

7 Graduates



Graduate statistics

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total graduates	2,743	3,157	3,480	3,881	3,936

Graduates by state

NSW	1,116	1,246	1,393	1,613	1,595
Victoria	923	1,033	1,223	1,229	1,359
Queensland	584	729	668	845	676
ACT	120	149	196	194	176
Virtual	-	-	-	-	130

Graduates by faculty

Research	15	27	35	47	35
Arts and Sciences	768	889	1,080	1,159	1,122
Education	1,369	1,533	1,560	1,701	1,548
Health Sciences	591	708	805	974	1,231

Graduates by course level

Higher Degree – Research	15	27	35	47	35
Higher Degree – Coursework	432	443	445	553	524
Other Postgraduate	616	728	719	952	912
Undergraduate	1,680	1,915	2,265	2,293	2,403
Other Undergraduate	-	44	16	36	62

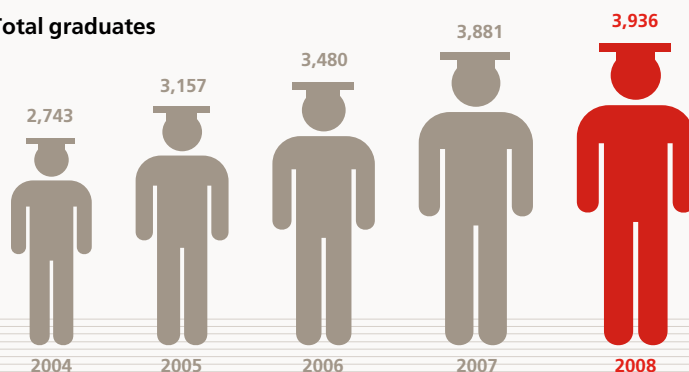
Graduate satisfaction with their student experience

Good teaching	82%	84%	84%	84%	84%
Clear goals and standards	80%	82%	83%	81%	81%
Appropriate workload	72%	75%	73%	75%	71%
Appropriate assessment	82%	83%	79%	81%	77%
Generic skills	88%	88%	87%	88%	87%
Overall satisfaction	89%	90%	88%	89%	87%

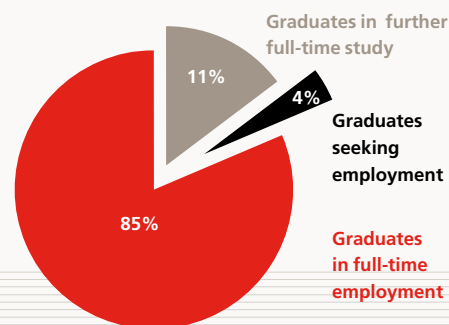
Graduate outcomes

Full-time employment	85%	91%	86%	86%	85%
Further full-time study	11%	7%	11%	11%	11%
Seeking full-time employment	4%	2%	3%	3%	4%

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Graduate outcomes 2008



Honorary doctorates

The 2008 recipients of the University's highest honour, the award of Doctor of the University (*honoris causa*), were:

- Reverend Tim Costello AO in recognition of his outstanding commitment to social justice in Australia and internationally
- Brother Kelvin Canavan FMS AM for his outstanding contributions to Catholic education in Australia and internationally
- Li Cunxin in recognition of his contribution to the arts, and to ballet in particular
- Francis Sullivan for his advocacy of and contribution to the health and aged-care sectors both in Australia and internationally
- Justice Lex Lasry QC in recognition of his contributions to social justice, particularly in the area of law
- Eugene John Cullity AM QC in recognition of his outstanding service to the juvenile justice system and also of his community service to the people of Victoria
- Margaret Vider for her outstanding contribution to the profession of nursing, nursing administration and Catholic health care
- Sister Mary McDonald SGS in recognition of her outstanding contribution to lifelong learning and community engagement in the fields of education, spirituality, ecology and women's development
- Sister Mary Ronayne SGS in recognition of her outstanding contributions to Catholic education in Australia
- Terry O'Connell OAM in recognition of his service to the community, especially through his work in restorative justice; as a policeman in Wagga, he introduced a system of policing which focused on all parties affected by crime, and spent much time in classrooms working with children to help them understand the principles underlying restorative justice.

Graduate awards

- Dr Mauri Hamilton, a Doctor of Education graduate, won the Beth Southwell Research Award, awarded by the NSW Institute for Educational Research, for her thesis *We grow in the shade of each other: a study of connectedness, empowerment and learning in the middle years of schooling*.
- Dr Noah Riseman was awarded the prize for the best article by a postgraduate student published in the *Australasian Journal of American Studies* for 2006–2007. Following the 2008 award of his PhD, Dr Wiseman joined the School of Arts and Sciences at the Melbourne Campus as a lecturer.
- Norma Fakhouri won one of the 76 Australia-wide federal government scholarships for career advisers, and will use the scholarship to undertake the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (Career Development) at ACU National next year.
- Jean Madden, a Brisbane graduate in Arts, Education and Theology, and the inventor of the "streetswag" for people who are homeless, initiated the Big Sleepout held at the Sydney Cricket Ground, with sponsors including Macquarie Bank, Qantas and Visa, who raised \$12,000 to provide streetswags for people who are homeless.

Graduates beyond campus

Five Karen refugees from the Thailand–Burma border graduated in August with a Certificate in Theology. Because the refugees cannot leave their camps, education opportunities are severely limited. The University has seen the provision of online courses, in business and theology, to these people as a contribution it can make. A Diploma in Liberal Studies was also introduced late in the year, in partnership with various Jesuit universities.

Other overseas students who graduated with ACU National degrees were 38 Bachelor of Teaching graduates from the Baucau Catholic Teachers' College, East Timor, and 17 Business Studies graduates from the Caritas Francis Hsu College of Hong Kong.

Graduate connections

The University's Graduate Association offers graduates continuing opportunities for social contact and information about further education and employment. Staff members support this function, as well as online facilities on the University's website. During 2008 the Association launched a newsletter to be emailed to graduates three times a year.