

Study in
a place
that feels
like home.

Introducing our
Blacktown Campus.

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CELEBRATING
30 years
1990 – 2020

A university that is unique

It is with great pleasure that I introduce Australian Catholic University's (ACU) Blacktown Campus.

ACU has developed and grown substantially over the last five to 10 years and our strategic positioning has now entered an exciting new phase. We have transitioned from a university striving towards ambitious targets to one that has achieved a strong market position and is now comprehensively embedding excellence. We are ambitious in achieving our goals and communicating our vision whilst at the same time clear about our Catholic identity and mission and what this offers the broader community.

In 2015, ACU first developed a strategic goal to explore options for a Western Sydney campus. We did not want to rush but to wait for the right moment. The Blacktown Campus provides an excellent opportunity to deliver on this goal and serve the community.

Our campus in Blacktown will stand at the cultural and geographical heart of the community. It will put the people first. We will strive to serve Blacktown's diverse local student body by providing innovative, quality higher education courses as well as state-of-the-art physical spaces for study, recreation and reflection.

ACU will be a true partner to Blacktown schools, businesses and community groups by aligning our higher education and research programs to key partners such as local hospitals, the International Centre for Training Excellence, Blacktown City Council, and the Greater Blacktown Business Chamber.

My greatest hope is that the inclusion of ACU into the Blacktown community will be an inspiration to the young people who study here. Guided by our mission – the pursuit of knowledge and respect for the dignity of the human person and the common good – ACU students at Blacktown will learn to look at the possibilities for furthering their own knowledge, respecting all, and giving back to their families and the community.



Professor Greg Craven AO, GCSG
Vice-Chancellor and President

Acknowledgement of Country

In recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' spiritual and cultural connection to Country and in continuing ACU's commitment to Reconciliation, it is customary to acknowledge Country. We acknowledge and pay our respects to the First Peoples, the Traditional Owners and custodians of the lands and waterways, the Darug Peoples. We thank them for their continued custodianship. We acknowledge and celebrate the continuation of a living culture that has a unique role in this region. We acknowledge Elders past and present and thank them for their wisdom and guidance as we walk in their footsteps.





IN THE WORLD

Top 2%

UNIVERSITIES

*Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2020**



Top 40

GENERATION Y UNIVERSITIES

Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2019



Top 80

UNIVERSITIES IN ASIA-PACIFIC

Times Higher Education Asia-Pacific University Rankings 2019



Top 10

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES

Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2020, ranked IFUCU members



Top 50

SPORTS SCIENCE

(#26 ARWU 2018)

NURSING

(#32 ARWU 2019)



Top 100

EDUCATION

(Top 75 ARWU 2019)



*Percentage calculated as ACU's world rank as a proportion of the total number of universities in the world: *International Handbook of Universities 2019*, Palgrave MacMillan.



IN AUSTRALIA

Top 3

GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT

Domestic undergraduate employment rate, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019



Top 6

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNER ENGAGEMENT

Undergraduate cohort, Student Experience Survey 2018



First

GRADUATE EMPLOYER SATISFACTION

Undergraduate cohort, Employer Satisfaction Survey 2019



5 stars

FOR EMPLOYABILITY, INTERNATIONALISATION AND FACILITIES

QS Stars 2019



5 stars

FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT, LEARNER ENGAGEMENT AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Good Universities Guide 2020



RESEARCH

First or equal first in Australia

CARDIORESPIRATORY MEDICINE AND HAEMATOLOGY

CLINICAL SCIENCES

COGNITIVE SCIENCES

HUMAN MOVEMENT AND SPORTS SCIENCE

NURSING

NUTRITION AND DIETETICS

PSYCHOLOGY

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES

RELIGION AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

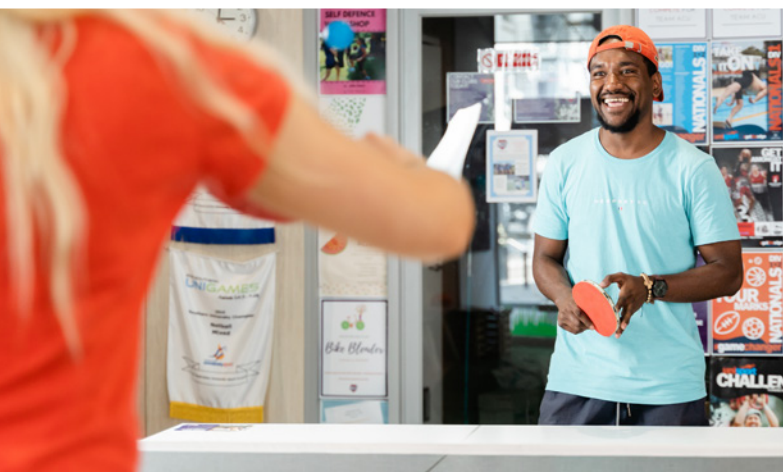
SPECIALIST STUDIES IN EDUCATION

Four-digit FoRs, Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) 2018

Numbers that count



Blacktown Campus





From 2021, you can study at our newest campus in Blacktown. We're opening with a wide range of courses – and that's just the beginning.

2020 - Student information centre opens at 22 Main Street.

2021 - Undergraduate, postgraduate and pathway courses commence.



International Centre for Training Excellence,
artist's impression only.



A brand-new campus for a bright new future

From your time in the classroom to training in the field, we're taking your uni experience at our Blacktown Campus to a new level. Combining excellence in teaching with exceptional support, you'll join a small, nurturing community backed by local partnerships and international opportunities.

SMALLER CLASSES FOR BIGGER FUTURES

We understand that bigger doesn't always mean better. Studying at our Blacktown Campus will mean being part of a close-knit community. So, you have more time to talk, learn, question and get the support you need to achieve your best. We keep the focus on you.

MOVE FORWARD, WHILE WE HAVE YOUR BACK

Your education and wellbeing are our biggest priorities. We want you to succeed in all facets of your life – academic, personal, professional and spiritual.

This means that right from the start, we've had to do things a little differently to prioritise you in everything we do – including our approach to supporting you during your studies.

Find your place in a place that cares

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDENTS

Our Indigenous Higher Education Units offer academic, personal and cultural support in a welcoming and culturally safe space.

acu.edu.au/indigenoussupport



ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Wherever you are on your uni journey, we'll meet you there. Our academic support services are here to help you every step of the way.

acu.edu.au/academic-skills-development

DISABILITY AND CARER SUPPORT

If you are a student with a temporary or ongoing diagnosed health condition, disability, mental health issue or learning disability, or if you have significant carer responsibilities, our disability advisors can help you put together a plan to manage your study.

acu.edu.au/disability-support

COUNSELLING SERVICES

Free and confidential counselling is available to all ACU students who are experiencing mental health, personal, study or work-related issues.

acu.edu.au/counselling-services

SPACE FOR ALL FAITHS

You don't need to be Catholic to study with us. Across our university, staff and students of all faiths – or none – find their place at ACU. Our chapels and multifaith prayer rooms are for students and staff of all faiths and offer a welcoming and quiet space to pray and reflect.

acu.edu.au/all-faiths

FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Uni is a big financial commitment, we know. But no matter your situation, we'll help you understand your financial options. For example, you may be able to defer your tuition costs, receive income support or get a hand with your bills.

And always remember scholarships – we've got hundreds, including our unique Creating Opportunity Fund scholarships. Explore what's on offer at our Blacktown Campus.

acu.edu.au/fees-and-scholarships

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Our Campus Ministry teams work to bring the distinctive Catholic identity and mission of ACU to life. Offering a range of activities and services, our teams work to build an inclusive student community, care for your pastoral needs and spiritual wellbeing, and encourage you to see the world in new and different ways.

acu.edu.au/campusministry

CAREER ADVICE

Enhancing your employability is our job. Access career advice, application and interview assistance, workshops and professional development. We'll also help you engage with employers, seek a student job on campus or develop your entrepreneurial skills.

acu.edu.au/careersupport

Pursue your passion with purpose

To make sure you reap the greatest reward from your experience at our Blacktown Campus, we're launching with a range of high-quality courses, tailored for the Western Sydney audience, and developed in partnership with local organisations.



Business

- When your business studies begin at Blacktown, you'll do four foundation units in your first semester. If you are studying the Bachelor of Commerce, this means you'll be confident in choosing your major from second semester, and you'll gain a broad knowledge for your future career.
- We are committed to ethical business and affiliated with the United Nations Principles of Management Education. This means we don't address environmental concerns in a single unit – but embed sustainability across 30 plus units, as integral to business practice.
- We understand industry connections are essential – which is why we are deeply engaged with our advisory boards and professional accreditations. You'll have access to a range of real-world experiences, including the CISCO Mentor Me program, work-integrated learning, simulations, networking events, and workshops through Collaborate *Plus*, ACU's innovation hub in Sydney.
- Take part in internships or placements with local organisations in the Greater Western Sydney area, as well as our range of local and international community engagement experiences.



Humanities, social sciences and youth work

- Our Bachelor of Arts allows you to pursue your passions. Choose from a range of majors and minors in creative arts, humanities, social sciences and more.
- Studying arts will give you access to a huge range of career paths, and you'll gain the skills to think outside the box and thrive in the modern workplace.
- Fast-track your degree with our new accelerated Bachelor of Arts option, and complete your degree in 2.5 years.
- Study youth work to give a voice to young people by preparing for a career in a range of roles in community and government youth agencies.



Information technology (IT)

- Become a well-rounded IT professional by starting your studies with our four foundation units.
- Develop in-demand skills such as application development, business analysis, data analytics, or information systems security and management.
- Get real-world experience before you graduate through our community engagement, work integrated learning, and IT industry placements and projects.
- Study IT with us to gain a qualification that is accredited by the Australian Computer Society (ACS) and highly regarded by industry.



Law

- Develop your skills in mooted, advocacy, negotiation and communication at a range of local, national and international law competitions.
- Undertake a pro bono placement as part of your degree, an unrivalled opportunity to experience practicing law in the real world.
- Take advantage of placements offered at Western Suburbs Community Legal Service and with Blacktown Legal Aid, as well as a range of exciting international opportunities.



Nursing

- ACU will be working closely with Blacktown Hospital – so you can live, study and work all in the same area.
- You will get to learn in new, state-of-the-art simulation labs, which will be purpose-built at Blacktown.
- We will aim to provide placements within the Western Sydney local health district and, where possible, with facilities located close to the Blacktown Campus.



Nutrition science

- You will get the opportunity to contribute to your community even before you graduate through community engagement and an optional 50 – 140 hours of work placement in areas including food industry, culinary nutrition, sports nutrition and community and public health.
- The Bachelor of Nutrition Science has been designed in accordance with the accreditation standards of the Dietitians Association of Australia for further study in dietetics, so you get an industry-relevant degree.



Public health

- Develop knowledge and skills in public health, including health promotion and advocacy, communication, policy and law, the economic system, global health, epidemiology, human biology, and research design.
- Gain the opportunity to contribute to your community before you graduate by completing 80 hours of community engagement. In your third year, you will also have the opportunity to further develop your skills in professional practice settings such as with government and non-government organisations, and non-profit organisations.



Sport and exercise science

- Experience placement opportunities through our many sporting partnerships in coaching and prescription, exercise programming and delivery, athlete training, and health advice, depending on your degree.
- We have connections with Blacktown City Council to give you access to local opportunities and placements, so you won't have to travel far.
- Access unique teaching, research and industry placement opportunities at Blacktown's International Centre for Training Excellence, a state-of-the-art health and performance facility.



Teaching

- As a student, you'll engage in a variety of professional placement experiences in a range of school systems, so you'll gain essential skills and the opportunity to build professional networks.
- We've worked with Google to establish highly innovative and technologically equipped education degrees. Learn how to integrate 3D printers, drones, virtual reality, artificial intelligence and more into your classrooms.
- Get a head start on your education degree by studying units at ACU during Year 11 and 12 through our Uni Step-Up program. This study will count as credit towards any ACU undergraduate education degree.



Theology

- Our partnerships with Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) ensure your studies and skills are directly aligned with employer needs.
- You'll gain direct access to a network of world-leading researchers and international experiences.
- Our courses embrace the full diversity of religious experiences that define our contemporary world. Our learning designs are innovative, engaging and international.

Courses at Blacktown

From 2021, you'll be able to study the following courses at our Blacktown Campus.

UNDERGRADUATE	
Faculty of Education and Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Arts • Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary) • Bachelor of Education (Primary) • Bachelor of Education (Secondary) • Bachelor of Educational Studies
Faculty of Health Sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Applied Public Health** • Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science • Bachelor of High Performance Sport • Bachelor of Nursing • Bachelor of Nutrition Science**
Faculty of Law and Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Business Administration • Bachelor of Commerce • Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Laws • Bachelor of Information Technology • Bachelor of Laws
POSTGRADUATE	
Faculty of Education and Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Teaching (Secondary) • Master of Teaching (Secondary)/Graduate Certificate in Religious Education
Faculty of Law and Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate Certificate in Governance and Management • Graduate Certificate in Innovation and Entrepreneurship** • Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA)
Faculty of Theology and Philosophy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate Certificate in Philosophy (Health Care Ethics) • Master of Religious Education • Master of Theological Studies
PATHWAYS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diploma of Nursing (HLT54115*) via ACU College • Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care (CHC50113*) via ACU College • Diploma of Youth Work • Diploma in Educational Studies (Tertiary Preparation) • Diploma in Liberal Arts • Foundation Studies

*Please check acu.edu.au/acucollege for up-to-date qualification codes. ** Subject to final approval.

Note: The accreditation process for some courses at the Blacktown Campus is in progress. Please check the website for update



Foundation Studies

If you haven't got an ATAR, or your ATAR isn't what you were hoping for, don't stress – our Foundation Studies program provides you with another path into university.

Develop the skills and confidence to thrive at university and gain guaranteed entry into an ACU undergraduate degree if you achieve the

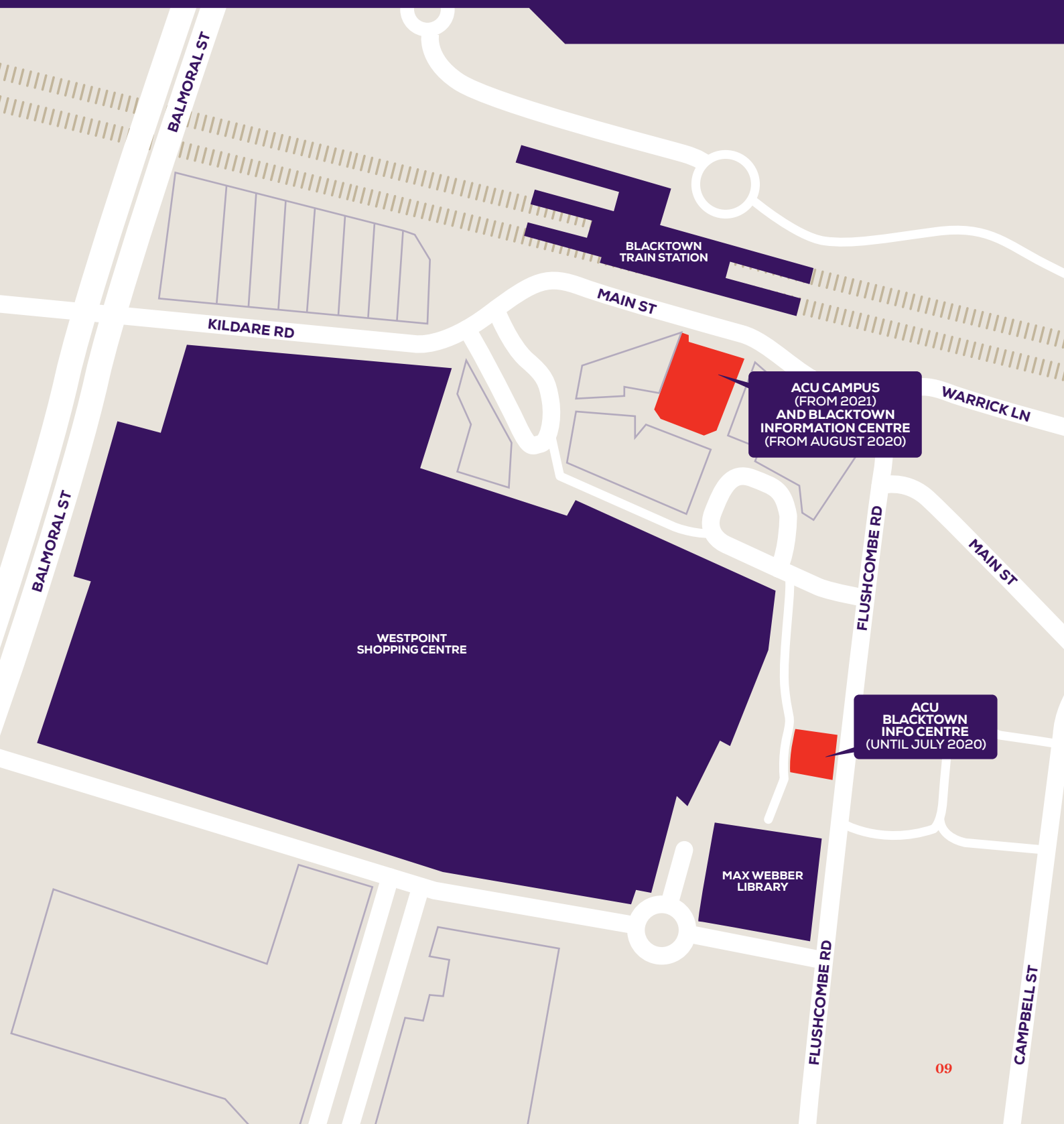
grade point average for your chosen degree. This fee-free program will prepare you for study at ACU by immersing you in university life while introducing you to a range of foundation units.

Please note, this course is currently offered at our Blacktown Campus only.

acu.edu.au/fs

Our location in Blacktown

We're locating ourselves in the heart of town, so you will have access to plenty of transport options and facilities close by.





Our campuses

We've got eight campuses around Australia, and a campus in Rome, Italy. Each one is unique, but they're all dynamic, inviting and great places to learn.

Head to acu.edu.au/tour to take a virtual tour of your campus.

BALLARAT

Our Ballarat Campus is located in the centre of Ballarat. Situated amid historical gardens, beautiful old buildings, and a block from Lake Wendouree, it has a lot to offer. Explore the grounds, enjoy a home-cooked meal at the canteen, and soak up the community vibe.

- Central location
- Free parking
- State-of-the-art physiotherapy building with labs and simulation rooms

BLACKTOWN

We've partnered with Blacktown City Council to open a new ACU campus in Blacktown, Western Sydney.

- Student information centre opening 2020
- Range of courses on offer from 2021
- Excellent transport links close by

BRISBANE

Whether you want to get involved in campus life, create a professional network or just find a quiet place to study — our Brisbane Campus has you covered. Set on 40 hectares of parklands, the campus has ample parking, state-of-the-art learning facilities, and places to hang out like cafes and a swimming pool.

- Free parking and shuttle bus
- Excellent health labs and health clinic
- Newly renovated library

CANBERRA

Just five kilometres from the city centre, our Canberra Campus has plenty to offer with a campus lounge, swimming pool and beautiful landscaped gardens, you'll have plenty to keep you busy between classes.

- Modern nursing, paramedicine, social work and health sciences labs
- Free parking and accessible by light rail and bus
- Library and 300-seat lecture theatre

MELBOURNE

Our Melbourne Campus is right next to the cafes, art galleries and live music venues of Brunswick Street. Kick back with a coffee on our rooftop garden or hang out with friends in one of our cafes.

- Close to six tram routes, bus routes and Parliament Railway Station
- Award-winning library
- Art gallery and media production studios

NORTH SYDNEY

Just across the Harbour Bridge from the city centre, our North Sydney Campus is a great place to study and relax.

- High-tech nursing simulation, speech pathology and occupational therapy labs
- Moot court, for simulating real-life law court proceedings
- Short walk from the train station

STRATHFIELD

Our Strathfield Campus is set amid beautiful landscaped grounds and historical buildings, with excellent transport links. Whether you want to have a friendly match on our rugby and soccer ovals or take in a show at our art gallery, there's always something going on.

- Onsite, undercover parking and shuttle bus
- Art gallery
- High-tech biomechanics lab

ROME

Our Rome Campus is located on Janiculum Hill, a site that has a rich history dating back to the 3rd century. It sits on a sprawling property that boasts extensive gardens and terraces to enjoy beautiful views of the city.

- Close to the Vatican and popular tourist sites
- Contemporary, onsite residential accommodation
- Community engagement opportunities

ADELAIDE

Located in the up-and-coming area of Thebarton, our Adelaide Campus primary offers postgraduate courses in theology.



Research with impact

ACU has successfully put into action a research intensification strategy. The work within our faculties and institutes tackles enduring and pressing issues in society, in Australia, and around the world. With the brightest talent, we're answering the biggest questions.

Our researchers are guided by three priority research areas: education, health, and theology and philosophy.

Education

We're bringing together world-leading researchers and theorists to address critical education issues, influence policy and practice, and ultimately help others flourish and thrive.

Health

We're addressing critical health issues by identifying and responding with innovative programs that deliver better health outcomes and transform lives.

Theology and philosophy

Our internationally acclaimed interdisciplinary research across the fields of theology, biblical studies and philosophy aims to advance understanding of the rich diversity of our contemporary world while promoting multiple ways in which it might be improved, and for all who inhabit it.



Mary MacKillop, ACU Melbourne

A university with character

While we share the essential characteristics of universities around the world – teaching, learning and research – it is our focus on people that makes us unique. We focus on service of individuals and communities, and the central questions of meaning, purpose and value.

ACU mission

Within the Catholic intellectual tradition and acting in Truth and Love, Australian Catholic University is committed to the pursuit of knowledge, the dignity of the human person and the common good.

We do this by fostering character traits of value to the whole human community:

JUSTICE

We protect and advance the rights of each person so that the whole community can flourish.

COURAGE

We stand up and deliver a distinctive vision and add a bold sense of difference to the university sector.

INTEGRITY

We strive for integrity in our university activities and relationships. We value integration and harmony— both within ourselves and with each other.

WISDOM

As a university we are always seeking truth and wisdom, but as a Catholic university, we're confident in the source of that truth and wisdom.



A university making an impact through empathy

ACU is a publicly funded university. We pride ourselves on offering a welcoming environment for everyone – whatever their socio-cultural backgrounds, religious beliefs or aspirations.

At the same time, we are a university that asks deeper questions. We are the university for people who look beneath the surface, who reject superficial measures of success, and who want to pursue a lifelong journey of personal growth, social giving, and enquiry into what makes a life worth living.

In order to be agents of change in the world, we all need to see life through the eyes of others. It's our role to inspire and equip our students to make a difference – and that means cultivating their ability to act and think empathetically.

Everything we do at ACU is underpinned by four core themes:

WE SEE THE WHOLE PERSON

We're an inclusive community where everyone is valued and encouraged to thrive to the full extent of their human and intellectual potential.

THE WORLD IS OUR CAMPUS

We're a dynamic institution with a fast-growing national and international footprint. We strive to put our students and staff at the centre of a vibrant global network of scholars, partnerships and opportunities.

WE'RE DEEPLY ENGAGED WITH INDUSTRY AND SOCIETY

We're closely integrated into our communities and industries, working with them to answer the big questions, as well as to create tangible results with true mutual value.

EDUCATION WITH A BIGGER PURPOSE

Our intellectual pursuits are inspired by a heartfelt ethical position: we stand up for people in need and causes that matter on our quest for a better common future for humanity.

Discover more

acu.edu.au/blacktown

Virtual Open Days

Join us to talk to experts about courses, admission pathways, and opportunities at our Blacktown Campus. If you've got a question, we'll be waiting with the answers.

Saturday 29 August

9am – 3pm

Saturday 5 September

9am – 3pm

Saturday 12 September

9am – 3pm

openday.acu.edu.au

Got a question or feeling social?

AskACU

Visit: acu.edu.au/askacu

Call: 1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228)

If you've got a question, our AskACU team has you covered. You can search FAQs, text us, email, live chat, call – whatever works for you.



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