



## KEY TERMS

### ACCESS AND EQUITY

Deakin's Access and Equity program provides an alternative entry path to students from a range of backgrounds. These include students from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds, Indigenous students, mature-age students, students with a disability or long-term medical condition, as well as students from non-English speaking backgrounds, rural or isolated areas, under-represented schools, or with difficult family circumstances. To apply for entry under this scheme you will need to apply through the Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS), see page 18.

### ADVANCED STANDING (CREDIT TRANSFER)

Credit granted towards your Deakin course for relevant approved study, experience or work satisfactorily completed at the University or elsewhere. There are two aspects to advanced standing:

- » credit transfer, in which credit is transferred to your Deakin award program from completed or partly completed studies you have undertaken at other accredited institutions, and
- » credit for prior learning (CPL), in which credit is granted on the basis of knowledge and skills acquired through uncredentialed learning.

### BACHELOR DEGREE

An undergraduate degree course that is usually the first degree undertaken at university, for example, the Bachelor of Science.

### CLEARLY-IN ENTER

The ENTER most school-leaver applicants need to achieve to be offered a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) in a particular course.

### COMBINED DEGREE

An approved combination of courses in complementary areas, undertaken simultaneously, which leads to the conferral of two awards e.g. Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws. This means you'll complete two degrees in a shorter timeframe than it would take to complete the degrees separately.

### COMMONWEALTH SUPPORTED PLACE (CSP)

A university place for which the government pays a proportion of the tuition costs. CSP students can pay up front and receive a discount or use HECS-HELP to defer payment.

### CREDIT POINT

A measure of workload. At Deakin, a full-time study load is normally 4 credit points each semester.

### EQUIVALENT NATIONAL TERTIARY ENTRANCE RANK (ENTER)

The overall percentile ranking for students in their final year of secondary school in Australia that reflects the individual's performance comparative to other students in the same year.

### EXTRA REQUIREMENTS

Requirements that applicants must meet, in addition to minimum tertiary entrance requirements, to qualify for a course. This information is listed in the VTAC Guide and in Victorian Tertiary Entrance Requirements (VICTER) publications.

### FACULTY

An organisational division within a university; for example, the Faculty of Arts is one of the five faculties at Deakin University. Within each faculty are several schools, for example the School of Engineering and Information Technology is within the Faculty of Science and Technology.

### FEE-HIGHER EDUCATION LOAN PROGRAM (FEE-HELP)

A loan scheme for fee-paying place (FPP) students, repayable through the Australian taxation system once annual income exceeds the minimum threshold for repayment.

### FEE-PAYING PLACE (FPP)

A place that is not subsidised by the government, so you pay the full cost of the course. FPP students may be eligible to defer repayments through the Australian taxation system, through FEE-HELP.

### GUARANTEED ENTER

The ENTER above which school-leaver applicants will be guaranteed a Fee-Paying Place (FPP) in a particular course, at a particular campus.

### GUARANTEED ENTRY

A system for Year 12 applicants that guarantees you a fee-paying place in a course at a particular campus, provided your score is above the Guaranteed ENTER.

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### HIGHER EDUCATION CONTRIBUTION SCHEME-HIGHER EDUCATION LOAN PROGRAM (HECS-HELP)

Loan scheme to help CSP students pay for tuition costs. Repayments are made through the Australian taxation system once annual income exceeds the minimum threshold for repayment.

### LEVEL

The year level at which units are studied. Level 1 is equivalent to your first year of full-time study, level 2 is equivalent to your second year of full-time study, and so on. You can tell what level a unit is studied at by the unit code: the numbers in level 1 unit codes usually start with 1, in level 2 units the first number is a 2 and in level 3 units the first number is a 3.

### 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 enrol in more than one major sequence.

### OFF-CAMPUS STUDY

Off-campus courses, or courses offered by distance education, are the same as on-campus courses; the only difference is that rather than attend classes in person, you study away from campus using a variety of other methods, including online technologies, study guides, reading lists and audiovisual materials.

### PATHWAY PROGRAM

Pathway programs provide an alternative entry option for people who may not meet academic entry or English language requirements. You can study through one of our pathway institutions, which include Deakin's partner TAFEs (Box Hill Institute of TAFE, Homes Glen Institute of TAFE, Gordon Institute of TAFE and South-West Institute of TAFE), other TAFEs, MIBT and Deakin University English Language Institute, and apply to Deakin on successful completion of these programs.

### POSTGRADUATE

A postgraduate qualification refers to courses of study beyond bachelor level, including graduate certificates, graduate diplomas and higher degrees. Eligibility for entry to a postgraduate course normally requires a completed undergraduate degree.

### PREREQUISITE

The VCE subjects or other requirements that both current Year 12 and non-Year 12 applicants must complete to be eligible to be selected for a course. This information is listed in the VTAC Guide and in VICTER publications.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Deakin offers a range of scholarships for commencing students including academic scholarships for high-achieving students and Deakin Access Scholarships for students who may not otherwise have access to higher education. For details of scholarships available, see [www.deakin.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.deakin.edu.au/scholarships).

### SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEMES (SEAS)

An umbrella program, run by VTAC, for special entry schemes conducted by participating tertiary institutions, including Deakin University, for entry to undergraduate courses. Applications for Deakin Access and Equity Scholarships are also processed through SEAS, see page 18.

### SEMESTER

The method of organisation of the teaching year. At Deakin University there are three semesters: semester 1 runs from February to June, semester 2 from July to November and summer semesters span November to February.

### SINGLE SUBJECT NON-AWARD STUDY

A non-award unit is a unit of study from a degree course or courses taken outside a degree program. If successfully completed, the unit may be counted as credit towards a degree course at Deakin, subject to admission to a degree course and approval by the faculty board.

### SPECIALISM

A specialised subject stream within a degree, usually defined as a separate course; for example, Bachelor of Environmental Science (Marine Biology) indicates a marine biology specialism within a broader environmental science degree. Students cannot usually enrol in multiple specialisms within the one degree.

### 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. It is calculated from the student's results in assessments and examinations in that study.

### UNDERGRADUATE

An undergraduate student is someone studying for their first degree in a given discipline.

### UNIT

A university subject or unit is normally one or two semesters long and may have a value ranging from 1 to 4 credit points.

### VICTORIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS CENTRE (VTAC)

Centralised admissions centre for most undergraduate university and TAFE courses, see [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au).

### VICTORIAN TERTIARY ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS (VICTER)

A VTAC publication showing the prerequisites and requirements students must complete to qualify for a course.

*We publish a glossary of terms in our handbook, or you can go to [www.deakin.edu.au](http://www.deakin.edu.au) and select 'Courses' where you will find a 'Glossary' of terms. You can also ask one of our course advisers to explain anything you don't understand about your course structure or requirements.*

