

Student
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 **ACU**
AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY



Support services for our students

At ACU, we offer a range of support programs and activities to ensure you make the most of your time at university.

This guide outlines all our available student services, including the specific ACU website or Student Portal address for each service. To access the Student Portal, you can simply sign in using your student ID and chosen password.

Your knowledge of available support services, and ability to access these services, is critical to your success at uni. This guide strives to ensure you are provided with all the tools you need to succeed in your studies.



SUPPORT AREA	SUPPORT SERVICES	CONTACT
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students	<p>Each ACU campus has a hub for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are encouraged to contact the Indigenous Higher Education Unit (IHEU) on their campus.</p> <p>IHEUs provide a range of services and support.</p>	<p>IHEU webpage:</p> <p>studentportal.acu.edu.au/indigenous</p>
Academic Skills Unit	<p>Academic Skills Advisors collaborate with academic staff to provide embedded tutorials and discipline-specific workshops within units around learning skills, academic language and maths.</p> <p>Academic Skills Advisors are also available online for individual, group and drop-in consultations.</p> <p>During semester, the Academic Skills Unit offers generic skills workshops to students online. Topics include maths, academic reading, writing, referencing, exam preparation and time management.</p> <p>A range of interactive online resources designed to help you develop your skills is available on the Academic Skills Unit page on LEO.</p> <p>Ask an Advisor, an online service where you can ask questions and get an email response, is also available.</p> <p>Commencing students can also seek extra support through the 24/7 on-demand study support service, which offers online chat and writing feedback.</p>	<p>The Academic Skills Unit webpage includes links to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make an appointment with an Academic Skills Advisor or Maths Advisor • workshop and drop-in times • Academic Skills Unit resources on LEO • Ask an Advisor email service • 24/7 on-demand study support service. <p>studentportal.acu.edu.au/academicskills</p>
Accommodation	<p>Students on the following campuses can apply to live in ACU's living and learning communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballarat – Camillus Residence and managed residences • Brisbane – Iglu Student Accommodation • Canberra – Managed residences • Melbourne – Iglu Student Accommodation • Sydney – Miguel Cordero Residence, Camperdown <p>If you require accommodation near other campuses, please email the Accommodation team for that campus.</p>	<p>The Accommodation webpage on the public website includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • information about campus residences • application forms • contact details for each campus. <p>acu.edu.au/student-life/student-accommodation</p>
ACU National Student Association (ACUNSA)	<p>ACUNSA is a key student organisation at ACU. It comprises the six Campus Student Association Presidents, the ACUNSA President and an international student representative.</p> <p>ACUNSA is committed to enhancing the student experience at ACU by organising social events and providing representation and support.</p>	<p>ACUNSA webpage:</p> <p>studentportal.acu.edu.au/acunsa</p>
ACU Postgraduate Association (ACUPGA)	<p>ACUPGA is a committee of coursework and research postgraduate students comprising a President, Vice-President (Coursework) and Vice-President (Research).</p> <p>ACUPGA's purpose is to facilitate the postgraduate student experience at ACU through events and social activities. It also aims to assist in the communication of issues raised by postgraduate students to the university.</p>	<p>ACUPGA webpage:</p> <p>studentportal.acu.edu.au/acupga</p>
ACUXtra	<p>ACUXtra is an online rewards and discounts program to help you make your budget go further.</p>	<p>ACUXtra webpage:</p> <p>studentportal.acu.edu.au/acuxtra</p>
Admission and course/campus transfers	<p>Students seeking information about applying and admission to ACU, including course/campus transfers, cross-institutional study and individual units, can learn more on the ACU website or contact AskACU.</p>	<p>How to apply webpage:</p> <p>acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/how-to-apply</p> <p>AskACU webpage:</p> <p>acu.service-now.com/askacu</p>

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Advocacy services	<p>The Student Advocacy Service helps students navigate university policies and procedures.</p> <p>The Student Advocacy team provides confidential support, information and referrals on matters related to ACU's academic and procedural rules and regulations.</p>	<p>Student Advocacy Service webpage:</p> <p>studentportal.acu.edu.au/advocacy</p>
Associations, clubs and societies	<p>ACU offers students on all campuses opportunities to participate in a diverse range of student associations, clubs and societies.</p>	<p>Associations, clubs and societies webpage:</p> <p>studentportal.acu.edu.au/clubs</p>
Campus Ministry	<p>Campus Ministry provides opportunities for you to connect with other students, enquire about and express your faith, and explore how to use your gifts and talents in service of the world.</p> <p>Campus Ministry welcomes all ACU students. It offers you professional care and consideration, a positive and collaborative culture, planned and well-managed service delivery, and local campus networking.</p> <p>In 2020, ACU will be relaunching campus choirs in Brisbane, Melbourne, North Sydney and Strathfield. These choirs come under the auspices of the Office of Identify and Mission, sitting alongside Campus Ministry.</p>	<p>The Campus Ministry webpage includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> information on events and activities. <p>studentportal.acu.edu.au/campus-ministry</p> <p>ACU Choir webpage:</p> <p>studentportal.acu.edu.au/choir</p>
Career Development Service	<p>The Career Development Service offers students and graduates career consultations, events, workshops, entrepreneurial programs and competitions, career advice and an online application review service.</p> <p>ACU CareerHub allows you to search for jobs, internships, Student Jobs on Campus roles and professional experiences. The ACU Career Directory (Prospile) is a graduate employment-specific platform featuring graduate program opportunities and support.</p> <p>Career Advisors collaborate with academic staff to provide embedded sessions and events, tailored discipline-specific content, and online resources to address graduate employability.</p>	<p>The Careers Development Service webpage includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CareerHub and Career Directory access and information information on Student Jobs on Campus career advice and resources. <p>studentportal.acu.edu.au/careers</p>
Community engagement	<p>While at ACU, you have the opportunity to participate in community engagement activities that connect classwork to community action for an invaluable learning experience in service to the common good.</p>	<p>Community engagement webpage:</p> <p>studentportal.acu.edu.au/community-engagement</p>
Connect2Uni	<p>Connect2Uni is a transition program available to commencing students. Its aim is to help new students negotiate university culture, expectations and processes, connect with peers and become familiar with support services offered by the Office of Student Success.</p>	<p>Connect2Uni webpage:</p> <p>studentportal.acu.edu.au/connect2uni</p>
Counselling	<p>Students can access free, confidential assessment and counselling support online and by phone. Please note that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> appointments with a counsellor can only be made online two 20-minute drop-in phone sessions are available daily at 12pm and 1pm on all campuses (except Ballarat and Canberra) an out-of-hours crisis counselling line is available from 5pm to 9am (AEST) on Monday to Friday, and 24/7 on weekends and public holidays. <p>The counsellors offer mental health first-aid training, which educates and raises awareness about mental health and empowers people to respond appropriately.</p> <p>A number of workshops are also offered each semester to help you manage the demands of studying and develop personal resilience.</p>	<p>The Counselling Service webpage includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> drop-in times how to book an appointment with a counsellor out-of-hours crisis counselling line information workshop registration forms. <p>studentportal.acu.edu.au/counselling</p>

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Course and faculty enquiries	AskACU provides course and study-related information.	ASKACU webpage: acu.edu.au/askacu
Disabilities	<p>Disability Advisors use supporting medical documentation and work with you to develop Education Inclusion Plans (EIPs). EIPs include recommended reasonable adjustments to meet the accessibility needs of students with disabilities or health conditions.</p> <p>Disability Advisors also liaise with and advise ACU staff to help the university meet its legal obligations in relation to the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education (DSE) 2005.</p>	<p>The Disability Support webpage includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • registration for disability support • how to make an appointment with a Disability Advisor • information on EIPs • exam adjustments. <p>studentportal.acu.edu.au/disability</p>
Examinations and results	<p>AskACU gives students information on examination timetables and timelines, exam rules and regulations, tips for exam preparation, and results release dates.</p> <p>You can view your results from all semesters on the Student Portal's units and results page.</p>	<p>ASKACU webpage: acu.service-now.com/askacu</p> <p>Units and results webpage: studentportal.acu.edu.au/unitsandresults</p>
Fees	You can contact AskACU for information about course fee types, unit and course costs, fee payment due dates, late payment penalties, refunds and other fees and charges.	<p>ASKACU webpage: acu.service-now.com/askacu</p>
Financial assistance	Student loans up to a maximum of \$450 are available for eligible students.	<p>Financial assistance webpage: studentportal.acu.edu.au/financialsupport</p>
International	International students experiencing academic or personal difficulties at ACU should contact the International Student Advisor on their campus.	<p>ACU International webpage: studentportal.acu.edu.au/international</p>
IT technical support	<p>Troubleshooting help and resources to support you in your learning are available on the Student Portal.</p> <p>These include free access to a vast online training library, wireless access, internet and student emails.</p>	<p>IT information and resources webpage: studentportal.acu.edu.au/itresources</p>
Legal services	<p>The Student Legal Service provides free legal advice on areas of law common to university students. The advice is of a high quality, independent and confidential. The service will refer you to other legal services and support networks in instances where advice cannot be provided.</p> <p>Student Engagement and Services manages this service.</p>	<p>Legal services webpage: studentportal.acu.edu.au/legalservice</p>
LEO	<p>The LEO Support Desk is available to students as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday to Friday, 8am to 10pm (Sydney time) • weekends and NSW public holidays, 9am to 5pm (Sydney time) • closed on Good Friday and Christmas. <p>Phone 1800 246 442 or visit LEO online to view the guides for students.</p>	<p>LEO webpage: leo.acu.edu.au</p>

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Library services	<p>ACU Library provides 24/7 access to a wide range of electronic resources and expert advice via the library website, chat and email services.</p> <p>Campus libraries house a range of print materials and offer other services and facilities, including computers, printers, group study rooms and quiet study areas.</p> <p>The 24/7 chat service is available during semester only. The chat pop-up appears on each library webpage, and there is a link to the chat service at the bottom of each page.</p> <p>To contact the library, SMS 0488 445 660.</p>	<p>Library webpage: library.acu.edu.au</p>
PASS (Peer Assisted Study Sessions)	<p>PASS (Peer Assisted Study Sessions) are free, voluntary small-group study sessions that help students succeed in challenging units/subjects. Weekly PASS sessions are facilitated by current ACU students who excelled in the units/subjects in the past. PASS sessions run for one hour and are offered online via Zoom weekly during semester, commencing in Week 2.</p>	<p>PASS webpage: studentportal.acu.edu.au/pass</p>
Policies and procedures	<p>Access important policies and procedures regarding enrolment, avenues for appeals, codes of conduct and other administrative matters by contacting AskACU or visiting the Student Portal's policies webpage.</p>	<p>ASKACU webpage: acu.service-now.com/askacu Student policies webpage: studentportal.acu.edu.au/ACUInfo/admin/up</p>
Scholarships and bursaries	<p>ACU offers a wide range of scholarships and bursaries for eligible students.</p> <p>You can learn more about the opportunities available on the Scholarships Browser.</p>	<p>Scholarships and financial support webpage: studentportal.acu.edu.au/financialsupport</p>
Sports, health and wellbeing	<p>On-campus, inter-campus and online health, sport and wellbeing activities are offered on all campuses.</p> <p>Dedicated Sports Activity Officers based in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne can provide further information.</p>	<p>Sports clubs webpage: studentportal.acu.edu.au/sportsclubs</p>

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Student Enrichment	<p>Student Enrichment provides co-curricular activities across the university, offering students the opportunity to develop holistically.</p> <p>Programs include language lessons, guitar lessons, toastmasters, creative and performing arts, campus market days and various student events.</p> <p>Student Enrichment provides student advancement opportunities as well. These include Leading with Impact, the Community Achievers Program, volunteering opportunities, and the ACU Golden Key Chapter.</p> <p>Student Enrichment also supports the development of clubs and societies and the student associations.</p>	<p>Student Enrichment contacts: studentportal.acu.edu.au/studentenrichment</p> <p>Student Enrichment webpages: Guitar lessons: studentportal.acu.edu.au/guitar</p> <p>Toastmasters: studentportal.acu.edu.au/toastmasters</p> <p>Debating: studentportal.acu.edu.au/debating</p> <p>Language lessons: studentportal.acu.edu.au/languagelessons</p> <p>Oratory: studentportal.acu.edu.au/oratory</p> <p>Photography competitions: studentportal.acu.edu.au/npc</p> <p>Creative and performing arts: studentportal.acu.edu.au/capa</p> <p>Student leadership: studentportal.acu.edu.au/leadership</p>
Student leadership	<p>Student leadership is focused on developing your leadership skills through events and programs and providing coaching and guidance for student associations, clubs, societies and students more broadly within ACU.</p>	<p>Student leadership webpage: studentportal.acu.edu.au/leadership</p>
Student Portal	<p>The Student Portal is your go-to resource for important ACU information, academic and co-curricular activities, services and opportunities.</p> <p>It provides information personalised to each student, including your schedule and student details, and single sign-on to other key platforms such as LEO. It also includes news, events, notifications and announcements.</p>	<p>Student Portal homepage: studentportal.acu.edu.au</p>
Timetabling	<p>Allocate+ is the university's timetabling and class selection system, which allows you to select classes and view your personalised timetable.</p> <p>The Allocate+ homepage includes videos to help explain the timetable. Key information, such as important dates, is on the timetable webpage.</p> <p>You can also view your timetable on your schedule in the Student Portal.</p>	<p>Allocate+ webpage: selectclasses.acu.edu.au/even/student</p> <p>Your timetable webpage: studentportal.acu.edu.au/timetable</p>

EDUCATION AND INNOVATION PORTFOLIO

Office of Student Success

Academic Skills Unit
Career Development Service
Connect2Uni
Counselling and Disability Service
PASS (Peer Assisted Study Sessions)
Student Advocacy Service
Student Enrichment Unit
ACUNSA and Campus Student Associations
ACU Postgraduate Student Association

Learning and Teaching Centre

eLearning/LEO
Learning for Life
Student Evaluation of Learning and Teaching
Graduate Certificate in Higher Education

Libraries

Campus Libraries
Library online

First Peoples and Equity Pathways

Indigenous Higher Education Units
Equity Pathways
Clemente

CORPORATE SERVICES PORTFOLIO

Student Engagement and Services

ACUXtra
Sport, Health and Wellbeing
Living and Learning Communities

STUDENT ADMINISTRATION

AskACU provides information, referrals and support for students on behalf of Student Administration.

ACU ENGAGEMENT

ACU INTERNATIONAL

CAMPUS MINISTRY

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Lynda online courses
ACU email
WiFi
Network
Storage space
Printing and copying
Computer labs

MARKETING AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS

Internal Communications

Student Communications

ABOUT THE STUDENT PORTAL

The Student Portal is a website that aims to improve our students' online experience by providing simple, intuitive access to your schedule, student systems, news, notifications and announcements, as well as all the information you need to succeed at ACU.

It currently includes single sign-on to LEO, email, Student Connect and Allocate+.

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