WHAT IF YOU THINK YOU WON’T GET A PLACE AT UNIVERSITY?

There are many alternatives. Some suggestions are:

- Contact your Career Practitioner for ideas to suit you
- Apply for an Associate Degree (2 Years pathway with credit)
- Apply for a related TAFE course, if you have not done so already, as a pathway to the degree
- Apply for a course at ACUcom (see below), Latrobe Melbourne, Monash College or MIBT – all private colleges leading to degrees in partner universities (see VTAC Guide)
- Complete a Diploma in Tertiary Studies (DoTS) or Foundation Studies – e.g. at Monash University, RMIT and Victoria University
- Consider a UniLink Diploma at Swinburne
- Nursing - complete a Diploma of Nursing at TAFE, followed by a one year conversion course
- Try for a Negotiated Offer in January (see VTAC website)
- Make sure you ticked the box in your Course Application for a Supplementary Offer in January (see VTAC website)

ACUcom AT THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

ACUcom is a department of the Australian Catholic University that delivers TAFE-level courses. These courses are complete qualifications but are also pathway programs into bachelor degrees at ACU. While the pathways are not guarantees, students who do well in the ACUcom courses are usually offered places in relevant bachelor programs.

ACUcom courses are suited to students who –

✓ Want a TAFE level qualification
✓ Do not get the required ATAR to go straight into their chosen bachelor degree
✓ Want to use the TAFE to university pathway to a bachelor degree
✓ Want to try an area of study but are not sure they want to commit to a 3-year course

ACUcom offers three courses suitable for school leavers:
- Diploma of Nursing – (Pathway into Bachelor of Nursing)
- Certificate in Exercise Science – (Pathway into Bachelor of Exercise Science with two units of credit)
- Certificate III in Educational Support – (Pathway into Bachelor of Education)

For more information on these courses, the cost and how to apply email acucom.melbourne@acu.edu.au or call (03) 9953 3321.

UNIVERSITY PATHWAY DIPLOMAS THROUGH MELBOURNE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (MIT)

Melbourne Institute of Technology (MIT) offers 8 – 12 month diplomas in Business and IT leading to a 2nd year university degree. The diploma courses are equivalent to the first year of the Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Networking or Bachelor of Engineering Technology degrees at MIT and other Australian universities.

On successful completion of the business diploma, students may transfer to the second year of the Bachelor of Business degree at MIT specialising in accounting, management or marketing.

On successful completion of the IT diploma, students may transfer to the second year of the Bachelor of Networking specialising in network security, mobile technologies, enterprise networks or system analysis.

Alternatively, students may apply to second year of the relevant degree at Deakin University, Monash University or Federation University at MIT (conditions apply).

Applications for these diploma courses can be made through VTAC at www.vtac.edu.au. For more information visit MIT Pathway Diplomas

NEWS FROM MONASH UNIVERSITY

- Diploma of Tertiary Studies (DoTs)

The Diploma of Tertiary Studies (DoTs) is designed as an alternative pathway to university study. The program is particularly suited to students requiring additional learning support in their first year of study. The DoTs pathway equips students with the skills to write essays, undertake research, solve problems, think critically, develop projects, and communicate their ideas more effectively. This pathway opportunity is offered at the Peninsula campus and the Berwick campus of Monash University. Providing a direct pathway to Monash University, successful completion of DoTs allows students to apply to progress to the second year of over 30 Monash University degrees. Students will have the flexibility to choose a stream that interests them from Arts, Business, Education or Nursing. It is this stream that forms the first year of their degree, and determines which Monash degree they can pathway into.

The advantages of the DoTs pathway:

✓ it’s a pathway into the second year of your chosen degree
✓ it’s an opportunity to explore academic options if you are uncertain about future career directions

Entry requirements: To be considered for entry, applicants must have successfully completed the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), or equivalent, and have attained a minimum English score of 25 (or 30 in EAL) and a minimum ATAR score of 50. Depending on the DoTs stream, there may be additional pre-requisites. Visit DoTs to find out more!

- Business and Economics

1+1 doesn’t always = 2! Everybody knows one plus one equals two. But, when we’re talking about a double degree at Monash, the maths is even simpler.
A standard bachelor degree is three years, but in most cases students can graduate from a double degree in four years. Combining a Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Business or Bachelor of Economics with another degree, opens up a world of possibilities. Students can study a language, a second profession, a completely different area of business, or other areas they may be interested in, such as engineering, medicine, arts, law, and more.

So how does it work? All Monash courses include compulsory core units (which students must do) and electives (which students can choose based on their interests). In a double degree, the compulsory units in one degree make up the electives in the other, and vice versa. So students will still study the core units to complete each course, but the units they study will count towards both degrees.

Monash offers combined degrees across all faculties and disciplines. Some examples of popular combinations include Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Engineering; Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Commerce; and Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Business.

For more information on the double degree offerings visit Business & Economics

SCHOLARSHIPS AT WILLIAM ANGLISS INSTITUTE

William Angliss Institute provides educational opportunities and financial assistance to support commencing and current students. Scholarships available to commencing domestic students at William Angliss Institute in 2015 include:

✓ Degree Scholarships
✓ Sir William Angliss Scholarships (VIC) - for any Certificate, Diploma or Advance Diploma.
✓ Nestle Golden Chefs Hat Scholarship - Commercial Cookery

Applications for the Sir William Angliss and Nestle Golden Chefs Hat Scholarships close on Saturday 15 November 2014, and applications for Degree Scholarships close on Monday 9 March 2015. For more information and to download a Scholarship application form visit William Angliss Scholarships

ACU LAW SCHOLARSHIPS

Introduced in 2012, the Thomas More Academy of Law Academic Excellence Scholarship reflects ACU's commitment to academic excellence in the undergraduate law program. Two scholarships, valued at $20,000 each, are available. The scholarships are paid as one instalment per semester for the duration of the course.

• $2,500 per semester for a four year program
• $2,000 per semester for a five year program

See full details on eligibility and how to apply at Law Scholarships

BOND UNIVERSITY GEORGINA HOPE RINEHART EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

The Georgina Hope Rinehart Excellence Scholarship is targeted at high performance swimming scholars offering a full-fee scholarship plus $21,000 living expenses for students to compete at an elite level while gaining an education at Bond University. This scholarship is open to students who are eligible to compete for Australia; are swimming at a very high level for their school or club; have a high academic record, and who possess leadership qualities. Applications for this scholarship are currently open and close on 30 October 2014. Visit Bond Scholarship.

NEW BACHELOR OF FILM PRODUCTION

If you do what you love, you’ll never work a day in your life. Now you can turn your love of films into a career through UC's new Bachelor of Film Production.

Students who enrol in the Bachelor of Film Production will learn about all aspects of film including the sets, the shoot, directing actors, editing, sound design and effects as well as the creative processes of screenwriting. Students can specialise in cinematography, sound design or

• Screenwriter
• Video/film director
• Film and television producer
• Documentary filmmaker
• Cinematographer
• Sound Designer
• First Assistant Director
• Editor

Find out more at Film Production

DIPLOMA SCREEN AND MEDIA (RADIO AND TELEVISION)

The Diploma Screen and Media (Radio and Television) is a practical introduction to radio and television presenting, and a pathway for students to try their hand at media production. In summary –

✓ This is a one-year course based at the Chadstone Campus
✓ Students produce a magazine style show for Channel 31 called HIT TV
✓ Students produce radio shows in the Holmesglen Radio Studio
✓ This is a highly practical course offering experience both on air and behind the scenes

Pathways for graduates include -
✓ Advanced Diploma in Radio at Australian Film Television and Radio School
✓ Bachelor of Screen at Holmesglen Institute (Waverley Campus)
✓ Bachelor of Media or Film at Deakin University, RMIT, Swinburne and La Trobe University
✓ Entry level employment via industry work placements

For more information visit Diploma Screen and Media (Radio & Television)

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (P – 6)

Federation University has partnered with Melbourne Institute of Technology (MIT) to offer the VIT accredited Bachelor of Education (P – 6) at the MIT campus in Melbourne. The four year Bachelor of Education program will prepare students for the new and broader roles expected of professional educators, now and into the future. It will provide a qualification to teach in primary schools (P-6).
The VCE entry requirements are: Units 1 and 2: satisfactory completion in two units (any study combination) of General Mathematics or Maths: Mathematical Methods or Units 3 and 4: any Mathematics; and a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL. Application is through VTAC at www.vtac.edu.au.

To find out more about this course visit Bachelor of Education

SAE OPEN DAY 2014
SAE is hosting an Open Day to showcase the progress of its campus upgrade. Students will get the opportunity to chat with SAE academic and campus staff, as well as current students and graduates. Students will also be able to tour the facilities, watch creative demonstrations, participate in creative workshops and so much more.

With a great reputation for career-ready graduates and a campus unlike any other, the SAE Melbourne Open Day is the place to start your creative journey.

Date: Saturday 15 November 2014
Time: 11.00am – 3.00pm
Venue: 235 Normanby Road in South Melbourne

Visit SAE Open Day to find out more or call 1800 SAE EDU.

PROSTHETICS AND ORTHOTICS AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY
Are you a PROBLEM SOLVER? A CREATIVE THINKER? Interested in PEOPLE? Interested in MEDICAL SCIENCES? Do you have PRACTICAL SKILLS? La Trobe University is one of only three universities in the world offering a qualification in Prosthetics and Orthotics – the Bachelor of Applied Science and Master of Clinical Prosthetics and Orthotics. This course offers practical experience, and is the only course of its kind in the Asia-Pacific region, with institutions only in Scotland and Sweden offering a similar program.

Prosthetics and orthotics are clinical disciplines that deal with artificial limbs (prostheses) for people with amputations and supportive devices (orthoses) for people with musculoskeletal weakness or neurological disorders. Students study anatomy, physiology, biomechanics, prosthetic and orthotic prescription, and design and fabrication. They also develop strong practical skills in research methodology, clinical assessment and the application of prosthetic and orthotic techniques. Clinical placements make up a very important part of the program. VCE requirements are Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; and a study score of at least 25 in two of Biology, Chemistry, any Mathematics, Physical Education or Physics.

Find out more at Prosthetics & Orthotics

DIPLOMA OF APPLIED FASHION DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY
The Diploma of Applied Fashion Design and Technology is a one-year program that focuses on developing technical skills in patternmaking, garment construction and design, including CAD. The program is delivered in 40 weeks and followed up with a 10 week industry placement. Students learn how to analyse colour, style and fabric requirements to satisfy a design brief and plan for production, based on current industry standards.

The course serves as an excellent pathway qualification into two premier Fashion degree programs offered at Box Hill Institute- the Bachelor of Fashion and the Bachelor of Fashion Merchandising. Find out more at Applied Fashion Design

NEWS FROM VICTORIA UNIVERSITY
- New Bachelor of Commerce (Applied Finance) in 2015
Are you interested in finance? The new Bachelor of Commerce (Applied Finance) to be offered at the City Flinders Campus could be the ideal course! The course gives students the opportunity of undertaking an overseas study tour, industry placements, workplace-based projects with authentic case-based scenarios, and the opportunity to take part in a mentoring program. The VCE prerequisite studies are Units 3 and 4: study score of at least 25 in English (any); and 30 in Further Maths or 25 in English other than EAL; and a study score of at least 25 in two of Biology, Chemistry, any Mathematics, Physical Education or Physics.

Find out more by visiting Applied Finance
- Bachelor of Youth Work

Youth Workers make a difference in young people’s lives! Graduates of Youth Work at VU gain employment in a wide range of jobs including juvenile justice, housing, local government, community recreation, outdoor education, drug & alcohol services, and alternative education programs.

Find out more about this course at Youth Work

NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE
- Pre-Vet Club
If you are interested in becoming a veterinarian, or want to explore what it is to be a veterinarian, then the Pre-Vet Club is for you! Once enrolled in a Science degree at a university, and if intending studying post graduate veterinary science, students are invited to join the Pre-Vet Club. Visit Pre-Vet Club
- Pathway to Veterinary Science

Students often ask if Bachelor of Agriculture is a pathway option to the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM). The answer is yes! Students who complete a major in Production Animal Health in their Bachelor of Agriculture degree can receive credit for up to 30 per cent of the first year of the four-year DVM. A study plan for the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine can be found at Study Plan.

This, and other pathways to studying Veterinary Medicine at Melbourne can be found at Pathways to Veterinary Medicine
- Diploma of General Studies

Your pathway into a degree at the University of Melbourne! The Diploma in General Studies is available to CSP students and provides a guaranteed entry into a University of Melbourne degree based on graded average scores. Full-time students undertake four subjects per semester for two semesters; part-time students undertake two subjects per semester for four semesters. There are two semesters each year. All students must complete the compulsory subject Academic writing and communication in their first semester. Completion of the Diploma in General Studies gives students guaranteed entry into the Bachelors of Agriculture, Science, Environments, Commerce and Biomedicine at the University of Melbourne. The Diploma of General Studies is a one-year full time course offered at Melbourne’s Dookie Campus. To find out more visit Diploma of General Studies
Adventure, travel, great pay and diverse career opportunities – just to name a few of the benefits on offer when you join the Navy, Army or Air Force. If you’re up for the challenge and would like to find out more, come along to one of our upcoming information sessions:

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All sessions are taking place in the Defence Force Recruiting Centre

**Location:** Level 14, 501 Swanston Street,

Melbourne VIC 3000

**Our building is currently undergoing extensive refurbishment; please follow the signs to the 501 entrance**

* Photo I.D will be required and checked upon arrival. Any minors without photo I.D are requested to attend with a parent/guardian.

There are limited positions available for these sessions so reservations are essential. To book your seat please email CPTVIC@df.com.au with the date and title of the session and also the number of seats you would like.

Hope to see you there!

DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITING
UNIVERSITY TERMS

When students are looking in to university study, they often come across words or terms they are unfamiliar with. So, here are a few of the more commonly used terms to help students understand what is being talked about!

**Associate Degree** - an associate degree is generally a two-year qualification that is made up of two-thirds of a bachelor degree, and may be offered by both TAFEs and universities. Students often use this as a stepping stone to the full Bachelor Degree.

**Assumed knowledge** – refers to subjects the university recommends or prefers a student to have studied at school before starting the course

**ATAR** – Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank – the figure used by UAC and VTAC to calculate the entrance ranking for a university course

**Bachelor Degree** – the award/qulification a student gains when they have completed studies in an undergraduate course, which takes between 3 or 4 years of full-time study. This is the traditional starting point of a university qualification.

**Bridging Course** – an introductory course to help students achieve the preferred entry level to a degree, e.g. a bridging maths course for students who do not have the preferred maths but need it to access a course

**Census Date** – the last day a student can withdraw from their university course and not owe fees

**Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP)** – a student’s enrolment in a university degree for which the Commonwealth government makes a contribution towards the cost of that student’s education (formerly known as a HECS place)

**Credit** – if a student has previously studied – perhaps at TAFE – and has Recognised Prior Learning (RPL), the student may be able to receive credit for a subject or subjects in their course. Also often referred to as Advanced Standing.

**Double degree** – a student can choose to complete a double degree – this integrates studies in two degrees resulting in an award of two degrees, usually after a minimum of 4 years of study. Often also referred to as Combined Degrees.

**Defer** – a student may choose to delay starting their course. Deferring an offer of a place might mean delaying for 6, 12, 18 or 24 months. Deferment ensures the student is guaranteed their place in their selected course

**Elective** – a subject that is not core to the degree and is often from another faculty, e.g. a commerce student might choose psychology (from the Arts Faculty) as an elective

**Faculty** – a department within a university devoted to a particular area of study – so, Faculty of Arts or Faculty of Science

**HECS-HELP** – a loan scheme that assists students with a CSP place to pay their contribution. Students may choose to pay their fees upfront and receive a 10% discount, or choose to defer payment via the HECS-HELP loan scheme

**Honours** – many Bachelor degrees offer a fourth year – called an Honours year. The Honours year allows students to further focus on a particular an area of interest. The Honours year can either be integrated into a 4-year Bachelor degree or be offered as a separate year after completion of a 3-year Bachelor degree

**Lecture** – a period of teaching given by a lecturer to a large group of students in a lecture theatre; can often be as many as 300 students in a lecture

**Major study** – an area within a course that allows in-depth study in a particular field. More than one major may be allowed in some courses

**Minor study** – a grouping of subjects allowing a broader understanding of a few subjects, with less emphasis on in-depth study

**Prerequisite** – a set of conditions – usually a completion of a subject – that must be met before enrollment in a subject or course is allowed.

**Transcript** – this is the university academic record each student receives, like a school report

**Tutorial** – a period of teaching given to a small group of students – involving discussion and participation

**UAC** – Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) – all students wishing to study at universities in ACT and NSW must apply online through UAC

**Undergraduate** – a student studying at university for a first level degree, e.g. a Bachelor degree

**VTAC** – Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) – all students wishing to study at universities Victoria must apply online through VTAC

**Workplace learning** – practical training in a workplace, such as internships or practical work experience. This is a hands-on experience – some universities call it Industry Based Learning or Work Integrated Learning

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