

Eligibility	VISA	Study Period	Language of Instruction	Type of Housing	Approximate semester dates	LHU partner since	Cost of Housing and Meals
Only LHU students; Minimum GPA 2.5	Yes	Fall and/or Spring	English	Homestay/Student residential facilities/Apartments	Fall: late July – end Nov. Spring: late Feb – end June	2005	Study Abroad Fees \$A8,000/semester Housing and other expenses \$A377/week

# AUSTRALIA

**Victoria University, Melbourne**

[www.vu.edu.au](http://www.vu.edu.au) / [www.vu.edu.au/International/Student\\_Exchange/](http://www.vu.edu.au/International/Student_Exchange/)

## The Location

Melbourne is a modern European style city offering a spectacular combination of old and new architecture, elegant streetscapes, multicultural communities, beautiful parks, gardens and beaches. It is the capital of the state of Victoria and home to over 3.5 million people.

Melbourne enjoys a mild climate with four distinct seasons: Spring (September, October, November), Summer (December, January, February), Autumn (March, April, May), and Winter (June, July, August). The city has many well-laid out, wide, and tree lined boulevards that make it easy to get around. The public transportation network services all parts of the city and outer suburbs, and is regular, safe and affordable.

Melbourne is a city of cafes, wining and dining, theater, cinema, and music of every kind. The city is home to many festivals such as Moomba, the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, the Melbourne International Film Festival, the Melbourne Arts Festival, and international sporting events, including the Melbourne Formula 1 Grand Prix, the Australian Tennis Open, and the Spring Racing Carnival.

## The University

Victoria University is recognized as one of Australia's most progressive universities, offering its students a unique combination of academic and practical skills to enhance their career opportunities. More than 50,000 students and 3,000 staff from more than 90 nationalities make Victoria University one of the most culturally diverse universities in Australia. VU has 11 campuses located within the central business district and across the western region of Melbourne. All campuses are close to public transportation and boast modern facilities.

## Academics

The university is committed to providing programs of academic excellence. Victoria University leads the way in many emerging disciplines, including international/community development, international studies, multimedia, sports recreation management, tourism and hospitality, biotechnology, transport, storage, distribution, and logistics.

Victoria University is a dual sector university comprising two divisions, the Higher Education Division and the Technical and Further Education (TAFE) Division. The Higher Education Division has three faculties: Business and Law; Health, Engineering and Science; Arts, Education and Human Development. The TAFE division has two faculties, the Faculty of Workforce Development, the Faculty of Technical and Trades Innovation.

## **Housing**

LHU students attending Victoria University will have the opportunity to choose the type of housing that best fits their needs and preferences. Students may choose to stay in the Student Village, live with an Australian family (homestay), or rent an apartment.

The Student Village, owned and operated by Victoria University, is a residential facility serving 500 students. It is situated in native parkland approximately six miles from the Melbourne downtown. Each resident has a single carpeted bedroom in either a two or three-bedroom unit with a shared bathroom. Kitchens are located outside the units. Meal plans are available but are not included in the housing costs. The Student Village is well served by public transport to Victoria University, the city, and surrounding areas.

There are two types of homestays: full board and rent only. In each case, students have their own room within the home of an Australian family. Students may also choose to rent an apartment. Rental accommodation is usually the cheapest form of housing but these are often unfurnished. Please visit Victoria University's housing services website for information and assistance finding accommodation in Melbourne:

[http://www.vu.edu.au/Current\\_Students/Support\\_Services/Housing\\_Services/index.aspx](http://www.vu.edu.au/Current_Students/Support_Services/Housing_Services/index.aspx)

**Air Travel** – students are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. Please see the international office for assistance.

**Tuition** - LHU students have a visiting/fee paying program with Victoria University. Students are charged study abroad fees from Victoria University which are approximately \$9000 USD per semester. Please note, however, that it will be necessary to pay for activities such as athletic club memberships, if you wish to utilize those services.

Non-LHU students – LHU/VU exchange is open only to LHU students.

## **Academic Calendar**

Spring term begins with a one week orientation on site. Semester one classes begin late February and end in June.

Fall term begins with a one week orientation on site. Semester two begins late July and ends in November.

## **Health Insurance**

All international students are required to maintain insurance coverage while abroad and for the entire duration of this period. Australian immigration law requires that students carry approved, documented evidence of having obtained a health insurance policy supplied by an approved Australian insurance provider. The most common plan chosen is the Overseas Student Health Cover plan (OSHC). Information on additional international health insurance providers can be obtained from the Center for Global Engagement.

## **So, how do I get started?**

Simply come by the Center for Global Engagement to pick up an application form. Remember! Applications are due March 1 for the fall term and October 1 for the spring term.