INTRODUCTION TO UNIVERSITY
YOUR FUTURE

Now is the time to start thinking about your options for further study.

University offers a world of possibilities. Most courses require you to have studied certain subjects at VCE (or equivalent) level. This can include interstate qualifications, some TAFE qualifications or relevant work experience. It’s important to keep your options open.

And that’s what this guide is about – helping you to make the right choices now, to ensure you reach your career goals.

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS ‘WORLDLY’?

Watch a YouTube video: deakin.yt/what-is-worldly.
‘Every day I experience Deakin’s technology-savvy facilities, from the computer labs to interactive lecture devices and even the amazing science equipment.’

ASHLEY CHAN
Bachelor of Vision Science
Read Ashley’s story at deakin.is/ashley-chan.
GETTING STARTED

What are your skills and interests?
- What subjects do you like?
- Do you excel in any particular subject or study area?
- What are you interested in?
- What inspires you?
- Do you volunteer, play sport or are you involved in a music group or other activity?

Is university for you?
- Does the job or career you want require a degree or university qualification, such as nursing, law or teaching?
- Will having a degree help you succeed in your field of interest?

Research, research, research
- Talk with your parents, teachers, careers practitioners, friends and colleagues about the subject options available at school and how they’re relevant to courses and jobs you’re interested in.
- Check the subject prerequisites and extra requirements for all of the courses you are interested in. There may be prerequisites and extra requirements for school-leavers as well as for non school-leavers. Find out about prerequisites at deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course.
- You can find out about extra requirements on the VTAC website www.vtac.edu.au and in Victorian Tertiary Entrance Requirements (VICTER) publications.
- Look at careers and employment opportunities available from your preferred courses at deakin.edu.au/yourcourse-yourcareer.
- Consider work experience in areas that appeal to you.
## HOW DOES UNI COMPARE?

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<td><strong>Course length</strong></td>
<td>Six years (VCE or equivalent, two years)</td>
<td>Four months–two-and-a-half years</td>
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<td><strong>Class structure</strong></td>
<td>Classes, 25 people, one teacher per subject</td>
<td>Classes and workshops, 12–20 people, one teacher per subject</td>
<td>Lectures, up to 700 people, Tutorials and practicals, 15–30 people, one subject teacher (tutor)</td>
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<td><strong>Qualifications</strong></td>
<td>VCE, VCAL or International Baccalaureate (IB)</td>
<td>Certificate I, II, III, IV, diploma, advanced diploma</td>
<td>Associate degree, bachelor’s degree, combined course or concurrent course</td>
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*Check with individual institutions for specific details.*
‘I was lucky enough to receive 8 credits from my TAFE diploma. This meant I had essentially taken a full year off my Deakin combined course.’

ANDREW CONTE
Bachelor of Design (Architecture)/Bachelor of Construction Management
Read Andrew’s story at deakin.is/andrew-conte.
HUNGRY FOR MORE?

We’ve got lots of useful information on our website deakin.edu.au. You can also find out about coming events by visiting deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/important-dates.

YOU MIGHT ALSO FIND SOME OF THESE SITES HANDY:

Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC)
www.vtac.edu.au

Career exploration and information service.
www.myfuture.edu.au

Australian Government site providing advice for young people thinking about their future and looking for work.
www.youth.gov.au

Information about jobs and careers.
www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au

Information on education and training options open to the community including apprentices, trainees, students, teachers, trainers, businesses and employers.
www.skills.vic.gov.au

Higher education options in Australia.
www.studyassist.gov.au
‘All the lecturers know me by name and we chat whenever I see them around campus. You can always ask them for help.’

SHAUN CHUNG-BUCKLAND
Bachelor of Commerce
Read Shaun’s story at deakin.is/shaun-chung-buckland.
LEARNING THE LINGO

**Associate degree**
A two-year, full-time (or part-time equivalent) program designed for students who may benefit from a supported entry to tertiary study. It provides flexible pathways into university, and can be used as a guaranteed pathway into a range of approved degrees.

**Bachelor’s degree**
Normally the first university course undertaken, also known as an undergraduate award.

**Faculty**
An organisational division in a university; for example, the Faculty of Arts and Education is one of the four faculties at Deakin University. Within each faculty are several schools, e.g. the School of Law is in the Faculty of Business and Law.

**Deferment**
You can postpone your studies, but still keep your university place. At Deakin you can defer for up to two years.

**Lecture**
A presentation given by an academic (lecturer) to a large group of students.

**Major sequence**
An approved group of at least 6 credit points of related units that are taken in sequence at each level of a course. In some cases, you can enroll in more than one major sequence.

**Pathways**
Pathways provide alternative entry options for people who may have obtained a TAFE or equivalent qualification and who now wish to obtain a degree, or for those who may not meet academic entry or English language requirements.

**Prerequisites**
The VCE subjects or other requirements that applicants must complete to be eligible for a course. More info: [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au).

**Scholarships**
Deakin offers a range of scholarships, including academic scholarships for high-achievers and access and equity scholarships. Visit [deakin.edu.au/scholarships](http://deakin.edu.au/scholarships).

**Study score**
A score of 0–50 that shows how a VCE student performed in a particular subject compared to other students in the same year throughout the state.

**Tutorial**
A type of class given to a small group of students involving discussion and participation.

**Undergraduate degree**
Usually the first degree you obtain in a given discipline area. For example, a Bachelor of Health Sciences.

**Unit**
A Deakin subject or unit is normally one trimester long and most have a value of 1 or 2 credit points.

**Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC)**
Centralised admissions centre for most undergraduate university and TAFE courses.

**Victorian Tertiary Entrance Requirements (VICTER)**
A VTAC publication for Year 10 students to help plan their pathway towards tertiary study. The VICTER 2016 Guide will be most applicable for students completing Year 10 in 2013.

For a comprehensive list of key terms, please visit [deakin.edu.au/glossary](http://deakin.edu.au/glossary).
WHY GO TO UNIVERSITY?

• On average, people with a university degree earn 50 per cent more than those without a degree.

• University study can help you develop specific skills and knowledge that are transferable to the workplace, as well as more general life skills.

• Students come from around the world to study our courses, giving you the chance to make friends from a diverse range of backgrounds.

• You can develop professional networks that can help you throughout your career.

• You can travel overseas and experience other cultures as part of your degree.

WANT A SNAPSHOT OF DEAKIN’S CAMPUSES?
Watch a YouTube video: deakin.yt/worldly-campus. 
‘Internships enhanced my skills and allowed me to put what I’d learned in the classroom into practice’.

KATE WESTON
Bachelor of Arts – Public Relations
Read Kate’s story at deakin.is/kate-weston.
If you like these types of subjects:
Maths
Design and Technology
History
English
Graphics

Art
Information Technology
Studio Arts
Business Management

Or if this is your dream job:
Architect
City or landscape planner or designer
Construction manager

Design manager
Estimator
Quantity surveyor
Site manager

Then consider a Deakin University architecture and built environment course in:
Design (architecture)
Construction management
Architectural technology

Combined courses include, but are not limited to:
Design (architecture)/Construction management

deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course/architecture-and-built-environment
ARTS, HUMANITIES AND
SOCIAL SCIENCES

If you like these types of subjects:
Languages
Geography
Legal Studies
History
Politics
Philosophy
Religion and Society
Sociology
English
Dance
Drama
Media
Design and Technology
Art
Visual Communication and Design

Or if this is your dream job:
Actor
Advertising manager
Artist
Communication specialist
Criminologist
Dancer
Event manager
Foreign affairs manager
Graphic designer
Historian
Intelligence officer
Journalist
Radio, TV or film producer
Newspaper and magazine publisher
Photographer
Policy writer
Public relations manager
Tourism manager
Translator
Web developer

Then consider a Deakin University arts course in:
Animation (and motion capture)
Anthropology
Arabic
Arts
Australian Studies
Chinese
Children’s literature
Criminology
Dance
Drama
Film studies
History
Indonesian
International relations
Journalism
Language and culture studies
Literary studies
Media and communication
Middle East studies
Philosophy
Photography
Politics and policy studies
Professional and creative writing
Public relations
Sociology
Visual arts
Visual communication design
Combined courses include, but are not limited to:
Arts/Commerce
Arts/Health sciences
Arts/Law
Arts/Science

deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course/arts
If you like these types of subjects:
Accounting  
Business Management  
Economics  
Industry and Enterprise  
Information Technology  
Legal Studies  
Languages  
Maths  
Politics

Or if this is your dream job:
Accountant  
Business analyst  
Customer relations manager  
Database developer  
eBusiness project manager  
Economic analyst or policy developer  
Electronic marketing manager  
Equal opportunity officer  
Financial planner  
Financial security analyst  
Human resources manager  
Information systems consultant  
Marketing consultant  
Market research  
Property valuer  
Real estate agent  
Risk analyst  
Sport management  
Sponsorship management  
Sport development  
Systems analyst and designer  
Tourism operations and planning  
Training and development officer  
Web designer/architect

Then consider a Deakin University business course in:
Commerce  
Information systems  
Management  
Property and real estate  
Combined courses include, but are not limited to:
Arts/Commerce  
Arts/Laws  
Arts/Management  
International studies/Commerce

Information systems/Information technology  
Commerce/Information systems  
Commerce/Laws  
Commerce/Science  
Information systems/Arts  
Information systems/Laws  
Information systems/Science  
Laws/International studies  
Management/Laws

deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course/business
If you like these types of subjects:
- Business Studies
- English
- Geography
- History
- Languages
- Maths
- Outdoor and Environmental Studies
- Performing Arts
- Physical Education
- Politics
- Psychology
- Sciences
- Visual Art

Or if this is your dream job:
- Early childhood educator
- Education officer
- Educational consultant
- Health and physical education teacher
- Primary teacher
- Secondary teacher
- Training and development officer
- Volunteer and international teacher

Then consider a Deakin University education course in:
- Early childhood education
- Health and physical education
- Teaching (primary)

Combined courses include, but are not limited to:
- Teaching (secondary)/Arts
- Teaching (science)/Science

deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course/education-and-teaching
If you like these types of subjects:
Chemistry
Design and Technology
Information Technology
Maths
Physics
Systems Engineering

Or if this is your dream job:
Aerospace engineer
Aircraft engineer
Automotive engineer
Civil engineer
Construction manager
Manufacturing engineer
Mechanical engineer
Mechatronic and robotic engineer
Railway engineer
Road and traffic engineer
Ship building engineer
Water engineer

Then consider a Deakin University engineering course in:
Engineering – Civil, Electrical and Electronics, Mechanical, Mechatronics and Robotics
Engineering science – sports technology, medical technology

Combined courses include, but are not limited to:
Engineering/Commerce
Engineering/Information technology
If you like these types of subjects:
Agricultural and Horticultural Studies
Biology
Chemistry
Environmental Science
Geography
Information Technology
Maths
Outdoor and Environmental Studies

Or if this is your dream job:
Aquatic scientist
Conservation field officer
Catchment manager
Coastal and park planner
Environmental analyst/consultant
Fire ecologist
Land management officer
Marine biologist
Park ranger
Recycling manager
Water quality/waterways manager
Wildlife ecologist

Then consider a Deakin University environment course in:
Environmental management and sustainability
Fisheries and aquaculture
Marine biology
Wildlife and conservation biology

Combined courses include, but are not limited to:
Arts/Science
Commerce/Science
Science/Law
Teaching (science)/Science

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HEALTH

If you like these types of subjects:
Biology
Chemistry
English
Food and Technology
Health and Human Development
Maths
Physical Education
Psychology
Outdoor and Environmental Studies

Or if this is your dream job:
Advocacy and mediation worker
Child protection officer
Community development officer
Dietitian
Disability services officer
Doctor
Food microbiologist
Health counsellor or educator
Health policy officer/developer
Health promotion coordinator
Mental health coordinator
Midwife
Nurse
Nursing administrator
Nutritionist
Occupational therapist
Optometrist
Psychologist
Rehabilitation consultant
Social worker
Youth projects officer

Then consider a Deakin University health course in:
Food and nutrition
Health sciences
Medicine
Nursing
Occupational therapy
Optometry
Psychology
Public health and health promotion
Social work
Related studies:
Engineering science -medical technology

Combined courses include, but are not limited to:
Criminology/Psychology
Health sciences/Arts
Nursing/Midwifery
Nursing/Public health and health promotion
Nursing/Psychology
If you like these types of subjects:

Accounting  
Business Management  
Business Administration  
Design and Technology  
Economics  
Information Technology  
Maths  
Software Development  
Systems Engineering

Or if this is your dream job:

Application architect/developer  
Business analyst  
Business security manager  
Computer systems developer  
Data communications manager  
Forensic IT investigator  
Game designer  
Game developer  
Game programmer  
Information officer  
Information security compliance and risk specialist  
Information systems engineer  
Information systems auditor  
Multimedia systems designer  
Network engineer  
Programmer  
Project manager  
Risk analyst  
Security specialist  
Software developer  
Systems programmer  
Web developer

Then consider a Deakin University IT course in:

Information technology  
Information systems  
Computer science and software development  
Games design and development  
IT security  
Mobile and apps development  
Professional practice  
Business information systems  
Combined courses include, but are not limited to:

Information systems/Information technology  
Engineering/Information technology  
Information systems/Science  
Criminology/Information technology

deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course/information-technology
If you like these types of subjects:

Administrative Law
Chinese Commercial Law
Commercial Law
Competition Law and Policy
Constitutional Law
Contract Law
Criminal Law
Criminal Procedure
Equity and Trusts
Family Law
Human Rights Law
Indian Law
Insolvency
International Financial Crime
Intellectual Property
International Law
Law and the Internet
Law, Society and Civil Rights
Legal Practice and Ethics
Mining and Energy Law
Personal Injuries
Compensation Schemes
Superannuation Law
Taxation
Torts

Or if this is your dream job:

Barrister
Business manager
Corporate lawyer
Company administrator
Diplomat legal aide
Industrial relations officer
Law reform research officer
Lawyer
Legal adviser
Solicitor

Then consider a Deakin University law course in:

Law
Combined courses include, but are not limited to:
Arts/Law
Commerce/Law
Criminology/Law
Law/Arts
(international studies)
Management/Law
Science/Law

deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course/law
If you like these types of subjects:
Agricultural and Horticultural Studies  Information Technology
Biology  Maths
Chemistry  Outdoor and Environmental Studies
Environmental Science  Physics
Geography

Or if this is your dream job:
Biotechnologist  Pharmaceutical sales representative
Biomedical researcher  Pharmaceutical scientist
Food microbiologist  Science journalist
Forensic scientist  Science teacher
Insurance investigator  Zoologist
Laboratory scientist

Then consider a Deakin University science course in:
Biological science  Combined courses include, but are not limited to:
Biomedical science  Arts/Science
Forensic science  Commerce/Science
Science  Engineering/Science
Zoology and animal science  Science/Law

deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course/science
If you like these types of subjects:

Accounting
Biology
Business Management
English
Food and Technology
Health and Human Development
Outdoor and Environmental Studies
Physical Education

Or if this is your dream job:

Community sport and recreation manager
Corporate health adviser
Event manager
Exercise physiologist
Fitness instructor
Health and physical education teacher
Health promotion coordinator
Personal trainer
Player/athlete manager
Sponsorship manager
Sport coach
Sport development officer
Sport facilities manager
Sport marketing consultant
Sport nutritionist
Sport scientist

Then consider a Deakin University sport course in:

Business (sport management)
Exercise and sport science
Health sciences
Health and physical education
Sport development

Combined courses include, but are not limited to:

Exercise and sport science/Business (sport management)
OPEN DAYS

04.08.13
WARRNAMBOOL
CAMPUS
Princes Highway
Warrnambool Victoria

11.08.13
GEELONG
WATERFRONT CAMPUS
1 Gheringhap Street
Geelong Victoria

11.08.13
GEELONG
WAURN PONDS CAMPUS
Pigdons Road
Waurn Ponds Victoria

25.08.13
MELBOURNE
BURWOOD CAMPUS
221 Burwood Highway
Burwood Victoria

GET A SNAPSHOT OF DEAKIN’S OPEN DAYS
on YouTube deakin.yt/worldly-open-day.

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twitter.com/DiscoverDeakin
youtube.com/DeakinUniversity

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