Welcome

Welcome to the May issue of Monash University’s Careers Update. The Career Practitioners Seminar will be held on Thursday 13 June at the Clayton campus. For more details, to register or sign up for a pack to be sent if you can’t attend, please visit www.monash.edu/careerseminar

Kind regards,
The Onshore Student Recruitment Team

Monash Open day 2013

Saturday 3 August, 10am – 4pm at Berwick, Gippsland and Peninsula campuses
Sunday 4 August, 10am – 4pm at Caulfield, Clayton and Parkville campuses

Register your interest

Students, teachers and parents can register for Open Day updates and go into the draw to win a Macbook Air or one of five double Gold Class movie passes at www.monash.edu/openday

Monash are developing mobile tools to assist students and their parents plan their day. Stay tuned for further updates.

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Upcoming events

Free lunchtime concert series – Sir Zelman Cowen School of Music

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All concerts are held in the Music Auditorium, Building 68, Clayton campus from 1.10 – 1.50pm. This is a free event and bookings are not required.

For more information, visit www.arts.monash.edu.au/music or call 03 9905 4698.
Student in Focus

Daniella Benjamin, Bachelor of Health Science (with Honours)

A chance conversation with a careers counsellor gave Daniella Benjamin the opportunity to choose a course that incorporated her passions in global health and social justice.

“The Bachelor of Health Science at Monash was just the course that I had been looking for,” she explains. “I love studying health at the population/community level and assessing the social determinants of health with the aim of achieving a holistic view of the issues and as a way to prevent illness.”

The three-year degree offered at the Caulfield campus also has the option of an honours year, which Daniella is currently enrolled in allowing her to undertake units at the Alfred Hospital. “It has been exciting this year as The Alfred provides a great opportunity to understand the connection between clinical and research environments.”

Daniella says that while the transition from school to university was a little hard – primarily due to the differences between the two – Monash provided good orientation and support in her first year.

“If ever the workload seemed a little hard to manage the lecturers were always approachable, understanding and fair. As I have progressed in my degree they have encouraged and supported me in pursuing my passions in the health field. Their constructive feedback on assignments and presentations has enabled me to improve and excel in my studies,” she explained.

As well as her passion for the discipline, Daniella has met like-minded people through the course. “The cultural diversity of my peers has enriched my experience at Monash University. Aside from my studies, I’ve really enjoyed being part of several clubs on campus, including the Monash Health Science Society (MHSS), Ignite global health, Vision Generation (VGen) and the Monash Philharmonic Orchestra.”

While Daniella is still undecided about her future career – possibly postgraduate medicine or further studies in public health – eventually she wants to work in developing regions, amongst vulnerable groups marginalised by society.

“I’d love to address maternal and child health needs in areas such as the Northern Territory and sub-Saharan Africa as my Honours project will look at identifying the gaps of primary health care service utilisation for young women in the Top End of the Northern Territory.”

Further information about the Bachelor of Health Science, VTAC Course Code: 27061 (CSP), 27063 (IFP); Telephone: 03 9903 1657, email: med-sphm-ugenq@monash.edu or visit www.med.monash.edu.au/healthsciences/

At Monash Seminar Series

The At Monash Seminar Series are well underway and have been very successful. We encourage all prospective students and their parents to attend a seminar in their area of interest to find out more about Monash courses.

Forthcoming seminars:

29 May
Biomedical Science, Radiography, and Nutrition and Dietetics

30 May
Engineering

For a full list of seminars and to register visit www.monash.edu/seminars

27 April – 4 May
The Pirates of Penzance

13 April
Eric Whitacre in Concert

9 May
The Storytelling Project: Stage One

17 May
Bach and Schubert Masterpieces

29 May
Rites of Passage

31 May
Melbourne International Jazz Festival

For more information including event location, costs and registration details please visit www.monash.edu.au/mapa or call 03 9905 1111.

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Faculty updates

Arts

The Faculty of Arts introduces a new course structure in 2014!

From Semester 1, 2014 the Arts degree will look a whole lot brighter with changes to the way majors are structured. The changes are designed to give students a deeper understanding and appreciation of the area they are specialising in. There will be greater emphasis on how to apply their knowledge to real life situations and develop valuable skills in research. While the flexibility and the choice remain, we’re providing more direction through structured progression with core milestone subjects in each year: Gateway, Cornerstone and Capstone. These subjects are about consolidating and extending students’ learning so that they can get the most out of their major.

Why the change?
The Bachelor of Arts degree was up for review in 2012 and one of the recommendations that came out of the review was to enhance the academic coherence of the degree, in other words, give it more structure. As students’ progress through a major they will be able to see a clear pathway from introductory to advanced level work.

How has it changed?
The Bachelor of Arts degree will offer greater clarity about the learning outcomes and forms of assessment appropriate to each level of a major. There has been an introduction of three categories of subjects that must be completed in a major, Gateway, Cornerstone, and Capstone. Students will need to complete a Major (8 subjects), a Minor (4 subjects), Arts Electives (4 subjects), and Open Electives (8 subjects). The Arts Sequence of 2 subjects has been removed and the subjects absorbed into the Arts Electives.

The changes explained
The Gateway, Cornerstone, and Capstone subjects are chosen key subjects which must be taken in a student’s major area of study. There will sometimes be multiple subject options in each category and subjects for each category will be taught in both semesters.

Some majors will offer students the opportunity to undertake an extended major, so instead of completing the 8 subjects that are required, they can complete 10 subjects, giving them even deeper knowledge of their major.

The categories explained
Gateway subject – 1st year foundation subject introducing students to the major. Some majors will require students to take two Gateway subjects.

Cornerstone subject – 2nd year subject allowing students to demonstrate a solid grasp of their major. Areas, such as, content, skills, theory, and methods, will be covered.

Capstone subject – 3rd year subject allowing students to demonstrate advanced knowledge of their major. This could be in the form of a research project or internship with an industry partner. Students present and assess the impact of their skills, providing students with opportunities, among other things, to synthesise, reflect on, and apply their learning.

Which degrees are affected?
All single and double degrees tagged with ‘Bachelor of Arts’ are affected. Specialist degrees, for example, the Bachelor of Journalism, are not affected. The Diploma of Arts and Diploma of Languages are also affected as these are essentially a major, in that they consist of 8 subjects.

Study area changes
Another change to come out of the Bachelor of Arts review is the reduction of study areas from 60 to 52. Some areas have not completely disappeared and have become streams within study areas, e.g., Gender studies is now a stream of Sociology. This change has come about to allow for study areas with common themes to merge and create a more streamlined learning pathway.

For more information, visit artsonline.monash.edu or email georgina.gibson@monash.edu

You can also join the Arts facebook page: www.facebook.com/MonashArts

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Art Design & Architecture

New entry process: Bachelor of Architectural Design/Master of Architecture

Architecture at Monash has a new entry process. From 2014, we are introducing a pre-selection activity and an interview, and also removing the mathematics prerequisite.

We realise students are more than a number on a page, which is why we want to know more than just their ATAR. Their ATAR is still important, but our pre-selection activity and interview provide additional ways for students to demonstrate their ability.

In the pre-selection activity students will be asked to respond to an issue through text and image, but this exercise isn’t about assessing their design or drawing expertise. They won’t be disadvantaged if they haven’t completed Studio Art or Visual Communication Design.

Every student is an individual with a different story. The interview is a chance for students to share their story and tell us why they want to study architecture. The interview is also a chance for students to get to know us, because we recognise it is important they find a course and a university that is the right fit.

To apply, students will need to apply through VTAC and register online via the MADA website. Registrations open 4 August 2013 and close 11 October 2013. Once they register they will receive a pre-selection activity to complete by 11 October 2013. Based on the pre-selection activity, they may be invited to an interview. Their application will be assessed on their ATAR, pre-selection activity and their performance in the interview.

For more details on how to apply, visit: www.artdes.monash.edu.au/architecture/news.php
Or contact:
Student Administration and Services
Monash University Art Design & Architecture (MADA)
Phone: 03 9903 1517
Email: mada@monash.edu

Business and Economics

New Simulated Teaching Lab (STARLab) at Caulfield

The popularity of the Department of Accounting and Finance’s STARLab (Simulated Teaching and Research Laboratories) has led to the installation of a new STARLab with the capacity to host 78 students.

This new purpose built facility is part of the Faculty of Business and Economics continuous learning and teaching improvement program.

STARLab operates on Monash University’s Caulfield Campus in Building H and runs a suite of financial market simulation programs, including the Monash Trader program developed by staff within the Department of Accounting and Finance. Accounting information systems also run in the STARLabs.

The laboratory enhances the theoretical aspects of the degree by providing practical experience of simulated financial environments in which finance concepts are brought to life. In addition to the degree programs, a secondary schools trading competition has been developed as well as a student club competition together with executive programs for industry.

“Students are exposed to situations and events that demand thoughtful responses that draw on their prior learning in our undergraduate and postgraduate degree courses,” Associate Professor Kevin Tant, STARLab Coordinator explained.

“Students engineer responses with a variety of financial instruments to create financial market positions, hedge risks and seek profits in competition with other traders,” Associate Professor Tant said.

Professor Colm Kearney, Dean of the Faculty of Business and Economics, and Professor Christine Brown, Head of the Department of Accounting and Finance, joined in with the first postgraduate trading session in the new STARLab to discuss scenarios with students and to join in the activity as students endeavoured to maximise their foreign exchange profits.

“What make the STARLabs so unique is Monash’s years of understanding of student behaviour in a trading environment. We are committed to high-quality learning, teaching and research. STARLab enables us to complement our teaching of theories with practical experiences so students can apply what they have learned,” Professor Kearney said.

“The facility is also important in helping our students develop graduate attributes of being critical and creative scholars and responsible and effective global citizens. We are in the process of linking our STARLabs with the trading room developed at Monash University Malaysia so that students from Australia and Malaysia can trade against one another in real time. It is part of our continuous improvement program in learning, teaching and research,” Professor Kearney said.

For further information, visit www.buseco.monash.edu.au/aaf/research/starlab

Photo: Professor Christine Brown, Head of the Department of Accounting and Finance with students in the new STARLab.
Information Technology

IT Challenge 2013

The IT Challenge is a multiple category competition for students and celebrated in a final IT Challenge awards showcase at CGBC in July 2013. All secondary schools in Australia are eligible to enter.
The competition is directed at students studying in years 9, 10, 11 and 12, however there is no restraint on age, so long as all students are enrolled at a secondary school. If you attend TAFE please contact Monash before submission.

More information: https://cgbc.infotech.monash.edu/ and select the IT Challenge link.

CGBC 2013

CGBC (Computer Games Boot Camp) is a seven-day event run by the Faculty of Information Technology for Year 9 to Year 12 students to experience everything connected to computer games and Information Technology. Learn from experienced industry professionals, talk to like-minded individuals and expand your networks. Participate in workshops, tournaments, presentations and activities.

If your students are interested in becoming a IT professional, building and designing games, multimedia or simply playing games this event is for them!

Date: Saturday, 6 July until Friday, 12 July
Where: Clayton campus
Registrations for 2013 are open now.
For more information visit: https://cgbc.infotech.monash.edu/

Law

Monash student fights her way to gold

Taekwondo athlete Caroline Marton became the second female to win gold for Australia at the German Open Taekwondo tournament in Hamburg recently.

Caroline, who has been a student at Monash University for ten years and is currently completing her Masters of Juris Doctor with the Faculty of Law, said the German Open has historically been one of the strongest European Opens.

“This year it is the biggest of the European Opens, with over 1200 competitors, over 15 National teams and over 30 countries competing at the event, so taking out the gold for Australia was an extra special victory,” Caroline said.

Caroline was not alone at this tournament, her sister Carmen also competed, making it through to the quarter finals.

“It was amazing to have Carmen there with me all the way. She is my biggest supporter and she knows how to get the best out of me on competition day. Conversely I’m there to help her prepare also. She’s an amazing athlete having represented Australia at two Olympic Games,” Caroline said.

“I am really lucky. My brother Jack and my sister’s fiancé Safwan were also competing. Both missed out on medals at the German Open but both won bronze at the Dutch Open the following week. It’s safe to say taekwondo is a family sport.”

Caroline started out at Monash studying a Bachelor of Arts (International Studies) before completing her Honours in International Studies and History. Most of her study has been undertaken part-time as she juggled her sporting commitments with her studies.

“I wouldn’t be able to achieve my sporting and academic goals without the Monash Elite Athlete Program. They are very supportive and help me tremendously when I have international events which clash with my classes,” Caroline said.

“Monash sport have also helped me achieve my goals through sport bursaries and funding, as well as gym access, which helps with fitting training in to university life.”

Caroline said any Monash students interested in pursuing sport at an international level should give it a go.

“You’re only young once and Monash University, through its Australian and World University Sport programs, offers great opportunities to compete at a high level and have fun while doing it.”


2013 Great Law Week Debate

“Free speech isn’t free enough in Australia”

Witness a team of prominent Monash Law Alumni battle it out with current Monash Law students, over this highly controversial topic at the annual Great Law Week Debate.

Date: Wednesday 15 May
Time: 6–7.30pm
Where: Monash University Law Chambers, 555 Lonsdale St, Melbourne
Cost: Free
RSVP: Monday, 13 May 2013
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Quick links

Medical, Nursing and Health Sciences

Faculty of Medicine Nursing and Health Sciences 2014 Course Guide

The Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences Course Guide for 2014 is now available to download as a PDF from the website www.med.monash.edu/ugrad

A hard copy of the course guide will be distributed to all schools in May as part of the Office of Future Students ‘Big Mail Out’.

The guide includes all undergraduate courses currently offered by the faculty and includes details for both domestic and international applicants.

Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery – Interviews for 2014 entry

All interviews for 2014 entry into Monash University’s MBBS program will be held in January 2014.

In the past, most interviews have been held in December with a small number also being conducted in January. Students will be offered an interview based on their UMAT result and ATAR.

Interview notifications will be emailed to eligible Victorian, Dean’s Rural List and Dean’s Indigenous List applicants in December 2013 for interviews between 3 and 10 January.

Interview notifications will be emailed to eligible interstate, IB and additional Dean’s Rural List and Dean’s Indigenous List applicants in January 2014 for interviews on 20 and 24 January.

More information will be available at the MBBS At Monash Seminar on Monday 13 May at the Clayton Campus. Visit: www.monash.edu/seminars

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