

CAREER PRACTITIONERS' CONFERENCE

NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

CAREER PRACTITIONER CONFERENCE 2025



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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.



STUDY NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

Research by Health Workforce Australia (HWA) reports that due to several factors, A shortfall of more than 120,000 registered nurses by 2030.

La Trobe's nursing and midwifery graduates are highly employable



WHY STUDY NURSING AND MIDWIFERY AT LA TROBE?

ADAPTABILITY

- Supporting programs around the course
- Additional non-curriculum skills
- Flexibility of delivery blended/face-to-face classes
- International opportunities

INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS

- Content driven by industry
- Strong industry link partnerships, clinical placements in Victoria's finest hospitals and health care centres
- First nursing school in Victoria

CAREER READY

- Clinical schools and professoriate units in Melbourne
- La Trobe Rural Health School in regional locations
- Nursing students undertake 800 hrs of placement, nursing and midwifery students complete over 1600hrs
- Academics based in clinical schools enable students to learn from experienced professionals who are also driving discoveries around best practise and treatment

EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

- Staff who are leaders in nursing and midwifery research
- Extensive research institutes within the SNM
- Rated well above world standard for research in nursing



WHERE WILL I LEARN?

YEAR 1 & 2 – MELBOURNE (BUNDOORA) CAMPUS

YEARS 3 (BN) & 4 (DOUBLE DEGREES):

- Melbourne (Bundoora) Campus
- Austin Health
- Alfred Health
- Northern Health
- Royal Melbourne Health
- Mercy Hospital for Women
- The Royal Women's Hospital
- Monash
- Western Health
- Private health partner facilities
- Other major public hospitals and private care organisations
- Regional students will study in one of four campuses.





THE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

- Students are allocated to a clinical school for final year of their course: BN or BN.BPsychSci or BN.BM
- The majority of clinical placements are undertaken in the allocated clinical school network.
- Academics are located in the clinical school.
- Access to clinical experts.
- Quality clinical experiences.
- Well prepared for graduate practice.

CLASSROOM PROGRAM

- Enquiry based learning
- Small group work
- Simulation of clinical scenarios
- Pre-clinical preparation
- Clinical experts involved in lectures and workshops



CLINICAL PROGRAM

- Close collaboration with hospital staff in the planning and conduct of placements;
- Student becomes part of the health care team;
- Clinical school staff provide on-going support to students and clinicians.



Real work settings

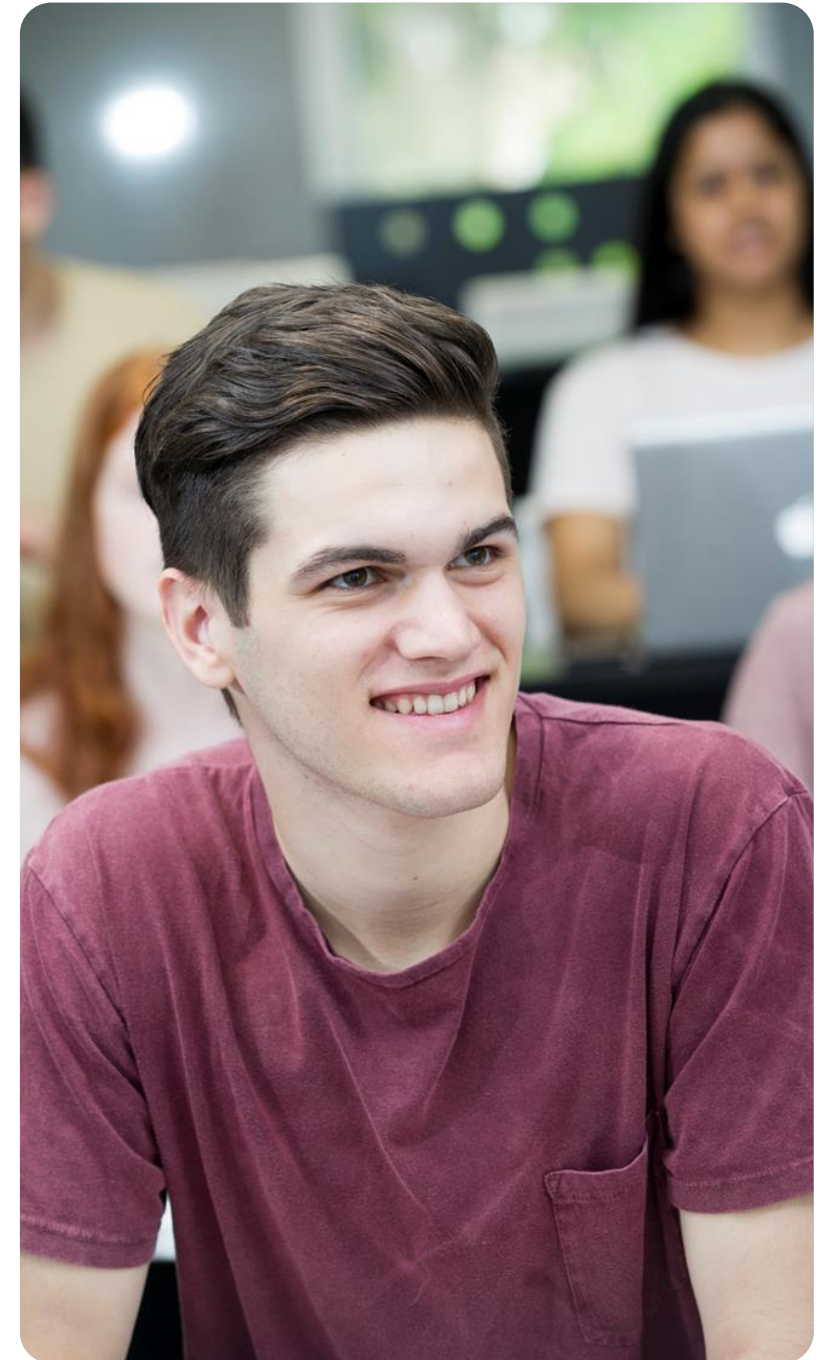


Learn in Victoria's leading hospitals through our on-site clinical schools and work placements.



INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Projects Abroad (Nepal or Cambodia): 2-week community health placement
- Learn to Live (Indonesia): 3-week volunteer placement
- PACOS (Sabah): 3-week community/health program
- Medical University Graz (Austria): 2-week cultural/professional seminar with aged care focus
- Up to 1/6 of BN clinical placement time (132 hours) can be allocated offshore with partnered universities



BACHELOR OF NURSING

Kathryn Salamone- Course Advisor

Jen Austerberry - Course Coordinator



COURSE OVERVIEW

- Offered at Bendigo and Melbourne campuses
- 3 years full-time equivalent (360 credit points)
- Clinical placement throughout all years of your degree
- 800 hours of Clinical Placement across acute, mental health, community, rehabilitation, primary health, aged care.

Clinical placement commences from 2nd semester of the 1st year and then each semester thereafter – COMPLIANCE.

Blended learning includes:

- On-line activities
- Face-to-face lectures and workshops
- Small group work
- Skills laboratories & simulations
- Clinical practicum.



CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS



THE LA TROBE DIFFERENCE

- Innovative new curriculum
- Well prepared graduates that are work ready
- Clinical school model
- Exciting placement opportunities for domestic & international students
- Established history as leading education provider of Nurses



PATHWAYS BACHELOR OF NURSING

Why study nursing and midwifery?

Nurses promote health and wellbeing and look after the healthcare needs of people of all ages and from all cultures.

Midwives provide specialist care, education and support during pregnancy, birth, postnatal and the early parenting period.

Courses

Bachelor of Nursing (Pre-registration)
Bachelor of Nursing (Enrolled Nurse Entry)
Bachelor of Nursing (Graduate Entry)

Your career

Registered nurses or midwives may work in hospitals, primary care, aged care, hospices, schools, aid organisations, health care clinics, education, health promotion, research and numerous other areas.

A career in nursing and midwifery has endless opportunities and options for employment.

BACHELOR OF NURSING CURRICULUM

Teaching Period	Year One		Year One
One	Human Biosciences A (HBS1HBA)	Two	Human Biosciences B (HBS1HBB)
One	Healthcare Australia (NSG1003)	Two	First Nations Health (NSG1005)
One	Professional Studies in Nursing (NSG1004)		
One	Professional Practice in Nursing One (NSG101D)	Two	Professional Practice in Nursing Two (NSG102D) Clinical Placement (3 weeks)

BACHELOR OF NURSING CURRICULUM

Teaching Period	Year Two	Teaching Period	Year Two
One	ELECTIVE/MINOR	Two	ELECTIVE/MINOR
One	Mental Health Healthcare in Nursing (NSG2006)	Two	Primary Healthcare in Nursing and Midwifery (NSG2005)
One	Professional Practice in Nursing Three (NSG201D) Clinical Placement (4 weeks)	Two	Professional Practice in Nursing Four (NSG202D) Clinical Placement (4 weeks)

BACHELOR OF NURSING CURRICULUM

Teaching Period	Year Three	Teaching Period	Year Three
One	ELECTIVE/MINOR	Two	ELECTIVE/MINOR
One	Leadership and Clinical Governance in Nursing and Midwifery (NSG3004)	Two	Applied Evidence Based Care in Nursing and Midwifery (NSG303D)
One	Professional Practice in Nursing FIVE (NSG301D) Clinical Placement (4 weeks)	Two	Professional Practice in Nursing SIX (NSG302D) Clinical Placement (5 weeks)

BACHELOR OF NURSING PATHWAYS CURRICULUM

Teaching Period	Year Two	Teaching Period	Year Two
One	Professional Practice Pathway Transition (NSG203D)	Two	First Nations Health (NSG1005)
	Professional Practice Enrolled Nurse Transition (NSG204D) Clinical Placement (3 weeks)	Two	Mental Health Healthcare in Nursing (NSG2006)
One	Professional Practice in Nursing Three (NSG201D) Clinical Placement (4 weeks)	Two	Professional Practice in Nursing Four (NSG202D) Clinical Placement (4 weeks)

BACHELOR OF NURSING PATHWAYS CURRICULUM

Teaching Period	Year Three	Teaching Period	Year Three
One	Primary Healthcare in Nursing and Midwifery (NSG2006)	Two	ELECTIVE/MINOR
One	Leadership and Clinical Governance in Nursing and Midwifery (NSG3004)	Two	Applied Evidence Based Care in Nursing and Midwifery (NSG303D)
One	Professional Practice in Nursing FIVE (NSG301D) Clinical Placement (4 weeks)	Two	Professional Practice in Nursing SIX (NSG302D) Clinical Placement (5 weeks)

BACHELOR OF NURSING / BACHELOR OF MIDWIFERY

Course coordinator:
Sharon Mumford



COURSE OVERVIEW

Offered at Bendigo and Melbourne campuses

4 years full-time (480 credit points).

Students need 90 credit points per year to be considered 'full-time' for Centrelink.

Nursing and Midwifery subjects throughout each semester of the 4 years.

Clinical placement commences from 2nd semester of the 1st year and then each semester thereafter - COMPLIANCE.

Blended learning includes:

- On-line activities
- Face-to-face lectures and workshops
- Small group work
- Skills laboratories & simulations
- Clinical practicum.



CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS

HOURS

Nursing – 800 hours over 4 years. Minimum requirement set by ANMAC.

Midwifery – 864+ hours over 4 years

The Clinical Placements Team source and allocate placements for enrolled students

CoCE contacts are not counted in these clinical hours

EXPERIENCES – Midwifery Practice Portfolio (MPP)

10 Continuity of care experiences (CoCE)

100 Antenatal experiences

100 Postnatal experiences

Primary accoucheur for **30** women who experience a spontaneous vaginal birth

Provide direct and active care to an additional **10** women throughout the first stage of labour

40 complex care experiences (pregnancy, labour, birth & postnatal)

20 full examinations of the newborn infant



COURSE STRUCTURE

- Core nursing subjects integrated with essential midwifery subjects.
- Flexibility - students may choose to reduce their study load and shift from the BNBM to the BN (course complete with a single degree).
- Clinical placement is integrated with theory so that learning outcome of subjects match clinical placement experiences – theory to practice continuum and MPE tracking.
- Unlike the BN, the BNBM does not have electives or minors – students course complete with essential of nursing and midwifery

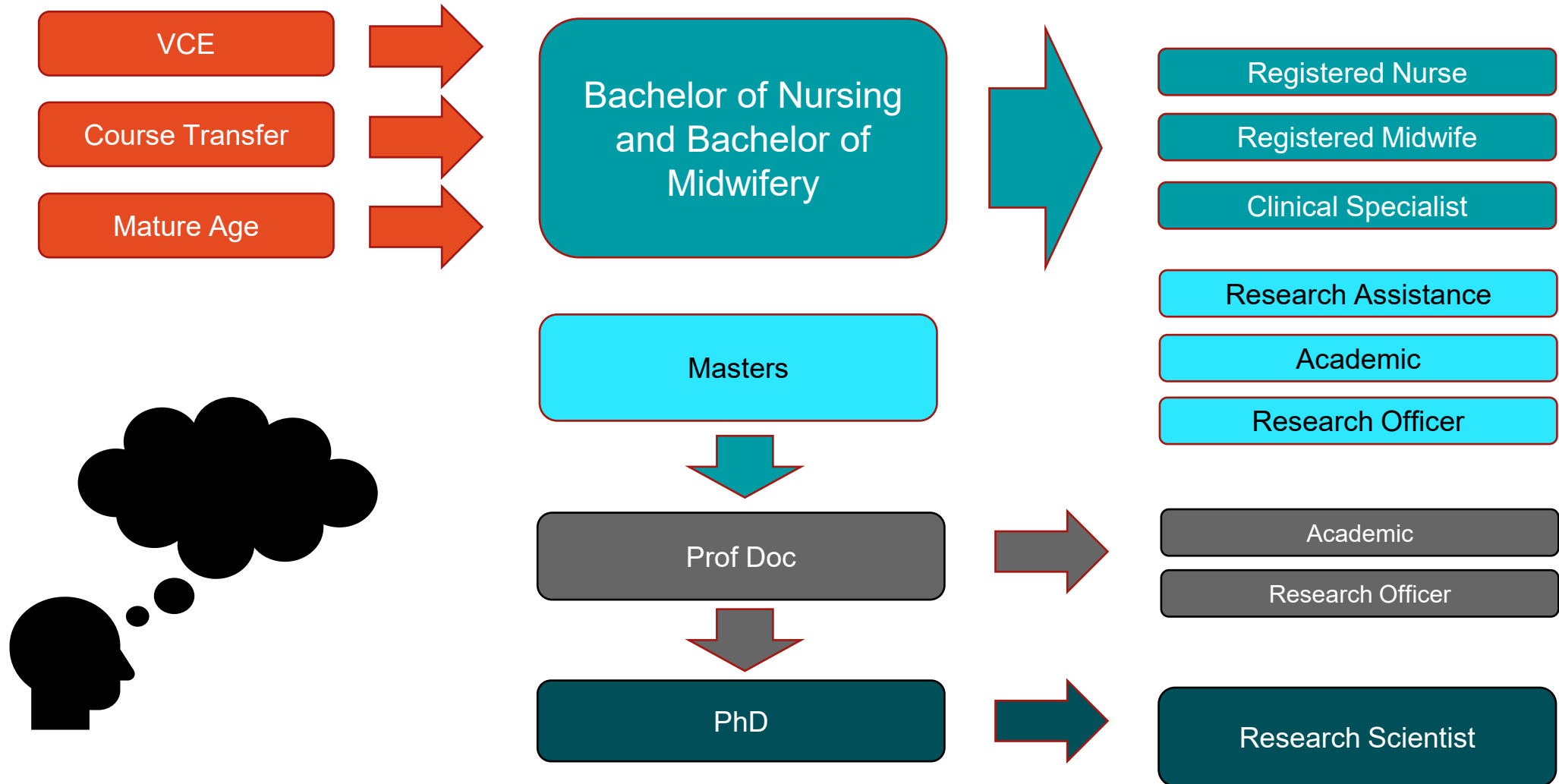
COMPULSORY ONLINE SUBJECTS (must be completed in your first semester of study)			
LTUOAIM Academic Integrity Module and ABSOWOM Wominjeka La Trobe: Indigenous Cultural Literacy for Higher Education			
Sem 1	HBS1HBA (Core)15	MID1001 (Core)15	NSG101D (Core)15
YEAR 1	Human biosciences A	MIDWIFERY, NURSING AND HEALTH CARE CONTEXTS	PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN NURSING ONE
Sem 2	HBS1HBB (Core)15	MID1002 (Core)15	NSG1004 (Core)15
	Human bioscience B	FOUNDATIONS OF PREGNANCY CARE (80hrs) – AN	PROFESSIONAL STUDIES IN NURSING
			PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN NURSING TWO (120hrs)

Sem 1	MID2003 (Core)	NSG201D (Core)
YEAR 2	INTRODUCTION TO LABOUR, BIRTH AND POSTNATAL CARE (160hrs) – 120hrs Birthing, 40hrs PN	PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN NURSING THREE (160hrs)
Sem 2	NSG2005 (Core)15	NSG1005 (Core)15
	PRIMARY HEALTHCARE IN NURSING AND MIDWIFERY	FIRST NATIONS HEALTH
		MIDWIFERY CARE OF THE POSTNATAL WOMAN, NEWBORN AND FAMILY (160hrs) 120hrs PN, 40hrs SCN

	NSG2FVP (Core)	NSG2006 (Core)	NSG3004 (Core)	MID3004 (Core)
Sem 1	FAMILY VIOLENCE BEST PRACTICE RESPONSE FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS	MENTAL HEALTHCARE IN NURSING	LEADERSHIP AND CLINICAL GOVERNANCE IN NURSING AND MIDWIFERY	CONTINUITY OF MIDWIFERY CARE (24+hrs AN Clinic)
YEAR 3	NSG202D (Core)			MID3005 (Core)
Sem 2	PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN NURSING FOUR (30cp) (160hrs)		COMMON COMPLEXITIES ACROSS THE PERINATAL PERIOD (160hrs) 80hrs Birthing, 80hrs AN	

Sem 1	NSG301D (Core)	MID3006 (Core)
YEAR 4	PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN NURSING FIVE (160hrs)	COMPLEX AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN MATERNITY CARE (160hrs) Birthing
Sem 2	MID3007 (Core)	NSG303D (Core)
	TRANSITION TO MIDWIFERY PRACTICE (120hrs) Flexible for outstanding requirements (birthing)	APPLIED EVIDENCED BASED CARE IN NURSING AND MIDWIFERY
		PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN NURSING SIX (200hrs)

WHERE CAN YOUR DEGREE LEAD YOU?



BNBM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND PATHWAYS RECENT SCHOOL LEAVERS

Select an option:

- ☒ I'm an applicant with current or recent secondary education (within the last two years)
- ☐ I'm an applicant with higher education study
- ☐ I'm an applicant with vocational education and training (VET) study
- ☐ I'm an applicant with work and life experience

<https://www.latrobe.edu.au/courses/bachelor-of-nursing-bachelor-of-midwifery#/entry-requirements?location=BU&studentType=dom&year=2025>

 Estimate your ATAR

ATAR calculator

Prerequisite

VCE: Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.

Meeting minimum prerequisites does not guarantee an offer of a place. Entry into all La Trobe courses is based on competitive selection and there may be limited places available.

ATAR requirements (compulsory)

This course uses the ATAR as part of its selection considerations.

Melbourne (Bundoora) campus

85.2 2025 lowest selection rank (including adjustment factors) ⓘ
based on the Final 2023 ATAR Profile

Bendigo campus

70.35 2025 lowest selection rank (including adjustment factors)
based on the Final 2023 ATAR Profile

*N/A: Students not accepted in this category, NC: New course, N/P: Not published (includes categories with less than five students).

[Learn more about our processes](#)

BACHELOR OF NURSING/BACHELOR OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE

Course coordinator:

Dr Maria Murphy



WHY A DOUBLE DEGREE IN BN/B PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE?



Gain professional nursing skills and practice caring for diverse groups of patients across the lifespan



Including those with chronic illness, mental health diagnoses and emergency needs. Obtain a complementary and foundational understanding of psychology and skills in research and assessment.



Graduate ready for practice in general nursing, use your psychology skills in nursing to launch your dynamic career with double the possibilities. The course attracts students who seek educational, professional practice and research career flexibility.



*Course Intended Learning outcomes (CILOs)
Comprise all BN CILOs + BPsych Sci CILOs

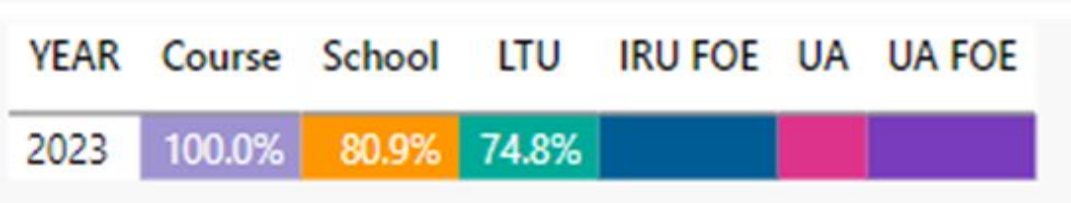
*Available to metro & LRHS domestic & international students



BACHELOR OF NURSING/BACHELOR OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE

The SoN&M are the custodians of this dual degree
Every year, since this double degree commenced:
100% first round match in the gradate nurse year
program

COURSE PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD: CEQ – OVERALL STUDENT SATISFACTION



The School has reported the merit of double degrees:
Murphy M, & McKenna L (2021).Double the
possibilities with a double degree. *AJAN* 27(2):1

OVERVIEW

Key facts

Award	Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Psychological Science
VTAC code	2100321601 (CSP)
Start dates	Indicative based on 2025 start dates Semester 1 (March 2026)
Duration	4 years full-time
Available locations	Melbourne (Bundoora), Albury-Wodonga, Bendigo
Scholarships	View fees and scholarships

ATAR requirements

* based on the Final 2023 ATAR Profile

Melbourne (Bundoora) campus

Lowest selection
rank 73.05

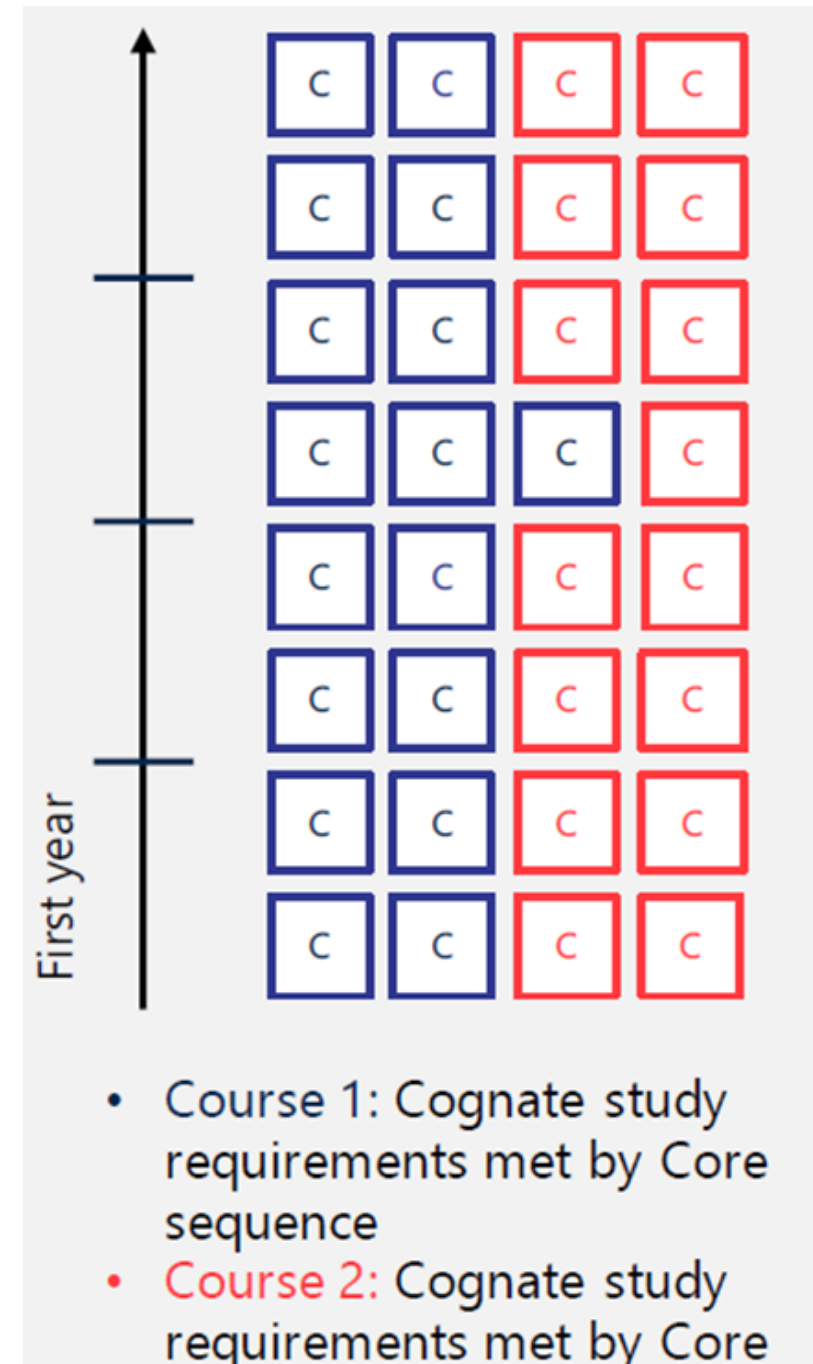
Albury-Wodonga campus

Lowest selection
rank NC

Bendigo campus

COURSE STRUCTURE

- 50% BN AND B Psych Sci subjects each year, no electives
- BN clinical placement each year
- 800 hours clinical placement for BN
(*option for overseas clinical placement up to 1/6 /132 hours of the program*)



COURSE STRUCTURE

BACHELOR OF NURSING/BACHELOR OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE - HB007

YEAR 1	COMPULSORY ONLINE SUBJECTS (must be completed in your first semester of study) LTUOAIM Academic Integrity Module and ABSOWOM Wominjeka La Trobe: Indigenous Cultural Literacy for Higher Education			
	HBS1HBA (Core)	NSG101D (Core)	NSG1004 (Core)	PSY1BAM (Core)
	HUMAN BIOSCIENCES A	PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN NURSING ONE	PROFESSIONAL STUDIES IN NURSING	INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY: BRAIN AND MIND
	HBS1HBB (Core)	NSG102D (Core)		PSY1PAC (Core)
	HUMAN BIOSCIENCES B	PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN NURSING TWO *		INTRODUCTORY PSYCHOLOGY: PEOPLE AND CULTURE
YEAR 2	NSG201D (Core)		NSG1003 (Core)	PSY1SFP (Core)
	PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN NURSING THREE *		HEALTHCARE AUSTRALIA	SCIENTIFIC FOUNDATION OF PSYCHOLOGY
	NSG1005 (Core)	NSG2005 (Core)	PSY1APP (Core)	PSY2SOC (Core)
	FIRST NATIONS HEALTH	PRIMARY HEALTHCARE IN NURSING AND MIDWIFERY	APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY
YEAR 3	NSG3004 (Core)	NSG2006 (Core)	PSY2COG (Core)	PSY2PRM (Core)
	LEADERSHIP AND CLINICAL GOVERNANCE IN NURSING AND MIDWIFERY	MENTAL HEALTHCARE IN NURSING (Sem 1 & 2)	COGNITION	PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH METHODS
	NSG202D (Core)		PSY2DEV (Core)	PSY3PRP (Capstone)
	PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN NURSING FOUR *		DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY	PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH IN PRACTICE
YEAR 4	NSG301D (Core)		PSY3PAS (Capstone)	PSY3PHI
	PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN NURSING FIVE *		PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT	PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH AND ILLNESS
	NSG303D (Core)	NSG302D (Core)		PSY3PIN (Capstone)
	APPLIED EVIDENCED BASED CARE IN NURSING AND MIDWIFERY	PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN NURSING SIX *		PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERVENTIONS

KEY	Core subject - is a required subject within your course
IRPLE	Psych Core subject - is a required subject within your course

BN clinical placement in each year *

BPsych Sci subjects in each year student selects from F2F or the online version

PROGRAM OF STUDY

The program's content integrates the principles of intraprofessional & interprofessional learning & practice

- Anatomy and Physiology Subjects in 1st year for all health disciplines
- Discussions and Partnerships with School of Allied Health and Rural Health School
- B Psych Sci students enrolled in double degrees are allocated to classes with **BN/BPsych Sci students** from 5 other Schools and staff (Years 1–4)

Bachelor of Business/ Bachelor of Psychological Science

Bachelor of Commerce/ Bachelor of Psychological Science

- Bachelor of Criminology/ Bachelor of Psychological Science

Bachelor of Cybersecurity/ Bachelor of Psychological Science

Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/ Bachelor of Psychological Science



BNBPSYCH SCI IN AUSTRALIA

UNIVERSITY	Recognised by Psychology Board of Australia and Accredited by Australian Psychological Society	Nursing Clinical Placement	Psychology Clinical Placement	International Mobility	Elective Subject options	Clinical School in Final year
QUT	✓	✓ 800 hours	✓ 50 Hours	✓	✓	X
DEAKIN	✓	✓ 800 hours	X	X	X	X
LATROBE	✓	✓ 800 hours	X	✓	X	✓

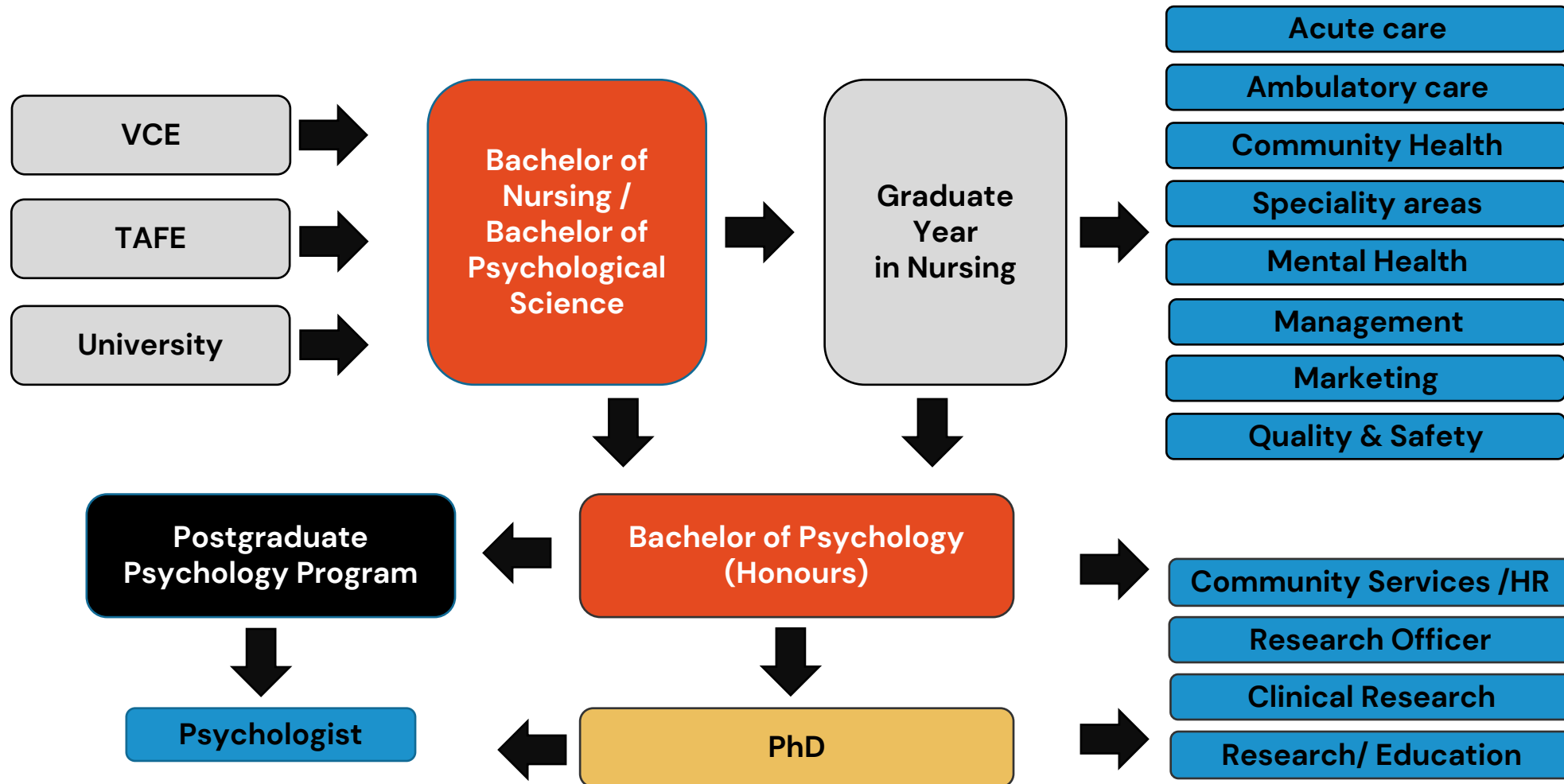
Sources:

Deakin University <https://www.deakin.edu.au/course/bachelor-nursing-bachelor-psychological-science#>;

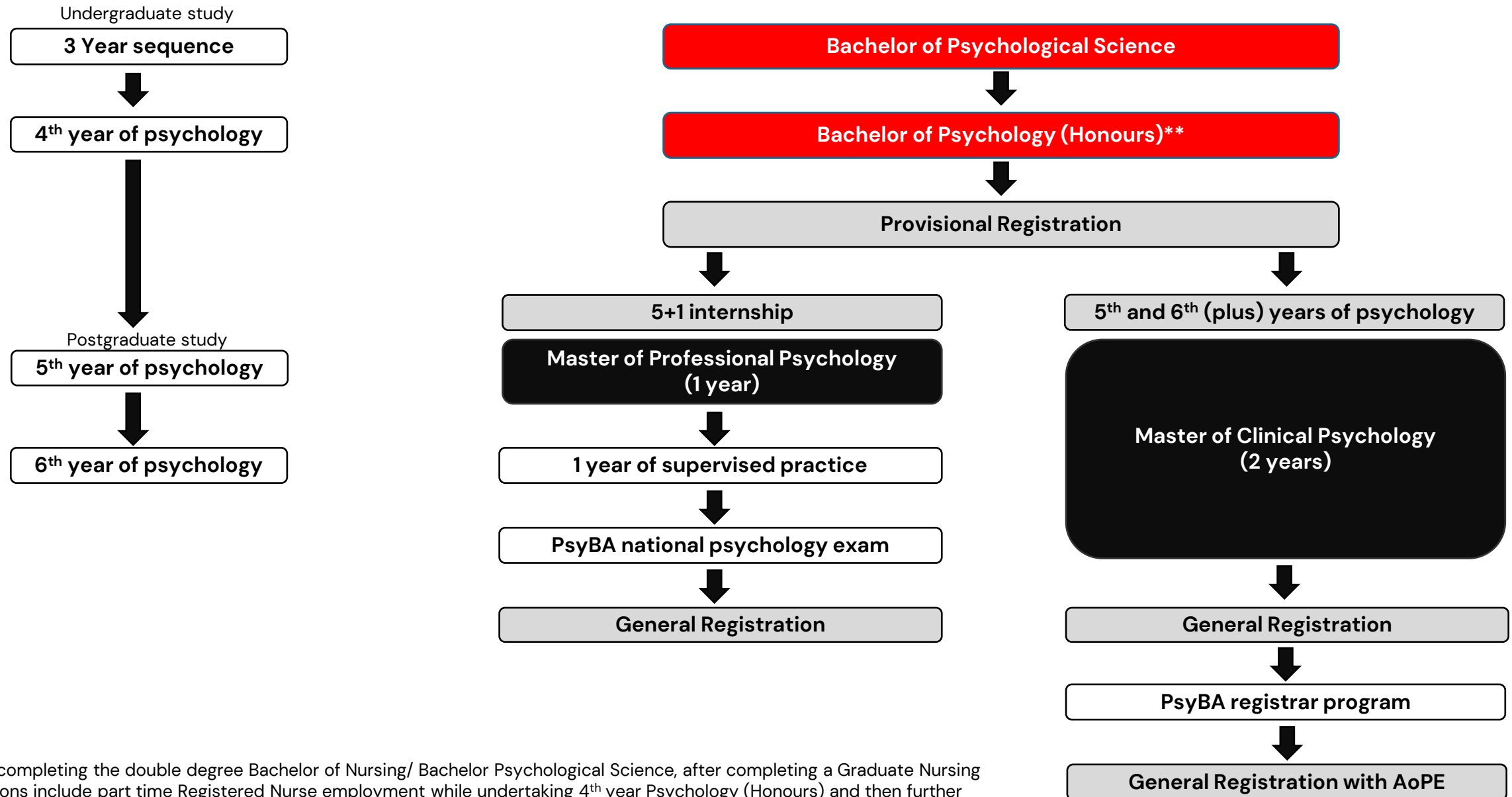
Queensland university of technology <https://www.qut.edu.au/courses/bachelor-of-nursing-bachelor-of-behavioural-science-psychology>;

Universities Australia <https://www.universitiesaustralia.edu.au/our-universities/university-profiles/>.

WHERE CAN THE BACHELOR OF NURSING / BACHELOR OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE DEGREE LEAD YOU?

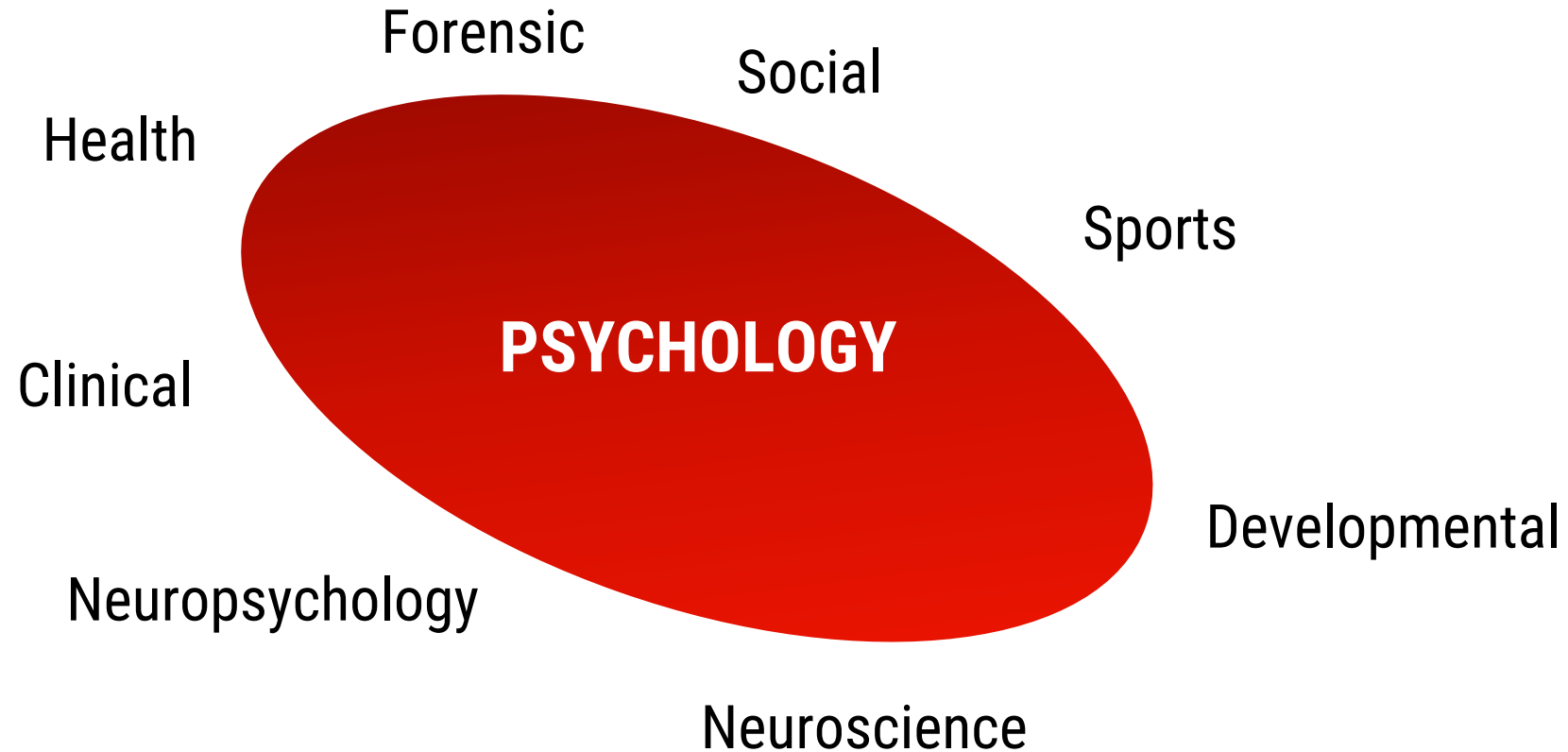


PATHWAY TO BECOMING A PSYCHOLOGIST AT LA TROBE



** When completing the double degree Bachelor of Nursing/ Bachelor Psychological Science, after completing a Graduate Nursing Year, options include part time Registered Nurse employment while undertaking 4th year Psychology (Honours) and then further postgraduate studies.

ALL KINDS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS



JOB PROSPECTS IN PSYCHOLOGY

Graduate positions

Graduate recruitment schemes (Victorian, Australian)

Department of Health and Human Services positions

(e.g., Child Protection Services, Disability Services, Client Outcome)

Private industry and business

Further training

Counselling, rehabilitation counselling

Teaching (primary or secondary)

Health-related fields including public health

Marketing

Research





**QUESTIONS?
PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO ASK**

THE BACHELOR OF ARTS AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

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OVERVIEW

1. Why choose the BA at La Trobe?
2. Courses and majors available. How does LTU compare to competitors
3. Careers and partners
4. Unique features
5. Pathways into the course

LA TROBE BA GRADUATES

- Adaptable, flexible, creative.
- Able to critically analyse complex issues and persuasively present solutions.
- Excellent communicators with strong cultural competencies and emotional intelligence.
- Ethically insightful and rigorous.
- Skills developed through careful thinking, collaborative discussion, and extensive practice in researching and articulating arguments.



WHY CHOOSE THE BA AT LA TROBE?

- Learn knowledge and skills that are highly relevant in the contemporary labour market. E.g. 91% full time employment at the 3-year mark.
- The capacities students develop in a BA will be increasingly more important as technology becomes more sophisticated.
- The knowledge and skills students learn are crucial to tackling the major problems of our age.



FOR MULTIPLE COURSES OR MAJORS

SINGLE DEGREES

- Bachelor of Arts Blended (3 years)
- Bachelor of Arts Online (3 years)

DOUBLE DEGREES

- Combine the Bachelor of Arts with:
 - Bachelor of Laws (5 years)
 - Bachelor of Business (4 years)
 - Bachelor of Science (4 years)
 - Bachelor of Health Sciences (4 years)

MAJORS



*All HUSS Majors can be taken as minors.
Most Open Access Majors also available as minors*

*The list of open access majors is subject
change*

COGNATE ARTS MAJORS

- Aboriginal Studies
- Archaeology and Heritage Studies
- Anthropology
- 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

OPEN ACCESS MAJORS

- Agribusiness
- Applied Cybersecurity
- Botany
- Climate Change
- Computer Science
- Data Science
- Digital Business
- Ecology
- Economics
- Environmental Health
- Event Management
- Finance
- Genetics
- Health Promotion
- Health, Well-Being and Performance
- Human Physiological Sciences
- Human Resource Management
- Information Technology
- International Business
- Management
- Marketing
- Mathematics
- Microbiology
- Public Health
- Rehabilitation Counselling
- Sport and Recreation Development
- Statistics
- Tourism and Hospitality
- Zoology

LANGUAGES

- Auslan
- Chinese*
- French*
- Greek*
- Hindi*
- Italian*
- Japanese*
- Latin
- Spanish*

* Languages
that can be
taken as BA
Majors



BA

Major Explorer

Bachelor of Arts Explorer

Explore the Universe!

Welcome to the La Trobe Bachelor of Arts discipline explorer. Find out what the BA offers on the Melbourne campus of La Trobe.

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[LaTrobe BA Explorer](#)

Social issues



Aboriginal Studies



Anthropology



Crime, Justice and
Legal Studies



Environmental
Humanities



Gender, Sexuality
and Diversity



Health and
Society

Crime, Justice and Legal Studies ❤️



WHERE WILL A LA TROBE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES DEGREE TAKE ME?

- Public servant
 - Editor
 - Museum curator
 - Academic or researcher
 - Criminologist
 - Social welfare officer
 - Criminal justice officer
 - Policy advisor
 - Producer
 - Arts administrator
 - Librarian
 - Social researcher
 - Community project officer
 - Community development officer
 - Climate change policy maker
 - Entrepreneur
 - International development officer
 - Policy writer
- ...and many more**



UNIQUE FEATURES

- Characterised by a high degree of flexibility and choice, not a one-size-fits-all structure.
- Students can combine their passion and profession – combine an Arts major with a vocationally-oriented major or minor from other Schools in the university.
- Students learn from passionate, award-winning teachers who are experts in their field.
- An emphasis on the flexible delivery of content to students.
- Industry placement opportunities with a wide variety of organisations.
- Student exchange and study tour opportunities

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

HSC: One of English Standard, English Advanced (Band 2), English as an Additional Language or Dialect (Band 3).

BA Melbourne ATAR: 60.05

BA Online ATAR: 61.3

PATHWAYS: THE DIPLOMA OF ARTS

- A 1-year course that is similar to the first year of the BA.
- In most subjects, students are studying with BA students.
- Students also complete the course core HIT1 HIT which designed to help them adjust to university study.
- Can also be a pathway into other HUSS courses such as PPE, Global Studies, Criminology.

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

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WORKING WITH ANIMALS



BACHELOR OF ANIMAL AND VETERINARY BIOSCIENCES AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

Dr Dilhani Premaratna
Course Coordinator



OVERVIEW

- Unique features of the course
- Career outcomes
- Pathways
- Entry requirements



WHY CHOOSE THE BACHELOR OF ANIMAL AND VETERINARY BIOSCIENCES COURSE AT LA TROBE

- Flexible learning options
- Learn from **experts**
- Opportunity to engage with industry from second year
- Study in state-of-the-art learning and research **facilities**
- World-class **research** in:
 - Animal production
 - Veterinary science
 - Zoology



HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

- In the course: practicals and work experience subjects
- Overseas programs
- Volunteer



INDUSTRY PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES (75 – 100 HOURS)

Research & Quarantine Facilities

- Mickleham Post Entry Quarantine Facility
- Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research (WEHI)

Animal Protection & Rescue

- Animal Health Australia
- Cat Protection Society of Victoria
- Australian Animal Protection Society
- Second Chance Animal Rescue (SCAR)

Veterinary Hospitals & Clinics

- South Eastern Equine Hospital
- Tooronga Veterinary Hospital
- Clyde Veterinary Hospital
- Greencross Vets Cranbourne
- The Rabbit Doctors

Zoos & Sanctuaries

- Australia Zoo
- Moonlit Sanctuary
- Bundoora Park Farm
- The Living Legends

Pet Services & Specialty Care

- Reptile Encounters
- Petstock – Essendon
- Andy's Doggy Day Care

'HANDS-ON' EXPERIENCE – FIELD COURSES

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OVERSEAS PROGRAMS

- Vets in the Wild Expeditions (South Africa)
- Wildlife & Conservation Expeditions (South Africa)



CAREER OUTCOMES

Animal Scientist

Entry-level avg. annual salary:
\$70,000 – 80,000



Animal Nutritionist

Avg. annual salary: \$70,000 –
80,000



Animal Health Officer

Avg. annual salary: \$75,000 –
80,000



Biosecurity Officer

Avg. annual salary: \$75,000 –
80,000



Animal Technician

Avg. annual salary: \$70,000 –
80,000



Animal Shelter Manager

Avg. annual salary: \$65,000 –
75,000



Zookeeper

Avg. annual salary: \$65,000 –
85,000



Further Study – Veterinarian

Avg. annual salary: \$65,000 –
85,000



A NOTE ON VETERINARY MEDICINE

- Check entry requirements
- Most important: excellent grades + hands-on experience



PATHWAYS



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Pre-requisites

- 2025 ATAR – 60.9 (Lowest selections rank)
- VCE: Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.
- HSC: One of English Standard, English Advanced (Band 2), English as an Additional Language or Dialect (Band 3).

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

LIFE SCIENCES

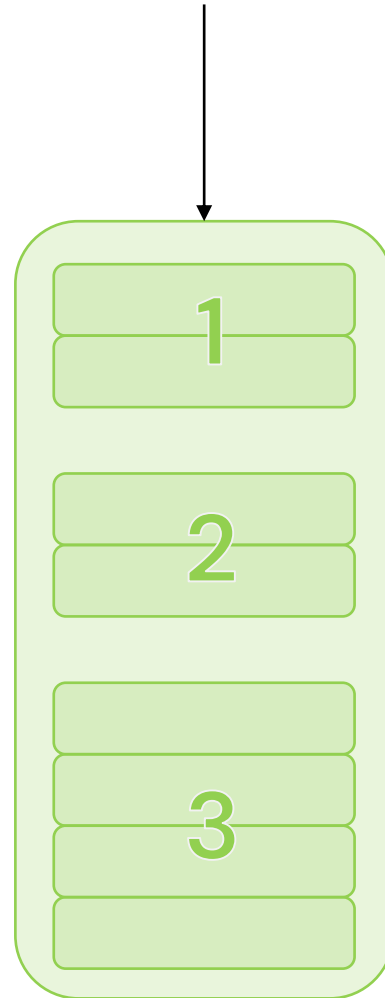
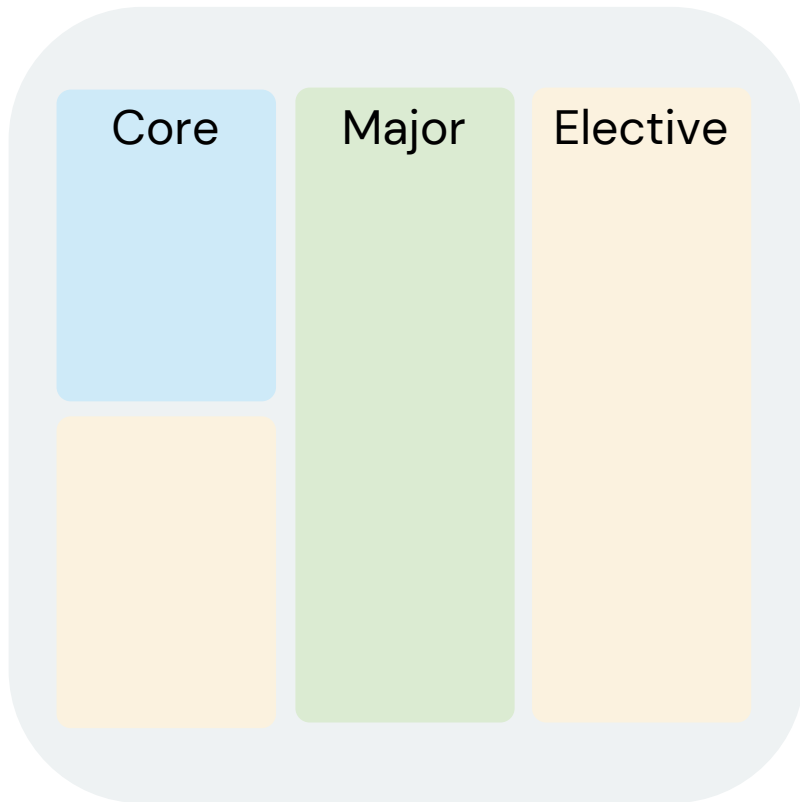
Associate Professor Richard Peters



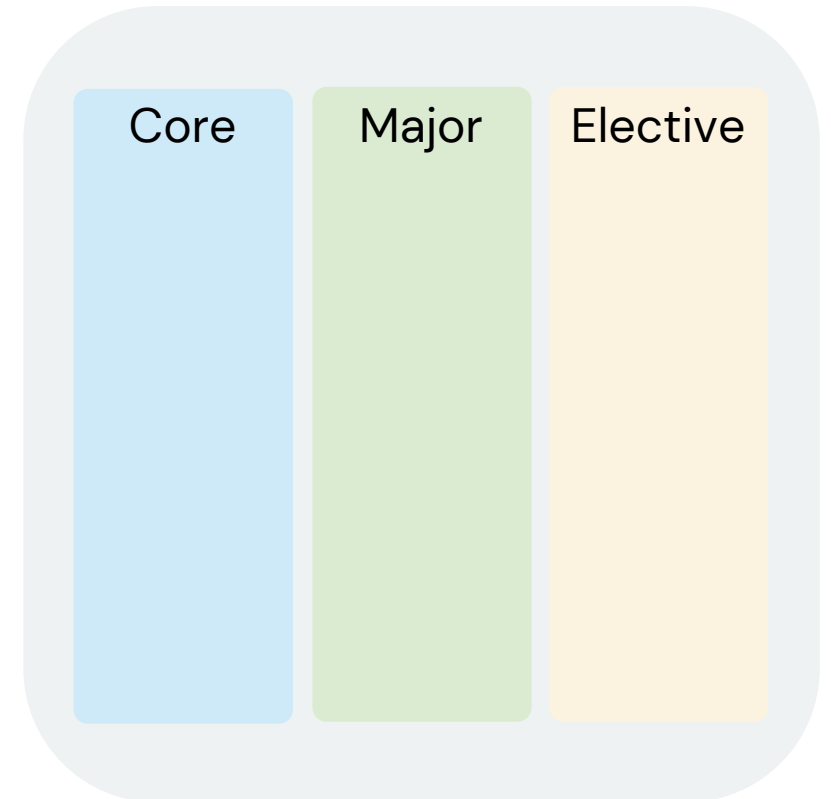
LIFE SCIENCE COURSES @ LA TROBE | Animal Focus

Zoology or *Ecology* major

Bachelor of Science*



Bachelor of Biological Sciences*



CAREERS

private sector



public sector



non-profit



Government



University



Zoologist / Ecologist /
Wildlife biologist



Environmental
consultant



National parks officer



Museum staff



Educator



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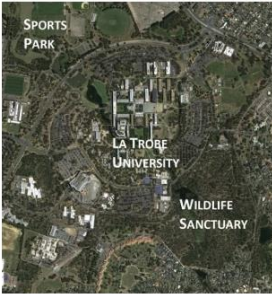


Animal welfare



WHY LIFE SCIENCES @ LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

Hands-on | On-location



Dedicated educators

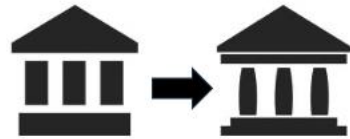


Of course we are real people; not *Lego* pieces

Flexibility



Flexible (online) learning



Cross-institutional exchange



Industry placement options



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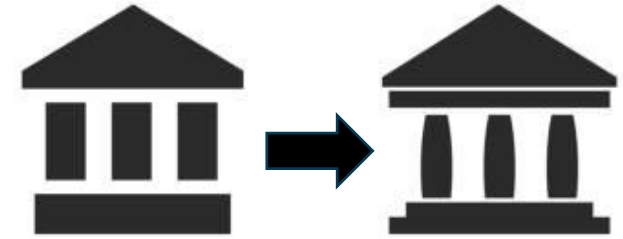
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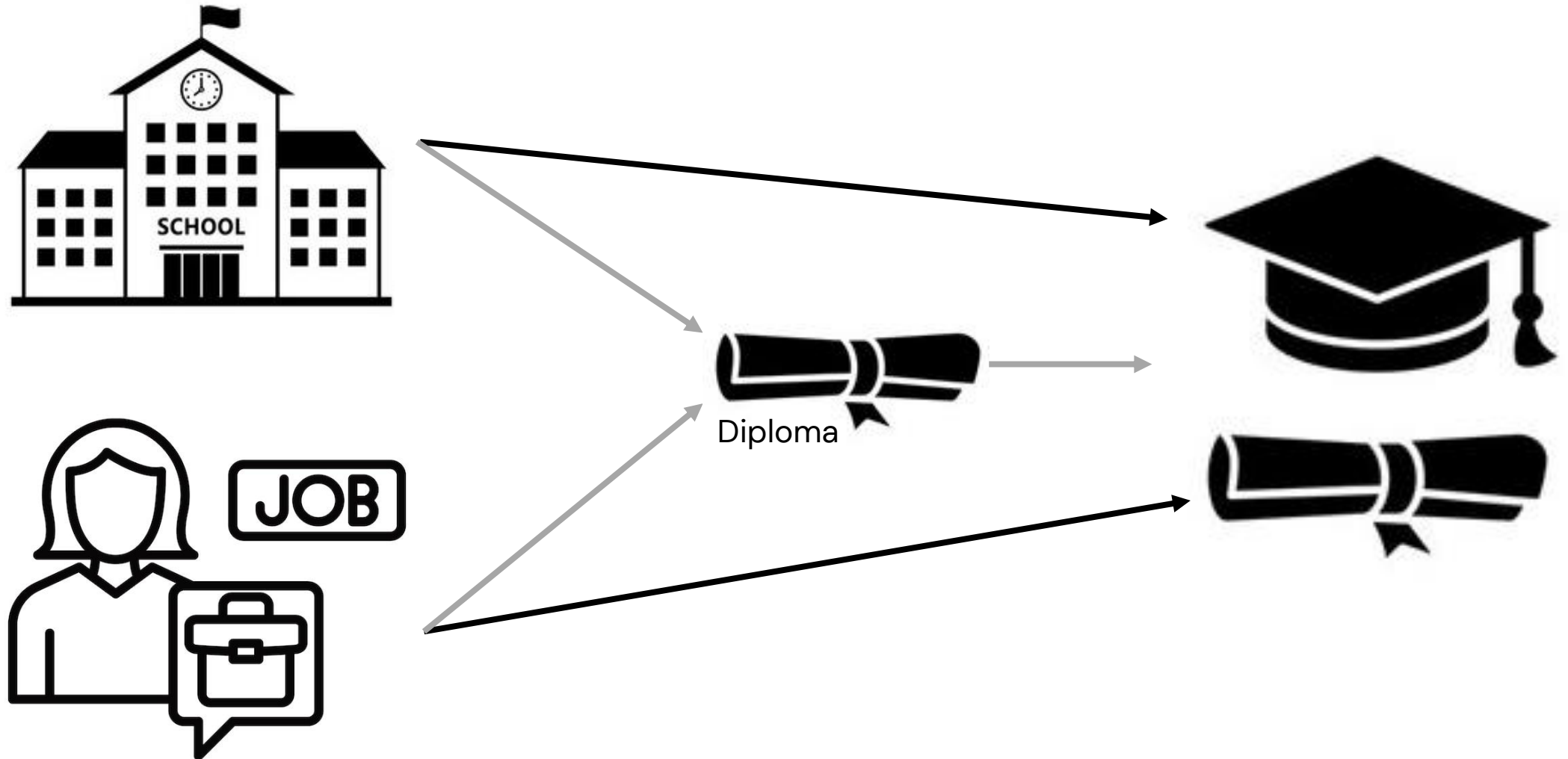


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ATAR
(recent school leavers)

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Bachelor of Biological Sciences | English Units 3 and 4 | Score of 25

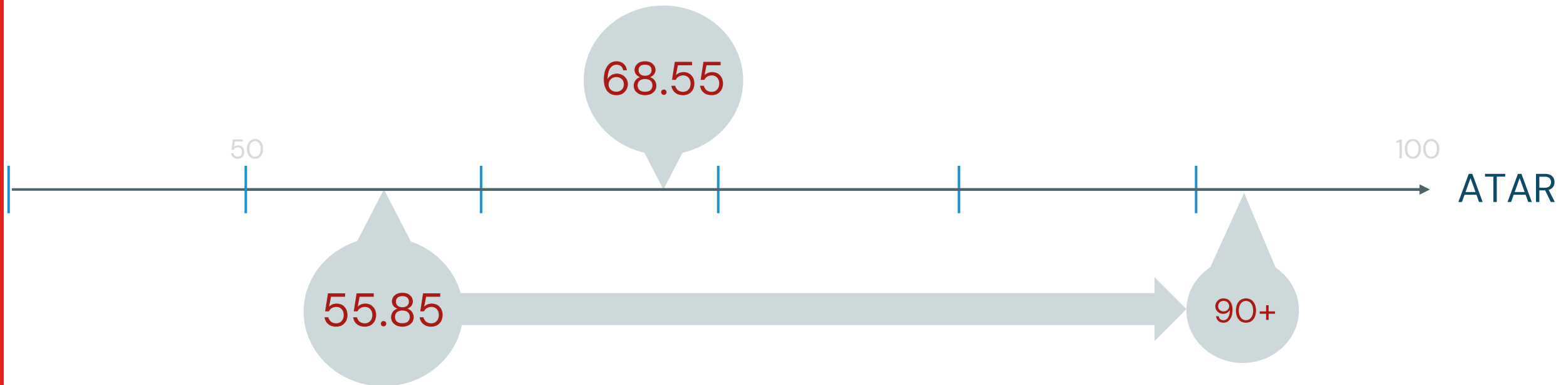
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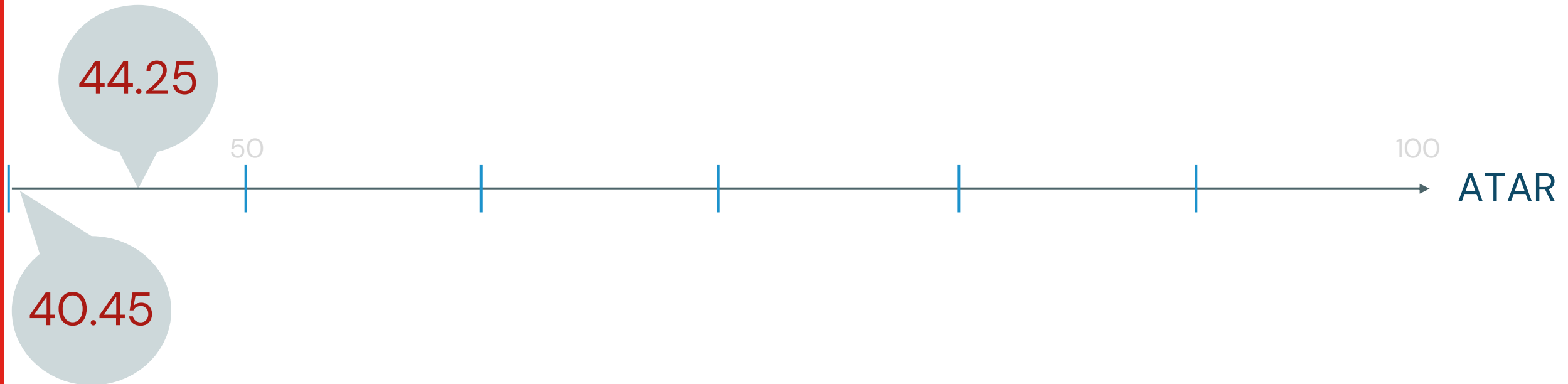
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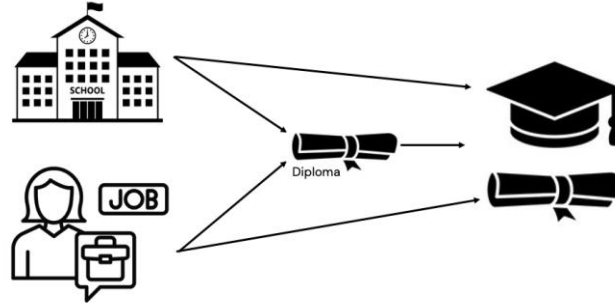
Zoology &/or Ecology



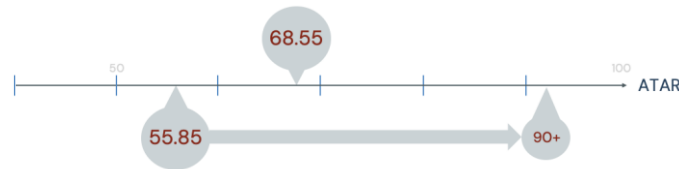
Animal & Vet Biosciences



Entry options ...



Accessible ...



A great place to study ...

WHY LIFE SCIENCES @ LA TROBE UNIVERSITY



Careers ...

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Educator

Environmental consultant

Museum staff

Animal welfare

... in different sectors



WHY STUDY AGRICULTURE?

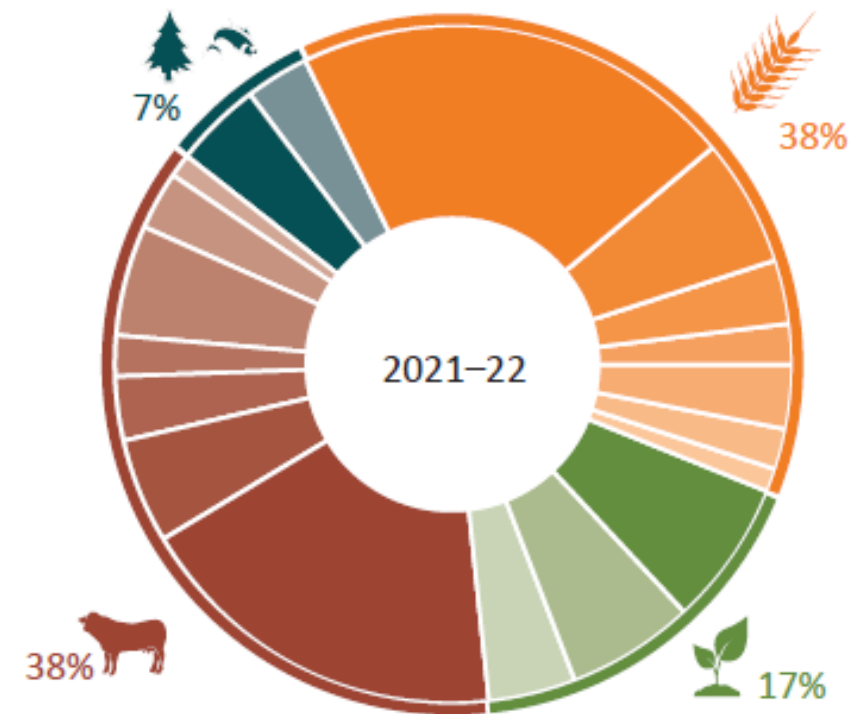
Assoc Prof Marisa Collins
Course Coordinator



AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IS GROWING

- Gross value of production has increased by 59% in the past 20 years in real from approximately \$59 billion in 2002–03 to \$93 billion in 2021–22
- Drivers of growth in the value of output over the past 20 years vary by sector.

Cereal grains	21%	Cattle & calves	18%
Oilseeds	6%	Sheep & lambs	5%
Pulses	3%	Poultry	3%
Hay and pasture crops	2%	Pigs	2%
Cotton	3%	Other livestock	0%
Sugar cane	2%	Milk	5%
Wine grapes	1%	Wool	3%
Fruit and nuts	7%	Other livestock products	1%
Vegetables	6%	Fisheries	4%
Other horticulture	4%	Forestry	3%

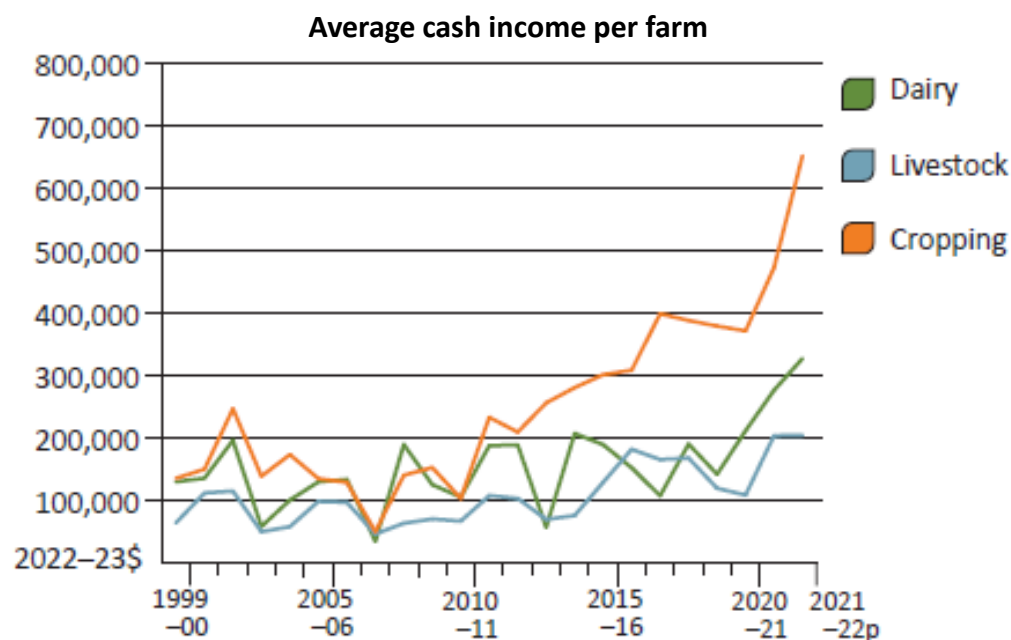


Note: Contributions of commodities to the agriculture, fisheries and forestry value of production do not sum to 100 due to rounding. Other grains and oilseeds group contributes 0.2% to the value of production. Values are measured at the farm gate (i.e. prior to processing). Source: ABARES

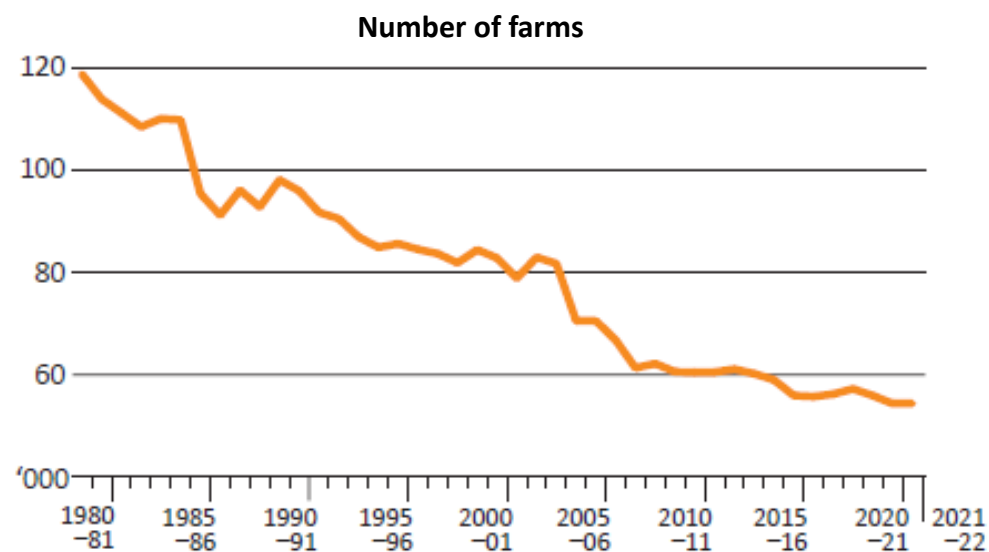
FARM INCOMES AT RECORD HIGH

NUMBERS OF FARMS DECREASING

ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY IS CHANGING



Note: Provisional estimates for 2021-22. Data expressed in 2022-23 dollars. Source: ABARES Australian Agricultural and Grazing Industries Survey



Note: ABARES' counts of farm numbers rely on the definition of a farm business according to the ABS measure of EVAO (ABS 2023b). The EVAO threshold used for ABARES' farm surveys has changed over time with shifts in industry structure and output value. Farm numbers in this graph relate to those farms with an EVAO of \$10,000 or more until 1987-88; \$20,000 or more from 1987-88 to 1990-91; \$22,500 or more from 1991-92 to 2003-04; and \$40,000 or more from 2004-05. Source: ABARES

WHY STUDY AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE?

1. World's population predicted to reach 10 billion by 2050
2. Food production must double by 2050 to keep prices affordable
3. Less land, less water, less fossil fuels
4. Impact of climate change making it all harder

The next generation are the ones that will have to do it

High levels of growth and productivity in the Australian agriculture sector = fantastic career prospects

Huge demand for graduates – currently for every ag graduate in Australia there are four jobs in agriculture!



WHY STUDY AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE?

Careers in animal science from traditional agriculture roles such as: livestock advisor, farm manager, animal nutrition consultant, aquaculture, dairy farmhand, artificial insemination specialist, equine extension specialist, animal research technician, biosecurity through to roles in environment and sustainability, applied technology & precision agriculture, supply chain & logistics, agribusiness and biosecurity.

Small, medium and large business employing ag grads in Victoria, Australia and globally



WHY STUDY AGRICULTURE AT LA TROBE?

CompareEd (www.compared.edu.au)

Excellent student experience

Excellent skills development & teaching practices

Outstanding employment outcomes

Our agriculture and forestry subjects are ranked in the world's top 250.



SMALL CLASS SIZES

GREAT STUDENT EXPERIENCE

SMALL CLASSES SIZES

- About 30-40 students per year

LA TROBE AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2 x \$5,000 for first year
- 1 x 10,000 for second and third year
- 2 x 10,000 for honours

RURAL BANK SCHOLARSHIPS



DEGREE STRUCTURE AND ENTRY

Animal Science major in Bachelor of Agriculture degree at La Trobe

Three majors: Agribusiness, Plant and Soil Science (agronomy) and Animal Science

Double majors possible and minors in agribusiness, climate change, agronomy and animal nutrition

Entry score 65, Year 12 maths (any), English score (25)

Alternate pathways (no maths, entry score 40):

Diploma of Agriculture – Albury Wodonga campus – entry into Year 2 B Ag degree Bundoora

Diploma of Biological Sciences – Bundoora – entry into Year 2 B Ag degree Bundoora

THINKING ABOUT AGRICULTURE

- Strong vibrant industry tackling big problems
- Huge job demand – both in the city and rural areas
- La Trobe – for a great student experience and excellent job prospects
- Want to chat more??

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THANK YOU