Postgraduate study

ACU
AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

ACCEPTING CURIOUS UNSTOPPABLE

So much more

Acknowledgement of Country

We recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' deep spiritual connection to Country and Kin and thank them for their continued custodianship. We acknowledge the importance of Indigenous knowledges and pay respect to the Traditional Custodians of the unceded lands and waterways where we work, learn and live.

Postgraduate study at ACU

If you're ready to advance your career, change fields or explore an interest, postgraduate study at ACU can help.

We offer graduate certificate, graduate diploma, master's and PhD qualifications.

Why choose us?

17th
RESEARCH QUALITY WORLDWIDE[1]

5 stars
FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT[2]

Top 10
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES WORLDWIDE[3]

6th
GOOD HEALTH AND WELLBEING WORLDWIDE[4]

RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

1st in Australia
FOR RESEARCH QUALITY[1]

1st in Australia, top 15 worldwide
SCIENTIFIC IMPACT ACROSS DISCIPLINES[11]

1st in Australia, 9th worldwide
RESEARCH QUALITY IN EDUCATION[9]

1st in Australia, 18th worldwide
THEOLOGY, DIVINITY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES[5]

1st worldwide
RESEARCH QUALITY IN PSYCHOLOGY[9]

Top 35 worldwide
NURSING[6]

Top 50 worldwide
SPORT SCIENCE[8]

9th in Australia, top 100 worldwide
PHILOSOPHY[5]

Top 300 worldwide
ARTS AND HUMANITIES[9]

GRADUATE OUTCOMES

100%
BUSINESS GRADUATES EMPLOYED[10]

94%
NURSING GRADUATES EMPLOYED[7]

97%
TEACHER EDUCATION GRADUATES EMPLOYED[10]

1. *Times Higher Education* World University Rankings 2026
2. *Good Universities Guide 2025*, postgraduate students employed full-time four months after completing their course
3. *Times Higher Education* World University Rankings 2026, ranked IFCU members
4. SDG 3, *Times Higher Education* Impact Rankings 2025
5. QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026
6. Shanghai Ranking, Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2025
7. 2024 Graduate Outcomes Survey, full-time employment for domestic postgraduate coursework, four months after graduating
8. Shanghai Ranking, Global Ranking of Sport Science Schools and Departments 2025
9. *Times Higher Education* World University Rankings by Subject 2026
10. 2024 Graduate Outcomes Survey, overall employment for domestic postgraduate coursework, four months after graduating
11. 2024 CWTS Leiden Rankings, based on the proportion of the university's papers that are in the top 10 per cent most frequently cited

Our campuses

We offer dynamic online courses through ACU Online, and have seven campuses across Australia and a campus in Rome, Italy. Each campus is unique, vibrant and an inviting place to learn.

To explore a location near you, visit **acu.edu.au/locations**

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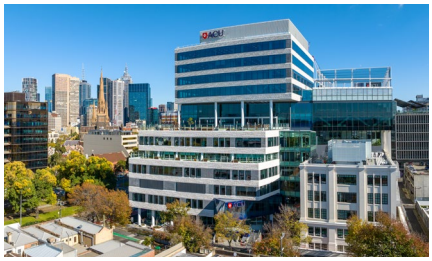
MELBOURNE

BLACKTOWN

NORTH SYDNEY

BRISBANE

STRATHFIELD

CANBERRA

ROME, ITALY

"I chose my course as I have a particular interest in supporting children and adolescents with their mental health and helping them reach their goals. I chose ACU because of the staff and the stories I'd heard about my course. The staff at ACU are incredible."

Keiron
Master of Psychology (Educational and Developmental)

Our people

Our academics are renowned for their high-quality teaching, industry connections and world-class research. Meet a current academic from each of our four faculties below.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR MICHAEL REYNOLDS

Associate Professor Michael Reynolds is Deputy Head, School of Allied Health (NSW) in ACU's Faculty of Health Sciences. He is a Wiradjuri academic and serves as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Curriculum and Pedagogy Coordinator (Physiotherapy). With professional foundations in sports and exercise physiotherapy, his current work spans higher education leadership, curriculum development and strengthening cultural capability across health professions education. He has also held multiple governance and advisory roles and is currently Board Chair of the Australian Physiotherapy Council.

Associate Professor Reynolds' research focuses on understanding and improving the conditions that enable Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students to succeed in higher education. His doctoral project, undertaken in partnership with ACU's Institute for Positive Psychology and Education (IPPE), examines how self-determination, self-concept and culturally grounded learning environments influence progression and degree completion.

Associate Professor Reynolds leads initiatives to embed Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander perspectives across allied health programs. This extends to strengthening of pathways and representation for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students and graduates within the higher education and health sectors. In recognition of these contributions, he was awarded the Indigenous Allied Health Australia's Local Champion Award in 2023 and Australian Physiotherapy Association NSW Branch Award in 2018.

PROFESSOR LARISSA MCLEAN DAVIES

Professor Larissa McLean Davies is an internationally recognised scholar and higher education leader with a deep commitment to education as a force for transformation. She brings to ACU a blend of leadership experience, scholarly distinction and sector-wide impact. Prior to joining ACU, Professor McLean Davies held senior roles at the University of Melbourne, including Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Education, Associate Dean (Learning and Teaching) and inaugural Professor of Teacher Education.

Professor McLean Davies' leadership has shaped major strategic initiatives in teacher education, curriculum innovation and workforce planning. She has successfully led large interdisciplinary research teams and established research labs exploring the intersection of literature, literacy and social justice. She has driven national reforms in teacher education, and continues to lead projects on Indigenous literatures, climate education and sustainability.

Professor McLean Davies is committed to fostering flourishing lives, thriving communities and an ethical future through transformative education.

PROFESSOR DAVID SMITH

Professor David Smith is Professor and Executive Dean of the Faculty of Law and Business at ACU. Immediately prior to taking on this role, he was Dean of the School of Accounting, Information Systems and Supply Chain at RMIT University. He previously held professorial appointments at the University of Queensland and Monash University.

Professor Smith is an internationally recognised researcher in the field of management accounting, has been published widely in leading accounting journals and is on the editorial board of several leading accounting journals. He has received competitive external funding for his research from a variety of sources, including the Australian Research Council (ARC).

Professor Smith is a former board member of the Accounting and Finance Association of Australia and New Zealand (AFAANZ) and a former chair of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants Centre of Excellence (Australasia). He is a Fellow of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand.

PROFESSOR ROBYN HORNER

Professor Robyn Horner is a teaching and research academic within the School of Theology, and a member of the Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry (IRCI) at ACU. From 2010 – 2015, she held the position of Associate Dean (Learning and Teaching) of the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy.

Formerly a teacher in Catholic primary and secondary schools and a liturgical musician and composer, she has two main areas of theological research expertise. First, she investigates theological questions in ways that speak in and to the contemporary context, using hermeneutic phenomenology and poststructuralism. Second, she has expertise in the theology of recontextualisation and the promotion of the Catholic dialogue school. This is fundamental to her teaching and to the research translation she undertakes in consultancies around Australia.

Our faculties and research areas

At ACU, we embrace the full lifecycle of research, from knowledge creation to translating and applying findings towards real-world outcomes that provide social, cultural and economic benefit.

Grounded in our commitment to the common good, our faculties, institutes, centres and schools seek to create research impact through sustained collaboration with industry, government, stakeholders, communities and academic partners.

Learn more about research at ACU **acu.edu.au/research**

"ACU offers a rare and meaningful blend of academic excellence and a deep ethical commitment to student growth and wellbeing. What sets this university apart is not just its encouragement of critical inquiry, but the way that inquiry is grounded in values of justice, care and responsibility. ACU provides a nurturing environment for those who are not only seeking to contribute to academic knowledge, but who are also committed to creating real, socially responsible change."

Farjana
Doctor of Philosophy

Faculty of Education and Arts

Deepen your expertise with advanced learning that is evidence based, reflective and responsive to sector needs. Our postgraduate degrees put your learning and research into a global context and give you access to expert academics, industry-connected research opportunities and a supportive community.

1st in Australia
RESEARCH QUALITY[1]

Arts and humanities
TOP 300 WORLDWIDE[1]

Research impact
LEADING INSTITUTES AND CENTRES

STUDY AREAS

- Arts, humanities and social sciences
- Creative arts
- Teaching and education

RESEARCH AREAS

- Arts, humanities and social sciences (including history, migration and refugee studies, sociology, political science, literary studies and studies of Western civilisation)
- Child protection studies
- Early childhood education
- Educational psychology, self-concept and self-determination
- Indigenous education, identity and culture
- Literacy and STEM education
- Teacher education

OUR INSTITUTES AND CENTRES

- Australian Centre for the Advancement of Literacy
- Institute of Child Protection Studies
- Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences
- Institute for Learning Sciences and Teacher Education
- Institute for Positive Psychology and Education

OUR SCHOOLS

- National School of Education
- National School of Arts and Humanities

Learn more **acu.edu.au/fea**

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1. *Times Higher Education* World University Rankings by Subject 2026

Faculty of Health Sciences

Our staff and students are committed to improving lives through world-leading healthcare education and health sciences research that is guided by evidence and the values of excellence, dignity and engagement. Our graduates are equipped not only with the skills and expertise to provide outstanding care, but also with the compassion and empathy to provide care that people remember.

1st worldwide
RESEARCH QUALITY IN PSYCHOLOGY[1]

Nursing research
TOP 35 WORLDWIDE[2]

Sports science
TOP 50 WORLDWIDE[3]

STUDY AREAS

- Allied health
- Exercise and sports science
- Nursing, midwifery and paramedicine
- Nutrition and biomedical science
- Psychology
- Public health and leadership

RESEARCH AREAS

- Human performance
- Health across the lifespan
- Health disparities and community justice
- Mental health, addiction and wellbeing
- Translation into practice and health systems innovation
- Technological and methodological innovation in health

Learn more **acu.edu.au/fhs**

OUR INSTITUTES AND CENTRES

- Mary MacKillop Institute for Health Research
  - Centre for Behaviour, Environment and Cognition Research
  - Centre for Human Performance and Metabolism
  - Healthy Brain and Mind Research Centre
  - Sports Performance, Recovery, Injury and New Technologies (SPRINT) Research Centre
- Nursing Research and Practice Development Centre
- Nursing Research Institute

OUR SCHOOLS

- School of Allied Health
- School of Behavioural and Health Sciences
- School of Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine

1. *Times Higher Education* World University Rankings by Subject 2026
2. Shanghai Ranking, Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2025
3. Shanghai Ranking, Global Ranking of Sport Science Schools and Departments 2025

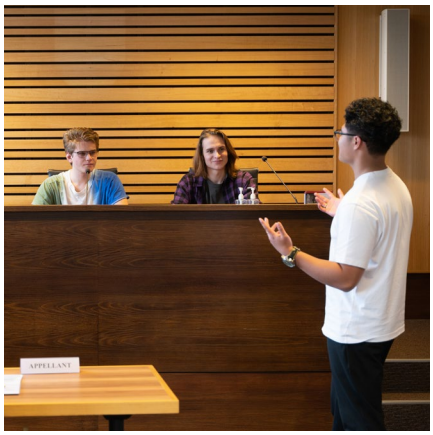
Faculty of Law and Business

Sustainable success is based on more than scholarship. At ACU's Faculty of Law and Business, you'll build a foundation that emphasises the ethical, social and environmental duties of a modern leader in the fields of law, criminology, business and IT.

Partner with business
INDUSTRY PHDs

Five stars
SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND TEACHING QUALITY IN BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT[1]

Ethical impact
INVESTIGATE A TOPIC THAT INTERESTS YOU



STUDY AREAS

- Business
- Computer science and IT
- Law and criminology

RESEARCH AREAS

- Empowering resilient enterprises
- Future workforce and wellbeing
- Governance and the application of new and emerging technologies
- Justice, human rights and equality

OUR INSTITUTES AND CENTRES

- Governance and Public Affairs Centre
- ACU Co-Lab

OUR SCHOOLS

- Thomas More Law School
- Peter Faber Business School

Learn more **acu.edu.au/flb**

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1. *Good Universities Guide 2026*, postgraduate students, business and management

Faculty of Theology and Philosophy

We take great pride in offering our students direct access to world-leading research, an extensive network of international partnerships, innovative and responsive curriculum design, extended overseas study opportunities and a staffing profile that is the rival of any theological faculty in the world.

1st in Australia
THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES[1]

Top 10
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES WORLDWIDE[2]

Unrivalled access
TO LEADING PHILOSOPHERS AND THEOLOGIANS

STUDY AREAS

- Theology and philosophy

RESEARCH AREAS

- Biblical and early Christian studies
- Bioethics and applied science
- Catholic thought and practice
- Epistemology, logic and mind
- History of philosophy and contemporary European thought
- Philosophy, religion and culture
- Social, political and moral philosophy

OUR INSTITUTES AND CENTRES

- ACU Centre for Liturgy
- Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry
- La Salle Academy
- Plunkett Centre for Ethics
- Queensland Bioethics Centre
- The Loyola Institute
- Xavier Centre for Theological Formation
- Interreligious Dialogue Network

OUR SCHOOLS

- School of Philosophy
- School of Theology

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13 CLIMATE ACTION

1. QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026
2. Based on International Federation of Catholic Universities members ranked on *Times Higher Education* World University Rankings 2026

Graduate Research School

ACU's Graduate Research School is cultivating the next generation of researchers to address the critical challenges we face in the world today.

As a research candidate at ACU, you will learn and apply advanced research methodologies, tackle intellectual, creative and practical challenges, and develop skills that open up new possibilities for your career and future.

Our Graduate Research School is home to our industry PhD program, giving research candidates opportunities to collaborate with our academic and industry partners. Through these collaborations, candidates can apply their research skills to translate university research into real-world solutions and outcomes.

At ACU, we have a strong and growing research reputation. We attract the best and brightest research talent and deliver innovative, industry-driven research.

We are expanding our graduate research community through strategic partnerships, supported by innovative funding models that provide connections with industry and government. We are also upskilling in key workforce areas by offering flexible enrolment options, with a range of joint PhD and co-supervision models across our global networks.

Research quality
1ST IN AUSTRALIA[1]

World-class
RANKED 17TH GLOBALLY FOR RESEARCH[1]

Industry PhDs
COLLABORATE WITH ACU PARTNERS

1. *Times Higher Education* World University Rankings 2026

Postgraduate study

Postgraduate study generally falls into two main categories: coursework degrees and research degrees.

Coursework degrees

- Postgraduate coursework is ideal for gaining new skills and advancing your career.
- Programs can range from six months to two years full-time (or the part-time equivalent).
- Expect a mix of classes (including online classes), units and set assessments, much like an undergraduate degree.
- Generally, an undergraduate degree is required to apply; however, in some cases, professional experience will also be considered.
- The graduate certificate, graduate diploma and master's degree are interconnected and can be pursued progressively.
- If you're aiming for a master's degree but don't initially meet the entry requirements, you may be accepted into the graduate certificate or diploma in the same area of study.
- If you begin a master's degree but your circumstances change, you might be able to exit early with a graduate certificate or graduate diploma.

Recognition of prior learning

If you're studying a postgraduate coursework degree at another university and would like to switch to ACU, or you have relevant knowledge and skills acquired in the workplace, you may be able to get credit towards your degree.

Learn more **acu.edu.au/priorlearning**

VETERANS

Current or former members of the Australian Defence Force may be eligible for credit towards an ACU program. We formally recognise the courses you have completed and the rank you achieved during your military service.

Learn more **acu.edu.au/veterans**

Five steps to applying to ACU postgraduate coursework degrees

1. Explore courses in this guide or visit **acu.edu.au/courses** for more details.
2. Review important dates and application requirements; some courses require additional documentation.
3. Discover available postgraduate scholarships at **acu.edu.au/scholarships**
4. Apply online directly from your chosen course page. Visit **acu.edu.au/courses**
5. Accept your offer and enrol.

Applying to ACU Online

Applying to ACU Online is simple.

Visit **online.acu.edu.au/courses**, choose your study area and course, then select 'Apply' and follow the instructions. If you need help, contact our friendly AskACU team at **acu.edu.au/askacu**

GOVERNMENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Generous government funding is available for certain postgraduate degrees.

acu.edu.au/government-funding-opportunities

Postgraduate research degrees

As a research candidate at ACU, you will join an active and engaged community dedicated to addressing today's critical global challenges. You'll learn and apply advanced research methodologies, tackle intellectual and practical problems, and build skills that expand your career and future opportunities.

- A research degree can open doors to a wide range of career paths both within and beyond academia.
- ACU research candidates have opportunities to collaborate with businesses, government, not-for-profits and community organisations to achieve innovative results with global impact.
- You will conduct independent research and explore original ideas under the guidance of a supervisory team.
- To apply, you must meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the Higher Degree Research policy at **acu.edu.au/r/HDR-policy**
- Master's programs are typically two years full-time while doctoral programs are typically three years full-time (or equivalent part-time).

Pathway to a research degree

Honours degrees are one-year degrees for high-achieving students who have already completed a bachelor's degree, allowing candidates to build upon their knowledge, develop research skills, and work closely with academic experts. The chief focus of the degree is to produce a research thesis under the supervision of an experienced academic. Some four-year bachelor's programs have honours programs embedded into their third and fourth years.

ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS

There are various other pathway programs that provide the required research training to enable students who have not completed honours degrees or master's by research to qualify for admission into a Higher Degree Research program. Visit **acu.edu.au/research-how-to-apply**

Five steps to applying to ACU postgraduate research degrees

1. Choose the course you would like to study by visiting **acu.edu.au/research-students**
2. Check entry requirements, your eligibility and application requirements at **acu.edu.au/research-applications**
3. Check out the research scholarships available at **acu.edu.au/research-scholarships** and **acu.edu.au/scholarships**
4. Discuss your research with a potential supervisor, who you can find by browsing our researchers at **acu.edu.au/research-supervisors**
5. Follow the steps to prepare your application at **acu.edu.au/research-applications** and submit your completed application.

If you have questions or need help with your application, visit **acu.edu.au/askacu**

If you still have questions or need help with your postgraduate research application, contact the Graduate Research School at **grad.research@acu.edu.au**

Fees and scholarships

There are plenty of options to help you manage the cost of study. Tuition fees depend on the course you enrol in. Postgraduate coursework students have two placement types: a fee-paying place or a Commonwealth supported place (CSP). CSPs are available for many of our coursework degrees, which makes it more affordable for you to study. For research degrees, scholarships are available to support domestic and international students, covering living expenses, tuition fees, health insurance and relocation costs.

Got questions? We're waiting with the answers.
acu.edu.au/askacu

COMMONWEALTH SUPPORTED PLACE (CSP)

A wide range of postgraduate courses at ACU offer CSPs, where the government pays a proportion of tuition costs. The remaining fees are paid by the student, but eligible students can defer their payment through the HECS-HELP government loan scheme. Loan repayment occurs through the tax system once your income exceeds the minimum threshold. Domestic students who have received an offer to study a CSP-eligible postgraduate program are automatically considered before each semester starts.

acu.edu.au/pg-csp

studyassist.gov.au

RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

We offer competitive stipend scholarships to domestic and international students to help fund your living costs during your research degree, and reward outstanding academic achievement. Scholarships are available to support Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples to undertake a research doctorate or research master's degree. International students who apply for a stipend scholarship may be considered for an ACU Tuition Fee Scholarship and Overseas Student Healthcare Cover.

acu.edu.au/research-scholarships

POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK SCHOLARSHIPS

We offer scholarships to help support you financially during your studies. Use our online scholarships browser to find the ones that are right for you.

acu.edu.au/scholarships

FEE-PAYING PLACE

A fee-paying place is not subsidised by the government, so you pay the full cost of the course. As a domestic fee-paying student, you may be eligible to defer payment of your fees through the FEE-HELP government loan scheme. Loan repayment occurs through the tax system once your income exceeds the minimum threshold. Your employer may also assist with the cost of study if the course is related to your current position.

studyassist.gov.au

RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM TUITION FEE SCHOLARSHIPS

Domestic students approved for enrolment in a master's by research or doctorate program at ACU receive a Research Training Program Fees Offset Scholarship. International students applying for admission to an ACU research degree may be considered for an ACU Tuition Fee Scholarship and Overseas Student Healthcare Cover.

acu.edu.au/research-scholarships

SCHOLARSHIP-SUPPORTED RESEARCH PROJECTS

Explore defined PhD research projects across a range of disciplines that include a scholarship package to support you while you study.

acu.edu.au/research-scholarships

FACULTY ALUMNI REBATE

If you're an ACU graduate, you may be eligible for a 10 per cent rebate on postgraduate fees for full fee-paying courses.

acu.edu.au/alumni-rebate

Our courses

Postgraduate study isn't just about learning – it's also about contributing to a greater purpose. Crafting a meaningful career. Making a positive impact. Plus, with many of our postgraduate coursework degrees now offering Commonwealth supported places, meaning you pay a reduced fee for the course, it's a great time to study.

Browse our courses to find your next move. We are constantly building new course offerings to meet your needs and ambitions, and many of our courses are available online, so make sure you visit our website to see which course and delivery mode is right for you. Go to **acu.edu.au/courses**

ALLIED HEALTH

Family and systemic therapy

Family and systemic therapy helps practitioners support families and other interconnected groups by recognising and using their existing strengths and relationships. The goal is to ease distress and reduce the impact of difficult symptoms for the person who is struggling. These courses are appropriate for psychologists, clinical social workers and other professionals already working in family-sensitive programs. The key difference between systemic and family therapy and individual psychological interventions is that the former brings parts or all of the system – not just the individual – into the therapy.

- Master of Family and Systemic Therapy
- Graduate Diploma in Family and Systemic Therapy
- Graduate Certificate in Family and Systemic Therapy

Mental health

Our mental health programs are designed to expand health clinicians' knowledge and skills in mental health practice and leadership so that they can better understand and support the mental health challenges of their clients. These programs are designed for health professionals who have no formal mental health training, but who work with people facing mental health issues. They provide a shift in focus from acute inpatient treatment to that of recovery-orientated and trauma-informed care.

- Master of Mental Health
- Graduate Diploma in Mental Health
- Graduate Certificate in Mental Health

Social work

Social work focuses on improving individual and community wellbeing by addressing challenges such as inequality, discrimination, violence and other types of harassment. Our accelerated graduate-entry social work course emphasises social justice, human rights, and achieving the best possible outcomes for the most marginalised and disadvantaged members of our community. It equips graduates with a sound understanding of social work values and practice approaches through experiential learning and supervised field education and training.

- Master of Social Work (Qualifying)

Sports and exercise physiotherapy

This field of study provides physiotherapists with the opportunity to acquire advanced theoretical, scientific and clinical knowledge of normal and pathological human movement as it relates to sports, exercise, performance, injuries, pathology and disease. The double degree is designed for graduate physiotherapists wishing to become sports and exercise physiotherapists and to work in high performance sports.

- Master of Sports and Exercise Physiotherapy
- Master of Sports and Exercise Physiotherapy/Master of High Performance Sport

ARTS, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Western civilisation

In the Western civilisation program, you'll engage with Western philosophy, history, literature, politics, art and culture, and develop a deep understanding of the great works, ideas and movements within the Western intellectual tradition. Our courses offer a multi-disciplinary study of the liberal arts in small, student-centred settings.

Generous scholarships are available to support your studies, funded by the Ramsay Centre.

- Master of Liberal Arts (Western Civilisation)

Honours degrees

- Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
- Bachelor of Arts (Western Civilisation) (Honours)

BUSINESS

Business administration

Studying business administration provides you with the skills to become an effective manager in both public and private sector organisations and remains a respected pathway to career advancement. Our programs are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International (AACSB), a globally recognised hallmark of excellence in business education.

- Master of Business Administration
- Graduate Diploma in Business Administration
- Graduate Certificate in Business Administration

Innovation and entrepreneurship

Build the knowledge and skills to commercialise creative ideas and learn about financing, business management and problem-solving to enable you to develop and manage high growth ventures. This course is only available to professionals who are sponsored by their organisations to study it.

- Graduate Certificate in Innovation and Entrepreneurship (sponsored cohorts only)

Occupational health, safety and environmental management

Get qualified to protect co-workers, family members, customers, employers and employees in workplace environments and deliver occupational health, safety and environmental management strategies with impact. Our courses cover OHSE principles, wellbeing, hazards, risks and legal requirements, and if you choose the master's program, you'll learn to respond to high-level OHS issues and manage them effectively.

- Master of Occupational Health, Safety and Environmental Management
- Graduate Diploma in Occupational Health, Safety and Environmental Management
- Graduate Certificate in Occupational Health, Safety and Environmental Management

Professional accounting

Gain advanced knowledge of accounting principles and techniques to advance your career. Designed specifically for graduates of non-accounting disciplines, this program equips you with the advanced knowledge, technical expertise and professional skills required to qualify as a chartered accountant.

- Master of Professional Accounting

COMPUTER SCIENCE AND IT

Artificial intelligence

Gain the advanced knowledge and skills required to design, implement and critically evaluate intelligent systems that are trustworthy, explainable and aligned with social and ethical values. Our future-focused artificial intelligence (AI) courses will prepare you to thrive in an era of intelligent technologies by combining deep technical expertise in AI, machine learning and emerging technologies with ACU's mission-driven focus on responsible innovation, ethics and human flourishing.

- Master of Artificial Intelligence
- Graduate Certificate in Artificial Intelligence

COMPUTER SCIENCE AND IT

Computer and data science

Computer science provides the foundations of software, programming and algorithms, preparing you to shape the technologies of tomorrow. A computer science degree equips you with future-ready skills in data science, artificial intelligence, machine learning and data analysis – capabilities that are transforming industries from health care and finance to cybersecurity and emerging AI applications. Building on this foundation, our Master of Data Science gives you advanced expertise to tackle complex, real-world data challenges and drive innovation in the global tech economy.

- Bachelor of Computer Science/Master of Data Science

Information technology

Information technology is a fast-growing and rapidly evolving field that cuts across almost every industry, from health care to finance. It focuses on managing and maintaining technology systems to support an organisation, and demands skills in technologies such as programming, cyber security, data science and artificial intelligence, business analytics, and web and mobile application development. Pivot your profession or gain the high-level specialised skills in a particular area to advance your career.

- Master of Information Technology
- Graduate Certificate in Information Technology
- Graduate Certificate in Application Development
- Graduate Certificate in Cyber Security
- Graduate Certificate in Data Analytics
- Graduate Certificate in Data Science

EXERCISE AND SPORTS SCIENCE

Clinical exercise physiology

Clinical exercise physiology involves clinically assessing people and prescribing exercise to help them prevent and manage chronic diseases and recover safely from surgery or an injury. Gain the professional training, skills, competencies and clinical experience needed for accreditation by Exercise and Sports Science Australia (ESSA).

- Master of Clinical Exercise Physiology

Exercise rehabilitation

Specialise in exercise rehabilitation to prevent and rehabilitate sport-related injuries, help individuals with pre-existing conditions to remain active, or assist athletes to return to sports performance.

- Graduate Certificate in Exercise Rehabilitation for Sports Injuries

High performance sport

The field of high performance sport focuses on the planning and delivery of meaningful interventions for athletes to enhance performance and reduce the likelihood of injury and illness. It involves athlete monitoring, strength and conditioning, and relationships between fatigue, adaptation, performance and injury. You can choose to enhance your skills further with our specialisations in coaching or sports analytics.

- Master of High Performance Sport
- Graduate Diploma in High Performance Sport
- Graduate Certificate in High Performance Sport

Sports analytics

Sports analytics encompass the relevant concepts and application of data science and technologies to suit the sports industry. Gain evidence-based knowledge and practice that can be immediately applied in industry.

- Graduate Certificate in Sports Analytics

Honours degrees

- Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science (Honours)
- Bachelor of High Performance Sport (Honours)

LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY

Migration law and practice

This area of study equips you with the foundational knowledge, understanding and practical skills required to practise as a qualified migration agent in Australia. Our courses emphasise problem-based, real-life interactive learning experiences.

- Master of Australian Migration Law and Practice
- Graduate Diploma in Australian Migration Law and Practice

Graduate-entry degrees

- Bachelor of Laws (Graduate Entry)

NURSING, MIDWIFERY AND PARAMEDICINE

Advanced clinical nursing

Advanced clinical nursing prepares registered nurses to excel as expert and autonomous clinicians and leaders in contemporary healthcare environments. Our courses equip graduates with advanced theoretical and technical knowledge to support evidence-informed clinical decision-making and to deliver high-quality, people-centred care across diverse settings.

- Master of Advanced Clinical Nursing*
- Graduate Diploma in Advanced Clinical Nursing*
- Graduate Certificate in Advanced Clinical Nursing with the following specialisations*:
  - Cardiac care
  - Gerontological nursing
  - Intensive care
  - Medical
  - Neuroscience
  - Perioperative
  - Renal
  - Surgical

Mental health nursing

Mental health nursing aims to equip nurses with the evidence-based knowledge and practice to enter the specialist area of mental health. Our courses focus on recovery-oriented practice and have been developed specifically for nursing clinicians entering the specialist area of mental health. Both the graduate diploma and master's degree are accredited under the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses (ACMHN) National Framework for Postgraduate Mental Health Nursing Education.

- Master of Mental Health Nursing
- Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing
- Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Nursing

Graduate-entry and honours degrees

- Bachelor of Midwifery (Graduate Entry)
- Bachelor of Midwifery (Honours)
- Bachelor of Nursing (Honours)
- Bachelor of Paramedicine (Honours)

NUTRITION AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

Culinary nutrition science

Acquire advanced knowledge and skills in food and nutrition science, culinary arts and eating behaviours.

- Graduate Certificate in Culinary Nutrition Science

Dietetic practice

Dietetic practice is the application of food and nutrition science across a range of domains to improve the health and wellbeing of individuals, communities and populations. Our master's degree combines theory with professional placements across dietetic practice areas.

- Master of Dietetic Practice

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NUTRITION AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

Honours degrees

- Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Honours)
- Bachelor of Nutrition Science (Honours)

PSYCHOLOGY

Clinical psychology

Clinical psychology integrates theory and clinical practice to understand, prevent and relieve psychological problems or disorders. We offer both an Australia Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC)-accredited fifth- and sixth-year program, and a post-registration APAC-accredited sixth-year training in psychology. Combine your Master of Psychology (Clinical) with a PhD to complete professional training within clinical psychology while you complete your doctoral thesis. See page 20.

- Master of Clinical Psychology (Post-Registration)*
- Master of Psychology (Clinical)*

Educational and developmental psychology

Educational and developmental psychology focuses on diagnosis, prevention and early intervention in mental health care and educational settings with an emphasis on children, adolescents and their families. Our master's psychology degree provides an APAC-accredited fifth- and six-year program in psychology. Combine it with a PhD to complete professional training within educational and developmental psychology while you complete your doctoral thesis. See page 20.

- Master of Psychology (Educational and Developmental)*

Psychology

Psychology explores how the mind works and why people behave the way they do. Our professional psychology master's degree provides an APAC-accredited fifth-year program in psychology. Our graduate diploma is designed for students who have completed an undergraduate degree in any discipline, offering them the opportunity to qualify with a Level 1 Bachelor of Psychology in accelerated time so they can work towards a career in psychology.

- Master of Professional Psychology*
- Graduate Diploma in Psychology*

Honours degrees

- Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours)*

PUBLIC HEALTH AND LEADERSHIP

Digital health

Digital health refers to the use of information and communication systems, tools and services to treat patients and improve the healthcare system. Our courses address ever-changing digital health technologies and examine the use of these technologies within the health industry, bringing together current and new knowledge from health and digital health professionals.

- Master of Digital Health**
- Graduate Diploma in Digital Health**
- Graduate Certificate in Digital Health

Health professional education

Health professional education is the advanced study and application of learning and teaching methodologies within health care. It equips health and allied healthcare professionals with the skills and knowledge to educate and lead within the health setting, ultimately improving patient care and healthcare systems.

- Master of Health Professional Education
- Graduate Diploma in Health Professional Education
- Graduate Certificate in Health Professional Education

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PUBLIC HEALTH AND LEADERSHIP

Leadership and management in healthcare

Our leadership and management in healthcare courses equip students to become ethical, effective health leaders and managers who support innovation and can take the lead in strategic development of a range of organisations.

- Master of Leadership and Management in Healthcare
- Graduate Diploma in Leadership and Management in Healthcare
- Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Management in Healthcare

Public health

Public health promotes, protects, improves and advances the health and wellbeing of people and their communities, while global health is a specialisation that focuses on improving health and achieving health equity for communities and populations throughout the world. Our courses will equip graduates with knowledge of major public health issues, approaches, principles and policy; the knowledge to analyse and utilise best available evidence to support public health action; and the skills to critique and implement certain types of public health interventions.

- Master of Public Health
- Master of Public Health (Global Health and Advocacy)
- Graduate Diploma in Public Health
- Graduate Certificate in Global Health
- Graduate Certificate in Public Health
- Bachelor of Applied Public Health (Honours)

TEACHING AND EDUCATION

Design and technologies education

Help students become critical users of technology and creative designers of sustainable solutions, while expanding your own teaching opportunities. Gain recognition to teach design and technologies, industrial technology (timber), and industrial technology (engineering), alongside your current teaching areas.

- Graduate Diploma in Design and Technologies Education

Education

Designed for teachers and other professionals wanting to develop advanced knowledge and expertise in educational practice. This program has been created to give you the flexibility to specialise and the knowledge to inspire change, making a lasting impact in your school or higher education setting, and in your community. Be empowered to lead with purpose, deepen your expertise and reimagine what education can achieve.

- Master of Education
- Graduate Certificate in Education
- Graduate Certificate in Higher Education

Educational leadership

Study educational leadership to create meaningful change. Guided by expert practitioners and researchers, you'll integrate theory, ethics and practical strategies to strengthen your leadership. Explore the purpose of education, Catholic perspectives and leadership models, applying them to your context, and graduate with the ability to inspire inclusive, transformative learning environments.

- Master of Educational Leadership
- Graduate Certificate in Educational Leadership

Education research

This graduate certificate is your pathway to PhD studies in education. Delivered fully online, it equips you with essential research skills to tackle complex challenges and create new knowledge. Through a capstone project, you'll explore issues that matter to your profession and position yourself for advanced research opportunities.

- Graduate Certificate in Education Research

TEACHING AND EDUCATION

Teaching

Become a teacher and be rewarded with a career that changes lives. Whether you want to inspire young learners, guide primary students or motivate teens, you'll gain hands-on classroom experience through extensive placements – graduating confident and ready to make an impact. Combine the Graduate Certificate in Religious Education with a master's degree to gain accreditation to teach religious education in Catholic schools.

- Master of Teaching (Early Childhood and Primary)
- Master of Teaching (Early Childhood Education and Primary)/Graduate Certificate in Religious Education
- Master of Teaching (Primary)
- Master of Teaching (Primary)/Graduate Certificate in Religious Education
- Master of Teaching (Secondary)
- Master of Teaching (Secondary)/Graduate Certificate in Religious Education
- Bachelor of Arts/Master of Teaching (Secondary)
- Bachelor of Arts (Western Civilisation)/Master of Teaching (Secondary)
- Bachelor of Psychological Science/Master of Teaching (Primary)

THEOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY

Religious education

Our religious education courses are designed for those who aspire to make a meaningful impact in Catholic education. Whether you aim to teach in Catholic schools, specialise in religious education or pursue leadership roles within these settings, our courses provide the knowledge and skills to help you succeed.

- Master of Religious Education
- Graduate Certificate in Religious Education
- Graduate Certificate in Catholic Studies

Theological studies

Our theological studies program offers a sophisticated, broad-based grounding across theology, biblical studies and philosophy within the Catholic tradition. You will advance your knowledge and skills, engaging deeply with the Catholic intellectual tradition and its relevance in the 21st century.

- Master of Theological Studies
- Graduate Diploma in Theological Studies
- Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies

Spiritual direction

Spiritual direction is the practice of being with people as they attempt to deepen their relationship with the divine or learn to grow in their own personal spirituality. Students develop knowledge, understanding and advanced skills to undertake spiritual direction. ACU courses develop graduates who will engage in ethical, self-aware and best practice approaches to spiritual direction in the Ignatian tradition, normally in Christian contexts.

- Master of Spiritual Direction
- Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction

Supervision

Supervision is the discipline of enabling professional practitioners – including social workers, counsellors, spiritual directors, ministers, pastoral workers and school leaders – to refine their professional practice in ethical, values-based ways through critical reflection. Our course enables you to become mindful of your blind spots, gain ever-deepening insight, and become open to opportunities for personal and professional growth.

- Graduate Certificate in Supervision

THEOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY

Leadership and mission

Working and leading in Catholic organisations means developing a deep understanding of Catholic identity, ethos and mission, and its integration with day-to-day functions in modern organisations. Whether you are pursuing a career in health, aged care, education or social welfare, these courses offer you a grounding in the key principles of leadership, mission and ministry. Our professional learning programs in leadership, mission and governance can be credited towards these award programs.

- Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Catholic Culture
- Graduate Certificate in Mission and Culture

Honours degrees

- Bachelor of Theology (Honours)

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Higher degree research

Doctor of Ministry (DMin)

The Doctor of Ministry (DMin) is a professional doctorate designed for graduates with significant ministry experience in religious, educational and health institutions, or those in secular or faith-based organisations who want to enhance their leadership and research skills in applied theology.

- Doctor of Ministry

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) is a three-year full-time equivalent research degree in a field covered by the university. This includes fields such as theology, philosophy, arts and humanities, health sciences, education, business, and law and criminology. It is assessed on the basis of a written thesis submitted at the conclusion of the degree and/or publication/s. It is awarded for high-level research and, as such, it is expected that candidates will make a substantial contribution to knowledge in their chosen field, as well as display an appreciation and understanding of the relationship of their own research investigation within a wider field of knowledge.

- Doctor of Philosophy
- Master of Psychology (Clinical)*/Doctor of Philosophy
- Master of Psychology (Educational and Developmental)*/Doctor of Philosophy

Master of Philosophy (MPhil)

The Master of Philosophy (MPhil) is a two-year full-time equivalent research degree in a field covered by the university. This includes fields such as theology, philosophy, arts and humanities, health sciences, education, business, and law and criminology. It is assessed on the basis of a written thesis submitted at the conclusion of the degree and/or publication/s.

- Master of Philosophy

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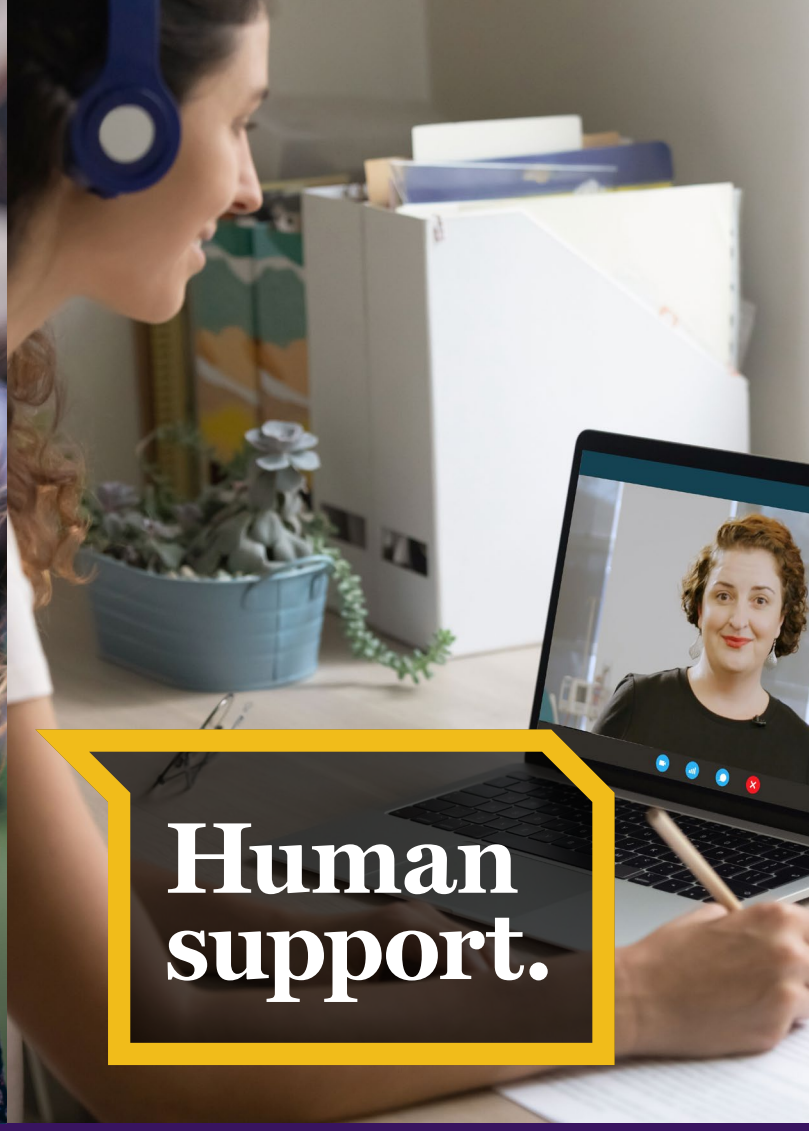

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