Learn about the form and function of different animals and how they adapt to their environment, and discover Australian fauna and its importance in the global environment.

Course overview
Our zoology and animal science degree is supported by the latest zoology research. You will explore the potential effects environmental change may have on the evolution, disease and physiology of animals and how they adapt to a changing environment. The social and economic impact that human activity has on animals and their ecosystems will also be highlighted.

You will have the opportunity to learn from experienced staff, and combine your on-campus work with off-campus excursions.

Experience the world while you study
Study overseas to immerse yourself in a different culture, pick up a new language and expand your world view. You will make new friends, create a global network and have an enriching experience that will contribute to your life and career in ways you can’t imagine.

At Deakin, we have hundreds of university partners around the world. This gives you an incredible choice of institutions and destinations for a trimester abroad.

Course structure
Bachelor of Zoology and Animal Science

| Location: | Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus WP |
| Duration: | 3 years full-time study (or part-time equivalent) |
| Intake: | March (Trimester 1), July (Trimester 2) |
| Deakin code: | S369 |
| ATAR score: | WP 65.3 |
| VTAC code: | Geelong Waurn Ponds (1400315481) |

The Bachelor of Zoology and Animal Science consists of 24 credit points of study including 18 core units and six elective units.

In addition you will have to complete three zero credit point units relating to lab safety, work placements and academic integrity.

Work experience
Students will be required to complete a core Professional Practice unit, gaining between 80–160 hours of work experience in an organisation. This will provide you with the opportunity to apply and consolidate what you are learning in your course, experience workplace culture and workplace practices, explore career options and develop a professional network before you graduate.

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1 Lowest selection rank of an applicant to which an offer was made in 2019.
Animal Behaviour is a really interesting unit and gives an understanding of the underlying mechanisms that cause animals to behave in the ways that they do. In the practicals you get to implement the knowledge learnt in the lectures on animals in the laboratory. It is fascinating being able to test out the theories on living subjects and see their behaviour first hand.

Bridie White
Bachelor of Zoology and Animal Science student

Career opportunities

Students with this degree may find career opportunities in a range of areas including:

- zoological research
- environmental monitoring and management
- wildlife biology
- private environmental consulting
- government quarantine
- research assistants
- environmental managers
- pest management officers
- collection managers of aquaria and zoological gardens
- and with suitable teaching qualifications primary and secondary teachers.

Further postgraduate studies including research training either in Australia or overseas, can also lead to students becoming research scientists in a specific field, museum curators or even a university academic.

Interested in applying?

Entry requirements

Entry for applicants with recent secondary education (previous three years) will be based on their performance in Senior Secondary Certificate of Education, with pre-requisite units 3 and 4; a study score of at least 25 in English EAL (English as an additional language) or 20 in English other than EAL.

Entry for applicants with previous Tertiary, VET, life or work experience will be based on their performance in:

- Certificate IV in a related discipline OR
- Diploma in any discipline or 50% completion of Diploma in a related discipline OR
- Successful completion of relevant study – equivalent to at least two Deakin University units – at an accredited higher education institution OR
- Evidence of academic capability judged to be equivalent, including Foundation program approved by Faculty Board, or relevant work or life experience

How to apply

Depending on your course, our flexible trimester system means you may be able to start in Trimester 1 (March), 2 (July) or 3 (November).

If you’re currently enrolled in Year 12 (in 2019), applications for Trimester 1 must be made through VTAC, www.vtac.edu.au. Note that when you apply via VTAC, you can’t also apply directly to Deakin.

Conversely, you can apply directly to Deakin for Trimester 1 if you’re not currently enrolled in Year 12 and you haven’t submitted a VTAC application (so long as you’re just applying for one course).

Applications for Trimester 2 or 3 should be made directly to Deakin via the applicant portal, deakin.edu.au/apply.