



Course Rules: D302 Bachelor of Vision Science / Master of Optometry

1. The Bachelor of Vision Science component of the course consists of 24 units of study taken over six trimesters of study.
2. From year 2, the course is only available by full time study.
3. The first year of the Bachelor of Vision Science consists of the following 1 credit point (CP) units: HBS107 Understanding Health, SLE111 Cells and Genes[#], SLE155 Chemistry for the Professional Sciences^{**} or SLE133 Chemistry in Our World^{**}, HMO101 Principles of Optics, HBS108 Health Information and Data, HMO103 Clinical Optics, HMO104 Ocular Biology 1, HMO102 Science of Vision 1, MAA103 Accounting for Decision Making, HMO105 The Business of Optometry, HMO201 Science of Vision 2 and HMO202 Ocular Biology 2.
** Students who have undertaken Chemistry at Year 12 level (or equivalent) will enroll in SLE155 Chemistry for the Professional Sciences, and students who have not undertaken Year 12 (or equivalent) Chemistry will enroll in SLE133 Chemistry in Our World.*
Students must complete SLE010 Laboratory and Fieldwork Safety Induction Program (OCP) before they are allowed to commence in these units.
4. Students must pass all first year units, or be granted credit for prior learning for these units, before proceeding to second year. Credit for prior learning will be granted on a like-for-like basis.
5. Students should note that failing a unit would most likely result in an inability to maintain a full-time study load.
6. The second year of the Bachelor of Vision Science consists of the units HMO203 Health and Vision Sciences 1 (2CP), HMO204 Principles and Practice of Optometry 1 (2CP), HMO303 Health and Vision Sciences 2 (2CP), HMO304 Principles and Practice of Optometry 2 (2CP), HMO305 Health and Vision Sciences 3 (2CP), HMO306 Principles and Practice of Optometry 3 (2 CP).

7. The units HMO203 Health and Vision Sciences 1 and HMO204 Principles and Practice of Optometry 1 are prerequisites for both the unit HMO303 Health and Vision Sciences 2 and the unit HMO304 Principles and Practice of Optometry 2. The units HMO303 Health and Vision Sciences 2 and HMO304 Principles and Practice of Optometry 2 are prerequisites for both the unit HMO305 Health and Vision Sciences 3 and the unit HMO306 Principles and Practice of Optometry 3.
8. The units HMO203 Health and Vision Sciences 1 and HMO204 Principles and Practice of Optometry 1 are co-requisites, the units HMO303 Health and Vision Sciences 2 and HMO304 Principles and Practice of Optometry 2 are co-requisites and the units HMO305 Health and Vision Sciences 3 and HMO306 Principles and Practice of Optometry 3 are co-requisites.
9. The Master of Optometry consists of 16 units of study taken over 4 trimesters of study.
10. The course is only available by full time study.
11. The Master of Optometry consists of the units HMO701 Advanced Optometric Studies 1 (4CP), HMO702 Advanced Optometric Studies 2 (4CP), HMO703 Community Optometry 1 (4CP) and HMO704 Community Optometry 2 (4CP).
12. The units HMO305 Health and Vision Sciences 3 and HMO306 Principles and Practice of Optometry 3, or equivalent, are prerequisites for HMO701 Advanced Optometric Studies 1.
13. To enter the Master of Optometry students are required to have passed all components of the clinical OSCEs of HMO306 within the previous 3 months. Failing this, students must have successfully completed an equivalent program of study and assessment or HMO300, also within the last 3 months.
14. The Unit HMO701 Advanced Optometric Studies 1 is a prerequisite for the unit HMO702 Advanced Optometric Studies 2.
15. The unit HMO702 Advanced Optometric Studies 2 is a prerequisite for the unit HMO703 Community Optometry 1.
16. The Unit HMO703 Community Optometry 1 is a prerequisite for the unit HMO704 Community Optometry 2.

17. Students may elect to exit the combined program and complete the Bachelor of Vision Science requirements only. However, students should note that if they do this they are ineligible for registration with AHPRA and cannot practise as an optometrist.

18. BVisSci and MOptom Inherent Requirements Guidelines:

18.1 Applications are accepted for the Deakin BVisSci and MOptom from students who possess the skills and prerequisites required to complete the course, gain professional certification and practise safely. The inherent requirements of the course are listed in the document, *BVisSci and MOptom Inherent Requirements*, which is available from the School of Medicine.

18.2 The inherent requirements for this course are designed to assist in the decision about aptitude and ability to complete the course to a satisfactory standard. Each student is expected to possess the intellectual, physical and social skills necessary to complete the course.

18.3 If you have a disability, a long-term medical condition, impairment, or other attribute that you feel may affect your ability to meet the inherent requirements of the BVisSci and MOptom, Deakin University advises that you contact the School of Medicine or the Disability Resource Centre to discuss these requirements.

18.4 The University is committed to equity and equal opportunity and can introduce reasonable adjustments to courses to enable students to fulfil the requirements of the course in many, but not necessarily all, instances.

18.5 All students are required to comply with the statutes, regulations, policies and procedures of Deakin University. Legislation and policies and procedures are available from the following web site: <http://theguide.deakin.edu.au/>