



SOCIAL WORK & YOUTH WORK

University courses - Victoria

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CAREERS DEPARTMENT



Catholic College
Wodonga *Life in Jesus*

This document has been developed to assist domestic Year 12 students and their families in researching social work and youth work university courses in Victoria.



Indicative ATAR = the lowest selection rank (ATAR plus adjustment factors such as academic and equity adjustments) for the 2021 January intake.



English prerequisite: EAL = English as an Additional Language. 'Any other English' includes English, English Language and Literature.



Additional selection requirements – applicants may need a current Working with Children Check, National Police Check, First Aid etc.



Undergraduate: this is usually your first course at university. For example – Bachelor degree.



Graduate: this is study you do once you have graduated from a Bachelor degree. For example – Honours, Graduate Diploma, Master degree.

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Indicative ATARs

Please use entry requirements and indicative ATARs listed in this document as a guide only and check university websites for updates.

Disclaimer

Universities featured in this guide reserve the right to change course information, admissions and entry requirements at any time and without notice.

For up-to-date information, check the university websites when assessing course information.

YOUTH WORK

University	Course	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Australian Catholic University	Bachelor of Youth Work	Melbourne	58.50
Victoria University	Bachelor of Youth Work	Footscray Park	ATAR wasn't used for the 2021 intake.
	Bachelor of Youth Work / Bachelor of Sport Management	Footscray Park	
	Bachelor of Youth Work and Criminal Justice	Werribee	
RMIT University	Bachelor of Youth Work and Youth Studies	Melbourne City	62.40
The University of Melbourne	Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma, and Master of Youth Mental Health	Parkville	Graduate entry

SOCIAL WORK

University	Course	Campus	Indicative ATAR
La Trobe University	Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)	Albury-Wodonga	57.35
		Bendigo	80.00
		Melbourne	56.10
		Mildura	70.10
		Shepparton	Not published
Deakin University	Bachelor of Social Work	Geelong Waterfront	65.45
	Master of Social Work	Cloud	Not published
		Cloud	Graduate entry
Victoria University	Bachelor of Social Work	Footscray Nicholson	Not applicable
RMIT University	Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)	Melbourne City	70.20
	Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) / Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology)		80.00
	Master of Social Work		Graduate entry
The University of Melbourne	Master of Social Work	Parkville	Graduate entry
Federation University	Master of Social Work (Qualifying)	Ballarat – Mt Helen Berwick	Graduate entry

YOUTH WORK

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

www.acu.edu.au

Bachelor of Youth Work

Want to make a difference in the lives of young people? Youth workers improve young people's social and personal development, helping them establish a voice and sense of place in their communities.

This course responds to a community need for highly trained and skilled youth workers to work with young people. It is an inclusive program that provides students with theoretical insights and practical competencies.

You can choose a minor in sociology or sociology elective units. Study with us to empower the vulnerable and make a positive difference.

Careers

Our graduates have pursued careers in:

- local government youth work
- youth advocacy
- youth and family mediation
- youth counselling and welfare services
- youth engagement
- youth health education
- youth liaison and outreach work
- youth policy making.

Clinical experience

During the course students are required to complete two practicum placements in agencies working with young people.

In second year, students are required to complete 200 placement hours (6 weeks) and, in third year, students will be required to complete 300 hours (8 weeks).

Admission programs

Includes information on the ACU Guarantee, <https://bit.ly/2R2XYAq>

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Bachelor of Youth Work	Minimum study score of 25 in English (EAL) or 20 in any other English.	Melbourne	58.50

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

www.vu.edu.au

Bachelor of Youth Work

Our Youth Work degree is the largest in Australia and is delivered by experts in the field. You'll receive expert guidance from specialist youth sociologists and experienced workers.

During your degree, you'll receive practical experience in various areas of youth work, through industry-based learning and professional development. You'll complete 200 hours of fieldwork placement throughout the academic year.

Bachelor of Youth Work / Bachelor of Sport Management

The Bachelor of Youth Work / Bachelor of Sport Management expands your career options in youth work and sport management.

You'll develop practical management and leadership skills for both areas, and become an expert in roles where sport and youth work meet.

Youth work encourages young people's personal and social development, giving them a voice in their communities and society. One of the key tools in this work is recreation and adventure programs.

Bachelor of Youth Work and Criminal Justice

This degree will prepare you to work in high-demand areas where youth work overlaps with criminal-justice work.

Your knowledge of the justice system will allow you to take on roles supporting young people in vulnerable communities, where the chances of offending or reoffending are high.

With the skills that you learn during your degree, you'll be able to help young people reconnect with their community and escape the cycle of criminal activity and punishment.

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Bachelor of Youth Work	Minimum study score of 25 in English (EAL) or 20 in any other English.	Footscray Park	ATAR wasn't used for entry in the 2021 intake.
Bachelor of Youth Work / Bachelor of Sport Management	Minimum study score of 25 in English (EAL) or 20 in any other English.	Footscray Park	
Bachelor of Youth Work and Criminal Justice	Minimum study score of 25 in English (EAL) or 20 in any other English.	Werribee	

RMIT UNIVERSITY

www.rmit.edu.au

Bachelor of Youth Work and Youth Studies

Your role of as a youth worker will be diverse. There will be many challenging and rewarding career opportunities for you.

The Bachelor of Youth Work and Youth Studies explores complex social issues affecting at-risk youth, such as homelessness, radicalisation, poverty and mental health.

It encourages critical debate and investigation of youth in relation to space, digital landscapes, culture, religion, family and the law.

This degree aims to examine and foster the environments in which all young people can thrive and feel confident, connected and safe.

Industry experience

This degree includes fieldwork, work placements, online study environments and real-world projects.

You'll take part in interactive coursework through excursions, online workshops and activity-based workshops.

Guest lectures will provide you with relevant and up-to-date insights from industry professionals.

A core component of the degree is youth work field education, which provides you with invaluable on-the-job experience.

In the second year of the degree you will undertake industry-engaged project work, and in the third you will undertake 35 days of supervised placement in agencies that work with young people.

Youth work careers

Youth workers are employed in areas such as:

- local government
- health services
- youth refuges and housing programs
- alcohol and other drug agencies
- major welfare services
- youth justice settings
- school support programs
- educational institutions

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Bachelor of Youth Work and Youth Studies	Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.	Melbourne City	62.40

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

<https://bit.ly/2LP3kjz>

Graduate Certificate in Youth Mental Health

Graduate Diploma in Youth Mental Health

Master of Youth Mental Health

The University offers graduate courses in Youth Mental Health. Applicants will need to complete a Bachelor degree first before applying.

The Master of Youth Mental Health is an industry-leading course offering access to expert knowledge and the latest theory, research and evidence-based approaches in this specialised and rapidly-evolving area of mental health.

Developed in close consultation with Orygen – a global leader of research in the field – this is the only graduate program in Australia dedicated entirely to youth mental health.

You will gain a comprehensive understanding of development in young people, and discuss the impacts of psychotic, non-psychotic, behavioural and mood disorders and learn best-practice engagement, assessment and intervention approaches and enhance your existing abilities when working with young people in a therapeutic or clinical context.

In your final year, you will have the opportunity to complete a substantial research project under the guidance of a supervisor.

Suggested Bachelor courses

- Psychology
- Nursing
- Youth Work
- Teaching
- Occupational Therapy
- Medicine
- Social Work

Career outcomes

As a student of this unique course, you will gain the skills and knowledge to become a leader in the field.

You will enhance your capacity to work effectively with young people and your specialised body of knowledge will help advance your career and ensure you remain at the forefront of the discipline.

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	ATAR
Youth Mental Health courses	Selection criteria, https://bit.ly/2LP3kjz	Parkville	N/A - Graduate entry

SOCIAL WORK



Social work is a practice-based profession and an academic discipline that promotes social change and development, social cohesion, and the empowerment and liberation of people.

Principles of social justice, human rights, collective responsibility and respect for diversities are central to social work.

With additional training, social workers can become 'Accredited Mental Health Social Workers.'

Australian Association of Social Workers, www.aasw.asn.au

Note: Monash University has requested to not be in this document.

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

www.latrobe.edu.au

Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)

Life in today's world brings harsh challenges. Poverty, addiction, mental illness, domestic violence and personal crisis can severely impact a person's ability to feel safe, find a stable home and pursue opportunities.

As a social worker, you'll provide support and assistance to people and families in need. La Trobe's Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) gives you the clinical knowledge and hands-on skills to launch your career.

You'll learn from world-renowned academics about promoting human rights and the importance of social justice.

Key features

Gain industry experience while you study with 1,000 hours of placement.

Learn from world-renowned academics in drug and alcohol research, mental health, disability, trauma and family violence.

Experience social work first hand with placements in the hospitals throughout Melbourne, Mind Australia, Berry Street and Salvation Army.

Launch your career with strong foundations in psychology, sociology, human rights, social justice and relationship skills.

Professional accreditation

The Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) has provisional accreditation from The Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW).

Employment rate

90-95% of graduates find employment in their field within six months of graduation.

Admission pathways

Includes information on the Aspire Early Admissions Program and the Regional Benefits Program, <https://bit.ly/2UPULoZ>

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)	Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.	Albury-Wodonga Bendigo Melbourne Mildura Shepparton	57.35 80.00 56.10 70.10 Not published

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

www.deakin.edu.au

Undergraduate program

Bachelor of Social Work

The Bachelor of Social Work equips you with the knowledge and skills to enhance the wellbeing of others through an understanding of policy, socioeconomic factors and social justice issues.

If you are passionate about human rights and have a strong sense of social justice, this is the perfect course to begin your journey towards a rewarding career in social work.

Social work is part of a growing human services field.

As a Social Work graduate you may be involved in activities as diverse as policy development and research, counselling, family therapy, drug and alcohol counselling, community development, refugee assistance and tribunal capacities.

Graduate program

The Masters of Social Work is generally targeted for those who have completed an undergraduate degree not in Social Work and wish to change careers. It has the same level of accreditation as the Bachelor's Degree.

Industry experience

For the undergraduate and graduate programs, you will complete two placements of 500 hours each, in a variety of communities and workplaces in metropolitan and regional settings.

Professional accreditation

The undergraduate and graduate programs are accredited by the Australian Association of Social Workers.

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Bachelor of Social Work	Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.	Geelong Waterfront Cloud	65.45 Not published
Master of Social Work	Detailed selection criteria, https://bit.ly/2WQgRud	Cloud	Graduate entry

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

www.vu.edu.au

Bachelor of Social Work

If you'd like to help others resolve social problems, as well as further human rights, social justice and social development, then VU's Bachelor of Social Work could be for you.

This course will give you in-depth understanding of:

- interpersonal and group work
- community development
- policy analysis
- social research
- social action.

You'll gain the skills and knowledge to develop the potential of individuals, groups and communities – and during your course, you'll put these insights to use across two industry-based placements.

This training and expertise will prepare you for a challenging and rewarding career in a number of settings from federal and state government or hospitals to non-government or community organisations.

Honours

High achievers can transition into the Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) at the end of third year.

Industry experience

Students will complete 1000 hours of work placement.

Professional accreditation

The degree is accredited by the Australian Association of Social Workers.



Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Bachelor of Social Work	Minimum study score of 25 in English (EAL) or 20 in any other English	Footscray Nicholson	ATAR wasn't used for the 2021 intake

RMIT UNIVERSITY

www.rmit.edu.au

Undergraduate program

Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)

Do you want to work with people? Are you passionate about human rights and social justice? Social workers promote the well-being of individuals, families and communities.

They apply their interdisciplinary knowledge about Australian society, social problems and human needs to foster social change and transform lives. If you are passionate about human rights and have a

strong sense of social justice, this is the perfect course to begin your journey towards a rewarding career in social work.

RMIT University has been teaching social work for over 40 years, and programs continue to reflect contemporary ideas about social work and its place in a changing world.

Graduate program

Master of Social Work

To be eligible to enter this program, applicants must have successfully completed a bachelor's degree that includes at least one year of full-time studies in social sciences (or equivalent).

Professional accreditation

The undergraduate and graduate programs are accredited by the Australian Association of Social Workers.

Industry experience

For the undergraduate and graduate programs, you will complete 140 days of industry placement. You could find work placements in organisations such as:

- Asylum Seeker Resource Centre
- Anglicare
- Department of Human Services
- Foundations for Survivors of Torture
- Oxfam Australia
- Brotherhood of St Laurence

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)	Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.	Melbourne City	70.20
Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) / Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology)	Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.	Melbourne City	80.00
Master of Social Work	Detailed selection criteria, https://bit.ly/2WNYyG5	Melbourne City	Graduate entry

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

<https://bit.ly/2QTdW04>

Master of Social Work

The University offers accredited graduate studies in Social Work. Applicants will need to complete a Bachelor degree first.

Suggested pathway course at The University of Melbourne is the Bachelor of Arts with a major in a study area such as Sociology.

You will benefit from our research-led teaching, based on up-to-date data allowing you to apply the most relevant theory to your social work practice.

The course is led by highly qualified, experienced, research-active and accessible experts in the field, with strong ties to the profession and community services.

Their expertise encompasses specialist knowledge in particular fields of practice including: mental health, child and family practice, health, ageing and substance abuse.

Throughout the degree you will find special areas of social work that interest you. You can follow these up more closely by undertaking a specialist elective in:

- Health
- Psychiatric disability
- Group work
- Aged care
- Child and family
- Social policy or mental health

Industry experience

Students will complete 1000 hours of work placement.

Professional accreditation

Accredited nationally by the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW). The degree is also recognised by professional social work associations and regulatory bodies in a number of countries.

Melbourne Chancellor's Scholarship Pathway

Students who achieve a high ATAR (general entry 99.9+, Indigenous entry - 90+) will be eligible for a place in the Melbourne Chancellor's Scholarship.

Chancellor's Scholars will be guaranteed a Commonwealth Supported Place in the Master of Social Work providing they meet the prerequisite course and entry requirements after completing an eligible Bachelor degree at The University of Melbourne, <https://bit.ly/2WH4TBb>

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Minimum ATAR
Master of Social Work	Detailed selection criteria, https://bit.ly/2QTdW04	Parkville	Graduate entry
Bachelor of Arts	Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.	Parkville	85

FEDERATION UNIVERSITY

<https://federation.edu.au/>

Master of Social Work (Qualifying)

The University offers accredited graduate studies in Social Work. Applicants will need to complete a Bachelor degree first.

The suggested pathway course at Federation University is the Bachelor of Community and Human Services.

Student may also be interested in exploring the Bachelor of Human Services and Entrepreneurship.

<https://bit.ly/2Xp7JwF>

Whatever your background, we'll prepare you to work across human and community services in government bodies, non-government organisations, community and health services and more.

You'll become confident working with migrants, people with alcohol, drug and mental health problems and in palliative care, child protection, youth services and much more.

You'll be exposed to challenging real life situations through 140 days during your studies in social work settings, being mentored by experienced professionals in the field.

Then, once you graduate, you can go on to be a qualified social worker, take up management positions or work in national or international policy development.

Professional accreditation

The Master of Social Work is accredited by the Australian Association of Social Workers.

Industry experience

You will complete 140 days of industry placement.

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Guaranteed ATAR
Master of Social Work (Qualifying)	Detailed selection criteria, https://bit.ly/3at3O5Q	Ballarat – Mount Helen Berwick	Graduate entry
Bachelor of Community and Human Services	Minimum study score of 20 in any English	Berwick Ballarat – Mount Helen Gippsland Flexible delivery – Ballarat, Berwick, Gippsland	50.00

AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY

www.acap.edu.au

Bachelor of Social Work

Our Bachelor of Social Work gives you deep insight into why we behave the way we do and strategies to help guide people in need.

Your passion for helping others will pave the way for many rewarding health and welfare career paths, where demand continues to grow.

This includes mental health, community welfare, women and migrant services, and corrections and justice.

Expertise in human behaviour forms the foundation of our Bachelor of Social Work. Explore with an applied focus:

Psychology of Health and Wellness
Development Psychology
Social Work Theories
Cultural Diversity
International Social Work
Interpersonal, Family and Structural
Violence
Mental Health
Indigenous Social Work
Ageing and Disability Social Work

Industry experience

You will complete 1000 hours of industry experience

Professional accreditation

The Bachelor of Social Work is Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) provisionally accredited qualifications.

They are entry qualifications into the social work profession and have been determined to meet the Australian Social Work Education and Accreditation Standards (ASWEAS).

Course fees

This is a full fee-paying course. FEE-HELP is available to eligible students.

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Bachelor of Social Work	Completion of Year 12 Screening interview	Melbourne	N/P