

2019 VU ENGLISH COURSE GUIDE



**VICTORIA
UNIVERSITY**
MELBOURNE AUSTRALIA

WELCOME TO VU ENGLISH



MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Welcome to VU English – Victoria University's (VU) English language school.

At VU English, our courses are designed to help you improve your English for study, personal or vocational purposes. Our English courses provide entry into VU's diverse course offerings – from diplomas to undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications. You will also develop general English communication skills for everyday life, enhancing your global career opportunities.

VU English has a team of outstanding teachers who will help you improve your English quickly. Our small class sizes ensure that you will get the personal attention you need to improve your English skills. Our impressive classrooms and student lounges enable students to study in a relaxed and comfortable setting.

With free skills classes offered outside the regular teaching program, an exciting calendar of social events and activities, and a prime location in Melbourne's city centre, VU English is a leading English language centre operating in a world-class university.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Dianne McKeagney

General Manager, VU English

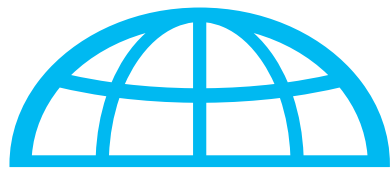
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THE VU ADVANTAGE



VU is a world-class university, ranking in the top 2% of universities worldwide (*Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2018*). We have significant experience teaching English language to international students in the heart of Melbourne, one of the world's most liveable cities.

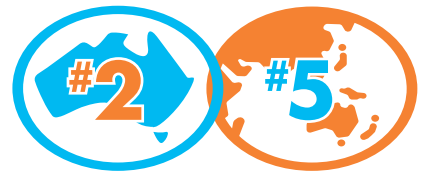


TOP 2%
of universities worldwide

Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2018

30 YEARS

experience teaching English to international students



our English language centre ranks #2 in Australia and #5 in the world

i-graduate ELT Barometer 2018

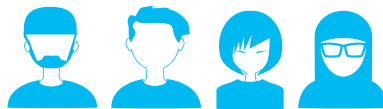
Our English courses

are accredited by the Australian Government and endorsed by NEAS Quality Assurance



Diverse nationality mix

VU English students come from over 34 countries



100%

of core VU English teachers have postgraduate qualifications



VU ENGLISH

students receive a VU student card to use University facilities



We are a member of English Australia and University English Centres Australia

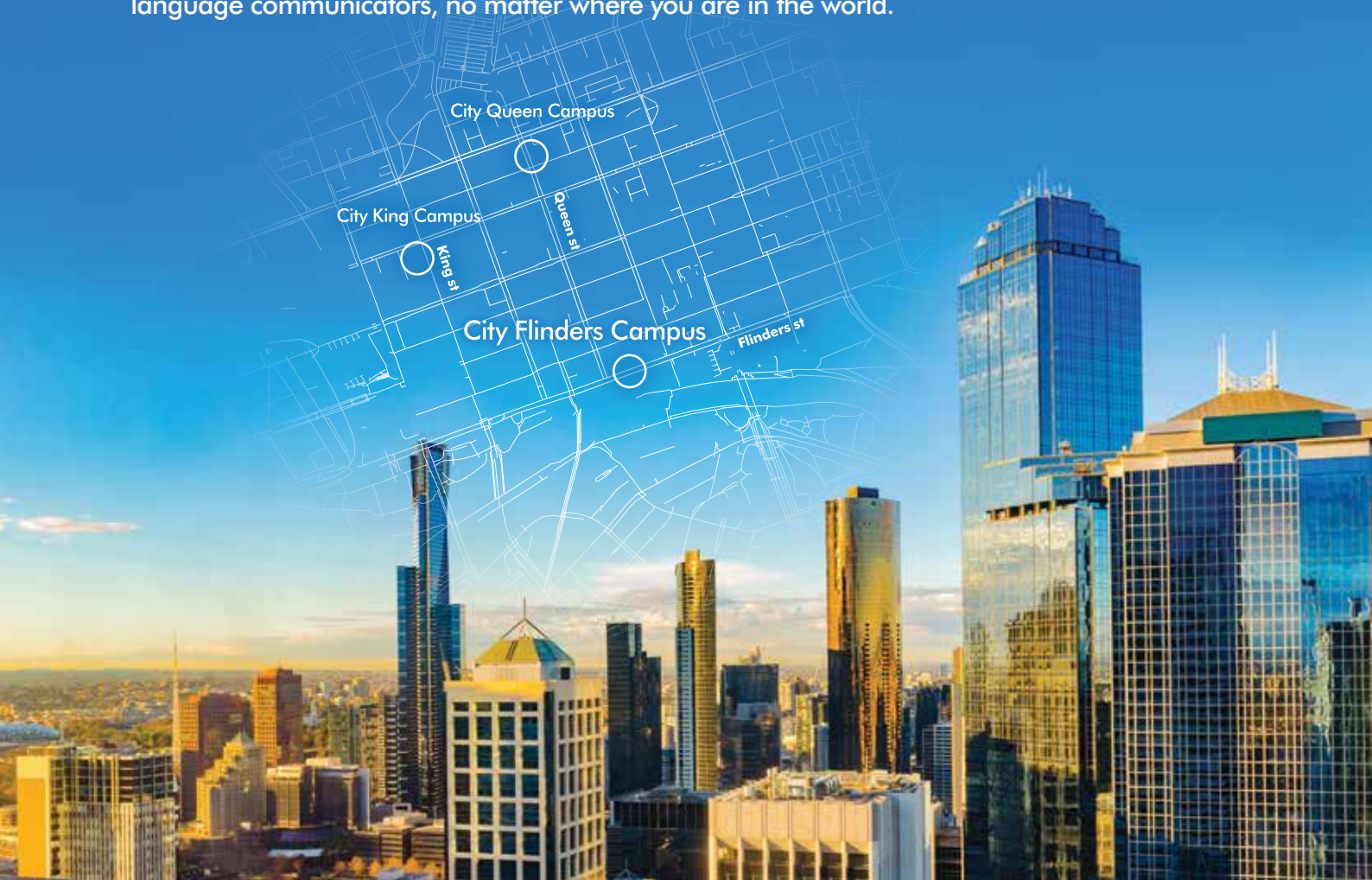


Located in one the world's **TOP 2 most liveable cities**

Economist Intelligence Unit Global Liveability Ranking 2011-2018

ABOUT VU ENGLISH

VU English is Victoria University's English language centre. Our courses are designed to develop your English speaking, listening, reading and writing skills to ensure you are confident English language communicators, no matter where you are in the world.



LOCATION

VU has eight campuses in Melbourne and one in Sydney. VU English is located at the University's City Flinders campus – directly opposite Flinders St Station.

Located in Melbourne's central business district, the campus is very close to:

- shops and supermarkets
- apartments and hotels
- sporting centres, stadiums and gyms
- art galleries, theatres, cinemas, libraries and museums.
- trains, trams and buses
- cafés and restaurants

AIRPORT PICK-UP

When you arrive in Australia, we can meet you at the airport and take you to your pre-arranged accommodation. Just make sure you book this free service 10 days before you leave home.

vu.edu.au/airport-reception

DISCOVER MELBOURNE

Melbourne consistently ranks among the world's most liveable cities (Economist Intelligence Unit), and is listed in the world's top five best cities for international students (QS Best Student Cities Survey 2018).

A WORLD-CLASS CITY

A leader in cultural activity, Melbourne is renowned for its world-class food, shopping, events and sports – in fact Melbourne is the Sporting Capital of the World (*SportBusiness* Ultimate Sport City of the Decade 2016).

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

Beyond Melbourne, the State of Victoria offers plenty of options for day trips or weekend getaways to places including the iconic Great Ocean Road and 12 Apostles, national parks, ski fields and beaches.

visitvictoria.com

TRANSPORT

Melbourne's extensive public transport network connects the city and suburbs, making it easy to get around. Purchase a reusable myki card to travel on trains, trams and buses in Melbourne and regional Victoria. Melbourne's free tram zone operates in the central business district (CBD), which covers VU English.

ptv.vic.gov.au

WEATHER

Melbourne's climate provides four distinct seasons, although it is often remarked you can experience four seasons in one day! The average summer temperature is 26°C, autumn and spring is 20°C and winter 14°C.

bom.gov.au



INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL



FASHION WEEK



FORMULA 1



MELBOURNE CUP



AUSTRALIAN OPEN



FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL



COURSES AND PATHWAYS

We offer a variety of English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS) at different levels. We use an interactive teaching approach to help you learn English.

ELICOS COURSES

- **General English:** designed to improve your overall English skills.
- **English for Academic Purposes:** designed for students with upper intermediate to advanced levels of English who want to study Foundation, vocational education (TAFE), undergraduate or postgraduate courses at VU.
- **English for Academic Purposes: IELTS Preparation:** a unit designed to help students pass the IELTS academic test.

COURSE PACKAGES

You can package your English language course with a VU foundation, diploma, undergraduate or postgraduate program. This means that once you successfully complete your English language studies, you will be guaranteed entry into your chosen VU course. If you believe you already have the English language requirements for direct entry to a VU course, you can take an English language test, such as IELTS or PTE Academic.

See the VU website to find out if you meet the course English language entry requirements.

vu.edu.au/entry-international

ELICOS CLASSES: LEVELS AND PATHWAYS

LEVEL	ENGLISH ENTRY LEVEL	COURSES			COURSE DURATION	VU PATHWAYS
		GENERAL ENGLISH (GE)	ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES: IELTS (IEL)	ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES: (EAP)		
6	Advanced 2 Approximate IELTS: 6.0/ PTE 51-59/TOEFL IBT: 60-78			EAP6	5-10 weeks	Most VU courses requiring IELTS 6.5 or 7 entry (see VU website for exceptions)
5	Advanced 1 Approximate IELTS: 5.5/ PTE 44-50/TOEFL IBT: 46-59	GE5	IEL5	EAP5	5-10 weeks	Courses requiring IELTS 6.0 entry
4	Upper Intermediate Approximate IELTS: 5.0/ PTE 37-43/TOEFL IBT: 35-45	GE4		EAP4	5-10 weeks	Courses requiring IELTS 5.5 entry
3	Intermediate Approximate IELTS: 4.5/ PTE 30-36/TOEFL IBT: 32-34	GE3			5-10 weeks	
2	Pre-Intermediate Approximate IELTS: 4.0/ TOEFL IBT: 20-31	GE2			5-10 weeks	
1	Elementary Approximate IELTS: 3.5/ TOEFL IBT: 0-19	GE1			5-10 weeks	

On average, students need a minimum of 10 weeks in each level to advance to the next level. Some students may only need 5 weeks at a particular level if their proficiency is high. Alternatively, some students may take longer than 10 weeks at a particular level to make progress.

GENERAL ENGLISH

This course is for students with beginner to upper intermediate levels of English.

General English will help you develop English language skills for:

- everyday speaking, listening, reading and writing
- entry into English for Academic Purposes at VU English.

BENEFITS

The benefits of studying General English include:

- progress reports every five weeks
- membership to various academic programs and social clubs
- access to all VU facilities, services and support
- a university certificate upon graduation.

PATHWAYS

On completion of General English 3 (Intermediate) you can advance to English for Academic Purposes.

STUDY AREAS

General English study areas include:

- accommodation
- education
- festivals and cultural celebrations
- food and cooking
- health and wellbeing
- living in Melbourne
- travel and transportation.

COURSE DATES

General English has nine intakes throughout the year. See the website for a full list of dates.

vu.edu.au/general-english

COURSE ESSENTIALS

COURSE LOCATION	LEVELS	COURSE CODE	DURATION
City Flinders	Elementary (level 1) Pre-intermediate (level 2) Intermediate (level 3) Upper Intermediate (level 4) Advanced (level 5)	VNGEN	5-10 weeks per level
CRICOS CODE	INTAKES	COURSE FEE	ENTRY
059112E	Every intake	A\$415 per week (plus an enrolment fee of A\$200)*	VU English Placement Test

*All prices are in Australian dollars (A\$)



ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES

English for Academic Purposes is a university and TAFE preparation course. It is designed for students with upper-intermediate to advanced levels of English who want to gain admission to a TAFE, undergraduate or postgraduate course at VU.

English for Academic Purposes (EAP) is made up of the following units:

- **EAP4 (English for Academic Purposes Upper Intermediate):** a 10 week course for students who would like to study academic English or who wish to gain direct entry into foundation studies, TAFE (certificates and diplomas), or higher education diplomas (Diploma of Business, Engineering and Information Technology)
- **EAP5 (University Preparation Undergraduate):** a specialised 10-week program for students who wish to enrol in a VU undergraduate course
- **EAP6 (University Preparation Postgraduate):** for students with an advanced level of English who wish to enrol in a VU postgraduate course.

- over 95% graduation rates
- rapid progress in academic reading, writing, speaking and listening
- extra support programs.

STUDY AREAS

EAP study areas include:

- academic culture
- academic writing (including research and referencing skills)
- academic reading
- academic listening
- academic speaking (including tutorial and oral presentation skills).

COURSE DATES

EAP is available at certain times of the year. See the website for a full list of dates.

vu.edu.au/vu-english

JAE'S STORY



Jae Hyeok Lee, Korea

English for Academic Purposes

"I have learned how to write academic essays and understand English text books, which will help me a lot when I enter my degree."

BENEFITS

The benefits of studying EAP at VU English include:

- direct entry to TAFE, undergraduate or postgraduate courses at VU on successful completion

COURSE ESSENTIALS

COURSE LOCATION	LEVELS	COURSE CODE	DURATION
City Flinders	EAP4 (Upper Intermediate) EAP5 (Advanced 1) EAP6 (Advanced 2)	VNEAP	5-10 weeks per level
CRICOS CODE	INTAKES	COURSE FEE	ENTRY
082777E	Every Intake (EAP4) Intake 1,2,3,4,6,7,8 & 9 (EAP5) Intake 3,4,6,7,8 & 9 (EAP6)	A\$415 per week (plus an enrolment fee of A\$200)*	IELTS 5.0#, VU English Placement Test or completion of VU General English GE3

*All prices are in Australian dollars (A\$)

Overall score of 6, plus writing at 6, for EAP 6. Overall score of 5.5 plus writing at 5.5, for EAP 5.

ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES: IELTS PREPARATION

This unit develops English language skills and test-taking strategies to help students pass the IELTS test. It is designed for students with upper intermediate to advanced levels of English who want to sit an IELTS test.

BENEFITS

The benefits of studying EAP: IELTS Preparation at VU English include:

- a structured, test-focused learning environment
- teachers experienced in teaching IELTS
- ongoing progress feedback
- regular practice tests, including an IELTS speaking test.

- reading: speed reading strategies, understanding graphs and charts, and complex texts
- speaking: expressing ideas and opinions as well as pronunciation
- writing: describing information in graphs and tables, and essay writing.

COURSE DATES

EAP: IELTS has nine intakes throughout the year. See the website for a full list of dates.

STUDY AREAS

IELTS Preparation study areas include:

- listening for specific purposes and notetaking

COURSE ESSENTIALS

COURSE LOCATION	LEVELS	COURSE CODE	DURATION
City Flinders	IELTS 5 (Advanced 1)	VNEAP	5 weeks per level
CRICOS CODE	INTAKES	COURSE FEE	ENTRY
082777E	Every intake	A\$415 per week (plus an enrolment fee of A\$200)*	IELTS 5.5, VU English Placement Test or completion of VU English EAP4

*All prices are in Australian dollars (A\$)

TABBY'S STORY



Tabby Nguyen, Vietnam

English for Academic Purposes/Master of Human Resource Management

"VU has great facilities and the tuition fees are affordable for my parents."



SERVICES AND SUPPORT

As a VU English student, you will have a VU student card which provides you with access to all VU services, support and facilities.



STUDENT BENEFITS

You will have access to the following services and support:

- dedicated International Student Support staff
- International Student Association, plus over 60 other student clubs and groups
- housing and accommodation support
- libraries, computer rooms and student lounges
- a fitness centre with a 25m indoor swimming pool (Footscray Park campus)
- cafes, prayer rooms and childcare centres (at most campuses)
- VU Scout – an app with fun games and prizes
- VU Safe – an app to keep you safe on campus and in Melbourne
- free WiFi and phone chargers.

INDEPENDENT LEARNING CENTRE

The Independent Learning Centre is a bright and spacious learning centre where students can develop their independent study skills. Our Independent Learning Centre Coordinator is a highly qualified and experienced teacher with a passion for teaching English language to international students.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

We offer a range of free, voluntary programs in addition to your regular classroom activities to help you learn in a relaxed environment, make friends and have fun. These extra academic support programs include:

- lunchtime skills classes for writing, reading, grammar and pronunciation
- one-on-one study support with the ILC Coordinator
- online learning.



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

VU English offers much more beyond the classroom – we want you to make friends from all over the world and enjoy your time in Melbourne. We have a vibrant social calendar with events and activities throughout the year so you can truly get to know your classmates. Activities include:

- cooking classes
- “Aussie” barbecues
- sports activities such as rock-climbing.

Follow us on Facebook to find out about our social events.

 www.facebook.com/VictoriaUniversityEnglish/

PTE CENTRE

We operate a Pearson Test of English (PTE) centre, with up to three sessions available from Monday to Saturday. PTE Academic is a leading English test for university, professional and migration applications.

Benefits of PTE Academic include:

- results within five business days
- ability to schedule tests up to 24 hours in advance
- computer-based marking to ensure all tests are scored fairly and accurately
- accepted by all universities in Australia, and most professional bodies
- approved for all student and migration visa applications.

Cost: A\$330

Register: pearsonpte.com/book

LAURA'S STORY



Laura Lancheros, Colombia

English for Academic Purposes/Master of Supply Chain Management

“There are a lot of nationalities at VU so you can share cultures with other people.”

VUSAFE
CREATING A SAFER COMMUNITY

The free, official mobile safety app of Victoria University. VUSafe brings safety, security and support services at Victoria University to your fingertips.

ANDROID APP ON Google play | Download on the App Store

vu.edu.au/safer-community



COST OF LIVING

Australia is an affordable place to study and live in, offering high-quality education, healthcare and living standards.



TUITION FEES

The tuition cost of our standard English language courses are A\$415 per week. There is also a once-off A\$200 enrolment fee. If you have applied for a package (VU English plus a VU course), you will need to pay your VU English tuition fees, plus the first semester of your selected VU course, to accept your offer. You will also need to arrange your health insurance. Your total indicative tuition fees will be outlined in your offer letter. Fees for VU courses, such as a diploma or a degree, are charged one semester at a time and are payable before the semester starts. Tuition fees vary by course and are subject to change.

STUDY COSTS

As a VU English student, you will be required to purchase core textbooks which will support your English language development. If you intend to complete a VU course after your English studies, you might need to buy equipment, textbooks or a uniform for some courses. These costs are separate to your tuition fees. Budget approximately A\$400-\$500 for books and stationery annually.

Other possible study costs include:

- travel to work placements
- graduation ceremony costs
- library expenses (printing/scanning/photocopying).

LIVING COSTS

As a condition of your student visa, you must have enough money to pay your course fees, and travel and living costs, for you and any accompanying family members while you are in Australia. You might need to provide evidence of your financial capacity with your visa application. From 1 February 2018, the 12-month minimum living cost set by the Australia Government is:

- student or guardian – A\$20,290
- partner or spouse – A\$7,100
- child – A\$3,040.

www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/visa-1/500-?modal=/visas/supporting/Pages/500/twelve-months-funds-option.aspx

HEALTH INSURANCE

Before you can apply for a student visa, you must arrange Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for your stay in Australia. OSHC applies to eligible medical and hospital expenses, depending on your level of cover. At VU, Allianz Global Assistance is the preferred OSHC provider. We negotiate special rates and extra bonuses for VU students. For example, the VU policy covers mental health and pregnancy cover with no waiting times. There are even Allianz services on-campus to help you make claims and extend your cover. Policies for Allianz OSHC start at A\$55 for a single adult for one month.

vu.edu.au/health-cover

UNDER 18S

Students under 18 years of age must have adequate welfare arrangements in place while in Australia. If you are under 18, your parents must nominate a guardian for you before the Department of Home Affairs will consider your student visa application.

Your guardian needs to be:

- over 21 years of age
- a relative
- a resident in Australia
- of good character.

Welfare arrangements for students under 18 years can be arranged through VU's registered care provider, Educare. Once your welfare arrangements are in place, you can choose to stay at our student residency, UniLodge @ VU, which is a safe, secure and friendly accommodation option for under 18s.

SCHOOLING FOR CHILDREN

If you have children aged between 6 and 17 accompanying you to Australia, they must by law attend school. Allow schooling costs of at least A\$8,000 per year for each child. Children are exempt from school fees at public (government) schools if you are:

- enrolled in a doctoral or master's by research course
- an Australian Government scholarship or sponsored student.

WEEKLY LIVING COSTS GUIDE (A\$)*

Rent	
UniLodge @ VU	\$175**
1-bedroom unit - Footscray	\$280
1 bedroom unit - CBD	\$440
Share house	\$90-\$220
Food	
Public transport (Zone 1+2***)	\$80-\$200
2 hour daily default fare	\$4.30
7 day pass	\$43
Electricity, water and gas	
Mobile phone and internet	\$30-\$50

* This information is based on 2018 costs and is an estimate only as costs can vary considerably. Source: liveinvictoria.vic.gov.au; studyinaustralia.gov.au; numbeo.com/cost-of-living.

** 12-month lease, twin share studio apartment.

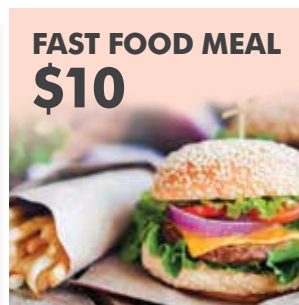
*** Eligible students can apply for discounted annual public transport passes.



BOWL OF RICE
\$0.50



2 LITRE MILK
\$2



FAST FOOD MEAL
\$10



WEEKLY VU GYM MEMBERSHIP
\$13.94

ACCOMMODATION

VU offers a safe, convenient and multicultural student residence with fully-furnished apartments and excellent living spaces. UniLodge @ VU is directly across from our Footscray Park campus and a short walk to the Footscray Station, taking you to the heart of Melbourne and to our city campuses in less than 10 minutes. The complex features fully-furnished studio, two-bedroom and six-bedroom apartments priced from A\$175 per week.

Other features include:

- study rooms
- shared kitchens, dining rooms and lounges
- a café and rooftop garden
- basketball court and pool table
- cinema.

CONTACT US

UniLodge @ VU

Phone: +61 3 9998 8490

Email: vu@unilodge.com.au



STUDY TOURS



VU English provides customised English language education to a range of student and professional groups. Our short-term English Language Study Tour Programs are intensive, personalised programs for university, school, government and industry groups.

PROGRAMS

Our programs develop English language and professional skills in an English speaking environment over a period of days, weeks or months. Study tours can be blended or customised. During blended tours, participants will join an existing ELICOS class. Customised programs are closed-group programs designed for a particular group.

BENEFITS

By participating in a VU English study tour, you will have access to a range of services and support including:

- language assessment tests (prior to departure or on arrival)
- assistance to arrange homestay accommodation
- airport reception
- excursions
- graduation ceremonies and certificates of achievement.

MEET MIDORI



Midori Otsuka

VU English Study Tour Officer

Midori provides additional support for our study tour students. She was born in Japan and now lives in Melbourne. Midori has first-hand experience of what it is like to be an international student. She ensures that our students have a successful transition to life in Melbourne.



EXAMPLE CUSTOMISED STUDY TOUR: CROSS-CULTURAL NURSING

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning	Lesson: The Healthcare System	Lesson: Intercultural Caring	Interactive Activity: Nursing Simulation Lab	Lesson: Inside an Australian Hospital	Lesson: Aged Care in Australia
Afternoon	Lecture: Nursing in Australia	Group Activity: Cultural Diversity in Australia	Group Activity: Networking with Local Students	Group Activity: Medical Practitioner Guest Speaker	Group Activity: Excursion to Nursing Home

HOW TO APPLY

You can apply direct to VU English through the University's EAAMS international admissions system, or use an agent to apply on your behalf.

DIRECT APPLICANTS

- 1 Register your details at eaams.vu.edu.au/portal/SelfRegister.aspx
- 2 Check your email to get your login details
- 3 Login and start your application at eaams.vu.edu.au/portal/Login.aspx

AGENT-ASSISTED APPLICANTS

An agent can help you apply for one of our courses. Find an agent in your country at eaams.vu.edu.au/BrowseAgents.aspx



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