

Glossary

Assessment Tasks	Specific activities such as practical exercises, tests, examinations, folio presentations, performance activities or essays which receive a grade according to criteria specified within each study.
ATAR	Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank. The Victorian Tertiary Admission Centre uses the study scores to determine a national percentile ranking of each student. The ATAR is used by universities and TAFE institutes to select students for courses.
GAT	General Achievement Test. Each student undertaking a VCE Units 3 and 4 study is expected to complete the GAT.
Middle Band	Additional factors considered in the selection of 20% of tertiary places.
Outcomes	What you are expected to know and be able to do by the time you have completed the unit.
Prerequisites	A study that you must successfully complete to be eligible for entry into a course.
SAC	School Assessed Coursework. Work completed within class time which contributes to the internal assessment of VCE Units 3 and 4 studies.
Satisfactory Completion	Students must satisfactorily complete each set of outcomes in the study according to the objectives in the study design to enable them to gain a “S” as the overall result for that unit.
Scaling	A process used by VTAC to provide an overall measure of the performance of all students across all VCE studies. Scaling reflects the strength of competition within each study.
Study	Subjects completed by students. Each study consists of four units.
Study Design	The description of the content of a study and how students’ work is to be assessed. This is published by VCAA.
Study Score	The measure of the student’s relative position in the state wide cohort of students undertaking the study. This is reported as a score out of 50, calculated using the scores achieved in each of the three graded assessments for the study.
Units 1 and 2	Units of work usually undertaken in Year 11.
Units 3 and 4	Units of work with a greater degree of difficulty which are usually undertaken in Year 12.
VCAA	Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority. The body established by the Victorian Government which has responsibility for all aspects of the VCE and VCE VET.
VCE	The Victorian Certificate of Education.
VCE Unit	Each unit of work in each study is a semester in length.
VET	Vocational Education and Training. VET programs are taken as part of VCE and students gain nationally recognised vocational certificates.
VTAC	The Victorian Tertiary Admission Centre administers the selection system for Victoria’s tertiary institutions.