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Bachelor of Social Science (Environment)
VTAC Code: 3200332001, RMIT Code: BP000, FT, City Campus

Information about this program is available at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/BP000

How many students are accepted into the program?
2014 – 322 applicants.
2014 – 54 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 12 hours of classes and undertake approximately 24 hours of extra study and research weekly.

How many students are in a class?
Up to 200 in a lecture; around 25 in workshops and tutorials.

Are evening classes available?
No, however, some classes might run past 6.30pm.

Can I study overseas as part of this program?
There are active exchange agreements with universities in Canada, China, Finland, the Netherlands and the Philippines. These enable students to spend a semester overseas in their second year. RMIT also has campuses in Vietnam.

Is there a work placement?
Yes. Students are helped to find an appropriate work placement for a semester-long course in third year. Assessment tasks for this course help you develop the skills you need to work more effectively in the workplace. Many graduates find employment in organisations they encounter during the work placement.

Where do graduates of this program work?
The program produces job-ready graduates with knowledge and skills suitable for a wide range of occupations in Australia or abroad. Graduates find employment in local government, state and federal government, environmental agencies, NGOs, environmental consultancies or businesses, and the community education sector.

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?
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 = 71.45 2013 = 72.50
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.

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.

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

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- 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 and 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

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