

Federation University Australia

International Students Handbook



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Recreation area, Gippsland Campus



Camp St (Arts Academy), Ballarat

The University built on a strong international reputation

About Federation University Australia (FedUni)

Originating in 1870, FedUni is the third oldest government educational institution in Australia.

It is the result of an exciting collaboration between the University of Ballarat and Monash University's Gippsland Campus. Headquartered in Ballarat, FedUni has campuses in the West and East in the state of Victoria in Australia. The name Federation University Australia reflects the partnerships, collaboration and co-operation among a federated network of campuses in regional Victoria, which collectively provide a new and different Australian university. Federation University Australia provides leading Higher Education and TAFE programs to regional Victoria and beyond.

The Mount Helen campus is located in the well-known historical city of Ballarat, which is about 110 km from the capital city of Melbourne in Victoria. The Gippsland Campus is located only 90 minutes southeast of the Melbourne CBD. It is within easy walking distance of the town of Churchill or just a bus ride from Morwell and Traralgon. With strategies and broader visions to develop beyond its geographic regional locations, FedUni has established successful and productive collaborations with institutions across Australia in Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Brisbane, Perth as well as globally.

Federation University Australia ranking:

FedUni has the highest 'graduates in full-time employment rate' of any Victorian-based public university.[^]

Our graduates have also rated us 5 stars for overall satisfaction.[#]



*Our graduates have rated us 5 stars for Teaching Quality five years in a row.**

Source: [^] myuniversity.gov.au

Source: * *The Good Uni Guide 2010/2011/2012/2013/2014*

Source: # *The Good Uni Guide 2014*

University Facilities

Across Federation University's Ballarat and Gippsland campuses, international students can enjoy the modern teaching, learning and sports facilities, including:

- Indoor Heated Swimming Pool
- Fitness Gym
- Basketball Stadium
- Tennis and squash courts
- Dance Studio
- Student Clubs and Societies
- Spiritual Facilities
- Health Centre
- Wireless Network
- Student Learning Support Centre
- University Library
- Bookshop
- Computer Labs (24/7 access)
- Cafes
- On campus accommodation
- Childcare facilities



Mt Helen Campus



Recreation area, Gippsland Campus

Why choose Federation University Australia?

Good reasons to choose Federation University

A Government institution

Federation University Australia is a fully recognised and supported Australian Government university with academic and teaching excellence.

Industry relevant programs

Our programs are regularly reviewed to ensure they have national and international relevance. The University's close links with major industries play an important role in the design and academic rigour of programs which will greatly benefit new graduates.

Accessible teaching staff

A personalised learning approach in a supportive environment allows our students to communicate easily with academic staff and other students. Our class sizes are also smaller than most metropolitan institutions, meaning you can receive one-to-one assistance directly from your lecturer or tutor.

High quality resources

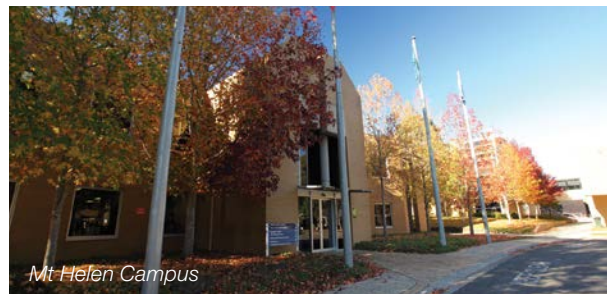
Our teaching facilities and equipment meet the very highest standards to ensure graduates are well prepared for industry and research.

Diverse student population

The student population at Federation University includes people from all over the world. This combination of Australian and international cultures will provide you with a positive and enriching on-campus experience.

A quality lifestyle

Regionally located in Ballarat and Gippsland, our campuses provide a natural environment to undertake your study. There are also many recreational experiences nearby, such as beaches, mountains, National Parks and cultural activities, which all combine to provide a unique Australian study experience. Melbourne is 90 minutes away from Ballarat and Gippsland campuses via excellent transport links.



Mt Helen Campus

A genuine Australian experience

The community atmosphere of a regional University provides an environment for closer interaction with a diverse range of people. Students are able to easily establish friendships and develop a supportive base from which to immerse themselves in Australian culture and history.

Research

Federation University brings together groups of researchers from multi-disciplinary and cross-disciplinary backgrounds into highly-focused centres of research endeavour. We carry out internationally recognised research, in strategically targeted areas that have demonstrable relevance to, and impact on, communities, industries and regions served by the University and beyond.

Different campus options

You can choose to study a wide range of courses at different campuses across a variety of locations in the state of Victoria. No matter which campus you choose, the quality study environment and the opportunity to experience regional living in Australia will provide a valuable international experience.

More affordable Australian Experience

As our campuses are located in regional cities, the cost of living is more affordable compared to metropolitan cities like Melbourne or Sydney. The friendly community, accessible shopping areas, and other high standard infrastructure will also add value to an international student's study experience.

Welcome to regional living in Ballarat and Churchill (Gippsland)

Ballarat and Churchill are ideally located within 90 minutes from Melbourne. Travelling to Melbourne from Ballarat or Gippsland couldn't be easier with regular train and bus services and a freeway that will take you directly to the heart of the metropolitan city Melbourne.

Quality, low cost living

The cost of living in Ballarat and Churchill is much lower than in larger capital cities. Students will enjoy more affordable accommodation, living and entertainment costs in a quality environment that is ideal for studying, learning and experiencing life in Australia. A wide range of accommodation options and support on campus and off campus is provided to students looking to relocate to the Ballarat or Gippsland areas.

Friendly and welcoming regional towns

Ballarat and Churchill are progressive and dynamic university towns that have many high quality educational institutions, healthcare and sporting facilities as well as friendly locals who welcome international students.

Seasonal climate

The climate in Ballarat is considered temperate, with four very distinct seasons. In summer (December-February) days in Ballarat are warm to hot averaging 24-35 °C but usually cool at night. In autumn (March-May) days are mild and pleasant, with a temperature range of 15 to 26 °C. Winters (June-August) are cold and often wet and it may snow lightly once or twice a year. Daytime temperatures may be between 8 and 15 °C while at night the temperature may drop below zero degrees. Spring (September-November) is mild and pleasant with a temperature range of 13 to 24 degrees.

Churchill has a pleasant but variable seasonal climate. In summer the average temperature is 26 °C in autumn around 20 °C, winter 14 °C and spring around 21 °C. Autumn is often sunny and still; winter can be rainy with snow on nearby peaks; spring showery and windy; and summer sunny and dry with milder evenings.



For further information about the Ballarat region visit:
www.visitballarat.com.au

For further information about the Gippsland region visit:
www.visitvictoria.com/Regions/Gippsland



Fatemeh (Salma) Moein

Current student from Iran
Studying PhD in Civil Engineering

Before I came here I did not have any knowledge about Australia or its people. I only knew it was a long way from my country and culture, and I was sure I would be homesick very soon. I have lived here now for nearly three years and I rarely miss my country because the people around here are so friendly and charming. I love the smaller campus – it has everything that I need in a peaceful and quiet environment.



Federation University Campuses

At Federation University Australia we offer modern facilities and a global reputation in producing world-class career opportunities. We also pride ourselves on our student support, innovative learning and industry connections. The University is regional Victoria's largest education institution with seven locations across the state, including three campuses in Ballarat and one campus in Gippsland. Our staff is committed to teaching excellence and proud of the resources we offer to support our students in realising their goals.

Ballarat Campuses

Mt Helen Campus

The Mt Helen Campus, is located 10km from the city centre of Ballarat. Catering to approximately 5,000 students, the campus is located on 110 hectares of natural bushland. This campus provides modern teaching and research facilities, information resources, studios, lecture theatres, student residences, student association and outstanding sporting facilities. Most of the University's undergraduate and postgraduate degree programs are delivered on this campus.

Camp St Campus

Located in the city centre of Ballarat, the Camp Street Campus is the home of the Arts Academy. Opened in 2003, this campus is a unique and exciting creative village for students to study the creative arts and is where the majority of Federation University's visual and performing arts programs are delivered.

SMB Campus

Situated in the city centre of Ballarat, the SMB Campus was first established in 1870 and is the original site of the University. The majority of the University's TAFE and Vocational Education and Training (VET) programs are delivered from this campus.

Gippsland Campus

Gippsland is Federation University's second largest campus and offers Higher Education level study in the town of Churchill. The campus is just 90 minutes by car or train from Melbourne. Located on 60 hectares of landscaped grounds, the campus features modern teaching, research and accommodation facilities, including science, nursing and midwifery labs. There is also fast wireless internet access throughout the campus, PC labs and an extensive library with group work spaces.

Accommodation Services FedUni Living

A range of on and off-campus accommodation options are available for international students. Packaged international student accommodation fees for first year international students represent great value being more than 25% less than standard prices. Contact us for further details and enquiries on packaged options. Visit our website to view a detailed living options comparison and outline of fees and charges:

www.federation.edu.au/feduniliving

Federation University's world-class Facilities and Research Centres

Federation University continues to enhance its teaching, research and support infrastructure to ensure students have the best possible study experience. Examples include:

Early Childhood Education Centre

Located at the SMB campus, this Centre has been designed to accommodate training, teaching, practicum placements and research activity. The Centre addresses both teaching and learning infrastructure, and the provision of vital student amenities.

Science and Engineering Precinct

Responding to the critical skills shortages in all engineering fields, students now have the opportunity to study in our brand new \$45.2 million Science and Engineering precinct at the Mt Helen campus.

Domestic Immersive Nursing Laboratory and Midwifery training facilities

The new Domestic Immersive Nursing Laboratory at the Mt Helen campus simulates a home environment with direct line of sight into the separate areas from all 50 seats within the new theatre. As a midwifery student at the Gippsland campus, you will have access to a recently opened specialised training environment. The facility provides the latest hospital-standard equipment for simulated training.

Nanya Station

'Nanya' is the University's 28,000ha research station situated approximately 140km south west of Broken Hill in Western NSW. It is a high level conservation property, containing some of the best examples of Mallee and arid woodland ecosystems, along with a salt lake complex of national significance.

Sports and Recreation Centre

The Health and Community Precinct development at the Mt Helen campus provides improved access to sporting and recreational venues for students, staff and community.

Auditorium

The auditorium at Gippsland was built using contemporary ecologically-sustainable design features and advanced communication structures. The space is used for major events and can be modified to provide smaller, IT serviced teaching areas.

Library Learning Space

The third floor of the Gippsland campus library provides a learning space which includes a range of purpose-built student study spaces allowing students to work in groups using the available IT resources.



Gippsland Campus Auditorium

International Student Support at Federation University

Free airport pick-up

By booking in advance, students will be greeted at the Melbourne airport by a trained staff member who will bring them to Ballarat or Churchill after a safe arrival call to their family back home.

Unisports

Unisports is the recreational, sport and fitness facility at the Mt Helen campus. It houses high standard facilities and provides a range of group fitness classes.

Health centre

A nurse is available for health advice and doctors are available five days a week by appointment. The Health Centre also has a resource section with information on various health topics.

Counselling services

Free and confidential counselling service are provided to all students who seek professional advice for a range of issues which may include adjusting to life in Australia, to studies, cross-cultural issues and stress.

Library and information services

Through the provision of high quality scholarly information and resources, students can access an extensive range of books and journals in both electronic and hard copy collections.

UniReady program

The UniReady program is a FREE four day, intensive preparatory course for first year students. This short course aims to help you develop the skills, knowledge and confidence to succeed at University. The program provides a range of learning opportunities and feedback on practical tasks. You will be able to undertake studies online as well as face-to-face. Peer learning, collaboration and self-reflection are all covered in the course. It is not compulsory; however it is a worthwhile start for first year students.

Spiritual facilities

Two chaplains located on campus from both the Catholic and Anglican faiths to provide spiritual and pastoral support, as well as practical help. There is also a Muslim Prayer Room and a non-denominational prayer room/place of peace that can be accessed by students.

International student support team

Staff at Federation University are committed to ensuring every international student's experience at FedUni is positive, enjoyable and memorable. Student support services include:

- Program advice and enrolment assistance
- Cultural and welfare support
- Academic and language support
- Social activities programs
- Orientation program on arrival
- Free airport pick-up

English & Academic Preparation (EAP) Program

EAP is an access and preparatory pathway program for non-English speaking background international students intending to undertake undergraduate and postgraduate degree studies at Federation University.

From Semester One 2014, the minimum English requirement for entry into a FedUni degree program will be IELTS 6.0, no band lower than 6.0 (or equivalent). Some programs such as Education, Psychology and Nursing may require higher English scores.

International students who plan to study a degree or higher education course, but whose IELTS level is at 4.0 or 4.5 will study in the General English Program until they achieve the required IELTS level of 5.0 (or equivalent) to enter the EAP program. The EAP program will prepare the student to enter their chosen higher education program.

English and Academic Preparation (20 weeks)

Entry Requirement:

Overall minimum IELTS score of 5.0 with no band less than 5.0 or equivalent.

English and Academic Preparation (15 weeks)

Entry Requirement:

Overall IELTS score of 5.5 with three band of 5.0 or equivalent.

English and Academic Preparation (10 weeks)

Entry Requirement:

Overall IELTS score of 5.5, with no band less than 5.5, or an overall IELTS of 6.0, with no band less than 5.0, or equivalent.

General English Program

The General English Program is a preparatory and pathway program for Non- English speaking background international students who aim to study a degree or higher education program, but do not meet the minimum English language proficiency entry requirements to commence the EAP program.

Who Can Apply

Students on a student visa with a language background other than English, who do not meet the minimum English language proficiency requirements to enter the EAP program are welcome in the General English Program. Other visitors to Australia and the families and partners of International Students are also welcome to study in the General English Program.



Programs delivered at Federation University

Federation University offers a broad range of high quality undergraduate, postgraduate, PhD and research programs to international students in the following areas of study:

- Business
- Management
- IT (Business Systems)
- IT (Professional Practice)
- Information Technology Systems
- Civil Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Food Science & Technology
- Health Sciences
- Community Welfare & Counselling
- Nursing & Midwifery
- Education (Early Childhood)
- Humanities & Social Sciences
- Human Movement
- Arts (Acting, Music Theatre)
- Commerce
- Professional Accounting
- IT (Computer Games)
- Software Engineering
- Mathematics
- Mining Engineering
- Environmental Management
- Biotechnology
- Veterinary Medicine
- Psychology
- International Studies
- Education (Primary, Secondary)
- Rural Social Welfare
- Sports Sciences
- Visual & Performing Arts

Teaching Methods

Teaching methods at FedUni include:

- Lectures;
- Research;
- Tutorials;
- Industry experience;
- Clinical placements;
- Presentations;
- Seminars;
- Computer laboratories; and
- Studio work.

Assessment Methods

Assessment methods at FedUni may include:

- Examinations;
- Written assignments;
- Essays;
- Oral presentations; and
- Field projects.



To learn more details about programs offered at Federation University, please visit our website: <http://www.federation.edu.au/programfinder> or refer to our International Program Guide: <http://www.federation.edu.au/international>



Oscar, Engineering student,
Gippsland Campus



Library, Mt Helen Campus



Mt Helen Campus students

Apply Now to Federation University Australia

Application: Undergraduate and Postgraduate by Coursework

1. Ensure you meet the academic and language entry requirements for the program you are hoping to study;
2. Complete coursework program Application Form at: **www.federation.edu.au/international**
3. Provide detailed answers to questions in additional information section at the end of Application Form;
4. Attach certified copies of supporting documents with your application (see Application Form for full listing);
5. Submit your application to the University (preferably by email) to: **International Admissions Office, Federation University Australia PO Box 663, Mt Helen VIC 3353, Australia**
Email: **internationaladmissions@federation.edu.au**

Application: Higher Degrees (Masters and PhDs) by Research

1. Select a research program that suits your interests and study background;
2. Complete the Research Application Form at: **www.federation.edu.au/research-and-innovation**
3. Attach certified copies of supporting documents with your application (see Application Form for full listing);
4. Submit your Application Form and required documents to: **Research Services, Federation University Australia PO Box 663, Mt Helen VIC 3353 Australia**
Email: **research.services@federation.edu.au** or Fax: **+61 3 5327 9508**

If you need assistance with completing your application, please contact Research Services or visit a Federation University Australia agent representative in your country.

For a link to our Agent Network visit:
<http://www.federation.edu.au/international>

Application deadlines

Generally, the deadline for off shore applications closes ONE MONTH prior to the semester commencement date. Prospective students are advised to apply as early as possible in order to allow sufficient time for application and visa processing by the Australian authorities. Please refer to the Federation University website for the most up to date information on application deadlines:
www.federation.edu.au/international



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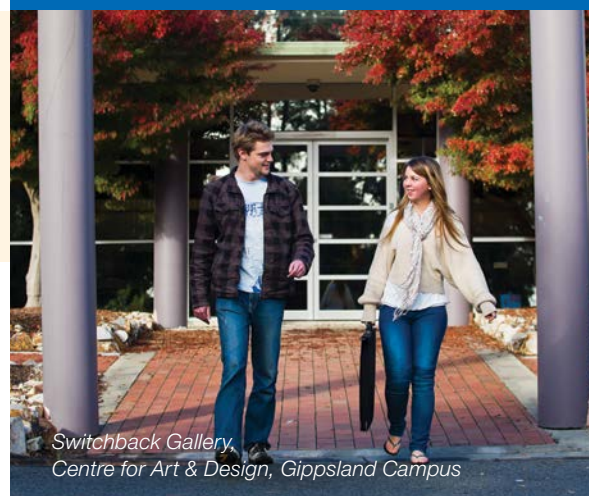
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Chinese Language Website:
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Switchback Gallery,
Centre for Art & Design, Gippsland Campus