Deakin’s Associate Degree of Arts, Business and Sciences

This two year full-time (or part-time equivalent) course gives you the opportunity to study in a state of the art learning centre right here in Wangaratta at GOTAFE.

As one of Australia’s most progressive universities, Deakin strives to provide pathways for students to participate in higher education and recognises that in today’s competitive work environment, a university degree can make all the difference.

Benefits of studying the associate degree
The associate degree provides:

» study close to home
» entry to university without the usual prerequisites
» an introduction and transition to tertiary study
» a guaranteed place* in a range of Deakin bachelor degrees at either Geelong or Warrnambool
» up to 18 months credit towards your chosen degree
» a dual qualification
» a stand-alone qualification for enhanced employment opportunities into your chosen field including administration, marketing, business, banking, science, finance, education and community health.

Am I eligible to apply?

» Mature-age returning to study
» Current Year 12 student
» Currently completing a diploma
» Looking for a career change

You can undertake Deakin’s associate degree regardless of your previous educational background. You may have recently completed Year 12, planning to return to study after an extended break, or seeking admission into the bachelors degree of your choice.

Some facts
This unique learning environment links you with students studying your course throughout Victoria, with immediate realtime feedback from your lecturer and one-on-one support from your campus. When undertaken at GOTAFE Wangaratta, the Associate Degree of Arts, Business and Sciences can be studied concurrently with a diploma.

This program will help you develop skills in research, written communication, oral presentation, as well as the ability to critically analyse concepts. To graduate from the Associate Degree of Arts, Business and Sciences, you will be required to complete a minimum of 16 credit points, comprising core units, elective units and a TAFE diploma course.

The core units will focus on the knowledge and skills needed to be a successful university student. They will provide you with an introduction to studying at university from the perspective of different disciplines or subjects, and ensure that you become a more self-directed learner, particularly through the development of academic writing, critical thinking and information technology skills.

Core units – first year
Trimester 1
Learning for a Knowledge Society
E-literacy for Contemporary Learning

Trimester 2
Work and the Sustainable Society

In second year, you will continue with your diploma studies and undertake elective units from a relevant Deakin bachelor degree via a supported off-campus delivery mode. You will be guided with your subject selection to ensure the units you choose will provide the maximum credit when using the associate degree as a pathway to a bachelors degree or to optimise employment opportunities.

GOTAFE, Wangaratta
GOTAFE offers a range of nationally accredited qualifications and vocationally based training programs to assist students to gain skills and knowledge to gain employment or further their career aspirations.

As a student at GOTAFE you are entitled to access a variety of non-academic support services. These include a counsellor, disability liaison officer, youth and student service officer and careers counselling.

How to apply
If you would like to apply to study the Associate Degree of Arts, Business and Sciences along with a diploma course at GOTAFE, you need to:

1. Apply for a diploma course at GOTAFE
Full-time and part-time applicants for all diploma qualifications can apply online www.gotafe.vic.edu.au or call 1300 GOTAFE (1300 468 233) to assist with your application process.

and

2. Apply for the Deakin associate degree
Full-time and part-time applicants who want to study the Associate Degree of Arts, Business and Sciences at GOTAFE can apply in two ways:

• download an application form online at deakin.edu.au/doorstep and submit directly to GOTAFE.

or

• obtain a Deakin associate degree application form from GOTAFE, Wangaratta Campus and submit directly (with a detailed personal statement) to GOTAFE.

Students may be required to attend an information session and complete a literacy exercise.

For further Deakin information phone 1300 753 680.

* Conditions apply.
2013 courses and pathways
Once you successfully complete your associate degree and diploma, you may be eligible to receive Credit For Prior Learning into a Deakin course. This table shows the number of credit points you may be credited for.

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For more information, please visit [deakin.edu.au/future-students/courses](http://deakin.edu.au/future-students/courses).

Sample course structure^A

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<td>Contemporary Communication</td>
<td>Level 1 or 2 unit from creative arts degree</td>
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^A This sample course structure should only be used as an example. It is recommended that all students seek assistance from a student adviser.

For more course structures and information on study units, please visit [deakin.edu.au/future-students/courses](http://deakin.edu.au/future-students/courses).
Costs
How much will it cost?
Associate degree students have a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) which means that the government pays a portion of the tuition costs. The remainder is paid as HECS (Higher Education Contribution Scheme) for each unit in which you enrol. The cost per unit varies and is available on the Deakin website. However, an indicative cost for the first year is $2800 plus TAFE diploma costs. The cost for the second year will depend on which units you choose.

How do I pay?
You can use HECS-HELP to defer payment and pay no upfront fees or pay upfront at the start of each trimester and receive a discount. Repayments are made through the Australian Taxation Office once your annual income exceeds the minimum threshold for payment. To check if you're eligible for HECS-HELP, and to find out what your responsibilities are as a CommonwealthSupported student, please visit www.studyassist.gov.au.

In addition to course fees, you may also be required to pay a student service and amenities fee. For more information, please visit deakin.edu.au/future-students.

Time
How much time will I spend studying the associate degree each week?
The first year introductory units, including lectures and tutorials, are conducted one full day a week for each 12-week trimester. Generally you would be expected to be engaged both in and out of class for a total of 8–10 hours per week for each unit.

What are the key dates?
» Closing date for direct applications – Friday 15 February 2013
» Orientation Week – 4 to 8 March 2013
» Commencement of Trimester 1 lectures – Monday 11 March 2013
» Closing date for DAYD scholarship applications – Friday 15 March 2013

How does the trimester system work?
There are three trimesters: Trimester 1 runs from February to June, Trimester 2 from July to November and Trimester 3 from November to February. There is a short break mid-trimester and a longer break between each trimester.

Selection and enrolment
How do I apply?
See details inside this brochure.

Where do I apply first?
You can apply for both at the same time, as each has a separate selection process. Your TAFE will be able to provide you with an associate degree application form.

How will I know if I’ve been selected?
You will receive email notification with directions on how to accept or decline your offer.

Can I defer from the associate degree if I get accepted?
Yes, you can complete and submit the Deferral of Offer application form online or contact your Tutorial Support Officer. Please note that you should not enrol if you intend to defer.

How do I enrol?
You need to attend the associate degree enrolment session scheduled at your TAFE campus. Details will be provided in your offer email. Any queries should be directed to your Tutorial Support Officer.

Can I do the associate degree at my local TAFE without doing a TAFE diploma?
Yes, if you already have a recent diploma that is relevant to the degree pathway that you are seeking. Deakin will determine the amount of credit that will be granted for your existing diploma.

You may also study the associate degree as a stand-alone qualification by completing the core units at your TAFE and the remainder of the course by off-campus study. Please see your Tutorial Support Officer for more information or contact Deakin 1300 753 680.

Where can I find more information about Deakin’s associate degree online?
Visit deakin.edu.au/doorstep.

For further information email: associatedegree@deakin.edu.au.

Frequently asked questions

I was keen to further my education having previously completed VCE many years ago. At that time I really did not know what I wanted to do career wise, but now with my children growing up and becoming more independent, I am looking at my future working path. The most positive aspect of studying the associate degree is being encouraged to think! I have always been a self-learner and I am loving studying again in an official and disciplined way. I would like to continue onto a Bachelor of Visual Arts or a teaching degree.

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