

# FINANCE AND ECONOMICS



## OUR VISION

Victoria University's vision is to provide excellence in teaching and learning that is supported by research that has real benefits for the financial and economic services industry. We aim to prepare highly desirable graduates with knowledge and skills to enable them to excel in their career.

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# EXPERTISE IN EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

## HISTORY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMICS

Finance and Economics has a 30 year history of teaching, research and community service in:

- accounting
- banking and finance
- financial risk management
- international trade

## FINANCE AND ECONOMICS STRENGTHS

Finance and Economics strengths in education and research include:

- accounting
- banking
- book-keeping
- financial risk management
- financial services
- international trade
- investment services

## FINANCE AND ECONOMICS STUDENTS

There are approximately even numbers of female and male Finance and Economics students, of whom 37% live in the Western region of Melbourne and 21% are located offshore. Approximately 72% of students study full time and 68% of local students speak languages other than English.

## FINANCE AND ECONOMICS COURSES

Finance and Economics offered 25 courses in 2009. Most courses were delivered by three schools:

- School of Accounting
- School of Economics and Finance
- School of Finance and Library

Other courses were delivered by the School of Business and Hospitality.

## FINANCE AND ECONOMICS CAREER PATHWAYS

We offer learning pathways to enable students to design their own career. Students can move from secondary school to courses at a Certificate level through to Diploma, Degree and PhD, including transition from:

- Diploma of Accounting to the Advanced Diploma of Accounting
- Diploma of Financial Services to the Advanced Diploma of Financial Services
- Advanced Diploma of Accounting to the Bachelor of Business (Accounting)
- Diploma of Business and Enterprise (a course for international students only) to the Bachelor of Business (Accounting)
- Advanced Diploma of Business (International Business) to the Bachelor of Business (Global Logistics and Transport)

## FINANCE AND ECONOMICS RESEARCH

Our strategic economics research, via the Centre for Strategic Economic Studies (CSES), informs government policy and provides an understanding of the causes and consequences of economic, technological and social change in Australia and overseas that has real benefits for business, industry and the community.

Finance and Economics research focuses on six key areas:

- Technology, innovation and industrial change
- Sustainable development and the environment
- Economic and organisational impact of information and communication technologies
- Governance and regional economies
- Growth, trade and development
- Inequality and work

Finance and Economics have undertaken research projects in a variety of areas including the impact of medical technologies on health outcomes, ageing and the impact of chronic disease in developing countries, as well as the rise of biotechnology and use of biopharmaceuticals. We have also examined the Australian government's policy on climate change, the impact of the proposed emissions trading scheme, and the use of Information Communication Technology (ICT) in addressing environmental problems.

## FINANCE AND ECONOMICS INDUSTRY PARTNERS

Finance and Economics has extensive links with the accounting and finance sector, and with businesses across Melbourne, many providing opportunities for students to undertake learning in the workplace.

We adopt a multi-disciplinary approach to research that is also undertaken in partnership with government, industry and research associates in Australia and overseas.

Finance and Economics industry partners include:

- Australian Greenhouse Office
- Australian National University, Canberra
- Business Council of Australia
- Deakin University, Melbourne
- Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources, Victoria
- Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development, Victoria
- Ecological University, Bucharest , Romania
- Hanken School of Economics, Helsinki
- IBM Life Sciences and Starpharma Holdings Limited
- International Institute of Business and Social Studies Pty Ltd, Burwood
- La Trobe University, Melbourne
- Loughborough University, Leicestershire
- RMIT University, Melbourne
- UK Joint Information Systems Committee
- Universiti Brunei Darussalam, Brunei
- University of North Carolina, USA

## FINANCE AND ECONOMICS INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

One prominent offshore partner is the University of Texas El Paso (UTEP) in the United States of America.

## FINANCE AND ECONOMICS INTERNATIONAL LINKAGES

Finance and Economics has student exchange programs in the following countries:

- Austria
- China
- France
- Germany
- Malaysia
- Singapore
- United States of America

## CAMPUSES FOR FINANCE AND ECONOMICS

Campuses for delivery of the majority of Finance and Economics courses are located at Footscray Park, Footscray Nicholson, at Melbourne City Flinders, and Werribee.

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