

■ Undergraduate and TAFE

Visual, Performing and Circus Arts

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Turn your passion into a profession

Whether you aspire to be an artist, a performer or a vision-maker behind the scenes, Swinburne's creative arts courses help you to do what many only dream of: transform your passion from a pastime into a profession.

A qualification from Swinburne will give you the skills and confidence you'll need to contribute professionally to the arts in Australia and overseas. Our talented and experienced teachers are experts in their fields, and with first-class facilities on offer we aim to give you the best education experience possible.

Throughout your course you can put your talents on display at the David Williamson Theatre (Prahran campus) or one of two fully functioning on-campus galleries.

Our circus arts programs are delivered by the prestigious National Institute of Circus Arts (NICA), Australia's centre of excellence for contemporary circus. As you read this, NICA's graduates are performing across Australia and around the world in such companies as Circus Oz and Cirque du Soleil.

You may enjoy a career in visual, performing and circus arts if you're interested in:

- visual arts aesthetics – fine arts, costume, make-up, set design, props
- artistic expression
- creating with your hands
- performing to small and large audiences
- physical movement.

A Swinburne visual, performing and circus arts course can help you to build your skills in:

- communicating articulately through visual arts, sound and movement
- improvising
- managing your own national and international career
- confidence
- flexibility and agility
- performance
- the business side of arts.

Study abroad

Swinburne offers an extensive range of international study opportunities for both TAFE and degree students.

For more information visit www.swinburne.edu.au/abroad

How we prepare you for your career

Swinburne works closely with industry groups to develop course content, which means we understand exactly what employers are looking for and can ensure the skills you learn are those employers want.

Our teachers are experienced in their industries and experts in their field, so you get the best possible chance to be skilled in the very qualities employers look for. What's more, our involvement with industry and constant monitoring of employment trends means our courses address skills shortage areas, meaning when you graduate you're likely to be highly employable.



Courses at a glance

KEY							
ATAR		CAMPUSES		DURATION		APPLY	
RC	Range of criteria	P	Prahran	Courses are full-time in years.		V	VTAC
		W	Wantirna	F	Full-time	D	Direct

STUDY AREA	COURSE	ATAR	PREREQUISITES	CAMPUS	DURATION	APPLY	PAGE
VISUAL, PERFORMING AND CIRCUS ARTS – UNIVERSITY DEGREES							
Circus Arts	Bachelor of Circus Arts incorporating an Advanced Diploma and Diploma	RC	VCE or equivalent plus relevant experience	P	3F	D	6
VISUAL, PERFORMING AND CIRCUS ARTS – TAFE COURSES							
Costume for Performance	Diploma of Costume for Performance	RC	VCE or mature age plus folio and interview	P	2F	D or V	6
Make-Up	Diploma of Specialist Make-Up Services	RC	VCE or mature age plus folio and interview	P	1F	D or V	6
Technical Theatre	Diploma of Live Production, Theatre and Events (Technical Production)	RC	VCE or mature age plus one-day workshop	P	1.5F	D or V	7
Theatre Arts	Diploma of Theatre Arts	RC	VCE or mature age plus one-day workshop	P	2F	D or V	7
Visual Art	Diploma of Visual Art	RC	VCE or mature age plus folio and interview	P, W	2F	D or V	7



Swinburne programs

Swinburne's personalised approach to learning puts you at the heart of everything we do. Our degrees give you the skills you need – not just the theory – so you'll have first-hand knowledge of what's needed when you start work. Our flexible course structure lets you shape your education to suit your own aspirations.

Alternatively, whether you're a young person preparing for your first job or an older person looking to re-train or take the first step in a career change, TAFE could be the right choice for you. TAFE courses help you to build the practical skills and technical expertise that make you employable.

At Swinburne, we offer TAFE practicality with the support of a top-ranking university environment. And with flexible study options including online, blended learning programs (a combination of on- and off-campus study), workplace delivery and part-time study, our TAFE courses can fit in with your life and work.

Preparation for your career

Swinburne graduates are in demand by employers because they are industry ready. During your course, you'll work to real-world expectations, using the equipment and technology you'll encounter once you start your job.

All of our programs have work-based elements, which can include work placements and projects, work scenarios and simulations to ensure you are work ready.

What is NICA?

The National Institute of Circus Arts (NICA) is Australia's centre of excellence in contemporary circus.

NICA is located at Swinburne's Prahran campus. Training takes place in the new NICA National Circus Centre and the Sidney Myer Circus Studio, just a short distance from the vibrant café, arts and fashion precinct of Chapel Street.

As the only training institution of its kind in Australia, NICA provides professional training through a three-year Bachelor of Circus Arts, preparing students from across Australia and the world for exciting careers in all facets of the circus industry. Competition for one of 24 places in the first year of the degree program is fierce and auditions are conducted in capital cities at the end of the year.

NICA also works with Australian Indigenous communities through outreach activities and partnerships.

NICA continually aspires to:

- be a global centre of teaching excellence for professional training, innovation and creativity in cutting-edge, contemporary circus
- prepare Australian artists to meet the high market demand of the growing circus industry by creating employment here and overseas
- create new circus works and stimulate performance opportunities through CircaNICA.



NICA
NATIONAL INSTITUTE
OF CIRCUS ARTS



Pathways from TAFE to degree courses

Offering both TAFE and bachelor degree courses, Swinburne makes it easy to pathway from TAFE to a degree course while ensuring that you get the maximum benefit from your previous studies.

Guaranteed Entry Scheme

The Guaranteed Entry Scheme (GES) gives Swinburne diploma and advanced diploma students guaranteed entry into a selected range of Swinburne undergraduate degree courses. You'll receive credit for your studies, fast-tracking you into later stages of the degree.

Depending on the TAFE program you complete, you can choose from a selected range of undergraduate degrees. For a guide to the available degrees, see the table below, or for a full listing refer to www.swinburne.edu.au/ges

Pathways Direct

If you meet the entry requirements, you may be eligible to pathway into university via the Pathways Direct Scheme, which opens up a greater number of courses and specialisations to you. The level of credit granted depends on the relevance of your TAFE qualification to the degree program you are enrolling in. Refer to the table below for a guide to the maximum credit exemptions you may receive. Preference for entry into a degree course is given to those with a credit grade average (65% or above) and no fails in their final year of study.

Credit transfer

If you have completed a qualification at another Australian or international institution you may be eligible to receive credit and enter a degree with advanced standing. To find out if you are eligible, speak to an adviser on 1300 275 794.

University study skills

If you decide to progress from a TAFE diploma or advanced diploma course to a university degree, to help you make a successful transition Swinburne offers a program in Advanced University Study Skills. The program is designed to help you familiarise yourself with the typical study skills needed to best manage the pressures and challenges of degree-level study.

For more information visit www.swinburne.edu.au/uniskills

KEY	
H	Hawthorn
L	Lilydale
P	Prahran
W	Wantirna
GES	Guaranteed Entry Scheme
PD	Pathways Direct

TAFE COURSE	CAMPUS	UNIVERSITY DEGREE	CAMPUS	PATHWAY SCHEME	MAXIMUM UNIT EXEMPTION	MINIMUM TIME TO COMPLETE DEGREE
VISUAL, PERFORMING AND CIRCUS ARTS						
Diploma of Specialist Make-up Services	P	Bachelor of Business	L	GES	8 units	2 yrs
		Bachelor of Commerce	H	GES	8 units	2 yrs
		Bachelor of Communication	L	GES	8 units	2 yrs
		Bachelor of Social Science	L	GES	8 units	2 yrs
Diploma of Theatre Arts	P	Bachelor of Business	L	GES	8 units	2 yrs
		Bachelor of Commerce	H	GES	8 units	2 yrs
		Bachelor of Communication	L	GES	8 units	2 yrs
		Bachelor of Social Science	L	GES	8 units	2 yrs
Diploma of Visual Art	P, W	Bachelor of Business	L	GES	8 units	2 yrs
		Bachelor of Commerce	H	GES	8 units	2 yrs
		Bachelor of Communication	L	GES	8 units	2 yrs
		Bachelor of Social Science	L	GES	8 units	2 yrs
Diploma of Visual Merchandising	P, W	Bachelor of Business	L	GES	8 units	2 yrs
		Bachelor of Commerce	H	GES	8 units	2 yrs
		Bachelor of Communication	L	GES	8 units	2 yrs
		Bachelor of Social Science	L	GES	8 units	2 yrs

Note: This table is a guide only. Please see www.swinburne.edu.au/pathways for the most up-to-date information.

Course information

- T** TAFE course
- U** University degree

Circus Arts

Bachelor of Circus Arts

incorporating an Advanced Diploma and Diploma **U T**

Campus: Prahran

Duration: Three years full-time

Prerequisites: Successful completion of Year 12 or equivalent, plus a background in performing arts, physical theatre, youth circus, dance, acrobatic sports or gymnastics

Application: Direct to the National Institute of Circus Arts (NICA)

2011 Round 1 Clearly-in ATAR: Selection is by audition, interview and physiotherapy assessment

This vocationally oriented degree provides specialist training in contemporary circus arts. It also aims to provide you with the ability to manage your own artistic career in the world arena by providing sound arts business knowledge, leadership skills for the arts arena, research and academic skills and opportunities for innovation and experimentation with style and form.

Major study areas

- Circus skills
- Performance
- Movement and dance
- Fitness, strength and conditioning for circus performers
- Technical aspects of circus production
- Small business
- Circus history and culture

Career opportunities

NICA training can lead to work in contemporary circus, traditional circus, social circus, stunt work, corporate entertainment, festivals, teaching and other sectors of the arts industry. New companies are emerging as graduates find their place in Australia's cultural landscape.

Professional recognition

NICA is a member of the Australian Roundtable for Arts Training Excellence and is also accredited as a full member of the Fédération Européenne des Écoles de Cirque Professionnelles (Federation of European Professional Circus Schools). NICA is the South-East Asian training partner for the Training of Trainers for Cirque du Soleil's Social Circus Projects and has strategic alliances and training partnerships with Nanjing Acrobatic Troupe, Shanghai Circus School and the Taiwan National Academy of Performing Arts.

Costume for Performance

Diploma of Costume for Performance **T**

Campus: Prahran

Duration: Two years full-time

Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of Year 12 or equivalent, or mature age

Application: VTAC (February start; applicants must submit a supplementary application form) or direct. Applicants may be required to attend an interview and present a folio of work.

VTAC code: 78041 (VGF), 78044 (FTDP)

You will receive the training required to pursue or enhance your career as a theatre technician in the area of costume making or other related areas. The course combines theory and practical studies, industry simulation and industry placement to enhance your overall knowledge, experience and networks.

Major study areas

- Costume construction
- Costume design
- Pattern-making
- Period costumes
- Theatre and film wardrobe
- Theatrical millinery

Career opportunities

Employment within the theatre, TV and film industries, which may extend to costume hire outlets, costume fashion promotions, festivals, visual displays and creative novelty wear.

Hannah Cryle Bachelor of Circus Arts

"NICA is the only institute in the Southern Hemisphere that offers a tertiary qualification in circus arts. The trainers are from world-leading circuses and the facilities are awesome."



Make-Up

Diploma of Specialist Make-Up Services **T**

Campus: Prahran

Duration: One year full-time

Prerequisites: Satisfactory completion of Year 12 or equivalent, or mature age

Application: VTAC (February start; applicants must submit a supplementary application form) or direct. Applicants may be required to attend an interview and present a folio of work.

VTAC code: 78021 (VGF), 78024 (FTDP)

You will learn application skills in prosthetics, special effects, stage photographic, bridal, period, television, film and fashion make-up, as well as hairstyling, facial-hair manufacture, and wig styling and maintenance.

Major study areas

- Make-up
- Make-up design
- Performance arts make-up
- Special effects make-up
- Wig and hair styling

Career opportunities

Employment in the film, video, television, theatre, photographic or fashion industries.

The VTAC code indicates the fee type.

VGF: VET government-funded place

FTDP: Fee type determined by provider

CSP: Commonwealth supported place

IFP: International fee place

To find out which fee type you're eligible for, visit www.vtac.edu.au

Technical Theatre

Diploma of Live Production, Theatre and Events (Technical Production) **T**

Campus: Prahran

Duration: Eighteen months full-time

Prerequisites: Satisfactory completion of Year 12 or equivalent, or mature age

Application: VTAC (February start; applicants must submit a supplementary application form) or direct. Applicants may be asked to participate in a day of workshops and written activities.

VTAC code: 78071 (VGF), 78074 (FTDP)

This course is for people committed to becoming versatile and skilled technicians in the entertainment and live events industry. This qualification reflects the range of knowledge and skills required to be a multi-skilled technician, in the areas of lighting, audio and staging within the industry.

Major study areas

- Lighting
- Audio
- Staging

Career opportunities

You may find employment as a lighting technician, sound technician, stage mechanic, technical manager, technical coordinator or technical director in theatre, or for live or other major events.

Theatre Arts

Diploma of Theatre Arts **T**

Campus: Prahran

Duration: Two years full-time

Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of Year 12 or equivalent, or mature age

Application: VTAC (February start; applicants must submit a supplementary application form) or direct. Applicants may be asked to participate in a day of workshops and written activities

VTAC code: 78871 (VGF), 78874 (FTDP)

You will gain the necessary skills to organise a performance, event or project and take on the administrative tasks associated with such a performance. You will undertake practical learning in conceiving, developing, planning, activating, rehearsing and staging an event or performance.

Major study areas

- Event management (festivals)
- Performing arts
- Theatre (community theatre)
- Theatre (theatre technology)
- Theatre studies

Career opportunities

Employment as a theatre worker in a small company or with other artists on specific projects.

Visual Art

Diploma of Visual Art **T**

Campus: Prahran, Wantirna

Duration: Two years full-time

Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of Year 12 or equivalent, or mature age

Application: VTAC (February start; applicants must submit a supplementary application form) or direct. Applicants may be required to attend an interview and present a folio of work.

VTAC code: Prahran: 78151 (VGF), 78154 (FTDP); Wantirna: 71151 (VGF), 71154 (FTDP)

This is a progressive contemporary fine arts course run by artists. Painting, sculpture, drawing, photography, printmaking, and video and digital imaging are studied. Theory study areas feature conceptual and stylistic strategies of art practices since the 1960s.

Major study areas

- Life drawing
- Photography
- Painting
- Digital media
- Printmaking
- Public art
- Sculpture
- Visual arts

Career opportunities

You may find a rewarding career in the visual arts industries where traditional practices converge with new video and digital technologies.

■ KEY DATES

21 August 2011
Swinburne Open Day
Hawthorn, Lilydale and Prahran
swinburne.edu.au/openday

16–21 December 2011
Change of Preference period
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■ CAMPUSES

Hawthorn campus
John Street, Hawthorn

Prahran campus
144 High Street, Prahran

Lilydale campus
Melba Avenue, Lilydale

Croydon campus
12–50 Norton Road, Croydon

Wantirna campus
369 Stud Road, Wantirna

Sarawak campus
Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia



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