



Learn Where You Live: Your questions answered

Looking to achieve your future study goals?
We have the answers.

What exactly does learn where you live mean?

Learn where you live is all about creating new study opportunities in regional Victoria. This simply means you enjoy the extra freedom of having a Federation University Australia degree delivered at your local TAFE. It's the more flexible way to achieve great things for you, your family and your community. You study how, when and where you choose.

All the degrees delivered by your local TAFE are fully accredited and issued by FedUni. FedUni is a fully recognised and supported Australian Government university, and our graduates have rated us 5 stars for Teaching Quality six years in a row*. So you can be sure the study experience and final degree is equal to that you'll find anywhere.

*Source: The Good Uni Guide 2010 – 2015

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What courses are available at GOTAFE?

Bachelor of Applied Management

What are the top five reasons for choosing this style of degree?

These are the reasons most often cited by past and present students.

1. The flexibility and affordability of studying locally.
2. The fact that all degrees are fully accredited by a top university.
3. The relevance and ongoing contribution of studying an 'Applied Degree' to their job/ industry along the way – not just upon graduating.
4. Recognition of past study and industry experience.
5. The mix of online and on-campus learning with more intimate class sizes.

Flexibility

I keep hearing the words 'Flexible blended study'. Could you explain this?

It is not just what you learn, but how you learn.

A blended approach to study combines online delivery with on-campus classes, workshops and industry placements depending on the course you are studying. This allows you to translate theory into a workplace context. Essentially, it's a more flexible form of applied learning.

Can prior qualifications help fast-track my degree study time?

Yes. Prior qualifications are taken into account and can accelerate your progress. Depending on the degree and your past qualifications you may achieve a degree quicker than the usual three or four years. Some Bachelor of Applied Management students have actually graduated in a year. However, this isn't the norm. Contact 1300 468 233 to find out how.

Apart from fast-tracking study time, are there other ways to make the degree more affordable?

HECS-HELP (Higher Education Loan Program) is available. The HECS-HELP scheme is both a student loan and student discount. Studying a degree locally also saves you time and reduces travel costs. That can really make a big difference in terms of affordability.



You can also view a video of some student' motivations for choosing a degree here:
[federation.edu.au/learnwhereyoulive](https://www.federation.edu.au/learnwhereyoulive)

Work, Life and Study Balance

How do you balance work, life and study?

Study is always a bit of a juggling act.

Studying locally is a great start, as is the added flexibility of part-time study.

Planning ahead and talking to your lecturers, employer, family and anyone who can help keep you motivated and focussed will go along way.

Lastly, remember to ask for help when you need it.

Do you have any advice on getting support from my employer?

It really is hard for us to give advice in this area. This really depends on your company's culture, their training budgets and your own relationship with your employer. All we can really point to is the way the degree contributes to enhancing work skills along the way – and beyond.

Supply and Logistics Manager, Ian Croft's experience highlights how his company also gets a real return on its investment along the way.

As Ian says:

"It is definitely a win-win for myself and my employer who is funding my degree, through our employee training and development program. It's an opportunity and personal reward to further my education and also share the learnings with my colleagues."

If my life gets too busy what are my options?

We understand that sometimes life can get more complicated. This is where the personal support of your lecturer and student services staff can come into play. You'll find their commitment to help you goes way beyond the classroom and 9 to 5.

"I always know that if I have any concerns that I can pick up the phone and call any of the tutors."

Georgia Zerbe, Present Student, Bachelor of Education (Birth-Year 6)

Staff and Support

What are the credentials of the lecturers involved?

This is probably best answered using the words of recent and current students.

"The lecturers contributed their own life work experiences as well as their teaching skills. For example, our lecturer who taught us accounting was actually a practicing accountant. Our project manager and leadership lecturer also had her own project management consulting service. She put a component of leadership in there, and that was just brilliant – I learnt so much from that."

Jocelyn Sawyer, Senior Paralegal/Administration Manager,
Belbridge Hague Solicitors

"The teacher I had in that first year was just amazing for me. She pushed me in the direction I should be going. Now I'm here, it's just so great".

Jake Summerfield, Current Student, Bachelor of Sport Management



You can get a few extra tips from present students here:
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You'll find Ian's story at
federation.edu.au/learnwhereyoulive

What kind of experience do our lecturers have?

All lecturers have extensive industry experience to complement their Masters level qualifications. So your study definitely benefits from the best of both worlds: academic and professional.

How much support can I expect from day one?

We understand that if you haven't studied before or are getting back into study after some time away it can be quite daunting. To overcome this there is an orientation session to ensure you get to meet your fellow students, lecturers and campus support staff. We see our role as helping you easily understand the university system and smoothly return to study while still possibly balancing part-time or full-time work.

Can I access extra student support services?

Absolutely! You are entitled to all the student support services the TAFE or FedUni offers. This can include everything from access to sports facilities to student welfare, counselling services and academic writing.

Student Life

What's a typical study day look like?

In reality no two study days are exactly the same. However, whatever degree you choose, you can be sure it's going to be as rewarding, as it is challenging.

What do current students say about the courses?

In particular students say they were impressed with the applied nature of the degrees. How the subjects are directly relevant to their particular job or the industry now. They can also see the benefits well into the future.

How do present students find the study approach?

The more personal approach and more direct access to lecturers is seen as very important. Small class sizes are also seen as a big plus.

"It's a close-knit group. We get so much attention from the teachers. It's pretty much as close as you can get to one-on-one coaching. Instead of having 50-100 kids in a city lecture theatre, there are just ten of us. I know with my lecturer, I can just email them or text at any time of the day and organise a date to meet them."

Jake Summerfield, Current Student, Bachelor of Sport Management

Applying

What times of the year can I enrol?

There are two degree intakes per year March and July.

OK. So how do I get things moving?

Contact 1300 468 233 or visit federation.edu.au/learnwhereyoulive

How easy is it to apply?

The easiest way to apply is online at federation.edu.au/learnwhereyoulive or contact 1300 468 233.



You'll find a video snapshot of what to expect in week one here: federation.edu.au/learnwhereyoulive



You'll find a bit of the flavour of what present students experience here. federation.edu.au/learnwhereyoulive