

Associate Degree of Arts



Burwood (Melbourne),
Waurin Ponds (Geelong)
Online

Start your university journey in a supportive learning environment and pathway into your dream course with Deakin's Associate Degree of Arts.

Course essentials

Deakin code: A250

Location: Burwood (Melbourne), Waurin Ponds (Geelong), Online

Intakes: T1 (March), T2 (July), T3 (November)

Duration: 2 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Course overview

If you don't quite meet the requirements for your desired arts course, you can benefit from Deakin's supportive pathway options. The Associate Degree of Arts is the perfect way to start your university education and work towards your dream degree, sooner.

You will acquire transferable knowledge relevant to any industry and build the key learning skills you need to be successful at university, such as in communication, digital literacy, critical thinking and teamwork. From your first trimester on, you'll also complete units from the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Criminology, depending on which specialisation you choose.

Feel supported by smaller class sizes, state-of-the-art technology and outstanding facilities. Our study support services will ensure you receive the guidance you need, with access to online resources, student mentors and learning advisers.

Guaranteed pathways

The Associate Degree of Arts offers you an established pathway into tertiary study at Deakin, and is a guaranteed stepping stone into select bachelor degrees.

Once you've completed the course, you are guaranteed a direct pathway into your target course and will receive course credit that may put you straight into your second year, reducing the overall time and cost of your qualification. Depending on which specialisation you choose, you can gain entry into either the Bachelor of Criminology or Bachelor of Arts.

Find out more about our guaranteed pathways at:

deakin.edu.au/pathways

deakin.edu.au/associate-degrees

Deakin University CRICOS Provider Code: 00113B

Units of study

The Associate Degree of Arts is a 16-credit-point program including a 0-credit-point compulsory academic integrity module.* Below is a breakdown of the units you will study throughout your course.

YEAR 1	
Trimester 1	Trimester 2
Communication Skills for Study and Work	Critical Thinking and Problem Solving: Using Analysis to Develop Solutions
Digital Literacy: Finding, Evaluating and Interpreting Information	Teamwork: Working Constructively with Others
1st major sequence unit 1 (Level 1)	1st Major Sequence Unit 2 (Level 1)
2nd Major Sequence Unit 1 (Level 1)	2nd Major Sequence Unit 2 (Level 1)
YEAR 2	
Trimester 1	Trimester 2
1st Major Sequence Unit 3 (Level 2)	1st Major Sequence Unit 4 (Level 2)
2nd Major Sequence Unit 3 (Level 2)	2nd Major Sequence Unit 4 (Level 2)
1st or 2nd Major Sequence Unit 5 (Level 2)	1st or 2nd Major Sequence Unit 6 (Level 2)
Employability Stream (Level 2)	1st or 2nd Major Sequence Unit 7 (Level 2) OR Elective Unit

**General Stream: Major Sequence areas to be chosen from the Bachelor of Arts (A310). Please read the A310 course entry carefully for details of which major sequences are available at each campus location.

Career outcomes

Upon graduation, you can continue studying or use the associate degree as a standalone qualification. You'll have guaranteed entry into Deakin's Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Criminology, depending on which specialisation you take, plus receive credit that could put you straight into your second year. You can also apply to transition, with credit, into a selected range of other bachelor degrees, including communications or creative arts.

Why choose Deakin

Gain a competitive edge in the workplace with real-world expertise and practical skills. Deakin is the #1 university in Victoria for educational experience* and #1 in Victoria for student satisfaction[^], which means you'll graduate highly-skilled, work-ready and in-demand from employers.

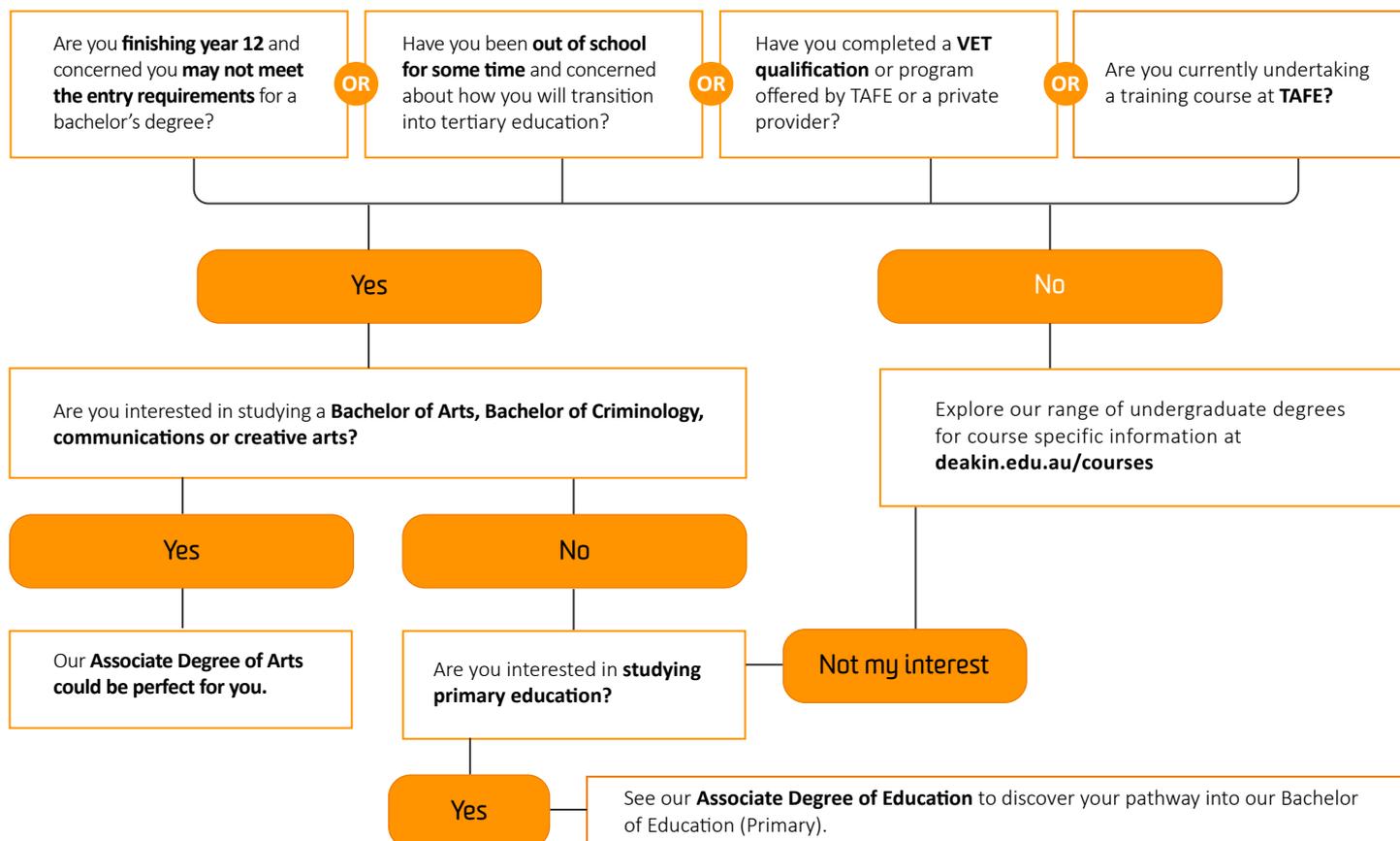
Many of Deakin's arts disciplines are ranked in the top 1% of university subjects globally[^], including philosophy, politics and international studies and sociology.

Our teaching staff are passionate professionals, recognised as innovators in their fields, which means you'll learn from the very best. Our academic staff are active in the media and conduct important research, making a positive impact in Australia and around the world.

Have you found your dream course, but don't quite meet the entry requirements? Make your career goals a reality with a study pathway at Deakin.

An associate degree is the perfect way to start your studies in a supportive learning environment and get into university education. It also offers a guaranteed pathway into Deakin's **Bachelor of Arts** or **Bachelor of Criminology**.

Find out if the Associate Degree of Arts is right for you.



Entry requirements

Please visit our course page online to access the most up-to-date information on our current entry requirements.

Applying to Deakin

Apply directly to Deakin

All applications can be submitted directly to the university:

deakin.edu.au/apply

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We're here to help

Deakin is here to support you. From your application through to graduation, we offer many support services to ensure you feel confident throughout your studies:

- **Study support**
- **Career services**
- **Fees and scholarships**
- **Health and wellbeing**

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*2021 Student Experience Survey, Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT)

^Australian Graduate Survey 2010–2015, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2016–2022 (GOS),

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#QS World University Rankings (2021)