



## Dates to Diarise in Term 1



### Academic Excellence Scheme

From this year, the University of Sydney has introduced the **Academic Excellence Scheme** to recognise domestic students who achieve high performance in higher levels of English and mathematics by applying adjustment factors to boost their selection rank for eligible courses.

A student's ATAR will not change; however, their selection rank can increase for particular courses based on these subject-related adjustment factors.

**Students considering studying at the University of Sydney in 2024 or beyond, are recommended to find out more at [Academic Excellence Scheme](#).**



### Why Study Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences?

Why should students consider studying *medicine, nursing, or the health sciences* at Monash University?

The Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences at Monash University is one of Australia's largest providers of education for doctors, nurses, and allied health professionals.

The faculty gives [seven reasons](#) for studying with them.

Students might like to also browse [courses in medicine, nursing, and health sciences](#) at Monash University.



## Health Information Management

According to the Good Universities Guide\*, *Health Information Managers combine knowledge of healthcare processes, health records and administration, information management and human resource management to provide services that meet the medical, legal, ethical, and administrative requirements of the healthcare system.*

### **Duties & tasks of a Health Information Manager include -**

- planning and developing health information systems for various types of healthcare facilities, including computerised patient identification systems, coding and analysis of diseases and procedures, and the design of health record forms
- revising and testing the effectiveness of existing health information record services in hospitals and other healthcare facilities
- developing and implementing new policies and procedures for handling health information in accordance with professional ethics, institutional requirements, and relevant legislation, including the Freedom of Information Act
- controlling the transfer of relevant health service data to state health departments
- assisting with medical research and healthcare projects

**[\\*Good Universities Guide - Health Information Manager](#)**

The **La Trobe University** offers the [Bachelor of Health Information Management](#) that might interest some students. This degree prepares students for a career that combines the clinical and administrative/ management aspects of healthcare and digital health, with an emphasis on clinical classification, health data analytics, health informatics (including e-health) and management.

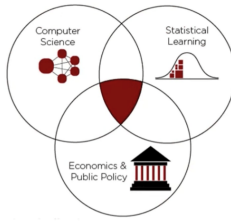
**ADF GAP YEAR**

**ADF GAP Year 2024**

The **ADF Gap Year** program provides an opportunity for young Australians, who have finished Year 12 (or equivalent) and are aged between 17 and 24, to experience military training and lifestyle whilst gaining new skills and pay over their Gap Year. The life skills and job training that students acquire during their Gap Year experience will be valuable regardless of what career they ultimately undertake. **Gap Year opportunities are available in the Navy, Army and Air Force.**

The GAP Year will commence in January/February 2024 and the jobs available are in the Navy, Army, and Air Force. Applications for 2024 open in March!

**To find out more information about the ADF Gap Year program please visit [ADF GAP YEAR](#).**



## **Career as an Intelligence & Policy Analyst**

The [Your Career](#) website states that *Intelligence and Policy Analysts collect and analyse information and data to produce intelligence and to develop and analyse policies guiding the design, implementation and modification of government and commercial operations and programs.*

The [Good Careers Guide](#) website states that *Policy Analysts develop and advise on policies that guide government and commercial departments and organisations.*

Some of the day-to-day tasks of include –

- organising, collecting, collating and analysing data, and developing intelligence information, such as electronic surveillance
- compiling and distributing intelligence information using briefings, maps, charts, reports and other methods
- liaising and consulting with program administrators and other interested parties to identify policy needs
- reviewing existing policies and legislation to identify anomalies and out-of-date provisions

To become an Intelligence and Policy Analyst, a student usually needs a bachelor degree in *intelligence operations, political science, international relations, or another related field* to work as an Intelligence or Policy Analyst. It is also quite common to complete postgraduate studies.

There are a number of universities in Victoria that offer courses, or majors within other courses, related to political science and international relations. Some of these include –

- [Bachelor of International Studies](#) at Deakin University
- [Bachelor of Global Studies](#) at La Trobe University
- [Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics](#) at La Trobe University
- [Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics](#) at Monash University
- [Bachelor of International Studies](#) at RMIT University
- [Bachelor of International Studies \(Development\)](#) at RMIT University
- [Bachelor of International Studies \(Global Security\)](#) at RMIT University
- [Bachelor of Arts](#) (majoring in [politics, power and technology](#)) at Swinburne University
- [Bachelor of Arts](#) (majoring in [politics and international studies](#)) at University of Melbourne



## Agriculture Degrees in Victoria in 2023

Growing enough food to sustain the world is one of the biggest challenges the world is facing in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Below are several degrees that prepare students to become experts in the *science of agriculture*, so they can take on an advisory role in agriculture and farming practices.

**For a comprehensive list of courses (including the many double-degree options) on offer at Victorian universities, TAFEs, and Private Providers, visit [VTAC](#).**

INSTITUTION	COURSE NAME	VCE PREREQUISITES	MAJOR STUDIES IN 2023
LA TROBE UNIVERSITY	Bachelor of Agriculture	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in any Mathematics.	Agriculture.
	Bachelor of Business (Agribusiness)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.	Agribusiness.
	Bachelor of Science (Crop Science)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in any Mathematics.	Crop science.
MARCUS OLDHAM COLLEGE	Bachelor of Business (Agriculture)	n/a, but completion of Year 12, the ATAR, and participation in an interview are all considered for selection.	Agriculture, Farm Management and Agribusiness .
	Bachelor of Business (Agribusiness)	n/a, but completion of Year 12, the ATAR, and participation in an interview are all considered for selection.	Agribusiness.
MELBOURNE POLYTECHNIC	Bachelor of Agriculture and Technology (Agronomy Major)	Successful completion of Year 12	Agronomy major.
	Bachelor of Agriculture and Technology (Viticulture and Winemaking Major)	Successful completion of Year 12	Viticulture and Winemaking major.
UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE	Bachelor of Agriculture	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in one of Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics or at least 30 in Maths: General (Further) Mathematics.	Agricultural economics, Plant and soil science, Production animal science.
WILLIAM ANGLISS INSTITUTE	Bachelor of Food Studies	n/a, but completion of Year 12, the ATAR, and participation in an interview are all considered for selection	Agriculture and Farming Systems, Culinary Artistry, Culture and Cuisine, Diet and Health in Society, Economics and Global Impacts, Food Movements and Social Change, Food and Gastronomy in Literature and Media, Innovation and Entrepreneurship.