



Study options at Deakin

Flexible learning

At Deakin we offer you the flexibility and choice to make your learning experience fit with your lifestyle, work and personal commitments.

With four campuses and off-campus study options, you can choose where and when you study and, in tailoring a course to match your career goal, you can specialise in one area or opt for a breadth of topics. There really is no limit to your options.

You may be starting university straight from school, returning to study from the workforce, continuing your studies from a TAFE or private provider, finishing up a gap year, transferring from another university or have decided to return to study after taking time out for yourself or family commitments. Regardless of your background, at Deakin we appreciate that flexibility is important.

Everyone learns differently. At Deakin you can choose from a variety of teaching delivery methods including on-campus lectures, podcasts, iLectures and online tutorials. Deferment and full-time and part-time study allow you to choose the pace of your study, meaning in many courses, you can achieve your dreams sooner.

Full-time or part-time mode

You can study full time or part time depending on the number of credit points you take in each trimester. Every unit you enrol in has a credit point rating and most undergraduate units are equivalent to 1 credit point. If you are enrolled in 3 or more credit points in a trimester you are deemed to be full time for that trimester. You can switch between full-time and part-time study throughout your degree, to suit your personal situation.

On-campus study

On-campus students usually participate in a combination of lectures and tutorials.

Lectures vary in size from 20–600 students, whereas tutorial classes are generally smaller, more informal and allow for open discussion of issues raised in lectures. Assessment may take a variety of forms including written work and tests undertaken in class, participation in class or laboratory sessions, and final examinations each trimester.

Fieldwork or practical experience can also form a large part of the content and assessment of some units.

Off-campus study

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

Switch between on and off-campus study

Another aspect of the flexibility available at Deakin is the option to switch between on and off-campus study during your course (provided the course is available in both study modes). You also have the option of studying on and off campus at the same time by completing some units in off-campus mode and others in on-campus mode in the same trimester. This is a great option for students with work and/or family commitments.

For more information about off-campus study, please visit www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/online-offcampus-studies.

Online learning

To ensure that you graduate with the online skills needed in the contemporary workplace all undergraduate courses have online teaching, and most courses include at least one unit which is taught fully online. Access to online education adds another dimension to your degree and helps prepare you for success in the workplace.

Online learning aims to complement, not replace, traditional teaching. Delivering units online creates an opportunity for you to learn in a variety of ways and gives you more control over your learning.

You can access your online units 24/7, giving you the flexibility to study when and where it suits you. This is particularly useful if you are juggling study with work, family or other commitments. Online learning provides you with valuable experience in a world that is increasingly dependent on information technology.

Online learning is also incorporated into many on-campus units, with many academics adopting a blended approach of lectures and tutorials together with online interaction with students via Deakin's virtual learning environment – Deakin Studies Online.



The Geelong Waterfront Campus provides a hands-on learning environment for Architecture and Construction Management students.

Trimester system

Deakin operates a trimester system, meaning there are three study periods during the teaching year. Deakin's trimesters run from March to June, July to October and November to February. Our trimester system creates options for you to commence your degree sooner or at a more convenient time of year and enables you to fast-track your study by taking extra units throughout the year. You may even like to take a trimester off to work or travel, then catch up later. For more information, please visit www.deakin.edu.au/trimesters.

Concurrent programs

Deakin offers you the opportunity to study a Bachelor of Management combined with an Advanced Diploma of Tourism in conjunction with Box Hill Institute. This combined program takes three years of full-time study, half of which is undertaken at Deakin's Melbourne Campus at Burwood and the remainder at TAFE. You can also study Deakin's Associate Degree concurrently with a range of diplomas at our partner TAFEs offering this degree.

Please refer to page 46 and page 37 for more information about these concurrent programs.

Cross-institutional enrolment

At Deakin we offer more than 2000 different units of study across our undergraduate courses. However if you want to study at Deakin, but in the unlikely event that the University does not offer a particular unit that you would like to take, you may apply to study a subject offered at another Australian tertiary institution and have it credited to your Deakin University degree. Approval from the relevant Faculty and the host institution is required.

If you are interested, discuss your proposal with your enrolment officer.

Internships/professional experience

At Deakin, we are committed to offering you a high standard of experiential learning opportunities, under supervision from both the University and host organisations through our internships and work placement programs.

Many Deakin courses have a built-in work placement component for academic credit. In these programs, you can observe and participate in real industry experiences related to your studies. Work placements are available in subject areas such as business, teaching, journalism, public relations, media and sociology, and in a wide range of organisations, from local university associations to international corporations – some students have even interned at the United States Congress.

Study overseas

The Study Abroad and Exchange Office offers various programs including exchange, study abroad, short-term study programs, study tours and international volunteering opportunities which allow you to study overseas for a few weeks, a trimester, or a year as part of your Deakin degree.

The program allows you, from the second year of your degree, the opportunity to study overseas in a range of countries and gain credit towards your Deakin degree – there are approximately 100 universities to choose from. The program will provide you with an enriching, life-changing experience, where you can gain in-depth knowledge and experience of another culture, while learning more about your area of study through a new and exciting lens. To assist with the costs of going on exchange, Deakin Student Exchange Scholarships (valued at approximately \$1500) are available.

Studying overseas will help you prepare for the global employment market, develop social and academic skills and learn another language while travelling and having fun.

For more information on studying overseas, please visit www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/student-exchange/exchange.

