

# Associate Degree of Arts



Burwood (Melbourne)  
Waurm Ponds (Geelong)

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

## Course essentials

**Deakin code:** A250

**Location:** Burwood (Melbourne), Waurm Ponds (Geelong)

**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](https://deakin.edu.au/pathways).

[deakin.edu.au/associate-degrees](https://deakin.edu.au/associate-degrees)

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## Units of study

The Associate Degree of Arts is a 16-credit-point program including a 0-credit-point compulsory academic integrity unit. Below is a breakdown of the units in the general stream.

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 of target degree	1st major sequence unit 2 of target degree
2nd major sequence unit 1 of target degree	2nd major sequence unit 2 of target degree

YEAR 2	
Trimester 1	Trimester 2
1st major sequence unit 3 of target degree	2nd major sequence unit 3 of target degree
1st major sequence unit 4 of target degree	2nd major sequence unit 4 of target degree
1st or 2nd major sequence unit 5 of target degree	1st or 2nd major sequence unit 5 of target degree
Elective (level 1 or 2)	Elective (level 1 or 2)

## 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 Australia for educational experience<sup>1</sup> and #1 in Victoria for student satisfaction<sup>2</sup>, which means you'll graduate highly-skilled, work-ready and in-demand from employers.

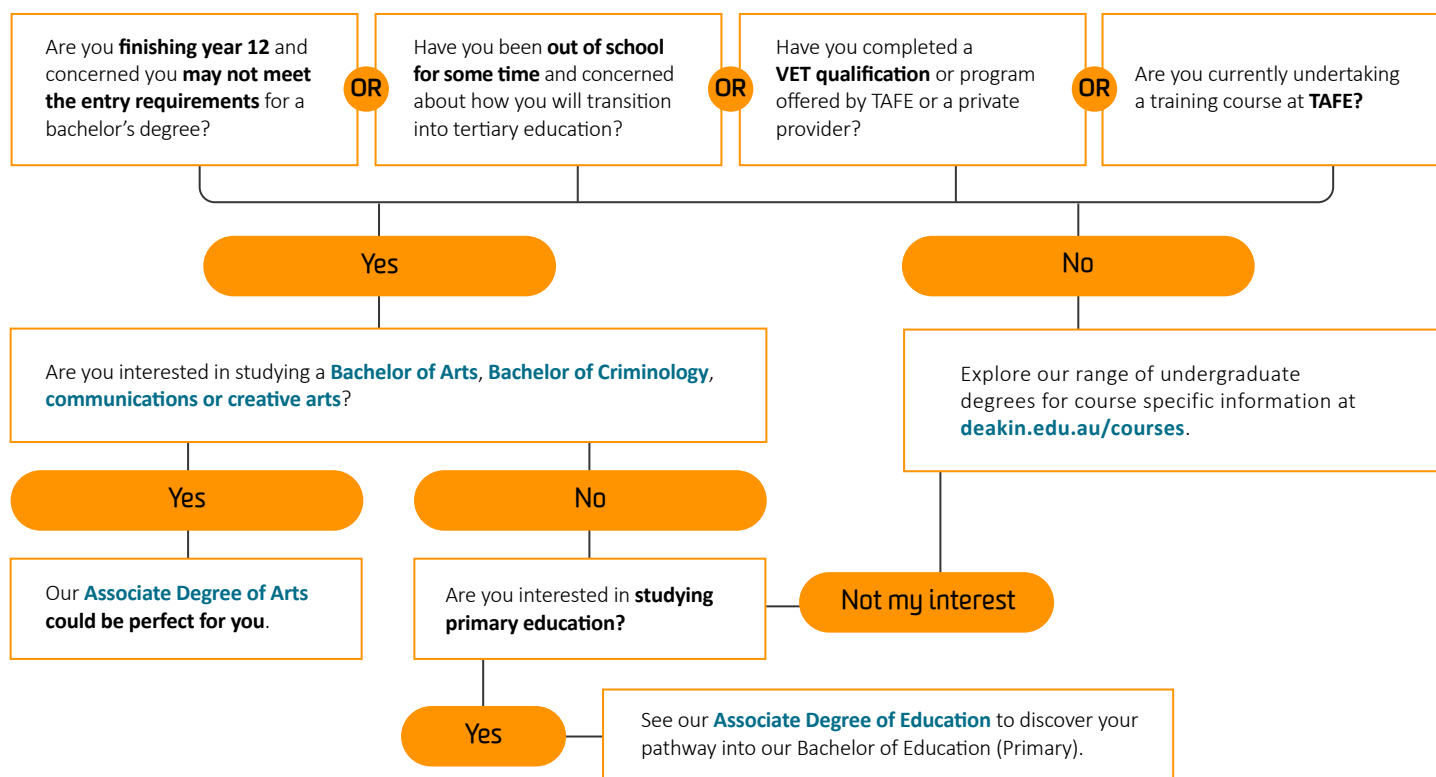
Many of Deakin's arts disciplines are ranked in the top 1% of university subjects globally<sup>3</sup>, including philosophy, politics and international studies and sociology.

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

Entry for all applicants is based on performance in:

- a Senior Secondary Certificate of Education OR
- a Certificate III OR
- other evidence of academic capability judged to be equivalent, including completion of or enrolment in a Vocational Education and Training course and/or relevant work or life experience.

Applicants must also prepare the following for your application:

- **Personal statement** of approximately 500 words including your name, highest qualification and outlining your motivation to study and future aspirations
- Brief resume, including any work experience, volunteering and extra-curricular activities
- Any other supporting documentation which would strengthen your application.

All applicants must meet the minimum [English language requirements](#).

## Applying to Deakin

### Apply directly to Deakin

All applications can be submitted directly to the university: [deakin.edu.au/apply](https://deakin.edu.au/apply)

**APPLY NOW**

## 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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[myfuture@deakin.edu.au](mailto:myfuture@deakin.edu.au)

[deakin.edu.au/associate-degrees](https://deakin.edu.au/associate-degrees)

1 2019 Student Experience Survey, based on undergraduate students.  
2 Australian Graduate Survey 2010–2015, Graduate Outcomes Survey 2016–2019 (GOS), Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT).  
3 QS World University Rankings (2021).

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