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Bachelor of Community Development
Course code: ABCD

Course Requirements

To attain the Bachelor of Community Development, students will be required to complete 288 credit points consisting of:

- 96 credit points of First Year Core units
- 144 credit points Professional Core studies including 24 credit points of Capstone studies
- 1 x 48 credit points of Minor studies

Students are required to enrol in all units for semester 1 and 2, and are not permitted to enrol in more than 48 credit points per semester as a full-time load.

Credit Points

A credit point is used to measure the study load for a unit. A standard unit consists of 12 credit points, with each completed unit's credit points adding up to meet your required total of credit points to complete your course.

Capstone Units

This course includes capstone units, which are third-year level units that are completed at the end of your last year of study. They involve demonstrating the skills and knowledge you have acquired through your course, usually through a large research project or an internship. They have the study load of 2 units, and are worth 24 credit points upon completion.

Further Information

Unit and course information is available from the University course search site at http://vu.edu.au/course-search or go to https://askvu.vu.edu.au or Phone VUHQ on 03 9919 6100

Campus

Footscray Park (FP)

College

College of Arts, Business, Law, Education and IT

Study Mode

Full Time or Part Time

Duration

3 years Full Time or Part Time equivalent

Fee Type

For information on course fees, refer to http://vu.edu.au/fees

Application Method

VTAC - https://vtac.edu.au
Direct Application - https://gotovu.custhelp.com/app/landing

Timetable

vu.edu.au/timetables

Course Chair

Jeannie Rea

Course Advice

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Year 1

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
ASA1023	Community Development from the Local to the Global	Core	1B1	12	FP	
AYW1002	Youth and Community Contexts	Core	1B2	12	FP	
AYW1003	Youth and Community Programs	Core	1B3	12	FP	
AEB1804	Young People in a Global Community	Core	1B4	12	FP	
AEK1204	Aboriginal History and Political Movements	Core	2B1	12	FP	
RBF1150	Global Envionrmental Issues	Core	2B2	12	FP	
ASA1024	Applied Human Rights	Core	2B3	12	FP	
ASW1000	Working in Human Services Organisations	Core	2B4	12	FP	

Please note: Primary pattern of study blocks are in **bold**. This is the recommended sequence.

Pattern of study for 2025 2B1 Intake:

2B1: AEK1204
2B2: RBF1150
2B3: ASA1024
2B4: ASW1000

2026:

1B1: ASA1023
1B2: AYW1002
1B3: AYE1003
1B4: AEB1804

Prerequisites

A number of units within the degree have 'prerequisites'. These prerequisites must be met before enrolment in the unit is permitted. Generally these prerequisites require the successful completion of a unit or units taken at an earlier stage in the course. Students should pay particular attention to these prerequisite requirements as failure to meet these can seriously hinder progression through the course.

Core

A unit that must be completed

Minor

A subject area that is the second focus of a degree, comprising a smaller set of units than a major within a particular discipline. At Victoria University a minor is made up of 48 credit points (equivalent to 4 units).

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Year 2

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
AEB3803	Professional Practice 1	Core	**1B1**, 1B2, 2B1	12	FP	
AEB2803	Holistic Practice with Young People	Core	**1B2**, 2B3, 2B4	12	FP	
ASA2033	Management in Non-Government Organisations	Core	**1B3**	12	FP	
ASA2034	Project Design and Implementation	Core	**1B4**, 1B3	12	FP	
	Minor 1 - Unit 1	Minor	**2B1**	12		
ASL2002	Criminal Justice Systems 2	Core	**2B2**, 1B2	12	FP	
	Minor 1 - Unit 2	Minor	**2B3**	12		
ASC2005	Change and Community Justice	Core	**2B4**, 2B2, SB	12	FP	

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Placement

AEB3803 - Professional Practice
Professional Practice provides the authentic context for a collaboration of student youth and community work practitioners, their community sector mentors and the university, to understand and enhance youth or community work professional practice. The practical experiences of student youth or community workers in partnerships are also the basis of their critical reflection and theorising on practice, which leads to sustainable improvement and change.

As each placement is unique, students are required to negotiate their tasks, responsibilities and timelines with their agency supervisor and undertake regular supervision to reflect on their practice.

Placement: 200 hours. Students undertake placement for 8 hours, 1-2 days a week for a period of 20-25 weeks until total hours are achieved.

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Year 3

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
ECY3004	Youth and Community Industry Placement	Core	**S1, S2**	12	FP	AEB3803
ECY3003	Youth and Community Industry Preparation	Core	**1B2**, 1B1, 2B4	12	FP	
AEB3802	Professional Culture and Collaboration	Core	**1B3**, 1B4	12	FP	
EDI3003	Rights, Advocacy and Discrimination	Core	**1B4**, 2B1, 2B3	12	FP	
	Minor 1 - Unit 3	Minor	**2B1**	12		
ASC3007	Research in the Community	Core	**2B2**, 1B4, 2B1	12	FP	
ASC3095	Conflict Resolution in Groups and Communities	Core	**2B3**, 1B2	12	FP	
	Minor 1 - Unit 4	Minor	**2B4**	12		

Please note: Primary pattern of study blocks are in **bold**. This is the recommended sequence.

Placement

ECY3004 - Youth and Community Industry Placement
In this unit you will work alongside professional colleagues engaged in the provision of youth, community and criminal justice services. This work-based learning experience consists of a structured and supervised University organised field work placement or authentic industry project where you will link and apply theory with community and criminal justice practice.

Placement: To gain an overall pass in this unit, students must satisfactorily complete the WIL related components and complete a minimum of 200 hours in placement activities.

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Minors

Minor Selections

Approved Minors	
EMISWF	Student Welfare
AMIGEN	Gender Studies
AMIPOL	Political Science
EMIGAL	Aboriginal Yulendj (Knowledge) and Community

Student Welfare - EMISWF

Student Welfare is a dynamic sequence of units that provides you with an understanding of young people and children as they transition into adolescence. We talk about issues, strategies and options.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
AYW2002	Disability, Ableism and Youth Work	Minor		12	FP, ORT, W	
AEB2802	Ethics and Youth Work Practice	Minor		12	FP, ORT, W	
ECY3000	Supporting Young People in Dual Diagnosis Settings	Minor		12	FP, ORT, W	
ECY3001	Working with Young People with Complex Issues	Minor		12	FP, ORT, W	

Semester Dates

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Gender Studies - AMIGEN

Gender is one of the major ways that human society is organised, whether considered from a social or cultural perspective. Gender Studies has developed over the last three decades into a complex and influential academic specialisation. The ideas of Gender Studies, and in particular the theories and practices of feminism, have significantly shifted the ways of knowing across many fields of academic inquiry. The Gender Studies minor provides you with a critical education in major theories and applications about the place of gender.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
ACW2020	Sex and Gender	Minor		12	FP, ORT	
ACW2024	Gender in Public Life	Minor		12	FP, ORT	
ACW2026	Gender in Popular Culture	Minor		12	FP, ORT	
ACW3028	Gender, Community and Social Change	Minor		12	FP, ORT	

Political Science - AMIPOL

In the view of the great ancient Greek philosopher Aristotle, politics was the 'master science': essential to an understanding of what makes us human. If that was the case over 2000 years ago, it is even more so in our fast-changing modern world. The study of our political environment is crucial to understanding and leading change in global, national, and local settings.

Through completion of this Minor you will have begun to master the field of Political Science. We shall help you to identify not only how politics works, but how it ought to work. While building such skills, students can enjoy engaging with topics such as globalisation, security and terrorism, contemporary protest movements and current debates on civil society and democratic theory.

Training in Politics and IR provides access to careers in foreign affairs, diplomacy, the media, the trade union movement and government and non-government sectors.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
ASP2007	Dictatorship and Democracy	Minor		12	FP	
ASP2010	Origins of International Politics	Minor		12	FP	
ASP2011	Foundations of Political Science	Minor		12	FP	
ASP3002	International Security	Minor		12	FP	

Semester Dates

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Aboriginal Yulendj (Knowledge) and Community - EMIGAL

With UNESCO's acknowledgement that Indigenous groups globally are challenged from 'development', global warming and globalisation and the Australian government's adoption of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, how might Indigenity assert itself legally, politically, culturally, socially and technologically to secure/ensure an equitable and respected place in a multicultural globalised Australian context?

How might key Aboriginal issues underpinned by self-determination, land and country, treaty, economic development, urban and regional planning, traditional owners, cultural heritage and art, human rights, ethics and community development be considered and applied in a changing world and in Australian civics and citizenship, workplaces and community?

The Aboriginal Yulendj (Knowledge) and Community minor will be available for students enrolled in VU undergraduate programs and it will use Moondani Balluk (embrace people) units in decolonial and postmodern theories to consider a range of complex topics concerning personal and national identity in a changing global world.

In this minor, students will explore, analyse and deconstruct their own disciplinary and lived perspectives as well as explore, reflect and understand the impacts and outcomes of colonisation for Aboriginal individuals, families and communities in South East Australia. Topics to be explored include history, human rights, traditional owners, sovereignty, governance and societal structures, coloniality and systems of power and community ethics.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Unit Type	Sem	Credit Points	Campus	Pre-Requisites
AEK1204	Aboriginal History and Political Movements	Minor		12	FP, ORT, SA	
AEK1105	Aboriginal Traditions and Policy	Minor		12	FP, OSP, SA	
AEK2205	Politics of Aboriginal Art	Minor		12	FP, ORT	AEK1105 or AEK1204
AEK2203	Indigenous Perspectives on Sustainability	Minor		12	FP, ORT	AEK1105 or AEK1106 or AEK1204
AND						
AEK3202	Working Ethically in Aboriginal Community	Minor		12	FP, ORT	AEK1105 or AEK1204 and AEK2203 or AEK2205
AEK3204	Aboriginal Political and Reflective Learning	Minor		12	FP	

Semester Dates

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