



## Dates to Diarise in Term 4



### Reminder: VTAC 2025 Upcoming Key Dates



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| VTAC Personal Statement           | Friday 6 December 2024          |
| ATARs Released                    | Thursday 12 December 2024       |
| Change of Preference (CoP) closes | Saturday 14 December 2024       |
| December Round Offers             | Monday 23 December 2024         |
| January Round Domestic Offers     | Friday 10 January 2025          |
| February Offer Rounds             | Tuesday 4 February 2025 onwards |

For a full list of cancelled, amended, and new courses, visit [VTAC Course Updates](#).

The VTAC website is [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)



### Useful Tips for a University Degree Wannabe (UDW)

**UDW: definition - a person who is convinced they want to go to University but are not sure where or exactly what they want to study! Also suffers from ATAR anxiety.**

- Choose a degree that allows some flexibility in selecting a sequence of units that is right for you
- Make sure the program offers opportunities for practical work experience (sometimes called Industry Based Learning)
- Do not base your decision solely on what your friends are doing
- LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION!!! Make sure travel time from your residence to the campus is within what you are willing and able to do on a day to- day basis
- Do not just pick courses based on ATAR alone



## News from the University of Melbourne

### ➤ **Satisfy Subject Prerequisites**

Besides completing prerequisite subjects through the VCE, students can also satisfy subject prerequisites by taking a couple of alternative studies or tests. Students might choose to study a single subject through the University of Melbourne's [Community Access Program \(CAP\)](#), or study the [Diploma in General Studies](#).

Click here for more information - [Satisfy Subject Prerequisites](#).

### ➤ **New Guaranteed Pathways for Bachelor of Design Students**

Starting in 2025, all University of Melbourne [Bachelor of Design](#) graduates who continue into a Melbourne School of Design graduate program will have **guaranteed entry**—no portfolio or personal statement required.

To qualify, students must:

1. Achieve a minimum 65% WAM in the Bachelor of Design.
2. Complete the corresponding major for their preferred Master's program.

Examples include:

- Architecture major pathway into the Master of Architecture
- Construction major pathway into the Master of Construction Management
- Landscape Architecture major pathway into the Master of Landscape Architecture
- Property major pathway into the Master of Property
- Urban Planning major pathway into the Master of Urban Planning.

Find out more at [Guaranteed and Flexible Undergraduate to Graduate Degree Pathways](#)



### **Pathway to Physiotherapy**

Monash University recently introduced the *new* **Doctor of Physiotherapy**, a three-year graduate-entry degree based at the Peninsula campus. This offers students with a passion for physiotherapy another pathway to a qualification, if unsuccessful in their application to the Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours).

A Monash *Bachelor of Biomedical Science, Science, or Health Sciences* degree is a great foundation for the Doctor of Physiotherapy. Students must meet specific unit requirements.

Find out more at [Doctor of Physiotherapy](#).



## Career in Economics

*What does a career in economics actually look like? Whether you're interested in government, private enterprise or social sciences, the world of economics is as vast as it is inspiring.*

The University of Queensland has a useful online resource for students interested in economics. Students are encouraged to visit [Economics Explored](#) and watch a couple of interesting YouTube clips, read through some Q & A, and also some valuable insights.

Economics is offered as a *major* and/or *minor* at most universities in Victoria.



## Study Abroad & Exchange Programs - Victorian Universities

Students who choose to take up an opportunity to do some of their university study overseas get the opportunity to immerse themselves in another culture, study at an overseas university, and really get to engage with students and lecturers at those institutions.

A bonus of many study-abroad programs is that students get to study for one or two semesters at these overseas partner institutions and earn credit towards their degrees.

**Find out more about the Study Abroad programs offered, by browsing the following links:**

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| <b>Australian Catholic University</b> | <a href="#">Study overseas - ACU</a>                           |
| <b>Deakin University</b>              | <a href="#">Study abroad - Deakin</a>                          |
| <b>Federation University</b>          | <a href="#">Study abroad - Federation University Australia</a> |
| <b>La Trobe University</b>            | <a href="#">Studying overseas - La Trobe University</a>        |
| <b>Monash University</b>              | <a href="#">Monash Abroad - Study Abroad</a>                   |
| <b>RMIT University</b>                | <a href="#">Global experiences - RMIT University</a>           |
| <b>Swinburne University</b>           | <a href="#">Study Abroad &amp; Exchange - Swinburne</a>        |
| <b>University of Melbourne</b>        | <a href="#">Study overseas - The University of Melbourne</a>   |
| <b>Victoria University</b>            | <a href="#">Study overseas - Victoria University</a>           |



## **Psychiatrists and Psychologists: What's the Difference?**

According to the *Your Health in Mind* website, there are three main differences between psychiatrists and psychologists:

- *Psychiatrists are medical doctors, psychologists are not.*
- *Psychiatrists prescribe medication, psychologists can't.*
- *Psychiatrists diagnose illness, manage treatment and provide a range of therapies for complex and serious mental illness.*
- *Psychologists focus on providing psychotherapy (talk therapy) to help patients.*

It would seem many people get psychiatrists and psychologists confused with each other. Both psychiatrists and psychologists understand how the brain works, our emotions, feelings and thoughts. Both can treat mental illness with psychological treatments (talking therapies).

However, psychiatrists attend medical school and become medical doctors before doing specialist training in mental health – with up to 11 years of training. As they are doctors, psychiatrists understand the links between mental and physical problems, and they can also prescribe medications.

Further information can be found at [Your Health in Mind](#).



### **Studying the Doctor of Medicine at Deakin**

*Deakin is one of three universities in Victoria offering postgraduate medicine. Based at the Waurin Ponds campus, this 4-year course has a unique focus on rural and regional medicine, Indigenous Health, the development of human capabilities and service to marginalised communities.*

There are three entry streams available for applicants: *General Entry Stream*, *Rural Training Stream*, and the *Indigenous Entry Stream*.

The first two years of the Doctor of Medicine include face-to-face learning activities at Waurin Ponds (Geelong). In years one and two, students learn in simulated clinical environments and dedicated medical sciences teaching spaces, along with small group learning sessions. Teaching activities are conducted both online and face-to-face. Students are also exposed to clinical experiences from early in the course, through placements with healthcare providers.

During years three and four students will undergo intensive clinical training within health

services attached to one of Deakin's [clinical schools](#): the [Rural Community Clinical School, Ballarat, Warrnambool, Geelong](#) or [Eastern Health](#). Students get to conduct their learning in the clinical environment, guided by experienced staff associated with the clinical schools.

Browse [Doctor of Medicine at Deakin](#) to find out more.



### **Snapshot of The Hotel School – Melbourne in 2024**

- [The Hotel School](#) delivers [Southern Cross University](#) courses and is the only hotel school in Australia formed through a unique partnership between a public university and a global hotel investment group.
- Southern Cross University ranks in the top 300 [Shanghai Ranking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects](#) in the area of *Hospitality and Tourism Management*.
- The Hotel School [Melbourne Campus](#) is located in the heart of the CBD.
- Students have access to a state-of-the-art learning hub with dedicated student spaces.
- A number of [courses](#) are on offer, including –
  - ✓ [Diploma of Hotel Management](#)
  - ✓ [Associate Degree of International Hotel and Tourism Management](#)
  - ✓ [Bachelor of Business in Hotel Management](#)
  - ✓ [Master of Business in Global Hotel Leadership](#)
- The Hotel School has over 1000 [industry connections](#) who provide an invaluable resource for internships and Work Integrated Learning as well as other activities to students.
- The Hotel School offers a range of [Student Support Services](#).
- [Internships](#) make up an important part of the courses taught at The Hotel School
- Students can learn more by participating in a virtual tour of the [Melbourne Campus](#).

