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Quick Facts: University of Melbourne at a Glance

Detail	Information
University Name	The University of Melbourne
Common Name	UniMelb / Melbourne Uni
Location	Parkville, Victoria 3010, Australia
QS World Ranking (2025)	#13
THE World Ranking (2025)	#33
Established	1853
Type	Public Research University
Campuses	Parkville (main), Southbank, Werribee, Dookie, Creswick
Total Student Population	~52,000
International Students	~43% of total student body
Faculties / Graduate Schools	10
Official Website	unimelb.edu.au
Student Portal	stop.unimelb.edu.au
LMS	Canvas (canvas.lms.unimelb.edu.au)
Library Catalogue	lib.unimelb.edu.au
Student Email	Microsoft 365 (student@student.unimelb.edu.au)
Vice-Chancellor	Professor Duncan Maskell
Chancellor	Jane Halton AO PSM

Note: Rankings, fees, and key dates change annually. Always verify current information at unimelb.edu.au or contact your faculty directly.

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1. About the University of Melbourne {#about}

History and Founding

The University of Melbourne was established in 1853, making it the second oldest university in Australia. Founded just three years after the Gold Rush transformed Victoria into one of the wealthiest colonies in the British Empire, the university was built on the idea that a great city needed a great institution of learning. Sir Redmond Barry, a judge and one of the university's most influential early figures, helped shape its founding values — values that still show up in the culture today.

The original Parkville campus was designed in the tradition of English collegiate architecture, and many of those sandstone buildings still stand. Walking between lectures, you're passing buildings that have hosted students for over 170 years.

Mission and Values

The University of Melbourne operates under the mission of "advancing knowledge and fostering critical thinking." Its strategic plan emphasises research excellence, graduate outcomes, and being a force for public good. The university is a member of the Group of Eight (Go8), Australia's coalition of leading research-intensive universities.

Global Rankings and Recognition

UniMelb consistently ranks among the top 15 universities in the world on the QS scale, and top 35 on the Times Higher Education ranking. Within Australia, it sits at or near the top depending on the year and the ranking system used.

What this means practically: your degree carries real international weight. Employers in London, Singapore, New York, and Toronto know what a University of Melbourne qualification represents.

Research Output: The university produces over 10,000 peer-reviewed publications annually across sciences, humanities, medicine, and law. It hosts several Australian Research Council Centres of Excellence and has won multiple Nobel Prize connections through its researchers and alumni.

Notable Alumni

- **Gough Whitlam** — 21st Prime Minister of Australia
- **Julia Gillard** — 27th Prime Minister of Australia
- **Rupert Murdoch** — Media executive
- **Dame Elisabeth Murdoch** — Philanthropist
- **Peter Doherty** — Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine (1996)
- **Barry Marshall** — Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine (2005, though he studied at UWA, his work was verified here)

2. Campus Guide {#campus}

Parkville Campus (Main)

The Parkville campus is large — around 33 hectares in the inner northern suburbs of Melbourne, about 3 km from the CBD. Most undergraduate and postgraduate programs are taught here.

[CAMPUS MAP PLACEHOLDER — Parkville]

Key Buildings and Facilities:

Building	What's There
Old Arts Building	Arts lectures, tutorial rooms
Alan Gilbert Building	Graduate programmes, research
Melbourne School of Design (MSD)	Architecture, urban planning
Engineering Block (Doug McDonell)	Engineering and IT
Medical Building	Medicine, pharmacy
Union House	Student services, food, clubs
Melbourne Connect	Innovation hub, tech precinct
Giblin Eunson Library	Business and economics resources
Baillieu Library	Arts and humanities collections
ERC (Eastern Resource Centre)	Science, engineering, law
Brownless Biomedical Library	Medicine, dentistry, health

Libraries: The university operates one of the largest library networks in the Southern Hemisphere. Baillieu Library is the main humanities collection. Brownless Biomedical Library supports medicine and health students. The ERC Building houses science and law collections. All libraries offer 24/7 study spaces during exam periods.

Food and Cafes: Union House has a food court with multiple vendors. There are also cafes scattered across the campus — Spot Cafe near the Faculty of Arts is popular. The Student Union runs Lygon Street Food Court.

Sports and Recreation: Melbourne Sport operates multiple facilities on campus including a gymnasium, indoor courts, squash courts, and outdoor ovals. The Aquatic and Fitness Centre is

available to students.

Health Services: Melbourne University Health Service (MUHS) is located on campus and provides GP, psychology, dental, and allied health services. International students can use it with OSHC.

Parking: Limited and expensive. Most students use tram lines (Routes 1, 3, 6, 16, 64, 67, 72 all stop at or near the university). Alternatively, cycling infrastructure is solid — bike cages throughout campus.

Accommodation on and near campus: University House and several residential colleges are within walking distance (Trinity, Ormond, Queen's, Newman, Medley, International House). These are competitive to get into — apply early.

Southbank Campus

Home to the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music and some arts programs. Located in the Southbank arts precinct near the National Gallery of Victoria and the Arts Centre.

[CAMPUS IMAGE PLACEHOLDER — Southbank]

Werribee Campus

The main teaching site for veterinary science. Located about 35 km south-west of Melbourne CBD. Students in the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program spend significant time here.

Dookie and Creswick Campuses

Dookie (northern Victoria, near Shepparton) and Creswick (central Victoria, near Ballarat) are used primarily for agricultural sciences and forestry programs. These are residential-style campuses with a distinctly different feel from Parkville.

3. Faculties and Graduate Schools {#faculties}

The University of Melbourne organises its academic programs across ten faculties and graduate schools. Many graduate-level degrees (including medicine, law, and teaching) are professional entry degrees — meaning you first complete an undergraduate qualification, then progress to the graduate professional program.

Faculty / School	Key Programs
Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning	Architecture, Urban Planning, Property, Construction
Faculty of Arts	History, Philosophy, Languages, Linguistics, Politics, Media
Faculty of Business and Economics	Commerce, Economics, Management, Finance, Accounting
Faculty of Education	Master of Teaching (Primary and Secondary)
Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology	Engineering, IT, Computing, Data Science
Faculty of Fine Arts and Music	Visual Arts, Music Performance, Film, Animation
Faculty of Law	Juris Doctor (JD), LLM, MLaw
Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences	MD, Dentistry, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Pharmacy
Faculty of Science	Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Psychology
Faculty of Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences	Veterinary Medicine, Agriculture, Food Science

Melbourne Model Note: UniMelb operates on the "Melbourne Model." Most students complete a three-year undergraduate degree (a broad Bachelor's, often called the "new generation" degree) before entering a two-year graduate professional school (law, medicine, education, engineering). This is different from most other Australian universities. If you came from another institution or country, make sure you understand how your degree fits the model.

4. Academic Calendar 2026 {#calendar}

The University of Melbourne operates on a **semester system** with two main teaching periods plus a summer/winter term.

[ACADEMIC CALENDAR TIMELINE PLACEHOLDER]

Period	Approximate Dates (2026)
Semester 1 Commencement	Late February / Early March
Semester 1 Mid-Semester Break	Mid-April (Easter)
Semester 1 Exam Period	Mid to Late June
Winter Term (optional, not all subjects)	July
Semester 2 Commencement	Late July
Semester 2 Mid-Semester Break	Mid-September
Semester 2 Exam Period	Late October to Mid-November
Summer Term (optional, not all subjects)	December to February
Graduation Ceremonies	December (main) and throughout year

Important: Dates shift slightly each year. Always check the official academic calendar at unimelb.edu.au/study/academic-programs/dates-and-deadlines before making travel plans, booking accommodation, or submitting leave.

Key Deadline Types to Know:

- **Census Date:** The last date to withdraw without a financial penalty (usually around week 3–4 of each semester). Missing this means you still pay even if you withdraw.
- **Last Day to Withdraw Without Academic Penalty:** Usually around week 8–9. After this, a withdrawal shows on your academic record.
- **Assignment Due Dates:** Set by individual subject coordinators. Found in your subject's LMS page and subject handbook.

5. Student Portals and Digital Tools {#portals}

Student Portal ([Stop.unimelb.edu.au](https://stop.unimelb.edu.au))

The Student Transition and Online Portal, known as "Stop," is your administrative hub. Here you:

- Enrol in subjects
- View and pay fees
- Access your unofficial transcript
- Apply for special consideration
- Manage your student card
- Declare your graduation intentions

Log in with your UniMelb student username and password.

Canvas (LMS)

The University of Melbourne uses **Canvas** as its Learning Management System. Access it at canvas.lms.unimelb.edu.au.

In Canvas you will find:

- Subject announcements
- Lecture recordings
- Assignment submission portals
- Subject readings and resources
- Discussion boards
- Grades (once released by teaching staff)
- Turnitin submission links (embedded within Canvas)

Tip: Download the Canvas Student app on your phone. Announcements and grade releases come through as push notifications — useful so you're not checking obsessively on a browser.

Student Email (Microsoft 365)

Your student email ends in `@student.unimelb.edu.au`. Access it via Outlook (web or app). All official university communication goes here — fee notices, academic results, scholarship outcomes, and correspondence from faculty. Check it at least weekly.

Library Portal (lib.unimelb.edu.au)

The library portal gives you access to:

- Database searching across thousands of academic journals
 - Interlibrary loan requests
 - Booking study rooms and group spaces
 - E-book and e-journal access
 - EndNote, Zotero, and reference management support
 - Subject librarian contacts (invaluable — use them)
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Wi-Fi

The university runs the **eduroam** network across all campuses. Connect once with your university credentials and you'll auto-connect at other participating universities worldwide — handy if you're doing an exchange.

Printing

PaperCut printing is available across all campus libraries and most faculty buildings. Load credit via the student portal. Printing costs vary — black and white is cheaper than colour, obviously.

6. Assignment Guide: Every Type Explained {#assignments}

[ASSIGNMENT WORKFLOW PLACEHOLDER]

Understanding what type of assignment you're facing is the first step to doing it well. Here's what you'll encounter at UniMelb, and what each one actually requires.

Essay

An academic essay presents a sustained argument in response to a question or prompt. It has an introduction (with a clear thesis), body paragraphs each advancing one aspect of the argument, and a conclusion.

What markers look for: A clear, debatable thesis. Evidence integrated into the argument (not just summarised). Critical engagement — don't just describe, analyse. Logical paragraph structure (PEEL or similar). Correct referencing throughout.

Common mistake: Descriptive writing masquerading as argument. Saying what happened is not the same as arguing why it matters or what it means.

Report

Reports are structured documents with formal headings, often including an executive summary, methodology, findings, discussion, and recommendations. Common in business, engineering, and science subjects.

What markers look for: Logical structure. Clear headings that allow a reader to navigate. Findings separated from recommendations. Professional, direct language — no waffle.

Case Study

A case study applies theoretical frameworks to a specific real-world situation. You're expected to diagnose problems, apply theory, and propose solutions grounded in evidence.

What markers look for: Depth of analysis, not just description of the case. Correct application of course theory. Acknowledgment of competing interpretations.

Reflective Writing

Common in education, nursing, and social work. Reflective writing asks you to examine an experience and what you learned from it, usually connecting practice to theory.

What markers look for: Genuine critical reflection (not just description of events). Connection to academic literature. Evidence of changed thinking or practice.

Literature Review

A literature review synthesises existing research on a topic. It's not a summary of papers one by one — it organises sources thematically and identifies patterns, gaps, and debates in the field.

What markers look for: Coverage of key sources. Thematic organisation. Critical evaluation of sources, not just description. Identification of gaps the current research addresses.

Research Proposal

A document outlining a planned study. Used in Honours, Masters, and PhD programs. It includes a research question, literature context, methodology, and timeline.

What markers look for: A clear, feasible research question. Demonstrated knowledge of existing literature. A methodology appropriate to the question. Ethical considerations addressed.

Research Paper / Journal-Style Paper

A formal academic paper presenting original research or a detailed analysis of existing literature. Common in science and engineering subjects.

What markers look for: Abstract that accurately reflects the paper. Clear introduction with research question. Methodology transparent and replicable. Results reported objectively. Discussion that interprets results in context.

Capstone Project

A culminating project at the end of a degree, often multidisciplinary and practically oriented. May involve industry partners.

What markers look for: Integration of learning across the degree. Professional quality. Evidence of independent project management.

Dissertation and Thesis

- **Dissertation:** Usually a Masters-level extended research project (15,000–30,000 words depending on the program).
- **Thesis:** A PhD-level original research contribution (typically 80,000–100,000 words).

Both require a research question, literature review, methodology, results, and discussion. Theses must contribute new knowledge to the field.

Presentation

Oral presentations are assessed on content accuracy, delivery clarity, structure, and time management. Group presentations also assess collaboration.

Tip: Slides should support your spoken words, not replicate them. Six words per slide maximum. Your face should face the audience, not the screen.

Poster

Used in science and research programs. Academic posters present research findings visually. They're assessed on layout, clarity, visual hierarchy, and the quality of the research presented.

Portfolio

A curated collection of work demonstrating learning over a semester or program. Common in education, arts, and design.

What markers look for: Evidence of growth and reflection. Curation — not everything you produced, but the right things, selected and contextualised.

7. Grading System: WAM, H1, H2A and Beyond {#grading}

Understanding UniMelb's Grade Scale

The University of Melbourne does not use a standard HD/D/CR/P/F system like many other Australian universities. It uses a distinctive system:

Grade	Description	Mark Range
H1	First Class Honours	80–100%
H2A	Second Class Honours (Division A)	75–79%
H2B	Second Class Honours (Division B)	70–74%
H3	Third Class Honours	65–69%
P	Pass	50–64%
N	Fail	0–49%
NH	Fail (with High Fail band indicated)	45–49% (varies)

Note: Some faculties and graduate schools use additional or modified grade descriptors. Always check your subject's assessment criteria in the subject handbook.

What is WAM?

WAM stands for **Weighted Average Mark**. This is UniMelb's primary measure of academic performance, equivalent to a GPA at other institutions.

Your WAM is calculated by:

1. Multiplying the mark for each subject by the number of credit points that subject is worth
2. Adding all those weighted scores together
3. Dividing by the total number of credit points completed

Why it matters:

- Scholarships require a minimum WAM (often 75+ or 80+)
- Postgraduate program entry often requires a WAM of 65–75+
- Honours entry typically requires a WAM of 70–75 or above, depending on the faculty
- Some competitive graduate employers ask for WAM on applications

[WAM CALCULATION DIAGRAM PLACEHOLDER]

Grade Example Table

Subject	Mark	Credit Points	Weighted Score
PSYC10003	82% (H1)	12.5	1025
ENGL10005	72% (H2B)	12.5	900
SCIE10005	56% (P)	12.5	700
POLS10001	77% (H2A)	12.5	962.5
Total	—	50	3587.5
WAM	—	—	71.75 (H2B)

8. Referencing Guide {#referencing}

[REFERENCING DECISION TREE PLACEHOLDER]

Referencing is non-negotiable at the University of Melbourne. Getting it wrong isn't just a technical error — in academic writing, incorrect attribution undermines the integrity of your work.

Which Style Does My Faculty Use?

Faculty / Subject Area	Referencing Style
Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences	Chicago Author-Date or Footnote; sometimes APA 7
Business and Economics	APA 7 or Harvard
Engineering and IT	IEEE
Law	AGLC 4 (Australian Guide to Legal Citation, 4th ed.)
Medicine and Health Sciences	Vancouver or APA 7
Science	APA 7 or discipline-specific styles
Education	APA 7
Architecture	Chicago

Always check your subject's LMS page or assessment brief for the required style. When in doubt, email your subject coordinator — never guess.

APA 7th Edition (Quick Guide)

APA 7 is the most commonly used style across UniMelb.

In-text citation format:

- One author: (Smith, 2023)
- Two authors: (Smith & Jones, 2023)
- Three or more: (Smith et al., 2023)
- Direct quote: (Smith, 2023, p. 45)

Reference list examples:

Journal article:

Smith, J., & Jones, A. (2023). Academic writing in the digital age. *Journal of Higher Education*, 14(2), 112–128. <https://doi.org/10.xxxx/xxxxx>

Book:

Brown, L. (2022). *Research methods for social scientists* (3rd ed.). Academic Press.

Website:

University of Melbourne. (2024). Academic integrity policy. <https://academicintegrity.unimelb.edu.au>

AGLC 4 (Law Students)

The Australian Guide to Legal Citation (4th edition) is mandatory for UniMelb law students. It uses footnotes, not in-text citations.

Case citation:

Mabo v Queensland (No 2) (1992) 175 CLR 1, 12 (Mason CJ).

Legislation:

Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth) s 18.

Journal article:

Sarah Mison, 'Thinking About Legal Research' (2019) 43(2) *Melbourne University Law Review* 450.

The Melbourne Law School publishes its own AGLC guide and supplementary resources through the Law Library.

Harvard Referencing

In-text: (Smith 2023, p. 45)

Reference list:

Smith, J 2023, *Academic writing in higher education*, Oxford University Press, Melbourne.

IEEE (Engineering and IT)

IEEE uses numbered citations in square brackets, ordered by appearance in the text.

In-text: "The method was first demonstrated in [1]."

Reference list:

[1] J. Smith and A. Jones, "Network security protocols," *IEEE Transactions on Communications*, vol. 14, no. 2, pp. 112–128, Feb. 2023.

Vancouver (Medicine and Health)

Superscript numbers in the text, numbered references in the reference list.

In-text: "This was confirmed in a large cohort study.^{3a}"

Reference list:

3. Smith J, Jones A. Cardiovascular outcomes in high-risk patients. N Engl J Med. 2023;388(12):1100-8.

Common Referencing Mistakes

Mistake	Correct Approach
No page number on direct quotes	Always include (Author, Year, p. XX) for direct quotes
"et al." used for two authors	Only use et al. for three or more authors (APA 7)
Citing secondary sources as primary	Find and cite the original source
Inconsistent formatting	Pick one style and apply it uniformly
Missing DOI or URL on journal articles	Always include the DOI when available
Citing Wikipedia	Wikipedia is not a citable academic source
Using retrieved from without a date	In APA 7, retrieval dates are only needed for sources that change (like wikis)

9. Academic Integrity at UniMelb {#integrity}

The University of Melbourne takes academic integrity seriously. This is not bureaucratic box-ticking — it's the foundation of what a university degree is worth.

What Counts as Academic Misconduct?

Plagiarism: Presenting someone else's words or ideas as your own. This includes:

- Copying text without quotation marks and citation
- Paraphrasing without citation
- Self-plagiarism (submitting work from a previous subject without disclosure)

Collusion: Working with others on an individual assessment without permission. This includes sharing your work with another student who then uses it, even if you didn't ask them to.

Contract Cheating: Submitting work that someone else produced for you — whether paid or unpaid. Using essay mills, having a friend write your work, or using an AI tool to produce your entire submission where AI is prohibited all fall into this category. This is the most serious category and can result in expulsion.

Fabrication: Inventing data, results, or sources.

Exam Misconduct: Unauthorised materials, communicating during exams, impersonating another student.

Turnitin

Most written assessments at UniMelb are submitted through **Turnitin**, accessed via Canvas.

Turnitin generates a similarity report that shows the percentage of your text matching other sources. A high similarity score is not automatically a problem (especially in law or technical writing where terminology is fixed), but markers use the report to investigate potential plagiarism.

Your Turnitin similarity score is not your plagiarism score. A 25% match that's all properly cited quotes is fine. A 5% match that's a perfectly paraphrased paragraph from a source you didn't cite is not.

Consequences of Academic Misconduct

Outcomes range depending on the severity and whether it's a first offence:

- Formal warning
- Mark reduction or assignment failure
- Subject failure
- Suspension
- Expulsion and degree cancellation

Decisions go through the Academic Integrity Office and you have the right to respond before any outcome is determined.

10. AI Policy: What You Can and Cannot Do {#ai-policy}

The University of Melbourne's policy on generative AI tools is still evolving, but the broad framework is consistent: the university does not ban AI tools outright, but it requires students to use them appropriately and transparently.

The University's Position

AI tools (ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, Microsoft Copilot, Grammarly AI, etc.) are acknowledged as part of the modern academic environment. However, subjects differ significantly in what they permit. Some subjects explicitly allow AI assistance; others prohibit it entirely.

Three Categories of Subject AI Policy

Category	What It Means
AI Permitted	You can use AI tools. Check whether you need to acknowledge the tool used.
AI Restricted	Limited AI use (e.g., grammar checking only). Drafting or generating content with AI is prohibited.
AI Prohibited	No AI tools at all. Submitting AI-generated content = academic misconduct.

Responsible AI Use at UniMelb

Where AI is permitted, responsible use means:

- Acknowledging which AI tools you used and how (this is increasingly expected even where not formally required)
- Not passing off AI-generated text as your own thinking

- Verifying all facts and citations that AI tools produce (they hallucinate — regularly)
 - Understanding that AI output may not reflect the most current or accurate information
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Turnitin AI Detection

Turnitin includes an AI writing detection feature. It flags text that has a high probability of being AI-generated. This is not foolproof, but it is in use at the university.

Tools and Their Status

Tool	Common Use	AI Content Risk
ChatGPT / Claude / Gemini	Drafting, summarising	High — prohibited in most assessed work
Grammarly (non-AI)	Spelling and grammar	Generally acceptable
Grammarly AI (generative)	Rewriting sentences	Prohibited where AI is restricted
QuillBot	Paraphrasing	Often flagged; check subject policy
Turnitin AI Detector	Institutional detection tool	Used by markers
EndNote / Zotero	Reference management	Fine — these are research tools, not generative

11. Student Support Services {#support}

UniMelb has extensive support infrastructure. Students who don't use it leave resources on the table.

Academic Skills

The **Academic Skills** unit offers workshops, online modules, and one-on-one consultations covering:

- Essay and report writing
- Critical thinking
- Reading academic texts efficiently
- Exam technique
- Oral presentation skills
- Research strategies

Access through the Student Services portal or directly at academicskills.unimelb.edu.au.

Library Research Support

Subject librarians are embedded within each faculty. They can help you:

- Find peer-reviewed sources on your specific topic
- Set up database alerts for new research
- Navigate referencing managers like EndNote or Zotero

- Access restricted journal articles through interlibrary loan

Book a one-on-one appointment through the library website.

Student Wellbeing and Mental Health

- **University Counselling Service:** Free, confidential counselling for enrolled students. Appointments available in person or online.
 - **Crisis Support:** The university has 24/7 after-hours phone support. Staff in Student Services can also provide welfare check-ins.
 - **Melbourne University Health Service (MUHS):** GP services, mental health nurses, psychology referrals.
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Disability Services

Disability and Inclusive Education provides academic adjustments for students with disabilities, chronic illness, mental health conditions, or neurodivergence. Adjustments might include extended exam time, alternate assessment formats, or assistive technology. Register early — adjustments take time to process.

Career Services (Careers and Employability)

- Resume and cover letter reviews
 - Interview preparation
 - LinkedIn and professional profile advice
 - Internship and graduate job listings (CareerHub)
 - Industry networking events and career fairs
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IT Help

The Student IT Help Desk assists with:

- Student login and access issues
 - Software licences (UniMelb provides free access to Microsoft 365, Adobe Creative Cloud for some faculties, and statistical tools)
 - eduroam Wi-Fi setup
 - Canvas technical issues
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12. International Student Guide {#international}

UniMelb is home to one of the largest international student populations in Australia. Around 43% of all enrolled students hold international student visas.

Student Visa (Subclass 500)

Your student visa requires you to:

- Maintain satisfactory academic progress (failing subjects can trigger a visa review)
- Study full-time (typically 3–4 subjects per semester; minimum is usually 75% of a full-time load)
- Notify the university if your contact details change

- Comply with any work conditions on your visa (typically 48 hours per fortnight during semester, unlimited during scheduled course breaks)

OSHC (Overseas Student Health Cover)

OSHC is mandatory for international students on a student visa. UniMelb arranges cover through **Medibank Private** for most international students. Confirm your OSHC policy dates cover your entire stay.

On-Arrival Checklist

[STUDENT JOURNEY DIAGRAM PLACEHOLDER]

Task	When
Set up student card	Week 1
Register with MUHS or a local GP	Week 1-2
Open an Australian bank account	Week 1-2
Apply for a Tax File Number (TFN)	Week 1-2 (if planning to work)
Connect phone to an Australian carrier	Arrival
Get a Myki card for public transport	Arrival
Register your overseas address with uni	Before semester starts

Opening an Australian Bank Account

The major banks — CommBank, Westpac, ANZ, NAB — all have student accounts. CommBank and Westpac have branches near campus. Many allow you to open the account online before you arrive in Australia. Bring your passport, student visa (or CoE), and a local address.

Tax File Number (TFN)

Apply for a TFN through the ATO website (ato.gov.au) once you arrive. You'll need it for any paid work. Without it, your employer withholds tax at the highest rate.

Part-Time Work

Common jobs for international students include:

- Hospitality (cafes, restaurants, bars — 18+ for bars)
- Retail
- Campus jobs (library, student administration)
- Private tutoring
- Research assistance positions (through the university)

Cost of Living in Melbourne (Approximate 2026)

Expense	Monthly Estimate
Rent (shared house)	\$900–\$1,500
Groceries	\$300–\$500
Public transport (Myki)	\$120–\$180
Phone	\$30–\$50
Utilities (shared)	\$80–\$150
Entertainment / eating out	\$200–\$400
Total estimate	\$1,630–\$2,780/month

Safety in Melbourne

Melbourne is a relatively safe city by global standards, but standard precautions apply:

- Stay aware of your surroundings late at night
- Use the SafeZone app (university safety app) which allows you to call for help on campus
- Register your details with your home country's consulate if travelling regionally

13. Faculty-Specific Assignment Tips {#faculty-tips}

Business and Economics

- Use real company data and current industry reports. IBIS World, Statista, and Morningstar (all free via the library) are your best friends.
- Structure is everything in business reports. Use clear headings, dot points for recommendations, and an executive summary that stands alone.
- Case study analysis: identify the core problem first. Don't jump to recommendations before you've diagnosed.
- Common referencing: APA 7 or Harvard (check subject-by-subject).

Law

- AGLC 4 is non-negotiable. Spend time with it properly in Week 1 of your first law subject.
- Legal essays require precise statutory interpretation. Quote the exact section of legislation, then interpret it.
- The IRAC method (Issue, Rule, Application, Conclusion) is a reliable starting framework for problem-based questions.
- Always read the primary sources — cases and statutes — not just secondary commentary.

Nursing and Health Sciences

- Reflective writing is assessed differently here than in other disciplines. The Gibbs Reflective Cycle or the Driscoll model are commonly used frameworks. Check what your subject specifies.

- Clinical application essays need to connect clinical observations to evidence-based practice. Use peer-reviewed clinical guidelines, not general health websites.
 - Referencing: APA 7 or Vancouver. Check each subject.
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Engineering

- Lab reports have strict format requirements. Follow the template your subject coordinator provides precisely.
 - Technical writing is direct. No padding. State the method, report the result, discuss the implications.
 - IEEE referencing is the standard. Keep a reference manager (Zotero or Mendeley) from day one.
 - For design reports: document your decision-making process. Markers want to see how you arrived at your solution, not just the solution.
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IT and Computing

- Programming assignments: comment your code clearly. If your output doesn't run, documented code still earns partial marks.
 - Technical reports: separate the technical documentation from the user documentation. They serve different audiences.
 - IEEE referencing for formal reports.
 - Research papers in computing age fast — prioritise sources from the last five years.
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Accounting and Finance

- Quantitative assignments: show all working. A wrong final answer with correct methodology earns more marks than a correct answer with no working.
 - Ethics questions in accounting: demonstrate knowledge of the APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.
 - APA 7 is standard; some subjects use Harvard.
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Education (Master of Teaching)

- Assessment tasks here are designed to prepare you for actual practice. Engage with them as professional development, not just academic exercises.
 - You'll be observed and assessed during placements. Reflective journals documenting your placement experiences are graded on analytical depth — not word count.
 - Lesson plans have specific components (learning objectives, assessment strategies, differentiation). Check the template provided by your subject.
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Psychology

- APA 7 is the discipline standard. Learn it properly.
- Lab reports in psychology follow a tight structure: Abstract, Introduction, Method, Results, Discussion, References. Do not deviate from it.

- The Discussion section is where you earn marks. Link your results to existing theory and literature. Acknowledge limitations honestly.
 - Statistical reporting: follow APA reporting standards for tests (e.g., $t(38) = 2.14$, $p = .038$).
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14. How to Score an H1 {#h1}

An H1 (80%+) is achievable across most subjects with the right approach. Here's what actually moves your mark:

[ASSIGNMENT CHECKLIST PLACEHOLDER]

1. Read the Assessment Criteria First

Every major assessment at UniMelb has a marking rubric attached. Read it before you write a single word. The rubric tells you exactly what the markers are looking for and how much each criterion is worth. Students who miss H1 by a few marks often did so because they didn't read the rubric carefully enough.

2. Answer the Actual Question

Sounds basic. It's the most common reason essays fail to reach H1. Before you submit, re-read the question and check: have I answered this, or have I answered the question I wished they'd asked?

3. Go Beyond Description into Analysis

An H1 essay doesn't just explain what happened or what researchers found — it evaluates, compares, critiques, and synthesises. The difference between a P essay and an H1 essay is often the level of critical engagement, not the amount of research done.

4. Use High-Quality Sources

Peer-reviewed journal articles published in the last decade (with exceptions for foundational theory) demonstrate that you understand the academic literature. Use the library databases, not Google. Wikipedia does not appear in a reference list.

5. Reference Flawlessly

Reference errors cost marks in almost every subject. Use a reference manager (Zotero is free, integrates with Word, and handles most styles). Check every citation before you submit.

6. Structure is Argument, Not Just Organisation

In essay writing, paragraph structure is how your argument develops. Each paragraph should begin with a topic sentence making a claim, use evidence to support that claim, and end by linking back to your thesis. PEEL (Point, Evidence, Explain, Link) is a reliable framework.

7. Edit Twice — First for Argument, Then for Language

First editing pass: does my argument hold together? Is evidence integrated? Have I answered the question? Second editing pass: sentence clarity, grammar, word choice, referencing consistency. Don't combine these into one pass.

8. Submit Early Enough for Technical Issues

UniMelb's Canvas submission system occasionally has traffic spikes near deadlines. Submit at least 30 minutes early. A late submission penalty (typically 10% per day) applies regardless of the technical reason.

15. Common Assignment Mistakes (and How to Fix Them) {#mistakes}

Mistake	Why It Costs Marks	Fix
Descriptive not analytical writing	Doesn't demonstrate higher-order thinking	Add "so what" after every factual claim
Not answering the question asked	Misses assessment criteria entirely	Re-read the question after drafting, before editing
Over-quoting	Suggests you can't paraphrase or synthesise	Aim for 10–15% direct quotes max
Under-referencing	Plagiarism risk; claims unsupported	Every claim that isn't your own idea needs a citation
Referencing errors	Marks deducted in most subjects	Use Zotero or Mendeley from day one
Missing the word count	Shows poor planning or padding	Plan sections with word allocations per heading
Poor introduction (no thesis)	Markers can't follow your argument	Write the introduction after the body is drafted
Weak conclusion	Repeats the introduction rather than synthesising	Conclusion should reflect what the argument has established
Submitting the first draft	First drafts are always rough	Budget time for at least one revision cycle
Ignoring the rubric	Misses what markers actually reward	Print the rubric and check each criterion before submitting

16. Software Every UniMelb Student Should Know {#software}

Software	What It Does	Free for Students?
Microsoft 365 (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)	Document creation, data, presentations	Yes — via UniMelb
Zotero	Reference management	Yes — fully free
Mendeley	Reference management (Elsevier)	Yes — free version
EndNote	Reference management (advanced)	Discounted via library
SPSS	Statistical analysis	Available via library licence
NVivo	Qualitative data analysis	Available via library licence
R / RStudio	Statistical computing	Yes — open source
Python	Programming, data analysis	Yes — open source
MATLAB	Engineering and numerical computing	Available via faculty licence
Tableau	Data visualisation	Free student licence
Power BI	Business intelligence and reporting	Free via Microsoft 365
Adobe Creative Cloud	Design, video, photography	Discounted — check faculty
Overleaf (LaTeX)	Academic document typesetting	Free tier; discounted premium

17. Research and Study Resources {#resources}

University Library Databases (Free Access for Students)

Database	Best For
JSTOR	Humanities, social sciences, economics
ScienceDirect (Elsevier)	Sciences, medicine, engineering
Springer Link	Science, technology, medicine
Taylor & Francis Online	Humanities, social sciences
IEEE Xplore	Engineering, computing
PubMed	Medicine, health, biology
PsycINFO	Psychology and behavioural sciences
Business Source Complete (EBSCO)	Business, economics, management
LexisNexis	Law, legal cases, legislation
Informit	Australian content across disciplines
ProQuest Dissertations & Theses	Finding past theses

Google Scholar

While not an official library database, Google Scholar is a legitimate starting point for finding academic literature. From the UniMelb network (on-campus Wi-Fi or via the library's proxy), you'll often see direct PDF links to articles. Set up "UniMelb Access" in Scholar settings for automatic access.

Finding Grey Literature

Not everything is in a journal. For reports, government data, and policy documents:

- **Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS):** Data on population, economy, health
- **AIHW (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare):** Health and welfare statistics
- **Parliament of Australia:** Bills, Acts, Senate inquiries
- **World Bank / IMF Open Data:** International economic data
- **OECD iLibrary:** Education, economic, and social data

18. Student Life at Melbourne {#student-life}

Accommodation

On-Campus Residential Colleges: Trinity, Ormond, Queen's, Newman, International House, and others. These are selective and competitive. Apply in your first year — even if you don't get a place immediately, you'll be on the list.

University-Owned Housing: Parkville College and Medley Hall are university-managed options, slightly less formal than the residential colleges.

Private Rentals: Suburbs within walking or tram distance include Carlton, Fitzroy, Brunswick, Coburg, Northcote, and Parkville itself. Expect to pay a premium for proximity to campus. Facebook groups and Flatmates.com.au are common platforms.

Getting Around

- **Trams:** Multiple routes stop directly at or adjacent to campus. Trams within the City Free Tram Zone (which extends to the edge of campus on some routes) are free.
- **Trains:** Parkville Station (Suburban Rail Loop) is being built and will open in coming years. Currently, Melbourne Central (City Loop) is the nearest major train station, serviced by multiple lines.
- **Cycling:** The campus has good cycling infrastructure. Bike racks are located at all major buildings.
- **Car:** Not recommended for daily commuting. Parking is limited and expensive on and around campus.

Student Clubs and Societies

The University of Melbourne Student Union (UMSU) supports hundreds of clubs and societies — academic, cultural, sporting, recreational, political, and everything else. Joining a club in your first semester is one of the better social investments you can make, particularly for international students who are building their networks from scratch.

Budgeting

Melbourne is an expensive city relative to Australian averages. Plan realistically:

- Government rent assistance may be available if you're an eligible domestic student on Youth Allowance
- Centrelink Youth Allowance is available for domestic students who meet income and residency tests
- The university's Student Equity team can advise on emergency financial support

Scholarships

- **Melbourne International Undergraduate Scholarship:** Up to 100% of tuition fees for high-achieving international students
- **Equity and Merit scholarships:** For domestic students demonstrating academic merit and financial need
- **Faculty scholarships:** Many faculties have their own scholarship rounds — check your faculty's website
- The university's Scholarships website lists all current opportunities: scholarships.unimelb.edu.au

19. Sample Assignment Topics by Faculty {#samples}

The following are realistic examples of the kinds of assignment questions you might encounter at UniMelb. They're not from any specific subject — they're illustrative examples for planning and preparation purposes.

1. **Business:** Critically evaluate the application of Porter's Five Forces to a major Australian retailer of your choice.

2. **Economics:** Using aggregate demand and supply analysis, examine the impact of Australia's 2024 interest rate decisions on household consumption.
 3. **Law:** Advise a client who has entered a contract under duress. Apply relevant Australian contract law principles.
 4. **Nursing:** Reflect on a clinical placement experience using the Gibbs Reflective Cycle and identify one area for professional development.
 5. **Engineering:** Design a water treatment system for a rural community of 500 people. Justify your design decisions against relevant Australian standards.
 6. **IT / Computing:** Compare the performance of two machine learning classification algorithms on a labelled dataset of your choice.
 7. **Psychology:** Discuss the evidence for and against the cognitive model of depression.
 8. **Education:** Design a lesson sequence for a Year 7 science class on the properties of matter. Include explicit inclusion strategies for EAL/D students.
 9. **Arts (History):** Analyse the causes of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution and evaluate the role of Cold War geopolitics in shaping its outcome.
 10. **Science (Biology):** Evaluate the mechanisms by which antibiotic resistance spreads within clinical environments.
 11. **Finance:** Calculate and interpret the WACC for an ASX-listed company using publicly available financial data. Discuss limitations of the method.
 12. **Accounting:** Assess whether a hypothetical company's financial statements comply with AASB 15 (Revenue from Contracts with Customers).
 13. **Media and Communications:** Analyse a political advertising campaign using framing theory.
 14. **Architecture:** Critically evaluate the social sustainability of a recently completed Australian urban renewal project.
 15. **Veterinary Science:** Compare the pharmacokinetics of two analgesic drugs used in equine post-operative pain management.
 16. **Philosophy:** Is moral relativism a defensible position? Evaluate with reference to at least two ethical frameworks.
 17. **Social Work:** Critically discuss how structural factors contribute to youth homelessness in Australia.
 18. **Marketing:** Develop a market segmentation strategy for a new plant-based food product targeting Australian consumers.
 19. **Environmental Science:** Assess the effectiveness of Australia's carbon pricing mechanisms in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
 20. **Music / Musicology:** Analyse the use of dissonance in a late Beethoven string quartet and discuss its reception by contemporary audiences.
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20. Case Studies: Real Academic Scenarios {#case-studies}

Case Study 1: The Citation That Wasn't

Scenario: A second-year Arts student writes a strong essay on postcolonial theory. She paraphrases a key argument from a seminal work by Homi Bhabha but doesn't include a citation because she has been thinking about the idea for so long she forgot she read it. Turnitin flags it at 14% similarity. The marker investigates.

Outcome: This is accidental plagiarism — still plagiarism. The student received a mark reduction and a formal academic integrity warning.

Lesson: When in doubt, cite. There is no penalty for over-citing; there is a significant penalty for under-citing.

Case Study 2: The Group Work Trap

Scenario: Two students in a group project divide the work evenly, share a Google Doc, and submit a combined final report. The subject specifies the final report is an individual assessment — the students misread the brief and thought it was collaborative.

Outcome: Both received a penalty for collusion, even though neither intended to cheat.

Lesson: Read the assessment brief carefully before starting. Group preparation is fine; individual written submissions must be individually written.

Case Study 3: AI Rewrites and the Grammarly Line

Scenario: A Masters student uses Claude to rewrite his entire discussion section because he felt his English wasn't strong enough. The subject's AI policy says "AI grammar assistance is permitted; AI content generation is not." His submission is flagged by Turnitin's AI detector.

Outcome: Investigation initiated. The student received a 0 for the assessment on a first offence, with a note on his file.

Lesson: Using AI to rewrite your content — not just fix commas — crosses into prohibited territory in most restricted-AI subjects. Build your English skills through the Academic Skills unit instead. It's free and confidential.

21. Frequently Asked Questions {#faqs}

Admissions and Enrolment

1. What is the Melbourne Model and how does it affect my degree?

The Melbourne Model means most undergraduate degrees are broad "new-generation" bachelors degrees. Professional qualifications (law, medicine, teaching, engineering at some levels) are graduate entry only — you study a bachelor's degree first, then apply to the graduate professional program.

2. What ATAR do I need to get into the University of Melbourne?

ATAR requirements vary widely by program. Highly competitive programs like medicine (MD — graduate entry, so GAMSAT-based not ATAR), law (JD), and some undergraduate programs can require ATARs of 95+. Always check the current entry requirements at the university's course finder.

3. Can I enrol in subjects from a different faculty?

Often yes — especially for breadth subjects, which are a formal component of many Melbourne Model degrees. These allow you to study subjects outside your home faculty.

4. What is the difference between a subject and a unit?

At UniMelb, the terms are used somewhat interchangeably in practice, but officially each subject is worth a set number of credit points (usually 12.5). A standard full-time year is 100 credit points (8 subjects at 12.5 each).

Academic and Assessment

5. How does special consideration work?

If illness, bereavement, or another significant circumstance affects your ability to complete an assessment, you can apply for special consideration through the Student Portal. Apply as early as possible and submit supporting documentation. Outcomes can include an extension, a supplementary assessment, or no outcome if the circumstances aren't sufficient.

6. What happens if I miss a final exam?

Apply for special consideration immediately. If granted, you'll typically receive a supplementary exam (Supp). Missed exams without special consideration result in a fail for that component.

7. Can I appeal a mark?

Yes. Start by requesting feedback from the subject coordinator. If you believe there's been a marking error (not just disappointment with the mark), you can submit a formal appeal. Note: a formal appeal is about process and error, not about whether you agree with the mark.

8. What is a supplementary assessment?

A supplementary assessment is an alternative assessment task (exam, assignment, or similar) offered to students who have missed or performed poorly on an assessment due to documented circumstances. It's not a guaranteed score boost — the supplementary result replaces or supplements the original.

9. How many subjects can I take per semester?

Full-time is typically four subjects (50 credit points) per semester. You can apply to study an overload (five subjects) with faculty approval, usually requiring a strong academic record.

10. What is the census date and why does it matter?

The census date is the last day to withdraw from a subject without financial liability. After the census date, you'll be charged for the subject regardless of whether you continue. It's typically around week 3–4 of semester.

11. What is the withdraw-without-academic-penalty date?

Approximately week 8–9. Withdrawing after this date results in a "WN" (withdrawn, not counted as a fail) appearing on your academic record.

12. How does WAM differ from GPA?

WAM (Weighted Average Mark) is calculated as the weighted percentage mark across all completed subjects. GPA (as used at most US universities) converts grades to a 4.0 scale. UniMelb uses WAM. Some scholarship and graduate program applications may ask you to calculate an equivalent GPA — check the conversion method the institution specifies.

Referencing and Academic Integrity

13. Do I need to reference information I already know?

If it's common knowledge in your field (e.g., Newton's laws in a physics paper), no. If it's a specific claim, finding, or idea — even one you've heard many times — cite the source.

14. What is the difference between a bibliography and a reference list?

A reference list includes only sources you cited in your text. A bibliography may include sources you read but didn't cite. Most Australian university assignments require a reference list. Only include sources you've actually cited.

15. Can I cite a textbook?

Yes. Textbooks are legitimate secondary sources. In research-heavy assignments, you'll be expected to go beyond textbooks to primary sources (original research articles), but textbooks are citable.

16. Can I cite lecture slides?

Technically yes, but it's generally discouraged. Lecture slides are not peer-reviewed. If a slide mentions a finding, find the original source and cite that instead.

17. Is self-plagiarism a real thing?

Yes. Submitting work you've already submitted for another subject (or a previous version of the same subject) without disclosure is self-plagiarism and constitutes academic misconduct.

AI and Technology

18. Can I use Grammarly?

Basic Grammarly (spell and grammar check) is generally permitted. Grammarly's AI-powered sentence rewriting features may not be permitted under restricted AI policies. Check your subject's specific policy.

19. Does UniMelb allow ChatGPT?

It depends on the subject. Some subjects explicitly permit it for specific tasks; others prohibit any use. Never assume — always read your subject's AI policy statement.

20. How does Turnitin know if I used AI?

Turnitin's AI detection tool analyses writing style patterns statistically. It's not infallible, but it flags text with a high probability of being AI-generated. The score is reviewed by a human marker, not automatically enforced.

21. Can I use AI for research (not writing)?

Using AI to explore a topic or generate initial ideas is generally lower risk than using it to draft text. But even here: verify everything AI tells you independently. AI tools generate plausible-sounding citations that do not exist.

Libraries and Research

22. How do I access journals off-campus?

Log in to the library portal (lib.unimelb.edu.au) with your student credentials. The library's proxy service routes you through the university's access rights to journals you'd otherwise be paywalled out of.

23. What do I do if I can't find a specific article?

Use the interlibrary loan service through the library. They'll source articles from other institutions, often within a few days and at no cost to you.

24. Is Wikipedia acceptable as a source?

No, not as a citable source. Wikipedia is useful for getting a quick overview of an unfamiliar topic and finding the original sources Wikipedia itself cites. Follow those footnotes to the original source and cite that.

25. What is Google Scholar and how do I use it best?

Google Scholar indexes academic publications across all disciplines. Set up institutional access in your settings while on-campus or through the library proxy so you see full-text PDF links. Use the "cited by" feature to find newer research that builds on a foundational paper.

Student Life and Support

26. Is there a GP on campus?

Yes. Melbourne University Health Service (MUHS) offers GP appointments, mental health support,

and allied health services on the Parkville campus.

27. What do I do if I'm struggling with my mental health?

Contact the University Counselling Service directly — appointments are free and confidential. You don't need a referral. If you're in immediate distress, Lifeline (13 11 14) operates 24/7, as does Beyond Blue (1300 22 4636).

28. Can I work while studying?

Domestic students face no work restrictions. International students on a student visa can work up to 48 hours per fortnight during semester and unlimited hours during scheduled course breaks.

29. What is UMSU?

The University of Melbourne Student Union — the elected student body that represents students and runs non-academic services including clubs, food services, advocacy, and wellbeing resources.

30. How do I get a UniMelb student card?

Collect your student card from the Student Centre (or follow the enrolment instructions provided). You'll need it for library borrowing, exam entry, and accessing some campus facilities.

Postgraduate and Research

31. What is the difference between a coursework and research Masters?

A coursework Masters consists of structured subjects with assessments. A research Masters is primarily an independent research project supervised by an academic. Both culminate in a Masters degree, but they suit different goals.

32. How do I find a PhD supervisor?

Start by identifying academics whose research aligns with your interests. Read their recent publications. Email them directly with a concise description of your proposed research area and why you want to work with them. A cold email to a well-chosen supervisor is legitimate and often effective.

33. What is a Graduate Research Application?

For PhD and Masters by Research programs, your application includes a research proposal, academic transcript, CV, and supervisor confirmation (in most cases). The quality of your research proposal is usually the determining factor.

34. What funding is available for PhD students?

The **Melbourne Research Scholarship** (formerly MIRS) covers tuition and provides a living allowance stipend for domestic PhD students. International students can apply for the **Graduate Research Scholarships**. Competition is significant — academic record, research proposal quality, and supervisor support all matter.

Practical and Logistical

35. Can I defer my enrolment?

Yes, in many programs. Deferral is typically up to 12 months for most undergraduate degrees, subject to approval. Check with your faculty.

36. What happens if I fail a subject?

You can typically re-enrol and repeat the subject in a subsequent semester. Failing multiple subjects can trigger an academic progress review. If you're at risk of not meeting progress requirements, engage with your faculty's student support team proactively — don't wait until you've been contacted.

37. How do I get a transcript?

Access your unofficial transcript through the Student Portal at any time. Official (certified) transcripts are requested through the Student Centre and may have a fee and processing time.

38. Can I study abroad or do an exchange?

Yes. UniMelb has exchange partnerships with hundreds of universities globally. Application is through the Student Centre, and credit is transferable subject to faculty approval. Apply well in advance — deadlines are typically six to eight months before the exchange period.

39. What is complementary study and how does it work?

Complementary studies are formal study arrangements enabling you to complete units at another institution that count toward your Melbourne degree. Requires pre-approval from your faculty.

40. How do I access exam timetables?

Exam timetables are released through the Student Portal approximately six to eight weeks before the exam period. If you have a clash, contact the Exams Office immediately.

41. What is a reading week and does UniMelb have one?

Many UniMelb programs have a mid-semester break (often coinciding with Easter in Semester 1 and a September public holiday cluster in Semester 2), but it's not universally called a reading week and isn't always a full week of non-teaching time. Check your subject's specific schedule.

42. Are lectures recorded?

Most lectures are recorded via the university's Lecture Capture system and posted on Canvas, but this isn't guaranteed across all subjects. Some staff opt out for pedagogical or other reasons. Don't assume lecture recordings are available — confirm at the start of semester.

22. Need Academic Support? {#assignpro}

Studying at a university ranked 13th in the world means the academic expectations are high — and that's true whether you're in your first semester of an undergraduate degree or completing a doctoral dissertation.

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- University of Melbourne Official Website: unimelb.edu.au
- Student Academic Integrity: academicintegrity.unimelb.edu.au
- UniMelb Library: lib.unimelb.edu.au
- Student Portal (Stop): stop.unimelb.edu.au
- Canvas LMS: canvas.lms.unimelb.edu.au
- Academic Skills Unit: services.unimelb.edu.au/academicskills
- Scholarships: scholarships.unimelb.edu.au
- AGLC (Australian Guide to Legal Citation): law.unimelb.edu.au/mulr/aglc
- APA Style Official Guide: apastyle.apa.org
- Australian Bureau of Statistics: abs.gov.au
- QS World University Rankings 2025: topuniversities.com
- Times Higher Education Rankings 2025: timeshighereducation.com

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The following schema types should be implemented on this page:

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E-E-A-T Signals

Experience: This guide is written with an understanding of how Australian university assignments, grading systems, and academic policies actually operate in practice — not from a generic perspective.

Expertise: Content covers referencing standards (APA 7, AGLC 4, IEEE, Vancouver, Harvard, Chicago), the Melbourne Model, WAM calculation, academic integrity policies, and faculty-specific assessment advice across ten disciplines.

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