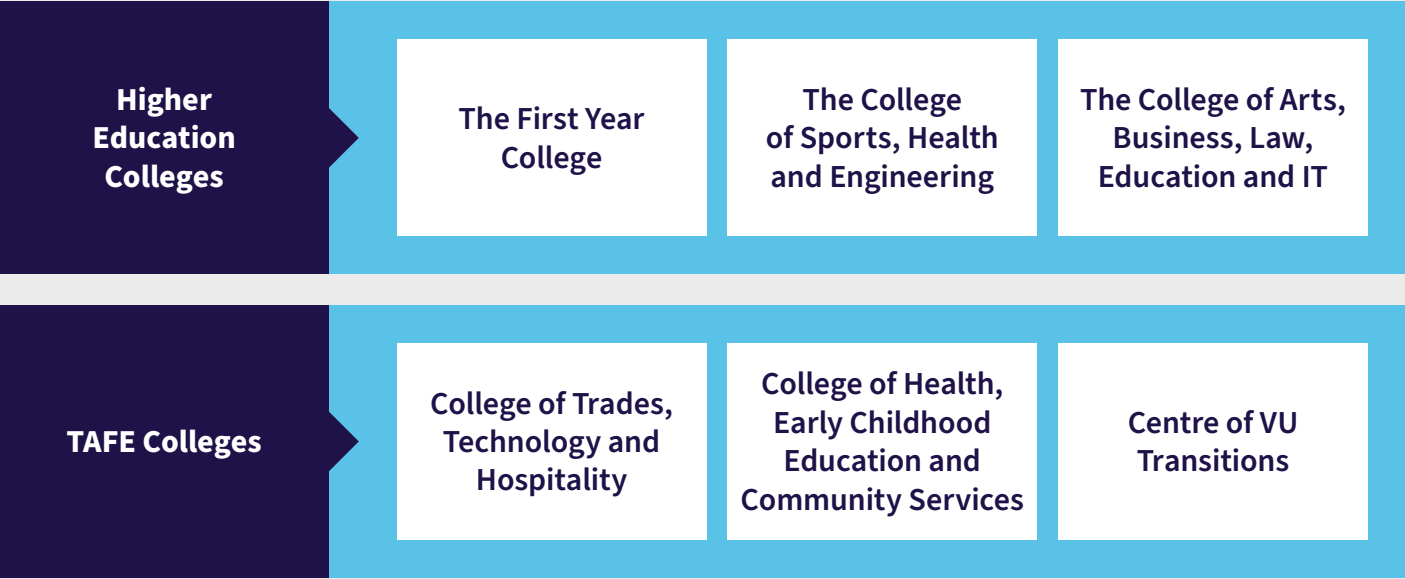
Sport Science

Shanghai Ranking 2024
(for the third year running)

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Sports Related Subjects

QS World University Ranking
by Subject 2024



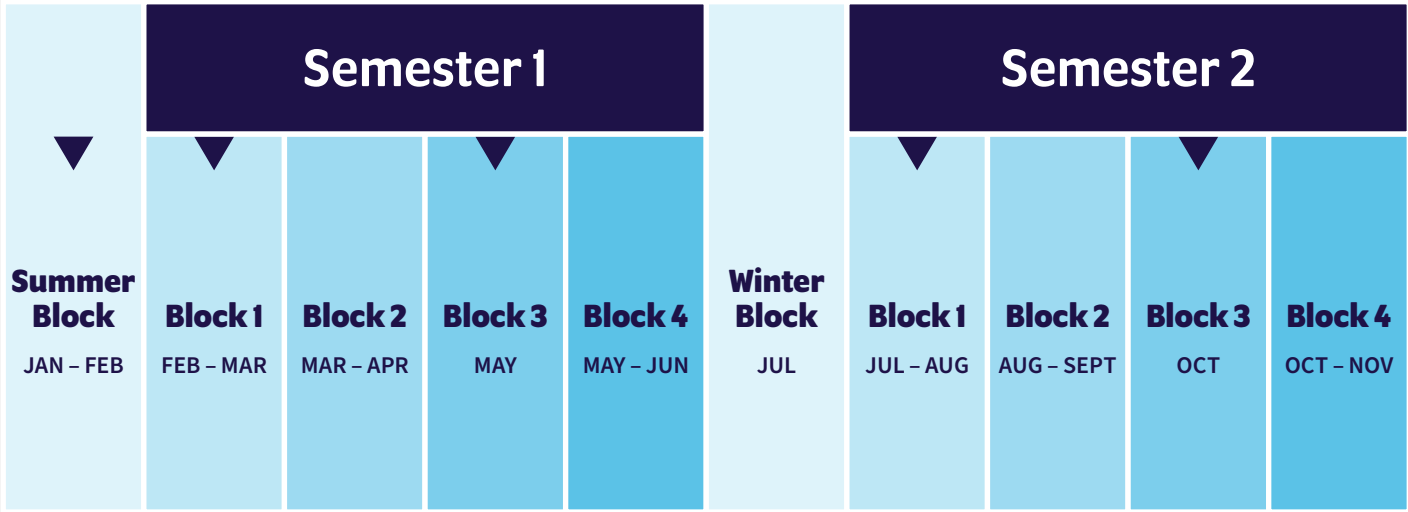
Learning and teaching structure

Victoria University is a proud dual sector university, one of only six in Australia, with a comprehensive offer that spans vocational education, undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, all the way through to doctorates.

Sitting under a unified Tertiary Education Portfolio, VU has three higher education colleges, and three TAFE colleges.

Our dual sector status is something we are proud of and want to do more with. This means offering dual sector education in a new, concurrent way, bringing together the most relevant skills with the best possible career-focused degrees.

VU students can choose to graduate when they meet their initial study goals, enhance their job prospects by earning extra qualifications concurrently, and come back for more study whenever they wish.



▼ = up to five course entry options

The VU Block Model®

The VU Block Model® is VU’s distinctive approach to higher education.

Students study one subject at a time, in four-week blocks (or eight-week blocks for some postgraduate courses). It means our students can really focus, get to know their teachers and classmates, and put theory into immediate practice.

With seven years of exclusive Block delivery, the evidence is undeniable: this model drives higher retention, completion, success, and student satisfaction. Most notably, it has significantly closed equity gaps, positioning VU as a national leader in both participation and success for students from an equity background.

VU Online: Offering 100% online postgraduate courses in the VU Block Model

Wyndham Tech School: A a state-of-the-art STEM education facility for secondary students in the region. With the Brimbank Tech School scheduled to open in 2026 on our Sunshine Campus, VU will be the only university in the state with two Tech Schools.



Real-world research

Victoria University's research is driven by two flagship institutes:

- ◆ The Institute for Health and Sport (IHES) – Addressing real-world challenges at the intersection of health, sport, and biomedical science to promote healthier, happier, and fuller lives.
 - ◆ The Institute for Sustainable Industries and Liveable Cities (ISILC) – Creating resilient built environments, globally competitive industries, and socially inclusive communities. Our research is strategically aligned across five key themes that showcase our expertise and address global challenges
- The Mitchell Institute, the Sir Zelman Cowen Centre and The Centre of Policy Studies are our leading think-tanks and trusted thought-leaders contributing to a healthier, fairer and more productive society.



Industry at the core

VU is a partnering institution – we cannot do it alone.

Victoria University has strong partnerships with organisations such as Western Health, Greater Western Water, the Western Bulldogs, Melbourne Airport, cohealth, and many more.

We have taken partnering further by introducing the Flipped Campus Model, which transforms the traditional university campus experience. This approach involves co-locating industry partners onto and into our campuses, creating a seamless connection between education and industry. Through this model, partners

gain access to VU's resources, research capabilities, and become able to establish community hubs – while our students benefit from direct industry exposure, practical placements, and experience in real-world work settings.

Every VU campus includes a co-located industry partner – such as Lifeline Western Melbourne, Orygen, Melbourne City Mission, and Ambulance Victoria – and this network continues to grow.

Our campuses

Our campuses are currently undergoing precinct-led development, with a focus on co-locating with industry both logically and ethically.

Highlights include:

- ◆ The VU City Campus is located in the law precinct of Melbourne's CBD, and was purpose-built for VU TAFE and to teach in the VU Block Model. After opening in 2022, it has already become our biggest and most popular campus.
- ◆ In partnership with the Victorian Government and Ambulance Victoria, we are opening Australia's first Centre of Excellence in Paramedicine – positioning VU as a leader in emergency healthcare education. Located at the Sunshine Campus, it will bring together skills, research and industry – and address this area of critical workforce need.
- ◆ The new \$1.5 billion Footscray Hospital, opening in 2026 and connected to our Footscray Park campus by a footbridge, will include a dedicated VU Research Building within the hospital. This development will establish a world-class precinct for health, education, and employment.
- ◆ Building on the highly successful Wyndham Tech School at the Werribee Campus, we will deliver the new Brimbank Tech School at our Sunshine Campus. It will be open by mid-2026, allowing secondary students in Brimbank to experience industry-driven curriculum, creative design thinking, and hands-on exploration of advanced technologies. Once opened, VU will be the only university in the state with two tech schools.

Our campus approach is agile, dynamic, and creative, placing industry at the core to ensure VU responds effectively to evolving societal and workforce needs. Most importantly, securing lasting career and job outcomes for our students.





City Campus

VU City Tower
370 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.

Study in the heart of Melbourne's CBD 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.

Course areas: Business, Criminology, Education, English, Hair & Beauty, Health, Massage, Osteopathy and Psychology.

295 Queen St building

Located next door to VU City Tower, 295 Queen St is our official law faculty precinct – you'll find it easy to build your passion for law and kick-start your career within this historic and atmospheric law building.

Features: Simulation Moot Courts, a specialised law library, and a prayer room.

Course areas: Law & Legal Practice.

Industry partners on campus: ICN (Industry Capability Network) and law firm Sharpe & Abel.



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, a student-run tax clinic, prayer room, a recreation centre with sports courts and a library perfect for studying.

Course areas: Business, Community Services, Early Childhood Education & Care, Events Management, Hospitality, Legal Practice, Music, School-Based Education & Support and the Western Melbourne English Program.

Industry partners on campus: Non-profit organisation Western Chances, who provide opportunities and support for young people in Melbourne's west.



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. A huge investment in a new health precinct will elevate the campus further, establishing a destination for innovative health-focused teaching, research, and community services, and connecting directly to the new Footscray Hospital.

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, Engineering, Education, Psychology, Science & Sports Sciences.

Industry partners on campus: Western Health, with the new state-of-the-art Footscray Hospital opening soon.



St Albans

University Boulevard, St Albans.

Our VU hub for arts, science and health courses. Study surrounded by native gardens and gum trees, enjoying hands-on learning in our innovative facilities and with industry partners – all on-site.

Features: Health and nutrition labs, gym and sports courts, prayer rooms, and our Cyber Security Training Centre – a state-of-the-art facility giving students the opportunity to experience and tackle real-world cyber threat scenarios.

Course areas: Arts, Biomedical Sciences, Cyber Security & IT, Health, Nursing, Nutrition, Paramedicine and the Western Melbourne English Program.

Industry partners on campus: Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect), Lifeline Western Melbourne and Melbourne City Mission (MCM).



Sunshine

438–460 Ballarat Road, Sunshine North.

The VU home of trades, health, and engineering, showcasing industry-leading simulation labs and world-class training facilities. With specialised spaces for hands-on learning, students build their skills and experience firsthand, getting ready to make an impact in their industries.

Features: Our multi-million-dollar trades facilities, robotics and 3D-printing labs, a high-tech simulation nursing lab, a paramedic pod, prayer rooms, and Australia's first Centre of Excellence in Paramedicine on campus, in partnership with Ambulance Victoria.

Course areas: Community Health, Construction, Electrical, Engineering, Nursing, Paramedicine, Plumbing and the Western Melbourne English Program.

Industry partners on campus: Ambulance Victoria.



Werribee

235 Hoppers Lane, Werribee.

Werribee campus is a hub for research, science, education, and trades at VU. Featuring specialised facilities for teaching, research, and practical skills development, this campus is the launchpad for both students and researchers to make their impact in the scientific and construction industries.

Features: Extensive trades facilities, major scientific research labs, Werribee Children's Centre, a health and fitness centre, a prayer room – and the renowned Wyndham Tech School, where school students can explore their futures via high-tech, hands-on learning programs driven by industry and skills development.

Course areas: Biomedical Sciences, Community Health, Civil Construction, Community Services, Construction, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education & Care, Education, Electrical, Engineering, Nursing, Paramedicine, Plumbing and the Western Melbourne English Program.

Industry partners on campus: Orygen, Australia's Centre of Excellence for Youth Mental Health.

