



# Social Work

Victorian Courses, 2019

## OVERVIEW

This document has been developed to assist students and their families in researching Social Work courses at Victorian universities. Written by Sandie McKoy, Catholic College Wodonga.

- **Indicative ATAR** = the lowest selection rank (ATAR plus adjustment factors such as academic and equity adjustments) for the 2019 Round 1 intake. Please only use indicative ATARs as a guide as they may change for the 2020 intake.
- **English prerequisite:** EAL = English as an Additional Language. 'Any other English' includes English, English Language and Literature.
- **Course information, selection criteria and prerequisites** – may change throughout the year. Please use the ones listed as a guide only and use the university websites for the most up to date information.

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### Key Websites

- Australian Association of Social Workers, <https://bit.ly/2MzbBn6>
- Myfuture, <https://myfuture.edu.au/>
- Job Outlook – Social Workers, <https://bit.ly/2JNUqR2>
- The Footnotes, Social & Community, <https://bit.ly/2ldwHM>
- Graduate Careers, Social Work, <https://bit.ly/2HWMU0s>

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## The University of Melbourne

The University offers a graduate pathway into Social Work.

**Master of Social Work:** 2-years, Parkville, <https://bit.ly/2J7yDDs>

### Selection Criteria:

- academic performance in an undergraduate degree with at least one year of full-time studies in social sciences or equivalent.
- satisfy the English language requirements for postgraduate courses.
- evidence of relevant paid or volunteer work experience of at least 40 hours over a 3 month duration.
- a personal statement of up to 500 words outlining why they wish to be considered for the course; and
- nomination of a professional referee.

“This is one of the first masters degrees accredited nationally by the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW). A masters degree in social work is a portable qualification, enabling you to work locally, nationally or internationally.

Our staff are highly qualified, experienced, research-active and accessible teachers, with strong ties to the profession and community services. This means that your practice will be informed by the most up-to-date research available.

We have a well-developed field education program, including several student units in key agencies in the health, ageing, child and family, drug and alcohol and women's services, giving you the broadest possible placements to practice your skills.

Our staff have extensive expertise in particular fields of practice, such as mental health, child and family practice, health, ageing and substance abuse, so you can access the best available knowledge in your special area of interest.”

## La Trobe University

**Bachelor of Human Services/Master of Social Work:** 4-years, <https://bit.ly/2ldTILx>

**Indicative ATARs:** Melbourne – 52.45, Bendigo – 67.25, Albury-Wodonga – 53.05. Mildura and Shepparton – no ATAR published.

**Prerequisites:** minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.

“This qualifying social work course will provide you with the skills and knowledge to improve outcomes for individuals, groups and communities through direct practice, community development, developing social policy initiatives, research and evaluation.

Your first year will consist of three interdisciplinary subjects, psychology, sociology and two social work subjects. In second year you'll look at social work theories and develop an understanding of community service organisations and the needs of individuals, families and groups.

A crucial part of the course is our social work field placement program. Under the supervision of an experienced social worker, you'll complete a minimum of two 70-day placements, allowing you to put many of the skills you've acquired during first and second years into practice.

During your third and fourth years you'll focus on the development of inter-personal skills, community development practice, and research and program evaluation recognising the impact of structural features such as class, gender and race.”

### Graduate Pathway

**Master of Social Work:** 2-years, Melbourne, Bendigo, Albury-Wodonga, Mildura, <https://bit.ly/2ldTILx>

### Selection Criteria:

Academic performance in an undergraduate degree preferably with studies in arts, social sciences, psychology, teaching, business, or nursing.

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## Deakin University

**Bachelor of Social Work:** 4-years,  
<https://bit.ly/2J6ALeZ>

**Indicative ATARs:** Geelong Waterfront - 64.50,  
Cloud – Not Published.

**Prerequisite:** minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.

“At Deakin, the Bachelor of Social Work has a particular emphasis on human rights, anti-oppressive practice and the importance of critical reflection. You will graduate with the professional recognition and the training you need to launch a rewarding career.

With a strong emphasis on progressive, innovative and student-centred teaching practices, we aim to develop highly professional social workers who are able to work alongside individuals, groups and communities to enable social changes that support all people to have a good life.

Social work is part of a growing human services field. As a Social Work graduate you may be involved in activities as diverse as policy development and research, counselling, family therapy, drug and alcohol counselling, community development, refugee assistance and tribunal capacities.

Social workers also work as program managers or coordinators, as advocates, facilitators, activists or consultants. You may work in specialist areas such as health, housing, education, or with groups such as the aged, women, youth or multicultural populations.”

### Graduate Pathway

**Master of Social Work:** 2-years, Cloud,  
<https://bit.ly/2hnN750>

### Selection Criteria:

Academic performance in an undergraduate degree in a related discipline with two units in human behaviour and two units in study of society.

## Monash University

**The University offers a graduate pathway into Social Work.**

**Master of Social Work:** 2-years, Caulfield, online,  
<https://bit.ly/2HfEb9e>

### Selection Criteria:

To be eligible for admission, you'll need to have:

- an Australian undergraduate degree (or equivalent) with at least a credit (60%) average and
- completed two units in the study of society (as required by the Australian Association of Social Workers)
- past academic standing is also a significant factor in selection.

Units fulfilling the prerequisite studies of society are broadly assessed and include units such as studies in sociology, social science, social psychology, human development, anthropology, philosophy, history, gender, law, politics, media, the arts, technology, and multicultural society.

“This course prepares graduates for careers as professionally qualified social workers.

The course includes studies in theory, skills development and supervised professional practice, and opportunities for group-based learning, community engagement, practice research and integration of social work theory and practice.

Theoretical content builds on knowledge acquired by graduates in previous higher education, while social work skills components and professional practice introduce students to contemporary social work practice.

The course is accredited by the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW), including 1000 hours of supervised professional practice.

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## Victoria University

**Bachelor of Social Work:** 4-years, Footscray Nicholson, <https://bit.ly/1VhOSfG>

**Indicative ATAR:** The ATAR wasn't used in the selection process for the 2019 intake.

**Prerequisite:** minimum study score of 25 in English (EAL) or 20 in any other English.

"If you'd like to help others resolve social problems, as well as further human rights, social justice and social development, then VU's Bachelor of Social Work could be for you.

This course will give you in-depth understanding of:

- interpersonal and group work
- community development
- policy analysis
- social research
- social action.

You'll gain the skills and knowledge to develop the potential of individuals, groups and communities – and during your course, you'll put these insights to use across two industry-based placements.

This training and expertise will prepare you for a challenging and rewarding career in a number of settings from federal and state government or hospitals to non-government or community organisations.

You'll graduate as a professional social worker, equipped with the skills to truly change people's lives for the better, and you will be eligible for membership of the Australian Association of Social Workers.

High achievers can transition into the Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) at the end of third year.

## RMIT

**Bachelor of Social Work (Honours):** 4-years, City, <https://bit.ly/2rn0TqZ>

**Indicative ATAR:** 76.65.

**Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)/Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology):** 5-years, City, <https://bit.ly/2rn0TqZ>

**Indicative ATAR:** 90.25.

**Prerequisites and selection criteria for both courses above:** minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.

"Do you want to work with people? Are you passionate about human rights and social justice? Social workers promote the well-being of individuals, families and communities.

They apply their interdisciplinary knowledge about Australian society, social problems and human needs to foster social change and transform lives.

RMIT University has been teaching social work for over 40 years, and programs continue to reflect contemporary ideas about social work and its place in a changing world".

### Graduate Pathway

**Master of Social Work,** 2-years, City, <https://bit.ly/2rn0TqZ>

### Selection Criteria:

- Academic performance in a Bachelor degree that includes at least one year of full time studies in social sciences (or equivalent)
- CV
- Personal statement
- Meet inherent requirements.