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ATTEND A VIRTUAL CAREERS EXPO

Torrens University Australia is opening up its virtual event platform to students, teachers, parents, and tertiary education providers across the country for a unique **National [Virtual Careers Expo](#)**. More than 60 universities, colleges, and registered training organisations from across the country will be on hand to meet students, showcasing everything their institution has to offer. **The expo will run over two days: Thursday 7 May & Friday 8 May 2020 from 12.00pm to 8.00pm (AEST).**

By joining the Virtual Careers Expo, students will be able to –

- Wander through our virtual expo hall featuring more than 50 institutions
- Visit the Webcast Hub to watch seminars and feature presentations from exhibitors
- Download course guides and take a virtual campus tour
- Chat with staff and current students to find out more about each institution

Students are encouraged to register for this innovative event at [Virtual Careers Expo](#)

ANU – APPLICATIONS FOR 2021 ENTRY



Current domestic Year 12 students who intend applying directly to ANU for undergraduate study in 2021 are advised that ANU **will now make offers based on Year 11 results on 10 August 2020, and these will be honoured for study in 2021 as long as students have completed Year 12.**

Should the Year 11 results not meet entry requirements, selection officers will automatically consider your Year 12 results in the December offer round.

Students considering applying are encouraged to browse [Frequently Asked Questions](#). Applications are open and will close on 25 May 2020. Students are advised to read through [Application Information](#) before applying at [ANU Applications for 2021](#)

COMMUNITY ACHIEVER PROGRAM



As a Year 12 student, do you demonstrate leadership in your school or workplace, coordinate a community initiative, volunteer in a local cultural, sporting or religious group or provide care to someone in need? ACU's **Community Achiever Program** is designed to acknowledge commitment to our local communities.

The **Community Achiever Program (CAP)** recognises a students' potential to achieve great things. A successful CAP application means a student could receive a provisional university offer as early as August to study at ACU. Being part of this CAP group also offers successful students' unique opportunities to enhance their leadership and volunteering skills, while they study at ACU.

CAP applications to study in 2021

Open – Wednesday 1 May 2020

Close – Wednesday 12 August 2020 (Melbourne courses)
Wednesday 2 September 2020 (Ballarat courses)

Offers released early September to mid-September 2020

Students are encouraged to begin gathering their required documentation now to submit with along their application. Failure to meet all the requirements for the CAP will result in not being considered for the program. Students are encouraged to browse [how the CAP is assessed and offered](#) so they can make sure their submission is well-written, and also provides guideline minimum ATARs required.

Find out more at [Community Achiever Program \(CAP\)](#)

EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM



ACU offers two **guaranteed early entry programs** that current Year 12 students might wish to apply for.

➤ **Passion for Business (P4B) Early Entry Program**

Passion for Business Program (P4B) is a guaranteed early entry program designed to nurture a students' learning passion and give them a step up in their future business career. Current Year 12 students studying a [business-related subject](#) are encouraged to apply for the P4B Program.

Benefits of the program include:

- early conditional offer into an ACU P4B course
- access to Academic Skills workshops, the CareerHub and networking events
- study abroad opportunities
- \$500 textbook voucher awarded to the top three P4B students at the end of Semester 1
- invitation to an ACU P4B welcome event
- access to the Leading with Impact program

Eligible P4B Courses:

- [Bachelor of Commerce](#)
- [Bachelor of Business Administration](#)
- [Bachelor of IT](#)
- [Bachelor of Accounting and Finance](#)
- [Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Business Administration](#)
- [Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Arts](#)
- [Bachelor of IT/Bachelor of Business Administration](#)

To be eligible for admission, Year 12 students need to have studied a business or business-related subject in Year 11 or 12 and can demonstrate they have previous work experience and volunteer work.

Applications for Passion for Business (P4B) for 2021 are now open. Find out more about the P4L program, and the online application process at [Passion for Business \(P4B\) Early Entry Program](#)

➤ **Passion for Law (P4L) Early Entry Program**

Passion for Law (P4L) is a guaranteed early entry program for students passionate about studying law and designed to nurture their learning potential and give them a step up in their future law career.

Benefits of the program include:

- early conditional offer for an ACU law degree
- access to Academic Skills workshops, the CareerHub, and network events
- taking part in study abroad opportunities
- participating in the pro bono program
- \$500 textbook voucher to the top three P4L students at the end of Semester 1
- invitation to an ACU P4L welcome event
- access to the Leading with Impact program

Eligible P4L Courses:

- Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Biomedical Science/Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Business Administration/Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Global Studies
- Bachelor of Psychological Science/Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Theology/Bachelor of Laws

To be eligible for admission, students will need to attain a minimum **ATAR of 75.00** and meet the prerequisite of Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.

Applications for Passion for Law (P4L) for 2021 are now open. Find out more about the P4L program, and the online application process at [Passion for Law \(P4L\) Early Entry Program](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS AT BOND UNIVERSITY



Bond University offers an extensive *scholarship program* to both domestic and international students, with values ranging from 25% scholarships to 100%. It is important to note that applications for the 2021 Scholarship Program for Australian Year 12 students **open on 1 May 2020**. Students applying for the [Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship](#) must submit their application by **9 August 2020**. The closing date for all other scholarships is **6 September 2020**.

Scholarship applications should be submitted online; students should note that only one application needs to be made, and students can apply for as many scholarships they are eligible for.

Visit [Bond University Scholarships](#) for a comprehensive list of scholarships, including other sport scholarships, and/or to apply. Also visit [Bond Application Tips](#) to read through useful tips on applying effectively. For further queries, email scholarships@bond.edu.au or phone 1800 074 074 toll-free (within Australia).

SNAPSHOT OF VICTORIA UNIVERSITY



- More than 45,000 students from around the world study at one of VU's many campuses, with its largest one being Footscray Park - [VU Campuses](#)
- VU has a number of academic colleges including *arts, business, education, engineering, law & justice, science, sport and exercise science* - [VU Academic Colleges](#)
- VU has very strong industry connections with over 900 industry partnerships, including the *Western Bulldogs, Western Health, City West Water*, and various others - [VU Industry Connections](#)
- VU has agreements with over 100 *exchange partner* institutions worldwide - [VU Exchange Partners](#). Students can gain credit towards their degree by studying for a year or a semester with one of the international exchange partners - [VU Study on Exchange](#)
- VU is one of only a few universities in Victoria to offer both vocational training (TAFE) and higher education with very accessible transition between courses at all levels. These *pathways* mean that a student's dream qualification is within reach, regardless of their study background, prior experience, or their ATAR score - [VU Pathways](#)
- VU is one of Australia's leading sports universities - [VU - Leading Sport University](#)
- VU sports students will gain behind-the-scenes access at *Real Madrid Football Club* through a new partnership signed early in 2015 - [VU Real Madrid Partnership](#)
- Within the Law & Justice College, VU offers a number of courses from certificates and diplomas to postgraduate degrees, giving students more options to achieve their goals while balancing life and study commitments through flexible pathways - [VU Law & Justice College](#)
- VU is one of only two universities in Victoria that offers a course in *osteopathy* - [Osteopathy at VU](#)
- VU is the only university offering a *dermal therapies degree* in Australia - [VU Dermal Therapies Degree](#)
- VU offers a number of courses linked to clinical practice and have dedicated clinics where current students put into practice that which they have learnt. Courses linked to clinics include *dermal therapies, nutrition, osteopathy, psychology* - [VU Health Clinics](#)
- In 2018 VU introduced the [VU Block Model](#) - all bachelor degrees taught at the Melbourne campuses see units delivered in a more focused way, *one at a time*. Students have more one-on-one time with their educators as they complete each unit, and experience a significantly more immersive, collaborative, and enriching learning experience. Initially for first-year students, the VU Block Model is now offered to students in all degree years.

INFORMATION EVENING WEBINARS

Discover why Victoria University (VU) is the New Way To Do Uni at our online information evenings on ZOOM. Find out all about the VU Block Model, our industry connections, undergraduate courses and the variety of pathways to education available.

Victoria University will be presenting a series of Information Evenings virtually from 6.00pm to 7.00pm over a number of nights.

Sessions will be held on:

- Sport & Outdoor Leadership
- Law, Criminology & Legal Services
- Business, Tourism, Hospitality & Event Management
- Engineering, Built Environments & IT
- Creative Arts, Humanities & Music
- Youth Work, Criminal Justice & Community Development
- Education & Early Childhood
- Psychology & Social Work
- Biomedical, Exercise, Environmental & Biotechnical Sciences

Register for one or more sessions at [VU Information Evenings by Webinars](#)

ASPIRE – EARLY ADMISSIONS PROGRAM TO LA TROBE



At La Trobe, we believe there is more to being a good student than marks alone.

The [Aspire program](#) rewards the skills and knowledge students gain from the positive impact they have made on their school or community through **community service** or **volunteerism**. Designed to give Year 12's the tools they need to succeed at La Trobe and beyond, students accepted into the Aspire program will get:

- A taste of university life at La Trobe with special on-campus events before the year commences
- The chance to meet and connect with like-minded students
- Leadership opportunities, career development, networking, and industry mentoring
- VCE revision lectures for Year 12's in the September school holidays
- Access to our extensive library and campus resources
- Induction into our Enrichment Program to prepare for what is to come

Successful applicants also receive their **early conditional offer** in September for their chosen course along with minimum ATAR requirements. Many courses have a minimum ATAR of 50, but some professional degree programs have higher requirements. **Up to 40 [Aspire scholarships](#), worth \$5,000 per year for up to four years, will be awarded to leading eligible Aspire students.**

The [Minimum ATAR Table](#) shows the minimum ATAR for some professional degree courses for entry through Aspire in 2021. Should an applicant's preferred course not be listed on this table, then the minimum ATAR is 50.

Applicants are required to provide information about the length and frequency of their community service and/or volunteering experience, as well as a 400-word description of their involvement and impact.

Types of volunteering include –

- community service or community group activities
- religious/cultural group activities
- participating in social justice groups or a school leadership role
- leadership in sport, the performing arts or charity fund-raising group activities

Further details can be found at the [How to Apply](#) link. Applications open 1 May and close 31 August 2020 with conditional offers coming out mid-September 2020.

COMMUNICATION DEGREES AT DEAKIN



Deakin offers a suite of **Bachelor of Communication degrees**, and they are briefly profiled below. The VCE prerequisite for all four courses is an English.

- **Bachelor of Communication (Advertising)**
Do you have a way with words and consider yourself a confident problem-solver? Catch people's attention, understand the world of brand communication and tell the story that sells. Students get to explore the principles and practice of advertising with hands-on learning; they get to experiment with future-focused approaches to brand communication, and critically evaluate the role and impact of advertising on society.

Find out more at [Bachelor of Communication \(Advertising\)](#)

- Bachelor of Communication (Digital Media)**
 Do you want to carve a career in today's rapidly evolving media climate? Combine your interests in communication technologies, social media and content production to discover a career in digital media. Through the Bachelor of Communication (Digital Media), students get to develop confidence in their creative, analytic and production skills to communicate professionally across traditional and digital platforms. They also learn how to engage audiences, build communities and help organisations and clients with digital content solutions.
Find out more at [Bachelor of Communication \(Digital Media\)](#)
- Bachelor of Communication (Journalism)**
 Do you want hands-on real-life newsroom experience while you study? In today's fast-paced digital age, we've never been hungrier for news – sharing it with the masses in real time, as it happens. The Bachelor of Communication (Journalism) will give students the skills to unearth a great news story, engage with their audience and deliver the news across a range of media platforms - newspaper, radio station or television.
Find out more at [Bachelor of Communication \(Journalism\)](#)
- Bachelor of Communication (Public Relations)**
 Do you want to create, inspire and problem solve? Steer your way to a dynamic career in communication? In the Bachelor of Communication (Public Relations) students get to build the reputation of brands, people and organisations with skills and techniques they develop. They learn how innovative and ethical communication fosters meaningful relationships with stakeholders as they develop the capabilities to create inspiring campaigns and events, manage issues and becoming adaptive communications experts.
Find out more at [Bachelor of Communication \(Public Relations\)](#)

PSYCHOLOGICAL DEGRESS

Psychology is a popular field of study in Australia and is taught at universities in every state and territory. With diverse workplace settings and areas of expertise, psychology can be a highly rewarding and satisfying career choice. Psychologists who complete postgraduate studies in specific areas of psychology may be eligible to receive area of practice endorsement from the Psychology Board of Australia. Find out more at [Australian Psychological Society \(APS\) - Careers in Psychology](#)

Students are reminded that, for the most part, the only VCE prerequisite subject for university entry is an English. Students should verify this at [VTAC](#). Please note that after completion of an APAC accredited undergraduate degree, a further minimum of three years education and training in psychology are required to register as a psychologist in Australia.

Victorian universities that offer dedicated [APAC - Accredited](#) undergraduate psychology degrees include

UNIVERSITY	COURSE	ATAR 2020
ACU	Psychology (Honours)	85.50 (M)
	Psychological Science	58.50 (M)
Deakin University	Psychology (Honours)	80.15 (M), 80.55 (G)
	Psychological Science	60.00 (M), 60.65 (G), n/a (W)
	Arts (Psychology)	60.45 (M), 57.80 (G)
Federation University	Psychological Science	41.10 (Be), 41.05 (Gi), 53.70 (Ba)
La Trobe University	Psychology (Honours)	85.15 (M), 92.05 (B), n/a (AW)
	Psychological Science	55.00 (M), 57.50 (B), 57.90 (A)
Monash University	Psychological (Honours)	88.65 (C)
RMIT University	Psychology (Applied Science) *	60.05 (Ci), 63.30 (Bu)
	Psychology (Social Science)	80.95 (Ci)
	Criminology & Psychology	81.00 (Ci)

*other prereq's

Swinburne University	Psychology (Honours)	83.25 (H)
	Psychological Sciences	60.40 (H)
Victoria University	Psychology (Honours)	82.60 (FP)
	Psychological Studies	n/a (FP)
	Criminal Justice & Psych. Studies	n/a (FP)

For a comprehensive list of all courses offering psychology, including it being offered as a major in arts and science degrees, as well as the many double-degree options, visit [VTAC](#)

OPTOMETRY COURSES

The [Good Universities Guide - Optometrist](#) states that *Optometrists perform eye examinations to determine the presence of vision problems and other eye conditions and disease. They treat or manage these problems by prescribing glasses, contact lenses, optical aids, vision therapy, medication (in the form of eye drops) or referral to an eye surgeon when required.*

Optometrists need to have a patient and caring manner; be able to carry out accurate and precise work, have good communication skills, and enjoy helping people.

To become an optometrist a student usually has to study optometry at university. Alternatively, they can complete a degree in vision science or a relevant area at university, followed by a postgraduate qualification in optometry. Prerequisite subjects, or assumed knowledge, in one or more of English, mathematics, chemistry, biology and physics are normally required. Entry to postgraduate courses usually requires completion of an appropriate bachelor's degree. A number of universities in Australia offer these degrees. Universities have different prerequisites, and some have flexible entry requirements.

Optometry courses on offer in Australia include -

INSTITUTION	COURSE	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
DEAKIN UNIVERSITY	Bachelor of Vision Science/Master of Optometry	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL An ATAR of 95+
	Master of Optometry	Completion of a Bachelor of Vision Science, or equivalent, with an emphasis on an adequate coverage of vision sciences
FLINDERS UNIVERSITY	Bachelor of Medical Science (Vision Science), Master of Optometry	Assumed knowledge of Maths Methods, Chemistry and Physics An ATAR of 96+
QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY	Bachelor of Vision Science/Master of Optometry	English/EAL, Maths Methods, Chemistry, Physics An ATAR of 98+
UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE	Doctor of Optometry	An undergraduate degree (or equivalent), and three subjects at second or third year level (or equivalent) in one or more relevant biological science disciplines plus the GAMSAT or MCAT
UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES	Bachelor of Vision Science with a Master of Clinical Optometry	English/EAL, Maths Methods, Chemistry, Physics An ATAR of 99+

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEGREES

Public relations officers plan, develop, put into place and evaluate information and communication strategies that present an organisation to the public, clients and other stakeholders. They also promote good information flow within their organisation - [Good Universities Guide - Public Relations Officer](#). Several universities in Victoria offer **public relations degrees**, or **public relations** as a **major** in other degrees - some of these are listed below.

For a comprehensive list of courses offering public relations (including the many double-degree options) on offer at universities, visit [VTAC](#).

INSTITUTION	COURSE NAME	VCE PREREQs	MAJOR STUDIES IN 2020	ATAR 2020
DEAKIN M - Melbourne G – Geelong Waurn Ponds	Communication (Public Relations)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	Campaigns and event management, Ethical communication, Marketing communication, Media and communication, Media relations, Professional writing, Public affairs, Public relations, Public relations management, Social media, Strategic communication.	60.50 (M) 56.40 (GW)
LA TROBE M - Melbourne	Media and Communication (Public Relations)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.	Public relations, Strategic communication.	56.60 (M)
MONASH Ca – Caulfield	Media and Communication	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	Journalism, Media, Public relations, Screen.	80.40 (Ca)
RMIT C – City	Communication (Public Relations)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 32 in any English.	Business practice, Communication management, Communication research, Leadership, Marketing communication, Professional practice, Public relations, Strategic planning, Writing.	80.05 (C)
	Communication (Professional Communications)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in any English.	Advertising, Asian studies, Cinema studies, Communication, Journalism, Literature, Media production, Politics, Popular culture, Public relations.	76.65 (C)
SWINBURNE H – Hawthorn * - Professional degree	Media and Communication (Professional) * Media and Communication	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	Advertising, Cinema and screen studies, Creative writing and literature, Digital advertising technology, Games and interactivity, Journalism, Media industries, Professional Writing and Editing, Public relations, Social media.	80.15 (H) * 60.95 (H)