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Bachelor of Environmental Science/Bachelor of Social Science (Environment)

VTAC Code: 3200333421, RMIT Code: BP193, FT, City Campus

Information about this program is available at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/BP193

How many students are accepted into the program?

2014 – 158 applicants.
2014 – 12 student places.

*Data from RMIT 2014 Facts and Figures

domestic applications

How many contact and self-directed hours study per week?

Full-time students are expected to attend 15 hours of classes a week. There is some science laboratory work and field work. Students are expected to undertake approximately 25 hours of extra private study and research weekly.

How many students are in a class?

Up to 200 in lectures; around 25 in workshops and laboratory classes.

Are evening classes available?

No, however, some classes might run past 6.30pm.

Can I study overseas as part of this program?

There are well-established overseas study agreements with universities in Canada, China, Finland, Netherlands, Germany and the Philippines. These enable you to spend a semester studying overseas in second or third year. RMIT also has campuses in Vietnam.

Is there a work placement?

No, there is no formal work placement for the undergraduate degree. Students are encouraged to undertake work experience.

What career opportunities are there?

With the challenges of environmental sustainability increasing at all levels from the local to the global, employment opportunities are increasing for graduates with the ability to generate and work with scientific knowledge to bring about social, cultural and policy changes. There is high demand for graduates with this unusual combination of skills, both in Australia and abroad. Graduates find employment at all levels of government and in environmental agencies, the NGO sector and within the growing sector of environmental businesses and consultancies.

What other resources are available about green careers?

For more information on careers, contact the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand, www.eianz.org/careers/useful-resources

Will I require extra materials and how much do they cost?

Students are required to have laboratory coats, safety glasses or over glasses, appropriate clothing and footwear for field work, including rain jackets, gum boots, etc.

In addition to tuition fees, you will be charged a student services and amenities fee (SSAF).

Do I need my own computer or any other special equipment or software?

A computer is advantageous, but is not a requirement, as students have access to computer labs with the relevant software.

Can I defer my place?

It is RMIT policy that all students are able to defer their studies for a maximum of 12 months. Six month deferment may be possible if places are available at mid-year.

What are the entrance requirements?

ATAR:  2014 = 77.20  2013 = N/A

Please note the English Study Score for this RMIT Bachelor degree is a study score of at least 30 in English (ESL) or at least 25 in any other English and a study score of at least 30 in one of Mathematical Methods (CAS) or Specialist Mathematics.

Interview:

The University will contact applicants required to attend an interview via telephone or email. Interviews will be held in October/November.

Applicants must note that shortlisting for interview is based on what has been submitted in the VTAC Personal Statement.

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What are the pathways for this program?

Graduates of the following RMIT programs with a GPA of 3.0 or higher are guaranteed entry (subject to certain criteria) into one of the School’s Bachelor degrees:

- Advanced Diploma of Justice
- Diploma of Languages
- Advanced Diploma of Translating
- Advanced Diploma of Interpreting

Graduates of the following RMIT programs are eligible for exemptions (subject to certain criteria):

- Diploma of Community Services Work
- Diploma of Community Services (Alcohol, Other Drugs & Mental Health)
- Diploma of Community Development
- Diploma of Youth Work
- Advanced Diploma of Disability Work

What are the fees for this program?

The Australian government has announced changes to funding of Commonwealth supported places (CSPs). These may affect the proportion of the fee paid by student contribution from 2016. For more information visit [www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees/highered](http://www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees/highered) and [www.studyassist.gov.au](http://www.studyassist.gov.au)

Financial assistance is available to eligible students regardless of the type of place you enrol in.

Are there any equity places available?

If you are studying VCE or VCAL at a Schools Network Access Program (SNAP) school and want to apply to RMIT, please talk with your school’s careers or pathway coordinator to help you go through the process for applying for equity consideration. For more information, visit [www.rmit.edu.au/study/applying-to-rmit/equity-access](http://www.rmit.edu.au/study/applying-to-rmit/equity-access)

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