



Australian University Recognition for OpenArc IDSD Diploma

Do the First year in Sri Lanka and complete the balance in Australia

Victoria University (VU) in Melbourne, Australia is an internationally renowned institution ranking in the top two percent of universities worldwide (*Times Higher Education World University Rankings, 2017*) and fifty six (56) in the world's best 200 universities under fifty (50) years of age (*Times Higher Education Young University Rankings, 2017*). As one of thirty-nine (39) public universities in Australia, graduates can be assured that their qualification from VU is awarded from a university operating in a world-class education system. As the University of Opportunities and Success, VU has recognized the Industrial Diploma in Software Development (IDSD) programme of OpenArc Campus and exempted the first year of the Bachelor of Information Technology at VU for IDSD.

In the year 2007, OpenArc introduced the first Industrial Diploma in Software Development programme, to develop middle level technicians for the parent company OpenArc Systems Management (Pvt) Ltd. This programme was designed after considering the Information and Communication industry requirements, in order to produce an 'Industry-ready' middle level technician in Software Development. It has also given a student firm foundation to commence a degree level academic programme. Year after year, the IDSD programme had been refined and come up with the several versions and syllabus revisions to suit the new developments in the Information & Communication technology world.

First year subjects for VU Bachelor of Information Technology (for any major)
NIT1101 Web Development and CMS
NIT1102 Introduction to Programming
NIT1103 Communication & Information Management
NIT1104 Computer Networks
NIT1201 Introduction to Database Systems
NIT1202 Operating Systems
NIT1203 Introduction to Project Management
NIT1204 Web Application and Server Management

All the first year subjects of the VU degree are exempted when a student completes the IDSD at OpenArc. Other than the eight subjects, shown in the table, OpenArc IDSD has several other relevant subjects to prepare and build confidence in programming. There is a project, through which, students will apply what was learnt to develop a real world software application. Hence, when a student completes the IDSD, they are not only conversant with theory, but also application of those theories.

There are some other advantages in doing the First year at OpenArc, other than saving more than 90% of the course fee. It would be a transition period in which they not only build up confidence in subject areas, but also get to know the Victoria University representatives, right here in Sri Lanka. Hence, by the time they go to Australia, they would be conversant with culture etc.

For this three year degree programme to be completed at VU, Australia, approximately Rupees five million (including living expenses) has to be spent per year. But as a successful IDSD diploma holder, a student will be able to complete the first year in Sri Lanka and open up a pathway to the remaining two years at Australia. Being the first year exempted completely after following IDSD at OpenArc, a student will have a benefit of saving more than Rupees 4.5 million.

This three year degree programme at VU will prepare a student to specialize in the fast-growing Information and Technology industry. Emphasis has been provided on areas with high job demand such as Web and Mobile App Development and Information and Communication Technology Management. A student can choose his/her own job pathway based on the passions and strengths with a personalized learning experience. Areas of study to choose for the degree program include;

- Web and Mobile Application Development
- Network and System Computing
- ICT Management
- Software Development
- Network Management
- Global leadership

OpenArc Campus is pleased to invite students and their parents to visit them at No.120, Highlevel Road, Kirulapone, Colombo 06, to get more details.

