

Postgraduate writing and literature

Master of Arts (Writing and Literature)

Graduate Diploma of Writing and Literature

Graduate Certificate of Writing and Literature

Specialist graduate diplomas



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Hone your expertise in writing and literature and gain practical tools in critical analysis, editing and research.

Whether you want to develop the skills to analyse literary works, build your creative writing practice, or craft publishable pieces of professional writing, Deakin's postgraduate courses in writing and literature will help you fulfil your aspirations.

Our postgraduate courses give you the practical experience to turn your lifelong passion for writing and literature into a professional career. Equally, if you're already working in the industry and looking to take the next step, we provide a high performing environment that encourages your creativity to reach its full potential.

Gain real-world skills

Deakin's postgraduate courses in writing and literature offer lots of exposure to industry work, trends and opportunities to better prepare you for the current and future needs of the field. Our students take advantage of our industry partnerships to secure internships at well-known publications, and many have either edited or published work in Deakin's *Verandah Journal*, an annual student-run publication, showcasing the best work of emerging writers and artists.

Become a specialist

Our specialisations cater for many writing and literature professionals – from marketing professionals looking to boost sales through carefully crafted copy, to aspiring authors hoping to turn their book idea into a reality, to teachers wanting to add a new level of depth and rigour to their classroom.

Choose units from four study specialisations to create a unique degree that matches your interests:

- children's literature
- creative writing
- literary studies
- professional writing.

Learn from expert published authors

Our academics are actively involved with a number of prominent writing festivals, ensuring we've got our finger on the pulse of emerging writing trends and industry needs. Should you choose to pursue the masters degree, you'll also be paired with an academic staff member who is working and recognised in your chosen field. Benefit from get one-on-one mentorship developing your work with author-academics including Antonia Pont, Jodi McAlister and Indigo Perry.

Career options

Graduates from Deakin's postgraduate writing and literature courses have advanced writing skills and expertise in communication, problem solving, critical thinking and research – the kind of skills employers across all industries value. This puts you in a strong position to explore a range of career pathways including:

- author
- editor
- literary critic
- publisher
- advertising executive
- communications specialist
- copywriter
- journalist
- public relations practitioner
- English teacher (combined with an initial teacher qualification).

deakin.edu.au/write

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1 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) 2019.

2 2019 Student Experience Survey, based on undergraduate students

3 Graduate Outcomes Survey (GOS), Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT) 2019.

Discover where you could go

At Deakin, we're proud to see our staff and alumni excel. Discover some of our success stories and get inspired by our academics by exploring deakin.edu.au/artsedstories/writingandliteratureshowcase

Disciplines

Children’s literature

Make a difference in the lives of young people by understanding the impact of literature on their development and awareness of the world around them. A specialisation in children’s literature at Deakin will help you discover how stories for young people reflect and challenge the values of their time. From picture books to novels and films, you’ll explore a wide variety of literary and popular texts and learn to think more critically about texts for young people.

Prepare yourself to take the next step in your career as you develop high-level writing and critical analysis skills and the capacity to undertake independent and collaborative research. Building skills in the analysis of children’s literature is particularly important for primary and secondary teachers, librarians, and people in the children’s book publishing industry – as well as anyone who wants to write for young people. You’ll also get the chance to put your learning to use in industry internships, such as at libraries, literary agents and festivals that focus on promoting stories for the next generation.

Creative writing

Want to sharpen your skills and build a regular writing practice into your week? Study creative writing to enhance your career or bring your book idea to life. You’ll learn how to bring a range of genres and forms to life, including creative non-fiction, fiction, poetry and scripts.

In workshop-style classes, you’ll learn how to master the tools of the writer’s trade: the ability to research, self-edit, and write clearly and compellingly. You’ll also explore and analyse the work of writing world luminaries, with an eye to applying their techniques and learnings to your own work. In addition, you’ll benefit from the feedback of your peers and the chance to submit your work to Deakin’s international literature and arts journal, *Verandah*. These two unique opportunities can help you develop and refine your creative voice.

Learning from Deakin’s team of published authors and writers will also expose you to the industry and help you develop important connections that can help to drive your creative practice forward.

Specialise or combine your interests

Choose to specialise in a literary area you’re passionate about and become an expert – or keep your options open and study cross-disciplinary units to unlock a broader spread of knowledge. In the second option, you could find yourself exploring practices and concepts from complementary literary fields, like writing professional marketing copy or learning how to analyse fiction critically.

Professional writing

Expand your writing range and build a portfolio of industry-standard work in professional writing at Deakin. Under the tutelage of staff who are published writers themselves, you’ll hone your ability to write for and across a range of audiences and platforms.

You’ll develop the skills required to prepare work for publication by of writing and revision, editing, publishing and blogging. Through immersive learning experiences, you will be exposed to the publishing industry and gain a solid understanding of the requirements of writing and editing for different readerships. You’ll also have opportunities to conduct creative research work and produce content for professional-standard digital and print publications. Learning alongside like-minded professionals, you will exchange feedback with your peers and experienced writers to help build your practice in a supportive environment.

Literary studies

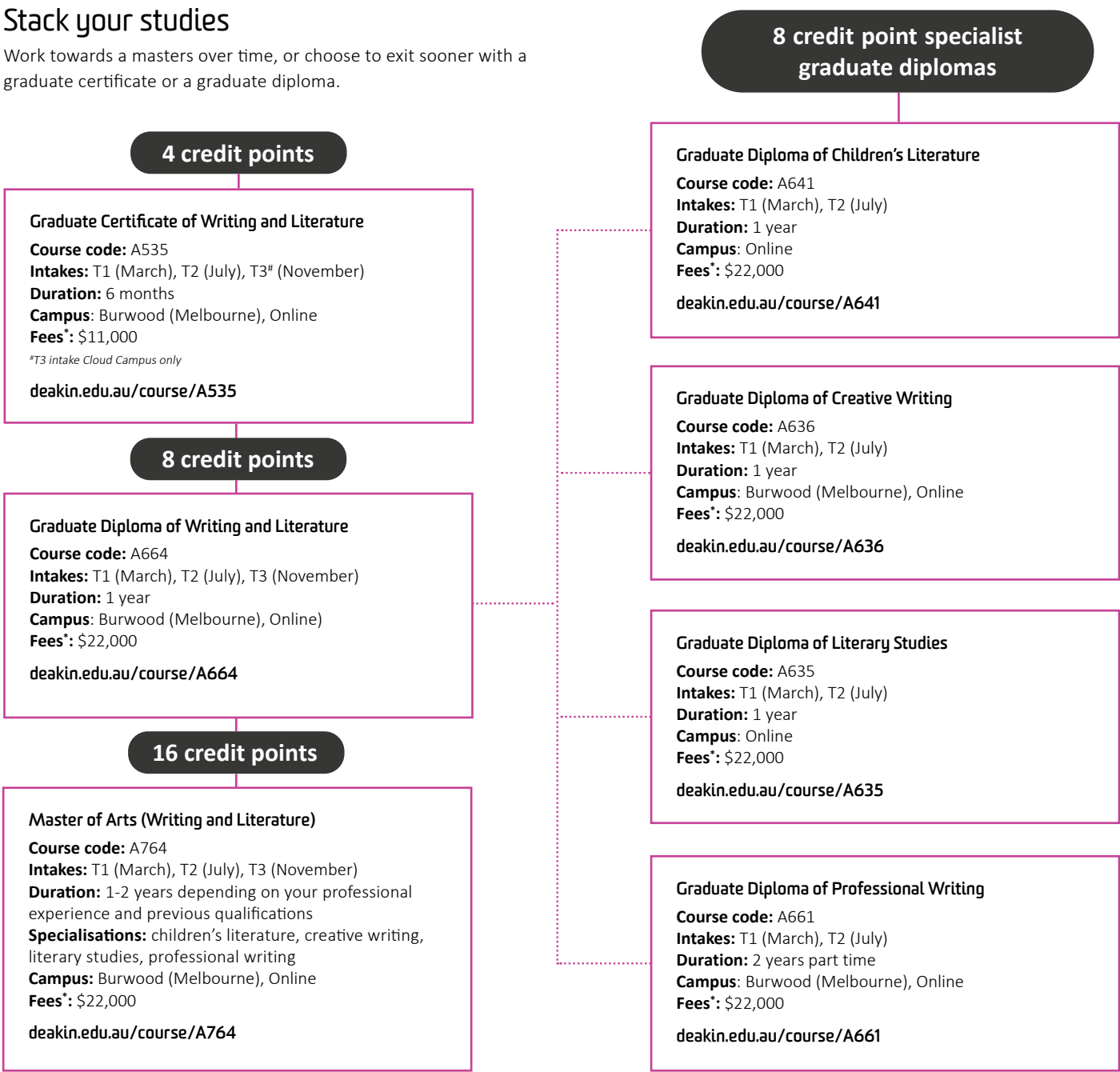
Stories have always been a way for us to better understand ourselves – and each other. As a literary studies student, you’ll explore a rich array of texts and discover how to critically analyse them and the ideas they surface based upon their historical, political and social circumstances. Find yourself reading work by contemporary or experimental novelists and poets one day, and delving into the rich archive of English classics and plays the next.

In discussion-focused classes, you will study a number of topics related to English or literary studies at an advanced level including generic traditions and variations used in literature; creative and critical ways of thinking about story; and how an author’s identity impacts their construction of a text. You’ll also discover how reading and analysing literature feeds and expands your own creative abilities, and benefit from opportunities to transform your critical works and submit them for publication.

Courses

Stack your studies

Work towards a masters over time, or choose to exit sooner with a graduate certificate or a graduate diploma.



‘The course broadens your understanding of how literature fits into society, culture and the development of culture as we are currently living it. That knowledge has widened my perspective of the world I’m living in, and given me a greater appreciation of the role of literature.’

Penny Reeve
Master of Arts (Writing and Literature) graduate
Award-winning children’s author

*2021 indicative fee rates and covers, depending on qualification, of up to and including one year full-time study for domestic students. Fee rates may be subject to change.

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Courses that are linked with industry

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- give you work placement opportunities to enhance your skill set.

Industry experience to get ahead

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Study options to suit you

Postgraduate study doesn't have to be a balancing act. We provide resources, study options and support services that allow you to speed up, slow down and take control when you need to.

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Recognition of prior learning (RPL)

You may be able to reduce your overall study time and tuition cost by getting your work and previous study experience recognised as recognition of prior learning (RPL). RPL, formerly known as advanced standing or credit transfer, includes formal learning (accredited qualifications) and informal learning (non-accredited learning or work experience).

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