

GUIDE TO UNI



ASPIRE

EARLY ADMISSIONS PROGRAM

At La Trobe University, community counts, and we're serious about making a positive difference to the world we live in.

WHAT IS THE ASPIRE PROGRAM?

Aspire is an early entry scheme that underpins our commitment to the community.

Through the Aspire Program, we reward students who have been actively engaged in their community with an early conditional offer to La Trobe before they have even completed their Year 12 exams.

Admission is predominantly based on your volunteerism and leadership rather than your ATAR. In 2015, we made more than 1600 offers to community-minded students.

Who can apply?

The Aspire Program is available to current domestic and on-shore international Year 12 students. We may offer the Program to non-Year 12 applicants in 2016.

Keep in touch and we'll keep you updated – register your details at: latrobe.edu.au/aspire

Types of volunteering

You must demonstrate your volunteering and/or leadership experience when applying for the Aspire Program.

This can include:

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

How to apply

You can apply for up to three courses via the Aspire Program. You'll find a step-by-step guide along with a sample application on our website.

Apply online at: latrobe.edu.au/aspire

How we assess your application

We'll ask your school Principal (or their nominee) for a recommendation endorsing your academic ability and we'll ask you for a written statement describing what you did for your community. Your statement should include a description of your role, the impact your actions had on your community, and your level of commitment.

If you're successful, we'll make you an early conditional offer. You'll still need to meet the minimum ATAR of 50 for entry into all courses (except for some professional degree programs) and you'll need to meet standard prerequisites for your course.



Xina Lam, Aspire student
Bachelor of Applied Science and
Master of Orthoptics

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I'm a Duke of Edinburgh awardee and I volunteered my time to support literacy and emotional skills in young children.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Applications open
Wednesday 1 June 2016

Applications close
Wednesday
31 August 2016

Notification of outcome
Mid-September 2016

Apply online
latrobe.edu.au/aspire



PLANNING FOR UNI AND BEYOND...

MEETING PREREQUISITES

Whether you're in high school now, or are thinking about coming to uni after some time away from study, you'll need to meet specific requirements for your course.

For school students, this means you need to complete specific subjects in Year 11 and 12 to be eligible to apply for specific courses. If you're 21 or older, or will turn 21 the year you start your course, you're considered a mature-age student and there are a few different ways you can meet prerequisites (see page 3).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS

Choosing Year 12 subjects to meet prerequisites

Some university courses require you to complete specific subjects in Year 11 and 12 to be eligible to apply. These are called prerequisites. If you're still in school, now is a good time to explore your options and plan ahead.

Think realistically about what you want to do after high school. What are your interests and academic skills? What subjects are you good at? What do you really enjoy studying?

If a course has a prerequisite that you didn't study, you're not eligible to apply for that course. Universities set prerequisites to make sure you have the basic skills and knowledge to do well in a course. For example, most science-based courses will require VCE/HSC science and maths prerequisites. For many prerequisites, you'll also need to achieve a particular score in those subjects.

Universities set their prerequisites three years in advance, so if you're a Year 10 student you can select the required VCE/HSC subjects for those courses.

Prerequisites can vary between universities, even for courses of the same name. You can find out about prerequisites for La Trobe and other Victorian universities on the VTAC website at vtac.edu.au or in the UAC guide, University Entry Requirements for Year 10 Students.

PLANNING FOR UNI AND BEYOND...

ABOUT ATARS

The Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank – ATAR – is not a score, but a ranking. That is, when every student in Year 12 has completed their exams, their score is ranked against every other Year 12 student that year.

Your rank is then expressed as a percentage, with 50% being the middle point of the ranking scale. It's a little like placings in a race. A rank of 50% doesn't mean your score is only 50% – it just means that your score put you in the middle of the results. An ATAR of 60 means you are in the top 40%, an ATAR of 70 puts you in the top 30%, and so on.

Because the ATAR is calculated on everybody's exam results, it's not possible to work it out in advance. All the results have to be in before your ranking can be calculated. But there are ways to focus on getting a good ATAR.

Getting a better ATAR

Here's how you can prioritise your studies and use your time and energy strategically to help you achieve a higher ATAR.

1. Your English marks are the first included in your ATAR calculation. If you focus on getting great Unit 3 and 4 English results, that will help you do well in the rankings.
2. After English, the calculation includes your next three best subjects. Identify your best subjects and work hard to excel in those to help boost your ranking.
3. If you've done more than four subjects, 10% of your fifth and sixth subjects make up the remainder of your ATAR calculation.

Clearly-in ATARs

The Clearly-in ATAR refers to the minimum ATAR that was required in the previous year to get into a particular course. You can use the Clearly-in ATARs from previous years as a guideline of what kind of ATAR may be required for entry in the future, however keep in mind that the figure can change from year to year.

ASPIRE EARLY ADMISSIONS PROGRAM

Community matters to us so we'll recognise the volunteer work you've done with your school or community when assessing your application. Find out more about our Aspire Early Admissions Program on the inside front cover.

VCE PLUS EXTENSION STUDIES PROGRAM

High-achieving Year 11 students can apply to complete two first-year subjects concurrently with their Year 12 studies and have these recognised as part of their VCE. You'll get bonuses towards your ATAR, earn credit for your course, and save on HECS fees. To learn more, visit: latrobe.edu.au/vceplus



Linh Vo

Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery

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La Trobe has a very diverse atmosphere with a very supportive and welcoming environment that makes students feel really comfortable and at home. The students that you meet on campus are very approachable, some of which you can befriend in an instant!

Within my course, my lecturers and workshop facilitators are really friendly and they make learning much more interesting because they're so passionate about their job! It's definitely more engaging as a student to see my lecturers enjoying what they do, because it motivates me to do better.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR MATURE-AGE STUDENTS

We welcome mature-age students; in fact, around a third of our students fall into this category. As a mature-age student you will still need to meet the prerequisites for your course. Here are some of your options to help you meet entry requirements:

Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)

The STAT Multiple Choice is an aptitude test assessing a range of competencies considered important for success in tertiary study. You'll have to sit the STAT if you don't have an academic record (VCE/HSC or equivalent) and you're applying through our Mature-Age Special Entry Scheme. Our Work Recognition Program (see below) is an alternative to the STAT.

Some people who do have an academic record choose to sit the STAT Multiple Choice to supplement their application. Speak with a selection officer before you decide.

latrobe.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/your-options/special-tertiary-admissions-test

Work Recognition Program

This program is designed to help future students enter university for the first time, regardless of whether or not you've completed Year 12. To be eligible, you will need a minimum of 12 months' full-time paid employment and be at least 21 years old in the year that you intend to start study. You don't need

any formal academic qualifications. We currently offer entry into a range of selected courses as listed on our website.

latrobe.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/your-options/work-recognition-program

Tertiary Enabling Program (TEP)

Our free 17-week program gives you strong foundation skills and strategies for learning across a variety of interrelated subject areas to ensure you reach tertiary level by the completion of the program.

TEP is designed for students who are 18-plus years of age, keen and willing to learn, and prepared to dedicate time and effort to the program. Upon successful completion, you'll be eligible for consideration into a number of our degrees.

latrobe.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/your-options/tep

Other important information

Make sure you check the non-Year 12 extra requirements for your chosen course at: latrobe.edu.au/courses

We highly recommend that all non-Year 12 applicants complete the VTAC Personal Statement online – or, if you're applying through UAC, the University's Personal Information (Pi) form. This gives you the opportunity to tell us about yourself, your experiences, skills and ambitions. Other extra requirements might include subject-specific tests or personal essays.

Don't know what to study?

Don't worry if you're not sure what you want to study yet. Your best chance of a successful, rewarding career begins with thinking about the areas you find interesting or exciting. Then, you can find out what kind of jobs will let you do those things, and which university courses can help you develop the right skills.

Many of our courses – such as the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Business or Bachelor of Science – are quite broad, with several different major options and electives that give you the flexibility to try subjects from different disciplines. You may also be able to start your studies in one course and transfer into a different course later on.

Need help deciding?

- Discuss your aspirations with a Career Practitioner or an independent career counsellor.
- Come along to one of our events and meet our Student Ambassadors to find out what studying at uni is really like.
- Get information directly from the source! Browse our website for course information or give our Future Students Centre a call on **1300 135 045**.



WHAT'S UNI REALLY LIKE?

From campus life to hands-on experiences to making new connections, the university experience is like no other.

HOW IS UNI UNIQUE?

Studying at university is a life-changing experience. You'll have access to a range of subjects, and the opportunity to specialise in specific areas.

University is an independent learning environment where you are expected to take responsibility for your own learning, and be in charge of your future.

It's a good idea to go to events for future students. These give you the chance to pick up course information, talk with staff and students, look around different campuses, and see for yourself what uni is like.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Our course structure is based on two 13-week semesters each year. Subjects usually run for one semester, and most full-time students do four subjects each semester. In most courses, you do compulsory subjects, a major, and some electives. But in some, you only have compulsory subjects.

The assignments you do depend on your subjects and their requirements. Some are all about essays, some focus on practical work, and some are a mix of both. And in many cases, courses will have exams as well.

Experience La Trobe

Be a university student for a day! Come with your friends or parents, attend lectures, workshops and speak to our academics and students. Find out more at latrobe.edu.au/experience

UNI CLASSES

If you're doing a normal full-time study load at uni (four subjects each semester) you usually spend about 12-15 hours in class. Classes at university may not take place every day, which can be a good thing if you have other commitments, like a job, family to take care of, volunteering duties or activities you are involved in.

You'll have several major assessments for each subject at university, with each taking quite some time to complete; therefore, it is important to manage your time properly and not over-crowd your schedule. A properly planned weekly schedule is a great tool to ensure you are on the right track! A useful strategy is to treat uni like your full-time job, where you schedule around nine hours each week (including classes) for each of your subjects. You probably won't always stick to this structure, but it can help you avoid all-night and weekend assignment marathons. See two sample schedules for first-year uni students on page 7.

Lectures

Our lectures are held in large lecture halls (rooms a bit like cinemas). There's usually no group discussion in lectures; lecturers tend to give a presentation over one or two hours, and you take notes. You'll usually have one lecture per subject each week, and they are often also available as a recording.

Tutorials (tutes)

Tutorials tend to involve smaller groups of students and a tutor discussing the week's lecture content and possibly some prescribed reading.

Like lectures, they normally run just under one or two hours, with one tute per subject each week. During the tutes, the tutor acts as discussion leader (they may or may not be the same person who lectures), and students do most of the talking. Tutes often involve student presentations, individually or in groups.

There are usually multiple tute groups per subject, scheduled at different times. Each group usually has between 10 and 30 places. At the beginning of the semester, you'll join a tute that suits your schedule, and stay in that tute throughout the semester.

Clinical classes

If your degree includes clinical classes, this means that you'll take part in hands-on practical classes. This style of teaching allows health sciences students to practise on actual patients in clinics (on and off campus).

For example, our podiatry students attend to patients in our podiatry clinic at the Melbourne Campus.

Practicals (pracs)/workshops/labs

These are offered mainly in science and health sciences courses, with experiments or investigations in purpose-built labs. They usually last from one to three hours.

BLENDED LEARNING

Blended learning is a mix of face-to-face and online learning. It involves a thoughtful, sometimes innovative, integration of face-to-face learning experiences with online learning



Thomas Flood

Bachelor of Business (Sport Management) student

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I first started at La Trobe studying a Bachelor of Health Sciences / Master of Clinical Prosthetics and Orthotics. When I made the decision to transfer into sport management I didn't even consider leaving La Trobe because I'd had such a great experience here.

I enjoy the variety of the course. Doing the business degree as the core really gives great opportunities to try a bit of everything.

The partnerships and connections that La Trobe has within the sports industry are absolutely first class. During my fifth year I spent two months with the Kings XI Punjab Indian Premier League franchise working in a vast variety of roles, from operations and match day functions through to corporate and sponsorship roles.

I'm doing a work placement with Melbourne Storm helping out in their marketing department, and have also worked with Melbourne City (A-League).

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experiences. Through the blended learning system, we focus on increasing interactions between teachers, students and resources to help students achieve intended learning outcomes and support many different studying styles.

WORK PLACEMENTS

What's better than gaining some experience while you are in uni? Work placements give you industry experience relevant to your studies, and allow you to network with individuals in your chosen industry. During work placements, you tend to work under an employer's supervision. Not all courses offer placements, but for some they're compulsory. They're usually assessed as part of your studies.

Examples of work placements include internships for media and journalism students in print, broadcast and online media outlets; practical teaching placements in schools for education and teaching students; and clinical placements in hospitals for health sciences students.

HOW MUCH DOES UNI COST?

Domestic undergraduate university places are subsidised by the Commonwealth Government, and are called Commonwealth Supported Places (CSPs).

COURSE COSTS

You pay part of the cost of your CSP through a student contribution. The amount of your student contribution depends on the subjects you take. In 2016, the cost of one year's full-time study in a CSP ranges from \$6,256 to \$10,440.

You can pay your student contribution upfront, or borrow the money through the government's HECS-HELP scheme and pay it back once you're in the workforce and earning a certain amount. If you do pay upfront, you get a 10 per cent discount. For more information on CSPs and HECS-HELP, visit studyassist.gov.au

BOOKS AND EQUIPMENT

For most courses, you need to buy textbooks and possibly readings (articles and book chapters compiled by lecturers). Textbook prices vary widely. Some are around the price of an average paperback while others cost as much as \$100 or more. If you need to cut costs, you can borrow textbooks from the La Trobe Library, or buy second-hand copies from La Trobe's Student Union.

Depending on your course, other things you might need include a stethoscope, a lab coat/uniform, camping gear or art equipment.

Subject coordinators make detailed lists of everything you need to buy for your subjects – including prescribed and recommended textbooks – and include these in the subject guides they hand out to you at the beginning of each semester.

SCHOLARSHIPS

La Trobe students have access to a huge range of scholarships. Some are based on financial need and educational disadvantage, and others on academic achievement in Year 12. They include Commonwealth Learning Scholarships, scholarships for academic excellence, study support, accommodation assistance, and many discipline and course-specific scholarships as well as scholarships specifically for regional and Indigenous students. For more information and application forms, visit: latrobe.edu.au/scholarships

SCHOLARSHIPS AT LA TROBE



ACCESS SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED IN 2015

\$2,835,983

AWARDED TO SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENTS, INCLUDING 437 NEW
SCHOLARSHIPS WITH A TOTAL
VALUE OF \$944,033



NUMBER ONE IN
UNIVERSITY STAFF GIVING

OUR GOLDEN LANYARD PROGRAM

HAS CREATED 15 FULL-ACCESS
SCHOLARSHIPS FROM
OVER \$180,000 RAISED
SINCE 2013



WE HAVE THE BIGGEST STAFF
GIVING PROGRAM OF ANY
AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY



NEW EQUITY SCHOLARSHIPS
ALONG WITH \$10,000 ALLOCATED
TO EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR
MELBOURNE-BASED STUDENTS,
AND \$10,000 ALLOCATED
TO LOCAL STUDENTS
AT REGIONAL CAMPUSES

A TYPICAL WEEK AT UNI

Here are a couple of sample schedules to give you an idea of the amount of study uni involves – up to 40 hours per week, or nine hours per subject (including classes).

Example timetable: Bachelor of Nursing

For each hour of scheduled coursework (including online components) it is expected that you will need to do 2-3 hours of independent study.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9–10am	Introduction to Nursing Assessment	Human Biosciences A WORKSHOP**		Introduction to Professional Practice WORKSHOP**	
10–11am	PRACTICAL/WORKSHOP (alternate weeks)**				
11–12 Noon					
12–1pm				Individual Determinants of Health WORKSHOP**	
1–2pm					
2–3pm					
3–4pm					
4–5pm					
5–6pm					

Additionally: 32-40 hours of clinical practicum on a Friday Saturday or Sunday. Hours may vary according to clinical placement facility and public holidays.

** This subject also has an online component.

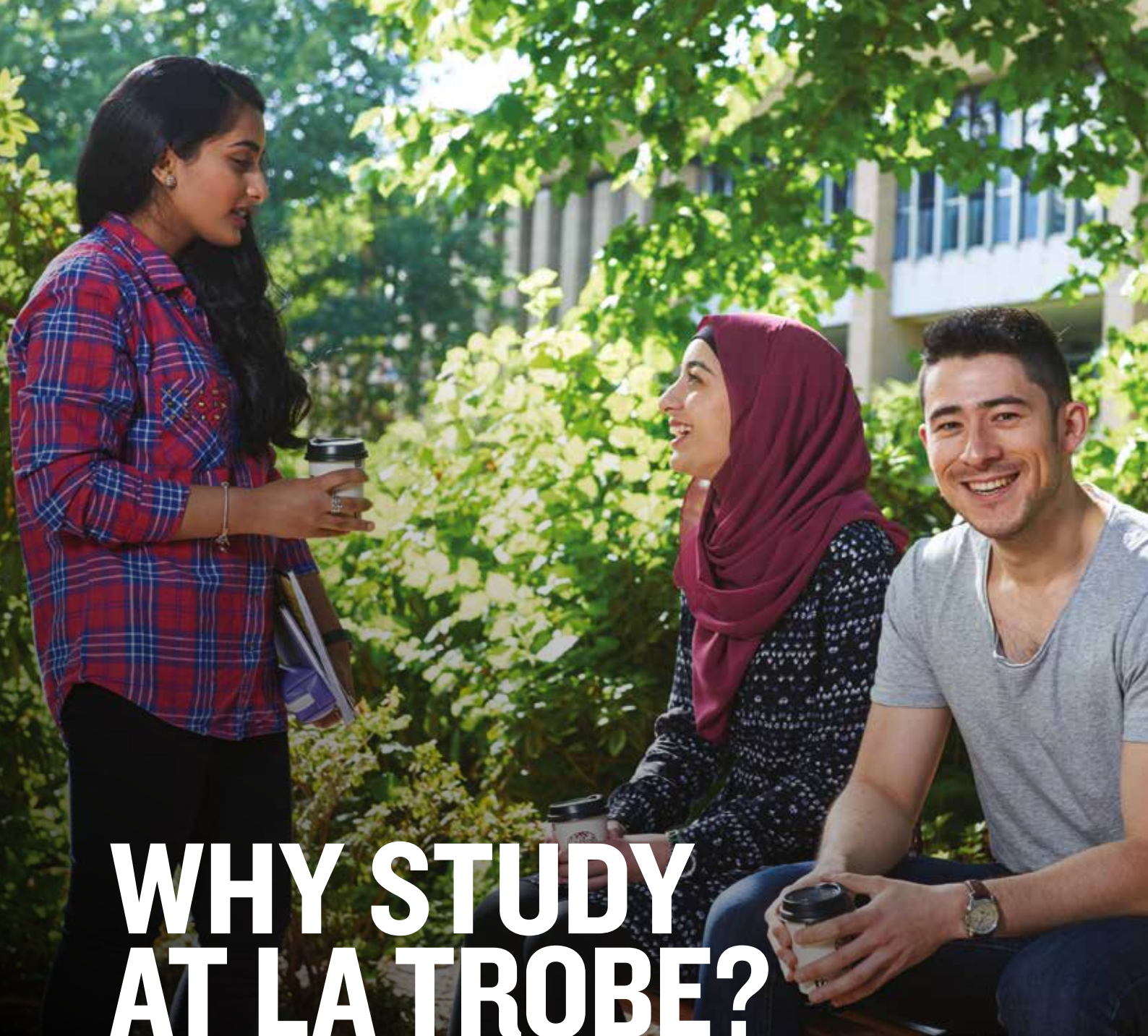
Example timetable: Bachelor of Business (Marketing)

For each hour of scheduled coursework (including online components) it is expected that you will need to do 2-3 hours of independent study.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9–10am					
10–11am					
11–12 Noon		Marketing: Defined, Planned and Delivered SEMINAR**			
12–1pm				Foundations of Management TUTORIAL**	
1–2pm					
2–3pm					
3–4pm		Business Foundations TUTORIAL**			
4–5pm			Accounting and Finance for Business TUTORIAL**		
5–6pm					

Lectures are also recorded and can be watched online at home if you cannot make it to class

** This subject also has an online component



WHY STUDY AT LA TROBE?

82%

OF RESEARCH AREAS ASSESSED
AT ABOVE OR WELL ABOVE
WORLD CLASS

*(2015 Excellence in Research for
Australia National Report)*



LARGEST PROVIDER

OF HIGHER EDUCATION
TO STUDENTS FROM
VICTORIA'S REGIONS

TOP 100

FOR COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA,
HISTORY, AND SOCIOLOGY

(QS World University Rankings by Subject 2015)



GLOBAL OUTLOOK

ACTIVE PARTNERSHIPS WITH
OVER 150 INSTITUTIONS IN MORE
THAN 40 COUNTRIES



DIVERSE COMMUNITY

MORE THAN 35,000 STUDENTS
AND 4,000 STAFF



AUSTRALIA'S BEST

UNIVERSITY FOR RESEARCH IN
AGRICULTURAL AND VETERINARY
STUDIES AND EQUAL BEST
IN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

*(2015 Excellence in Research for
Australia National Report)*



By choosing La Trobe, you're choosing to get real-world experience, gain a global perspective and study alongside people who are pushing the boundaries.

BE THE DIFFERENCE

When you graduate with a La Trobe degree, you'll join more than 170,000 others who have gone on to transform lives, professions and communities. Among them are CEOs of some of our most prominent organisations, parliamentarians, human rights activists, medical researchers and Olympians.

They are also nurses, teachers, journalists, engineers, artists and lawyers who make a difference to the world we live in. Their stories are remarkable and we'd like to share them with you.

Watch them at:
latrobe.edu.au/be-the-difference

YOUR CAREER IS OUR JOB

We've made Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Global Citizenship and Sustainability Thinking central to all of our undergraduate courses to make sure you graduate prepared for today's workplace. We call these three vital areas of learning the La Trobe Essentials. Find out how our Essentials will prepare you for success: latrobe.edu.au/essentials

Many of our courses also include work placements with organisations like CSIRO, the Australian Synchrotron, Deloitte and our many hospital partners.

This means you'll graduate with experience under your belt and a network of professional contacts.

CREATE KNOWLEDGE

By studying with us, you'll be part of a community that's contributing to new knowledge. We are among the top 10 research universities in Australia and 82 per cent of our research areas have been assessed to be at, above, or well above world class (2015 Excellence in Research for Australia National Report).

Our researchers at the La Trobe Institute for Molecular Science are looking for new ways to fight disease, while at AgriBio we're tackling climate change, drought and other threats to Australia's agriculture. At the La Trobe Rural Health School, we're improving health and wellbeing in rural and regional communities.

MAKE THE WORLD YOUR CAMPUS

To solve global problems, you'll need a global perspective, so we encourage you to take part in our overseas programs as part of your studies. You could study law in Shanghai, nanotechnology in Tokyo, archaeology in Mexico or urban planning in Sri Lanka. In 2014, we gave travel

grants and scholarships to more than 850 La Trobe students to study with partners like Michigan State University and the University of Essex.

Of course you don't have to travel to be a global citizen – we also bring the world to you. More than 8,000 international students study with us, making our campuses some of the most diverse in Australia.

Find out more: latrobe.edu.au/study/exchange-and-study-abroad

YOU MATTER

From day one, you'll have access to a support network of people who will help you get the most out of university. Our Peer Learning Advisers and Student Learning Lecturers will help you develop your study skills including advice on assignment and thesis writing. La Trobe's Counselling Service offers individual and small group counselling to support you when you need it, and our careers team runs workshops and events to help you start your career.

We'll help you make a smooth transition to university life, support you throughout your studies, prepare you for work, and help you find the job you want.

Find out more:
latrobe.edu.au/students

WHERE LA TROBE CAN TAKE YOU

We offer over 90 undergraduate degrees.

That means hundreds of career options – here's a small sample.

ARTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

YOUR NEXT STEP

YOUR DREAM CAREER

Arts	A wide range of careers requiring broad skills and flexibility. For example: archaeologist, policy adviser, international development manager, social researcher, museum curator
Creative Arts	Artist, writer, curator, graphic designer, performer, photographer
International Relations	Diplomat, human rights advocate, NGO program manager, policy adviser
Media and Communication	Journalist, sport reporter, broadcast producer, public relations specialist, content developer
Urban, Rural and Environmental Planning	Urban/rural planner, social and community planner, place-maker, heritage consultant, environmental manager

BUSINESS AND COMMERCE

Accounting	Financial or management accountant, forensic accountant, tax accountant, financial officer
Business	Business manager, small business owner, corporate manager, strategic planner, agribusiness professional
Finance and Economics	Financial adviser, financial analyst, financial planner, policy adviser/analyst, economist
Event Management and Marketing	Cultural, sport and community event manager or facilitator, marketing analyst, sponsorship manager
Sports Management	Team manager, recreational planner, team coach, policy adviser

EDUCATION, OUTDOOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Early Childhood Education	Pre-school teacher, early childhood teacher, kindergarten teacher, early intervention, childcare professional, primary school teacher
Outdoor Education	Park tour leader, outdoor education instructor, ecotourism professional, land and natural resources manager, recreation and education camp leader
Outdoor/Physical and Health Education	Health and student welfare teacher, physical education teacher, outdoor education teacher
Teaching	Primary teacher, secondary teacher, special education teacher, student welfare teacher, outreach and community education teacher

HEALTH SCIENCES

YOUR NEXT STEP

YOUR DREAM CAREER

Health Sciences Double Degrees

Physiotherapist, speech pathologist, occupational therapist, dietitian, podiatrist, prosthetist, orthotist, orthoptist

Health Sciences/ Public Health Promotion

Rehabilitation counsellor, health promotion manager

Human Services/ Social Work

Social worker, aged care worker, youth care worker, policy analyst/adviser

Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine

Nurse, midwife, paramedic, emergency care clinician

Oral Health and Dentistry

Dentist, dental prosthetist, dental therapist

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING

Business Information Systems

Systems analyst, analyst programmer, database manager, systems researcher, network project engineer, network security analyst

Engineering

Advanced manufacturing engineer, industrial automation engineer, systems engineer, engineering management, civil designer, water management, structural engineer, sustainability or transportation engineer

LAW

Criminology

Crime prevention, advocacy, police officer, research and policy adviser, community corrections officer, customs officer, intelligence officer

Laws/Commerce

Specialist lawyer, public/community lawyer, corporate lawyer, economist

Laws/ International Relations

Political advocate, specialist lawyer, foreign correspondent, diplomat

Laws/Media and Communication

Media lawyer, completion guarantor, copyright lawyer, talent agent solicitor

Laws/ Psychological Science

Specialist lawyer, health/human services lawyer, non-government organisations, policy analyst/adviser

Laws/Science

Lobbyist, scientific industries lawyer, forensic scientist

SCIENCES AND PSYCHOLOGY

Agricultural Science

Agribusiness professional, water resource management, agronomist, agricultural chemist

Biological Sciences

Conservation biologist, park manager, animal keeper, microbiologist, genetic researcher, zoologist

Pharmacy

Pharmacist, microbiologist, medicinal chemist

Psychological Science

Human resources, counsellor, neuropsychologist, clinical psychologist

Science

Biochemist, science journalist, physicist, biotechnologist, research scientist, statistician, chemist, teacher

DIFFERENT WAYS INTO LA TROBE

CHOOSING LA TROBE

It's easy to find a La Trobe course that suits you. Here are a few of your options...

- Check our website: browse courses at latrobe.edu.au/courses, download a course guide at latrobe.edu.au/study/resources or check out our FAQs at latrobe.edu.au/ask-us
- Contact us: call **1300 135 045** to speak to one of our advisors or chat to us between 9:30am and 4:30pm every day at latrobe.edu.au/chat
- Visit us: discuss your course options and get one-on-one advice at our Future Students Centre at our Melbourne Campus. Our doors are open Monday to Friday from 9am - 5pm. Call **1300 135 045** to book an appointment at any of our regional campuses.
- Attend an event: speak to our staff and students, tour our campuses and even be a student for a day! Check out the calendar of events on the inside back cover of this guide.

Sign up to get the latest information about our courses and events at latrobe.edu.au/register

You're applying for uni in Year 12

YOU'RE DEFINITELY APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY

Great! All you need to do is choose a course and apply through VTAC or UAC. You may also be interested in our Aspire Early Admissions Program which may see you receiving a conditional offer as early as September.

YOU'RE NOT SURE YOU WANT TO GO TO UNIVERSITY RIGHT AWAY

You don't have to start university straight away. You can apply to receive an offer and then defer your place for up to a year and work, or enrol in a TAFE program, or enrol as a non-Year 12 applicant later.

See page 1 and 2 of this guide for tips on preparing for uni if you're in Year 12.

You finished Year 12 a year ago or more

You can still apply to uni and we will still consider your Year 12 results and any other further study you may have undertaken. You may want to supplement your application with details on what you've done since leaving school. You can apply through our Work Recognition Program or sit a Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) if you will be over 21 by 31 December in the year you will commence your studies. If you're unsure of whether you're ready for uni, consider completing our free Tertiary Enabling Program.

See page 3 of this guide for tips on preparing for uni if you're a mature-age student.

You didn't finish Year 12

You may be eligible to apply for Mature-Age Special Entry Scheme if you will be over 21 by 31 December in the year you will commence your studies.

As an alternative to STAT you may apply through our Work Recognition Program or our Tertiary Enabling Program.

See page 3 of this guide for tips on preparing for uni if you're a mature-age student.

TAFE/VET PATHWAYS INTO LA TROBE

Many of our students come to us from Vocational Education and Training (VET) providers. These include TAFE institutes, adult and community education providers, industry skills centres and commercial training providers.

VET gives you the skills for a range of employment options. It can also help you get into the La Trobe University course of your choice. Coming from a VET course may qualify you for Advanced Standing, which is credit granted for recognised studies. Advanced Standing may also allow you to complete your course faster.

TAFE DIPLOMA / YEAR 1

LA TROBE UNI DEGREE / YEAR 2

LA TROBE UNI DEGREE / YEAR 3

DEGREE QUALIFICATION

You're a TAFE student or graduate

La Trobe has agreements with many TAFEs. This means that you'll receive credit (or Advanced Standing) for your TAFE studies when you enrol in a related La Trobe degree, and in many cases have access to guaranteed entry into second year of a related Bachelor program. You may qualify for Advanced Standing even if your TAFE isn't linked to La Trobe.

For more information about pathways, visit: latrobe.edu.au/pathways

You're not sure which course to apply for or you're interested in more than one course

Many of our courses allow you to transfer if you change your mind or decide that you want to specialise later. Our Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Business, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Health Sciences are especially flexible – you can do general studies in these disciplines during your first year and choose to specialise in your second year. Transferring is also a great option if you don't have the entry requirements for your preferred course. Start a related course, do well, and apply for entry into your preferred course later.

If you're having trouble deciding between two courses, perhaps you could also consider one of our double degrees which allow you to combine two study areas.

For more information about pathways, visit: latrobe.edu.au/pathways

You're not sure if you'll get into your preferred course

Consider your options:

- Apply for your preferred course and a related course with lower entry requirements. If you've already applied through VTAC/UAC, you can use the Change of Preference period to select other courses for your preference list. If you get into a related course and do well, you can apply for a transfer into your preferred course later with credit for some of your subjects.
- Apply for a related TAFE course and start university later. The grades you achieve at TAFE will form the basis of your admission to uni. TAFE courses can also be listed as preferences.

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You're at another uni and want to transfer to La Trobe

Simply apply to La Trobe through VTAC/UAC as a non-Year 12 applicant. You may alternatively be able to apply direct.

See page 14 for more information.

APPLYING TO LATROBE

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CHOOSE YOUR COURSE

Browse our Undergraduate Guide or website to find the course you want:

latrobe.edu.au/courses

2

CHECK YOUR COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Year 12

Along with considering your ATAR, each course has prerequisites that you need to meet in order to be considered for entry. Some courses have extra requirements such as interviews or portfolio presentations. Make sure you check the prerequisites and any extra requirements for your course.

It's also worth noting a course's Clearly-in ATAR from the previous year (as a guide).

BONUSES

Some students are eligible for SEAS, subject bonuses and other bonus criteria. The subject bonus criteria will not alter your actual ATAR, but increase your chances of receiving an offer. Be sure to read about Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) for any other bonus criteria that you may be eligible for.

Mature-age

Some courses have requirements like prerequisites, interviews or portfolio presentations. Check the prerequisites and any extra requirements for your course. We also recommend mature-age applicants complete a personal statement.

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PLAN YOUR PATHWAY

Year 12

Sometimes things don't go to plan and you may not get the ATAR you were hoping for. Don't panic – you can use a pathway course as a stepping stone to get you into your dream course. There are pathway options for every course so make sure you do your research now. Read more about our pathways at latrobe.edu.au/pathways

Mature-age

If you think you may not meet the entry requirements or prerequisites for your preferred course, we can help. We offer a range of pathways including:

- preparatory programs (see page 3)
- course transfer options
- credit for TAFE study.

Find out more

Come to one of our events to get a taste of life at La Trobe and have your questions answered in person. Read more at latrobe.edu.au/events

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APPLY

Year 12

All school students applying for an undergraduate place need to apply through VTAC (or you can apply through UAC for courses offered at the Mildura or Albury-Wodonga campuses). Check the VTAC/UAC website for important dates so that you get your application in on time.

Mature-age

For the majority of La Trobe undergraduate courses, mature age applicants can apply direct: latrobe.edu.au/apply

Call us on **1300 135 045** for more information about your application options. Or go to our website to talk to us via live chat. Visit latrobe.edu.au/chat

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ACCEPT YOUR OFFER

Congratulations! If you are offered a place, you'll receive a letter of offer from VTAC or UAC, then enrolment instructions from us. To accept your offer, all you need to do is enrol online.

UNI TERMS EXPLAINED

When researching courses, it is common for prospective students to see and hear a lot of unfamiliar terms. To help you out, here are the meanings of some words you may come across.

Advanced Standing

If you've done relevant, formally recognised studies (at TAFE or another uni), you may get credit – or Advanced Standing – for some or all of your studies when you enrol at uni.

Apply direct

You can apply direct to La Trobe for selected Bachelor's degrees if you have not already applied through VTAC or UAC.

Please note that you must apply through VTAC or UAC if you're a Year 12 student, or if you're applying for an undergraduate course at more than one institution.

Articulation

A process where you get into uni via a TAFE course or other recognised studies, based on formal agreements between universities and other institutions. Articulation usually gives you Advanced Standing at uni.

Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR)

This is a relevant term for you if you are in Year 12. VTAC or UAC gives you an ATAR (a number between 0.00 and 99.95) to rank your Year 12 results against other students' results.

Bachelor degree

A Bachelor degree usually takes three or four years' full-time study, with four subjects each semester. You do a mix of compulsory and major subjects, and maybe some electives. Most degrees offer an additional Honours year, in which you do slightly more advanced subjects and a thesis. Students often do Honours to prepare for postgraduate study, including a Master's degree or a PhD.

Clearly-in ATAR

The Clearly-in ATAR is the point at or above which all ranked (eligible) applicants who applied for a particular course were made an offer for that course. To be eligible, students must achieve the prerequisite subjects and extra requirements.

The Clearly-in ATAR published in our publications and on our website is from the previous year and should be used as a guide only.

Core subjects

The compulsory subjects in any given course.

Double degree

Double degrees allow you to enrol in two Bachelor degrees simultaneously. They take a little longer than a single degree, and you have more academic work and less free time. But they don't take as long as doing two degrees one after the other, and they can give you fantastic career options. Examples of double degrees at La Trobe include the Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Arts, and the Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science.

Electives

Electives are subjects you take outside compulsory subjects and your major. Your course may give you room for many electives, a few, or none. And you may have to choose your electives from a specific list, or you might be free to choose from subjects available throughout the uni. It all depends on the structure of your course.

Extension studies

A pair of first-year university subjects that can be studied alongside your Year 12 subjects. These subjects are approved by VCAA and will count towards your VCE and ATAR. At La Trobe, the name of the program is VCE Plus (see page 2).

Honours

Honours studies are advanced studies attached to undergraduate degrees. They give you a higher qualification than a three-year degree. Many people do Honours so they can go on to postgraduate studies. Most La Trobe undergraduate courses offer Honours.

Depending on your course, this may involve an additional year of study, or additional work in your final year.

Major

This is a sequence of subjects that allows you to specialise in an area that particularly interests you. You usually take six to eight major subjects over your whole degree – at least one each semester.

Mature-age

If you're aged 21 or over, or will turn 21 in the year that you start your course, you will be considered a mature-age student.

Pathways

The different educational options leading to a particular qualification. For example, Year 12 is one pathway to a uni course. Year 12 to TAFE to uni is another pathway. Read more on page 12.

Prerequisites

Prerequisites are any qualifications you must have, or subjects you must have completed at school or equivalent, to be eligible for a place in a specific uni course.

Semester

A university year usually consists of two semesters, each running 12 or 13 weeks from late February or early March to early July, and late July to late October. Some courses also offer intensive summer semesters and/or winter semesters so you can finish your degree sooner.

Special Entry Access Schemes (SEAS)

SEAS is a VTAC program that may grant some special consideration to your application due to your personal circumstances.

Undergraduate

This is the word used to describe the first level of study at uni. This usually refers to a three or four-year Bachelor's degree. This may also include Honours studies, which can take an additional year, plus there are double degrees which usually take at least four years full-time.

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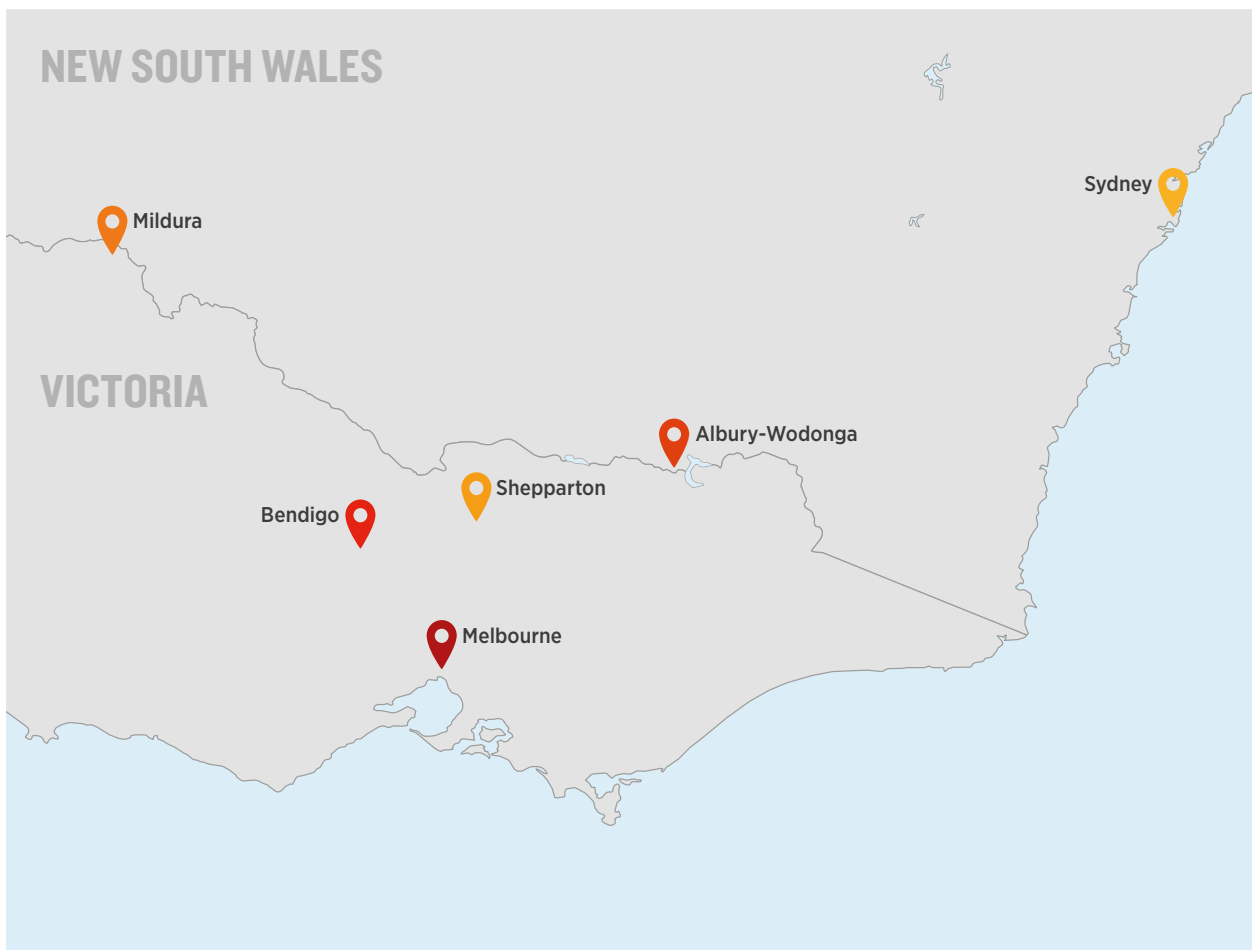
MILDURA
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SYDNEY
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2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MELBOURNE

July 7	Experience La Trobe (Winter)	
July 29 – 31 (TBC)	Melbourne Careers Expo	 Melbourne Exhibition Centre
August 7	Open Day	
December 12 – 19*	Change of Preference Advisory Week	

BENDIGO

July 6	Experience La Trobe (Winter)	
August 14	Open Day	
December 12 – 19*	Change of Preference Advisory Week	

ALBURY–WODONGA

August 15	Year 12, Parents and Mature Age Info Evening	
December 12 – 19*	Change of Preference Advisory Week	

MILDURA

July 8	Experience La Trobe	
August 17	Open Day	
December 12 – 19*	Change of Preference Advisory Week	

SHEPPARTON

June 2	Experience La Trobe	
August 5	Open Day	
December 12 – 19*	Change of Preference Advisory Week	

SYDNEY

June 2 – 5	HSC and Careers Expo	 Moore Park Sydney
June 16 – 19	Western Sydney Careers Expo	 Sydney Olympic Park
July 7	Experience La Trobe	
August 4	Open Day	
December 12 – 19*	Change of Preference Advisory Week	

ASPIRE KEY DATES

June 1	Applications open	
August 31	Applications close	
September (mid)	Outcomes sent to all students	

*Change of Preference Advisory Week to be confirmed pending VTAC/UAC dates

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Be a student for a day!

Attend workshops, lectures and seminars to find out about career options, areas of study, pathways and student life. Come with your friends and parents and chat with our Student Ambassadors about what to expect at university.

Experience La Trobe is a free event. Register now:
latrobe.edu.au/experience

Save the date

7 JULY
Melbourne Campus

6 JULY
Bendigo Campus

6 MAY
Albury-Wodonga
Campus

2 JUNE
Shepparton Campus
8 JULY
Mildura Campus

Want to know more? Get in touch!



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