

COURSE GUIDE

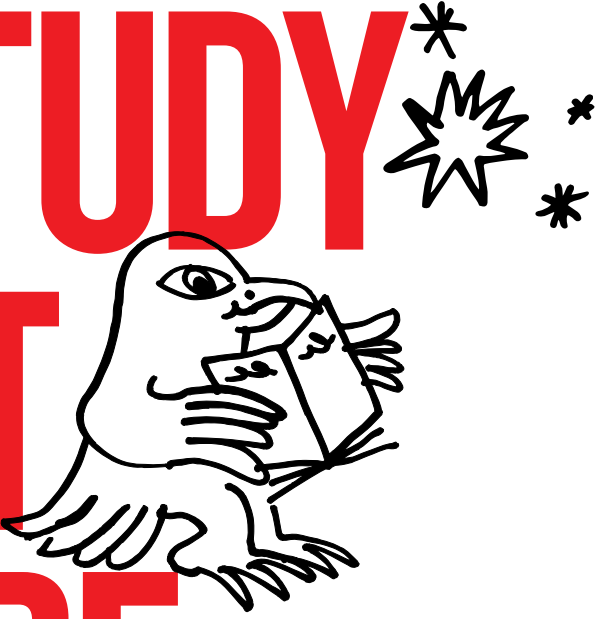
ARTS, SOCIAL
SCIENCES AND
COMMUNICATIONS



2027



WHY STUDY ARTS AT LA TROBE



TURN YOUR PASSION INTO A PROFESSION WITH AN ARTS DEGREE. WITH A FOCUS ON FOSTERING CRITICAL INQUIRY, ETHICAL REFLECTION AND CREATIVE THINKING, YOU'LL LEARN TO LOOK AT THE WORLD – AND YOUR PLACE IN IT – IN A WHOLE NEW WAY.








- ✳️ We're ranked #1 in Victoria for skills development, student support, learning resources and overall educational experience in communications.¹
- ✳️ Choose from over 50 majors, minors and electives, allowing you to shape a degree that reflects your interests and career goals.
- ✳️ We're ranked in the global top 150 for sociology.²
- ✳️ We're ranked in the world's top 50 for archaeology³ and the top 100 for geography.⁴
- ✳️ We're ranked in the world's top 250 for social sciences.⁵
- ✳️ We offer the only Bachelor of Archaeology in Victoria.
- ✳️ Graduate in-demand – over 90% of our communications students employed within four months of graduating.⁶
- ✳️ We're ranked in the world's top 250 for English language and literature.⁷

WITH OUR BACHELOR OF ARTS, YOU CAN SHAPE YOUR OWN FUTURE. THE WORLD NEEDS CREATIVE THINKERS TO GENERATE INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS OR SOME OF SOCIETY'S MOST CHALLENGING ISSUES.

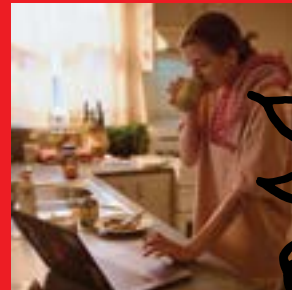


1. Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT), 2025, *Communications (Undergraduate)*.
 2. Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), 2026, *QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026: Sociology*.
 3. Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), 2026, *QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026: Archaeology*.
 4. ShanghaiRanking, 2025, *Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2025: Geography*.
 5. Times Higher Education (THE), 2025, *University Rankings 2025 by subject: Social Science*.
 6. Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT), 2025, *Communications (Undergraduate)*.
 7. Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), 2026, *QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026: English language and Literature*.

STUDY HOW AND WHERE YOU WANT



CHOOSE HOW AND WHERE YOU WANT TO STUDY – ON YOUR COUCH, IN A CLASSROOM, OR A MIX OF BOTH. MANY OF OUR COURSES GIVE YOU THE FLEXIBILITY TO LEARN IN A WAY THAT SUITS YOU, WITH OPTIONS FOR ONLINE STUDY,¹ ON-CAMPUS CLASSES, OR A COMBINATION THROUGH LA TROBE'S UNIQUE STUDYFLEX™ MODEL.



¹ Check our website to see which courses and subjects are available online.



Melbourne Campus (Bundoora)

At our main campus, you'll be surrounded by bushland while still just a tram ride from the Melbourne city. Here, you can study our Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Global Studies, Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics, Bachelor of Media and Communications and Bachelor of Archaeology. Making the most of your time at uni is easy in Bundoora, with lots of events and clubs to keep you busy.



Bendigo Campus

Join a vibrant arts scene when you study visual arts at our Bendigo Campus. Located in the heart of Bendigo's art precinct and open to everyone, the La Trobe Art Institute is a centre for contemporary art and the custodian of the University's art collections. At the Emporium Creative Hub, you'll find a co-working space for the creative industries, connecting students, artists and entrepreneurs to build skills, collaborate and grow, all powered by La Trobe University Bendigo.



Find your people

University is more than a place to study; it's also a hub of social activity. With student-led clubs, you can meet new people who share your passions, like the Book Club, Cinema Club or Gaming Society (LTUGS), or connect with your cohort through the Archaeological Society (ARCHSOC) or International Relations Association (LIRA).



Online

There's no campus closer than your own home – or more tailored to how you prefer to study. You could study the Bachelor of Arts online alongside on-campus students, with enhanced online support services and local placement opportunities.





Archaeology

Learn everything you need to be qualified as an archaeologist. Get hands-on here on campus in preparation for real-world digs, with our ancient environments lab, Australian archaeomagnetism lab, bones lab, the Teaching Archaeological Research Discipline in Simulation (TARDIS) and more. With opportunities to go on a study tour or internship, you'll hone your skills in digs nationally or overseas.



Media and communications


Experience the exhilaration and challenge of creating. You'll build experience in directing, camera operation, presenting, producing and much more in our audio studios, digital television studio, Mac labs, and media hub. You can even get experience on the go with our mobile journalism kits. Showcase your work alongside emerging journalists on our media platform, Upstart, that publishes stories from across news, culture, politics, sport and more.



Visual arts

To help you evolve as an artist, we offer inspirational spaces and the right tools. As a visual arts student, you'll have your own dedicated space in our studios, plus access to printmaking facilities, painting and drawing studios, sculpture and ceramics workshops and a photographic lighting studio.





THE FUTURE OF WORK STARTS HERE

AT LA TROBE, WE'RE NOT WAITING FOR THE FUTURE TO HAPPEN. WE'RE GETTING AHEAD BY GIVING STUDENTS HANDS-ON INDUSTRY EXPERIENCES AND THE AI-READY SKILLS THEY NEED TO SECURE THEIR CAREERS NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE.

In the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, AI and digital futures are central to our educational strategy.

We empower students to use emerging technologies in responsible, ethical and innovative ways.

From politics, legal studies and media to history and health, our disciplines prepare students to shape policy, inform public understanding and ensure technology serves communities and the public good.

Whatever path you choose, you'll learn from world-class academics and researchers, develop the human skills you need to thrive, and have the opportunity to build your professional network and experience with internships and placements at organisations with our range of industry partners.



Career ready advantage

Sector-leading employability programs and projects to develop skills employers want.



Industry placements

Compulsory and elective professional placements that test your knowledge in a real-world environment.



Successful graduates

Get trained for the Australian job market during your study.



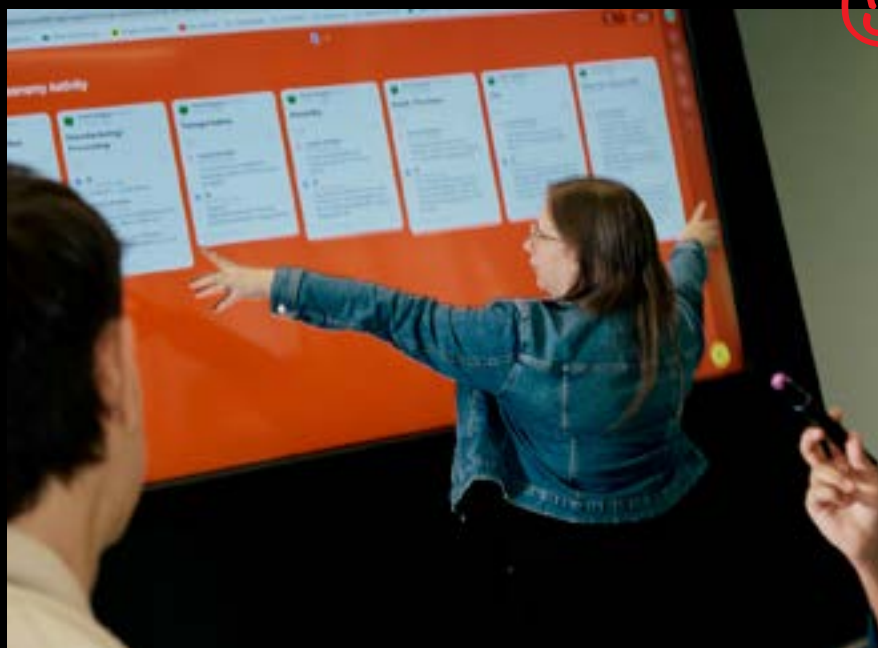
Learning with industry

Mentoring, networking, specialist career consultations, workshops, leadership programs and more.



Career ready online and career hub

100+ e-learning programs, resume and cover letter feedback, interview practice, job opportunities and more.



The future is happening with AI adoption continuing at a rapid pace. In partnership with industry giants like Microsoft, OpenAI, Optus, CyberCX and more, La Trobe has a bold new ambition: transform research, education, student support and business operations by applying an AI-first approach.

This nation-leading project will deliver an AI-ready workforce of graduates and academics, built on key principles of safety and responsibility. By meeting the future head on with an AI-first approach, embedding AI across our course curriculum, teaching and research, you'll get high-quality and future-fitted education.

- ◆ **AI-focused curriculum**
 We're embedding AI across our curriculum, ensuring our teachers and students are equipped with the AI skills needed for the future workplace.
- ◆ **AI upskilling**
 We're launching bespoke AI training for students, teachers and staff to foster AI fluency, responsible adoption and ethical use across the uni.
- ◆ **OpenAI for all**
 We're the first university in Victoria to sign a deal with OpenAI, ensuring all students will have access to ChatGPT Edu in 2027.



FEATURE COURSE

BACHELOR OF ARTS 📄 🌐 📺

OVERVIEW

Shape your own future with this interdisciplinary degree. You'll choose one arts major, then explore your interests or build essential skills when you choose secondary majors, minors and electives from across the University.

You'll graduate with your primary major on your academic transcript, so your future employers recognise your expertise.

No matter which path you choose, you'll learn from world-class academics and leading researchers. You can also choose to study face-to-face at our Melbourne Campus, or you can study online

PREREQUISITES

Units 3 & 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.

INTAKE

Semester 1 & 2

DURATION

3 years

MAJORS

MELBOURNE: Aboriginal studies, Anthropology, Archaeological and heritage studies, Asian studies, Chinese studies, Classics and ancient history, Creative and professional writing, Crime, justice and legal studies, Digital media, English, Environmental humanities, Ethics and social justice, French studies, Gender, sexuality and diversity studies, Greek studies, History, Hindi studies, International studies, Italian studies, Japanese studies, Linguistics, Philosophy, Politics, Psychological science, Sociology, Spanish studies, Sustainability and development, Visual cultures

ONLINE: Anthropology, Archaeological and heritage studies, Asian studies, Creative and professional writing, Crime, justice and legal studies, Digital media, English, Ethics and social justice, Hindi studies, History, International studies, Linguistics, Philosophy, Politics, Psychological science, Sociology, Sustainability and development, Visual cultures

CAREER PATHS

- Policy analyst
- Historian
- Communications advisor
- Digital content producer
- Community development manager
- Humanitarian aid worker
- Translator or interpreter
- Foreign correspondent journalist
- Policy advisor
- Copywriter or journalist

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EXAMPLE COURSE STRUCTURE: YEAR 1

In your first year, you'll explore your interests and passions. In your second and third years, you'll delve deeper while also choosing electives and minors that broaden your skills and knowledge. Each year, you'll complete 120 credit points of study or 60 credit points per semester.

In this sample course table, you can see what a year looks like when you study a major, a minor and two electives.

SUBJECT TYPE

Major
(30 credit points)

Secondary major, chosen minor or Elective
(30 credit points)

Chosen elective or minor
(30 credit points)

Chosen elective or minor
(30 credit points)

Semester 1

Major: Environmental humanities
Subject: Global environments

Minor: Politics
Subject: Democracies and dictatorships: introduction to politics

Elective: Globalisation and development

Elective: Critical thinking

Semester 2

Major: Environmental humanities
Subject: Climate, sustainability and society

Minor: Politics
Subject: States, security and international relations

Elective: Law and (Dis)Order

Elective: Young people in a changing world: Sociology in action



BACHELOR OF ARCHAEOLOGY [©]

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OVERVIEW	If you're endlessly curious about the past, the Bachelor of Archaeology is the perfect place to build a rewarding career as a professional archaeologist or heritage manager. You'll learn from renowned researchers in purpose-built facilities, with a hands-on and academic perspective. Exploring Australia's rich Indigenous cultures, as well as peoples from other ancient and urban societies around the globe, you'll develop in-demand, specialist skills in contemporary archaeological practice with access to real digs nationally and overseas through internships or a study tour. For students interested in further study or a global career in archaeology, you'll gain strong field skills applicable anywhere in the world.
PREREQUISITES	Units 3 & 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.
INTAKE	Semester 1 & 2
DURATION	3 years
CAREER PATHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Professional archaeologist – Heritage manager – Museum curator

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BACHELOR OF MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION ^{© ①}

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OVERVIEW	Tell stories across any medium and graduate with a portfolio of work, industry experience and specialised media knowledge. Become a specialist with your first major in creative and professional writing, journalism, sports media or marketing, then tailor your degree with a choice from a huge range of second majors, minors or electives across disciplines. Develop foundational skills in digital media, storytelling, communication and critical thinking. Master the tools and channels used to research, create, distribute and promote content to different audiences, and investigate the social, ethical, legal and technological questions that confront producers.
PREREQUISITES	Units 3 & 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.
INTAKE	Semester 1 & 2
DURATION	3 years
MAJORS	Creative and professional writing, Marketing, Journalism, Sports media
CAREER PATHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Broadcaster – Content producer – Digital communications strategist – Journalist – Media and communications manager

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BACHELOR OF POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS [©]

MEL

OVERVIEW	Gain insights into the economic and political systems that shape our world. Grasp the interconnections between three crucial disciplines, equipping you with a well-rounded combination of skills that can be applied to a range of policy contexts, enhancing your employability in a range of sectors. Expand your understanding of politics, engage with deep, foundational questions in philosophy and gain insights into the economic forces that shape markets, building specialist knowledge in urgent issues such as inequality, climate change and human rights. Then, apply your knowledge with a range of placement and networking opportunities.
PREREQUISITES	Units 3 & 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.
INTAKE	Semester 1 & 2
DURATION	3 years
CAREER PATHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Think-tank analyst – Political communications advisor – Public servant – Development sector manager – Government relations manager

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BACHELOR OF VISUAL ARTS [©]

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OVERVIEW	Gain valuable skills in a range of media, then dive into your art practice with access to specialised facilities including painting and drawing studios, a digital lighting studio, photographic darkrooms, and sculpture and printmaking workshops. You'll also get your own personal studio space from day one, where you can hone your skills and connect with like-minded artists. Explore your interests when you choose optional majors, minors and electives from across the University. Gain valuable experience through an industry placement at organisations like Bendigo Art Gallery and La Trobe Art Institute, and build your professional networks.
PREREQUISITES	Units 3 & 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.
INTAKE	Semester 1 & 2
DURATION	3 years
CAREER PATHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Artist – Marketing creative – Gallery or museum curator – Community arts facilitator – Art critic or writer

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FEATURE COURSE

BACHELOR OF GLOBAL STUDIES

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OVERVIEW	Gain a strong grounding in the issues facing key regions and countries with a degree designed to introduce you to global problems and their policy responses, so you'll develop the tools to tackle the challenges of the future. Examine the history of international relations and geopolitics, contemporary security issues and the emerging challenges of human and environmental security. You'll also analyse the dynamics of power, sovereignty and security, exploring transformational changes in international relations. Tailor your degree with majors and minors that allow you to explore the geopolitical and humanitarian forces shaping our world.	ATAR ASPIRE ATAR	67.00 50.00
PREREQUISITES	Units 3 & 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.		
INTAKE	Semester 1 & 2		
DURATION	3 years		
MAJORS	Asian politics and security, Chinese studies, Conflict and negotiation, French studies, Government and policy, Greek studies, Hindi studies, Human rights, International relations, Italian studies, Japanese studies, Spanish studies, Sustainability and development		
CAREER PATHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Foreign affairs - International trade - Policy analyst - Humanitarian support 		



Become a world traveler

Global experiences are a vital part of global studies. Get out of the classroom and into the real world with a study experience at one of our overseas partner universities, with around 150 partner universities in over 40 countries. Go on exchange for a semester or take part in a short program like a summer/winter intensive.

You'll also have the opportunity to do an internship, either in Australia or overseas that's tailored to your career goals. Whatever you do, you'll build skills, confidence, global perspective and your professional network.



BACHELOR OF ARTS/BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCES © ⓘ

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OVERVIEW	In this interdisciplinary double degree, you'll examine the way that social, environmental and political structures affect the health of individuals, families and communities at local, national and international levels. Simultaneously, you'll explore your interests and pursue your passion, with a diverse range of arts and health sciences majors, minors and electives. Depending on your health sciences major, you'll graduate with a pathway into postgraduate health degrees, including audiology, physiotherapy and speech pathology.
PREREQUISITES	Units 3 & 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.
INTAKE	MEL Semester 1 & 2 ONL Semester 1
DURATION	4 years
MAJORS	<p>MELBOURNE: Aboriginal studies, Allied health, Anthropology, Archaeological and heritage studies, Asian studies, Chinese studies, Classics and ancient history, Creative and professional writing, Crime, justice and legal studies, Digital health, Digital media, English, Environmental health, Environmental humanities, Ethics and social justice, Food and nutrition, French studies, Gender, sexuality and diversity studies, Greek studies, Health promotion, Health, wellbeing and performance, Hindi studies, History, International studies, Italian studies, Japanese studies, Linguistics, Philosophy, Politics, Psychological science, Public health, Rehabilitation counselling, Sociology, Spanish studies, Sustainability and development, Visual cultures</p> <p>ONLINE: Anthropology, Archaeological and heritage studies, Asian studies, Creative and professional writing, Crime, justice and legal studies, Digital health, Digital media, English, Environmental health, Ethics and social justice, Health promotion, Health, wellbeing and performance, Hindi studies beginners, History, International studies, Linguistics, Philosophy, Politics, Psychological science, Public health, Rehabilitation counselling, Sociology, Sustainability and development, Visual cultures</p>
CAREER PATHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Public health manager – Policy analyst – Communications advisor – Health promotion coordinator – Rehabilitation counsellor

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BACHELOR OF ARTS/BACHELOR OF SCIENCE © ⓘ

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OVERVIEW	An arts/science degree from La Trobe builds your knowledge and skills across creative and technical areas, expanding your career prospects in fields such as environmental science, humanities, research, health and social sciences. Choose from arts subjects like anthropology, archaeological and heritage studies, languages or philosophy and combine these with studies in scientific areas such as botany, microbiology, data science, zoology and more. You'll learn in purpose-built teaching and research facilities from some of Australia's leading educators and gain a balance of theoretical knowledge and practical experience.
PREREQUISITES	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL. Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in any Mathematics.
INTAKE	Semester 1 & 2
DURATION	4 years
MAJORS	Aboriginal studies, Anthropology, Applied cybersecurity, Archaeological and heritage studies, Artificial intelligence, Asian studies, Biochemistry, Botany, Chemistry, Chinese studies, Classics and ancient history, Creative and professional writing, Crime, justice and legal studies, Crop science, Data science, Digital media, Ecology, English, Environmental humanities, Ethics and social justice, French studies, Gender, sexuality and diversity studies, Genetics, Greek studies, Hindi studies, History, Human physiological sciences, International studies, Italian studies, Japanese studies, Linguistics, Mathematics, Microbiology, Philosophy, Physics, Politics, Psychological science, Sociology, Spanish studies, Statistics, Sustainability and development, Visual cultures, Zoology
CAREER PATHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Diplomat – Ecologist – Medical researcher – Conservation officer – Policy advisor

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What's the double degree like?

I have loved the duality of the double degree I am doing – the bookwork and legal problem-solving, paired with the hands-on creativity.

Eve

Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Media and Communications

Any advice as an Aspire student?

As an Aspire student, I think it is always important to keep on top of your workload. Maintain decent grades to open yourself up to great opportunities.

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BACHELOR OF BUSINESS/BACHELOR OF ARTS ^{ONL} ¹

OVERVIEW	Combine a practical business education with the skillset of an arts degree. Learn the foundations of business, while exploring your passions and developing essential human skills such as communication and critical thinking. Choose from more than 20 study areas, including digital business, management, psychology, politics, history, sociology and marketing. Harness the latest software programs and platforms, and use data analysis tools to assess business trends and decisions. You'll also gain hands-on industry experience by participating in a work-based learning placement, graduating with the practical skills and a global perspective.
PREREQUISITES	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.
INTAKE	Semester 1 & 2
DURATION	4 years
MAJORS	Agribusiness, Anthropology, Archaeological and heritage studies, Asian studies, Creative and professional writing, Crime, justice and legal studies, Digital business, Digital media, English, Ethics and social justice, Hindi studies, History, International studies, Linguistics, Management, Marketing, Philosophy, Politics, Psychological science, Sociology, Sustainability and development, Visual cultures
CAREER PATHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project manager - Corporate consultant - Marketing manager - Communications advisor - Economic or market analyst

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BACHELOR OF COMMERCE/BACHELOR OF ARTS ^{MEL} ²

OVERVIEW	Gain a comprehensive understanding of commercial and policy areas, combined with the human skills of an arts degree. Co-designed with industry leaders, our double degree gives you a multidisciplinary set of skills and knowledge sought-after by employers and policymakers. Take advantage of the synergies between the two disciplines and successfully solve complex problems by merging technical know-how and strategic analysis. Choose from hundreds of majors and minors in commerce, arts and other disciplines like science and IT. Apply your learning through industry placements, work-integrated learning projects and overseas student exchange opportunities.
PREREQUISITES	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.
INTAKE	Semester 1 & 2
DURATION	4 years
MAJORS	Aboriginal studies, Accounting, Anthropology, Archaeological and heritage studies, Asian studies, Business analytics, Chinese studies, Classics and ancient history, Creative and professional writing, Crime, justice and legal studies, Digital media, Economics, English, Environmental humanities, Ethics and social justice, French studies, Finance, Gender, sexuality and diversity studies, Greek studies, Hindi studies, History, International studies, Italian studies, Japanese studies, Linguistics, Management, Marketing, Philosophy, Politics, Psychological science, Sociology, Spanish studies, Sustainability and development, Visual cultures
CAREER PATHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project manager - Business analyst - Community development manager - Communications advisor - Financial advisor

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BACHELOR OF COMMERCE/BACHELOR OF GLOBAL STUDIES ©

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OVERVIEW	Explore the complex social, commercial and sustainability challenges faced by multinational corporations and diverse communities. Co-designed with industry leaders, our double degree gives you a strong grounding in the issues facing key regions and countries around the world. Understand global problems and policy responses, and how to develop tools to tackle the challenges of the future. Choose from a range of majors, then apply what you've learned through an industry placement, work-integrated learning project or overseas exchange. Be prepared for the globalised world and complex web of relationships negotiated by governments and multinationals.
PREREQUISITES	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.
INTAKE	Semester 1 & 2
DURATION	4 years
MAJORS	Accounting, Asian politics and security, Business analytics, Chinese studies, Conflict and negotiation, Economics, Finance, French studies, Government and policy, Greek studies, Hindi studies, Human rights, International relations, Italian studies, Japanese studies, Management, Marketing, Spanish studies, Sustainability and development
CAREER PATHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International diplomacy - Politics and government - International trade specialist - International development - Human rights advocacy

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BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONOURS)/BACHELOR OF ARTS ©

MEL BEN

OVERVIEW	Explore the legal system and understand how it can be used as a powerful and positive force in society. Learn the fundamentals of law and develop key skills in advocacy, negotiation and dispute resolution. From there, you can choose from our list of arts majors and explore your area of interest. Broaden your knowledge and experience through areas like politics, languages, sociology, history, philosophy and media studies. Learn how to communicate effectively and think critically, analytically and creatively. Enhance your classroom experience by taking advantage of optional internships and work experience. Graduate ready to make a positive difference.
PREREQUISITES	Units 3 & 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.
INTAKE	MEL Semester 1 & 2 BEN Semester 1
DURATION	5 years
MAJORS	<p>MELBOURNE: Aboriginal studies, Anthropology, Archaeological and heritage studies, Asian studies, Chinese studies, Classics and ancient history, Creative and professional writing, Crime, justice and legal studies, Digital media, English, Environmental humanities, Ethics and social justice, French studies, Gender, sexuality and diversity studies, Greek studies, Hindi studies, History, International studies, Italian studies, Japanese studies, Linguistics, Philosophy, Politics, Psychological science, Sociology, Spanish studies, Sustainability and development, Visual cultures</p> <p>BENDIGO: Anthropology, Archaeological and heritage studies, Asian studies, Creative and professional writing, Crime, justice and legal studies, Digital media, English, Ethics and social justice, Hindi studies, History, International studies, Linguistics, Philosophy, Politics, Psychological science, Sociology, Sustainability and development, Visual cultures</p>
CAREER PATHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Barrister or solicitor - Human rights lawyer - Diplomat - Politician

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Highlight from your time at uni?

Doing a double degree, especially with a Bachelor of Arts, has been really interesting because there's such a wide range of subjects to choose from. I've come across classes I honestly didn't even realise uni would offer, which has made studying a lot more enjoyable.

Fatima

Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Arts

Advice for future uni students?

Put yourself out there and socialise, even if it feels a bit intimidating at first. It's also important to give yourself time to adjust, ease into the workload, and not put too much pressure on yourself straight away.

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BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONOURS)/BACHELOR OF GLOBAL STUDIES ©

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OVERVIEW	Become a legal expert with valuable expertise in global affairs. You'll develop your legal knowledge and skills as you build a deep understanding of global issues, diplomacy, politics, and international trade. Your law degree will introduce you to the fundamentals of legal practice and build your skills in advocacy, negotiation, and dispute resolution. At the same time, your global studies degree will immerse you in a wide range of global issues with a choice of majors.
PREREQUISITES	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.
INTAKE	Semester 1 & 2
DURATION	5 years
MAJORS	Asian politics and security, Chinese studies, Conflict and negotiation, French studies, Greek studies, Government and policy, Hindi studies, Human rights, International relations, Italian studies, Japanese studies, Spanish studies, Sustainability and development
CAREER PATHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Barrister or solicitor - Foreign affairs - Humanitarian advocacy - In-house legal counsel - Policy analyst

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BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONOURS)/BACHELOR OF MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION ©

MEL

OVERVIEW	Broaden your legal career in an evolving media landscape. Gain a powerful skillset in dispute resolution, evidence and criminal procedure, contract law, company law and public law. Build media expertise as you hone your understanding of contract management, regulation and representation. Look behind the headlines and investigate the social, ethical, legal and technological questions that confront media producers. Get hands-on experience in our purpose-built, industry-grade newsroom or via work-based learning with our media industry partners or a range of legal settings, including community legal centres, law firms and government agencies.
PREREQUISITES	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.
INTAKE	Semester 1 & 2
DURATION	5 years
MAJORS	Creative and professional writing, Marketing, Journalism, Sports media
CAREER PATHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Barrister or solicitor - Intellectual property lawyer - In-house counsel - Media and communications manager - Political communications advisor

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BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONOURS)/BACHELOR OF POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS ©

MEL

OVERVIEW	Combine practical, progressive and multidisciplinary legal skills with a unique social and ethical perspective on how the law works. Gain a powerful skillset in dispute resolution, evidence and criminal procedure, contract law, company law and public law. Explore philosophy and critical thinking, improve your ability to reason empathetically and reflect clearly on complex issues. Gain first-hand experience with work placements in law firms, community legal centres, courts and other government agencies.
PREREQUISITES	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.
INTAKE	Semester 1 & 2
DURATION	5 years
CAREER PATHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Barrister or solicitor - Human rights lawyer - Diplomat - Political communications advisor - Government relations manager

ATAR	90.95
ASPIRE ATAR	78.00



"I wanted a university that could embrace my personal hope and cater to my needs to help me be a global citizen. I've seen how international and interconnected my career could be. I've been to Nepal on a study tour, seen politicians work in Canberra and attended many conferences that have bettered my network."

Kevin
Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics

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DIPLOMA OF ARTS [Ⓜ] [Ⓞ]

OVERVIEW	Get straight into your passions when you choose a stream and undertake the first year of the humanities and social sciences degree of your choice. Choose from criminology, global studies, media and communication, and more. Or choose from a wide range of electives and study all the topics you're passionate about. Once you've graduated, you could transfer into one of our most varied and flexible degrees or choose from a range of specialised programs. No matter which path you choose, you'll study alongside Bachelor's degree students and you'll learn highly sought-after skills in critical thinking, problem-solving and collaboration from world-class academics.
PREREQUISITES	Units 3 & 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.
INTAKE	Semester 1 & 2
DURATION	1 year
CAREER PATHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Administration assistant - Events assistant - Social media assistant

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ATAR	NA NA

DIPLOMA IN LANGUAGES

OVERVIEW	La Trobe's Diploma in Languages lets you study a language alongside your primary degree or as standalone qualification. Whether you're looking to improve your language proficiency or learn an entirely new language, the diploma is the perfect opportunity to build valuable skills for your future career. You'll immerse yourself in the rich history and culture of your chosen language. Graduate with the language skills to give you a career advantage.
PREREQUISITES	Units 3 & 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.
INTAKE	Semester 1 & 2
DURATION	3 years part-time
MAJORS	Chinese studies beginners, Chinese studies intermediate, French studies beginners, French studies intermediate, Greek studies beginners, Greek studies intermediate, Hindi studies beginners, Italian studies beginners, Italian studies intermediate, Japanese studies beginners, Japanese studies intermediate, Spanish studies beginners, Spanish studies intermediate
CAREER PATHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Translator - Interpreter - Cultural diversity manager - Foreign correspondent journalist

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ATAR	NP

The La Trobe website includes complete entry requirements, including extra requirements, information on subject adjustments and requirements for non-Year 12 students. The availability of displayed majors may differ depending on campus and semester intake. ATAR data within this publication is based on the lowest selection rank (ATAR plus any adjustment factors) and is correct as of VTAC's January 2026 offer round. For more information, see latrobe.edu.au/courses. Aspire ATARs published are based on entry for Semester 1, 2026 and subject to change. For more information on the Aspire Early Offer Program and how to access the Aspire ATAR, see latrobe.edu.au/aspire. Some courses have alternative application options for regional and First Nations students – these courses are noted. For more information on how to apply, see the VTAC website.

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SECURE YOUR SPOT ACROSS TWO COURSES

AT LA TROBE, WE'VE BUNDLED SOME OF OUR MOST POPULAR COURSES INTO PACKAGED OFFERS. ONCE YOU'VE RECEIVED AN OFFER INTO YOUR PREFERRED PACKAGE, A PLACE IN YOUR DREAM DEGREE IS LOCKED IN.

Undergraduate packaged offers

Start with a Diploma or Associate degree, then transition into the second or third year of your Bachelor's course.

Diploma of Arts

- > Bachelor of Archaeology
- > Bachelor of Arts
- > Bachelor of Criminology
- > Bachelor of Global Studies
- > Bachelor of Media and Communication
- > Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics

Postgraduate packages

Secure a pathway from a Bachelor's degree into postgraduate study, such as a Master's degree.

Bachelor of Arts

- > Master of Teaching (Primary)
- > Master of Teaching (Secondary)
- > Juris Doctor

TAILOR YOUR DEGREE



Language at your level

When it comes to learning a language, we're here to meet you at your level. Depending on what language you choose, you'll have the option of beginner or intermediate.

Chinese studies

French studies

Greek studies

Hindi studies

Italian studies

Japanese studies

Spanish studies

Majors

As a Bachelor's of Arts student, building a mix of majors, minors and electives is almost unlimited. You can choose subjects from other disciplines – like business or IT – but you'll start with our top arts majors:

Aboriginal studies

Anthropology

Archaeological and heritage studies

Asian studies

Classics and ancient history

Creative and professional writing

Crime, justice and legal studies

Digital media

English

Environmental humanities

Ethics and social justice

Gender, sexuality and diversity studies

History

International studies

Linguistics

Philosophy

Politics

Psychological science

Sociology

Sustainability and development

Visual cultures



WAYS INTO YOUR DEGREE



Pathways

If you didn't get the ATAR you wanted, or you aren't ready to start a degree right away, a great option is to start a pathway course then transfer later, provided you meet the entry requirements.

Some of our pathway options¹ include:

- Studying a different Bachelor's degree with lower entry requirements then transferring.
- Studying a two-year Associate degree with lower entry requirements then transferring.
- Studying a one-year Diploma then using that credit to transfer into an eligible Bachelor's degree.
- Completing a Certificate or Diploma at TAFE or VET then transferring.
- Studying a Diploma or Certificate at La Trobe College and gaining second year entry into a Bachelor's degree without an ATAR.
- Studying a course package to secure a spot and gaining advanced standing into a Bachelor degree.

Entry programs and adjustments

Boost your application to La Trobe with programs and adjustments that can change your score or offer an alternative entry score.

- Achieve Plus, higher education studies
- Aspire Early Offer Program
- Elite Athlete ATAR adjustment
- Regional Benefits Program
- VTAC Access and Equity Adjustment (SEAS)

Tertiary Preparation Program (TPP)

Not a Year 12 student or don't have an ATAR? Our TPP unlocks access to our courses while helping you build skills for success at university. The TPP is a free, online course that fits around your commitments.

Undergraduate certificates

Kick off your uni study with our new undergraduate certificates in areas like IT and health – no ATAR required.



1. Eligibility for transfer will depend on successful completion of certain subjects, consult a course advisor for more information on your options. Credit transfer subject to conditions.

ASPIRE EARLY OFFER PROGRAM



With Aspire, you'll have the opportunity to get an early conditional offer for a wide range of our courses² across our campuses before finishing Year 12. We have three streams to choose from, so if you've given back to your community, done well in Year 11, or have a strong drive to make a future impact, you could secure a spot in your dream course before finishing Year 12. Applications open 1 April 2026 and close 4 September 2026.

You'll also gain access to study support like ATARNotes+ as well as access to apply for exclusive scholarships and more.

* Community Impact

Aspire Community Impact rewards Year 12 students for their volunteering or community contribution with an Aspire ATAR.

* Academic Impact

Aspire Academic Impact enables Year 12 students to leverage their Year 11 results to secure an early conditional offer into a range of undergraduate courses – no ATAR required.

* Everyday Impact

Aspire Everyday Impact gives Year 12 students with the drive to make an impact a direct pathway into undergraduate studies – no ATAR required.



² Some courses in the Aspire program are capped and remain competitive.

APPLYING TO STUDY AT LA TROBE



How to apply

Find your course: Browse by discipline at latrobe.edu.au/study or search by ATAR.

🔍 [La Trobe courses](#)

Use the ATAR calculator: If you're applying as a Year 12 student, use your real or estimated ATAR score to find courses that match your interest.

🔍 [La Trobe ATAR calculator](#)

Explore entry options: Use our ATAR adjustment calculator to estimate any boosts to your ATAR or explore entry and pathway options.

🔍 [Pathways & entry La Trobe](#)

Prepare to apply: Visit our Year 12 Hub to guide you through all the steps for making the right study choices.

🔍 [Choose La Trobe](#)

Your guide to preferences

Want to know how to submit your preferences? Prepare ahead with our guide to submitting your preferences.

🔍 [La Trobe VTAC applications](#)

Not in Year 12?

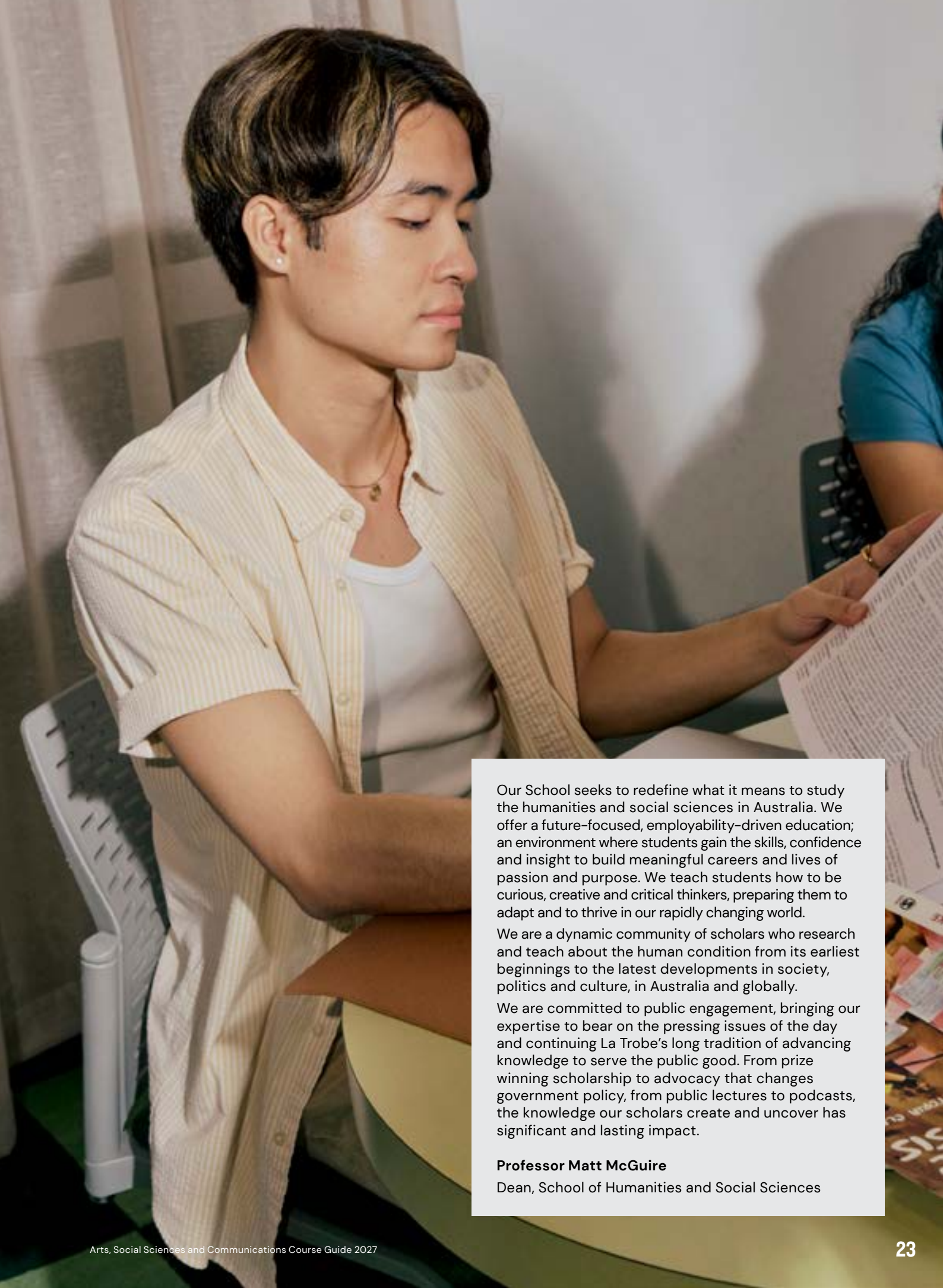
For most of our courses, you can apply directly to La Trobe online. For select undergraduate courses, or if you're applying for multiple courses, you'll apply via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) or the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC).

Scholarships

We offer a range of scholarships that reward your academic, sporting or leadership achievements, or provide support to students experiencing financial difficulties, personal hardships or who come from underrepresented backgrounds.

For students undertaking a Bachelor of Arts who demonstrate similar qualities to Tracey Banivanua Mar, you could be eligible for a \$5,000 scholarship paid in two instalments – the Tracey Banivanua Mar Scholarship.

The information on this page is meant for domestic students only. You are considered a domestic student if you are an Australian or New Zealand citizen, Australian permanent resident, or permanent humanitarian visa holder. Information on how to apply as an international student can be found online at latrobe.edu.au/study/apply/international. VTAC typically opens for applications in August of each year.



Our School seeks to redefine what it means to study the humanities and social sciences in Australia. We offer a future-focused, employability-driven education; an environment where students gain the skills, confidence and insight to build meaningful careers and lives of passion and purpose. We teach students how to be curious, creative and critical thinkers, preparing them to adapt and to thrive in our rapidly changing world.

We are a dynamic community of scholars who research and teach about the human condition from its earliest beginnings to the latest developments in society, politics and culture, in Australia and globally.

We are committed to public engagement, bringing our expertise to bear on the pressing issues of the day and continuing La Trobe's long tradition of advancing knowledge to serve the public good. From prize winning scholarship to advocacy that changes government policy, from public lectures to podcasts, the knowledge our scholars create and uncover has significant and lasting impact.

Professor Matt McGuire
Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences

JOIN US AT OPEN DAY 2026



Explore your study options, chat with current students and teachers, tour our campuses, and discover what it's really like to study at La Trobe.

Melbourne (Bundoora)

Sunday 2 August

Shepparton

Sunday 9 August

Mildura

Wednesday 12 August

Albury-Wodonga

Sunday 16 August

Bendigo

Sunday 23 August

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La Trobe University acknowledges our campuses are located on the lands of many Traditional Custodians in Victoria and New South Wales.

We recognise their ongoing connection to the land and value their unique contribution to the University and wider Australian society.

La Trobe University is committed to providing opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, both as individuals and communities, through teaching, learning, research and partnerships across all our campuses.

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Bendigo

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Latji Latji

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Gadigal

Sydney