

Guide to university for Year 10 students



Start your course and career journey at Deakin

Year 10 is an exciting year, as it marks the beginning of your senior years of high school. You'll start to explore different study areas, honing in on your own interests, as well as starting to identify your strengths, likes and dislikes. Work experience will be on your agenda, as well as exploring university courses and careers of interest.

To make life easier, we have compiled some of the key information about getting ready for university into a guide for Year 10 students.

This is just the start of your journey. Enjoy it!

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Explore your future study options

Now is the time to research different careers and the different study options that will get you there. But what are your study options?

VCE or VCAL

The Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) is the qualification that the majority of students in Victoria receive. By studying VCE you are eligible to receive an ATAR to maximise your pathways to further study at university or TAFE.

The Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) is a hands-on option for students in Years 11 and 12. It gives you work-related experience and personal skills that are important for life and work.

If you elect to study VCAL you will not initially be able to enter Deakin, however, you could elect to complete an alternative pathway for entry.

IB

The International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma is an internationally recognised, comprehensive two-year study program designed for university entrance. Deakin accepts IB diploma graduates as having satisfied the requirements for university entry. www.ibo.org

Enter workforce or begin an apprenticeship

After school, or while at school, you may commence an apprenticeship. An apprenticeship is the time spent learning a skilled trade under a qualified tradesperson. There are hundreds of different trades – from hairdresser to mechanic, electrician to chef, plumber to cabinet-maker. You can start the process of becoming an apprentice while you're still at school, or after finishing Year 12.

Some students may also choose to commence working in an organisation that doesn't require further qualifications than your high school certificate. For example, you may be able to work in a retail or hospitality environment that doesn't require any further study after high school.

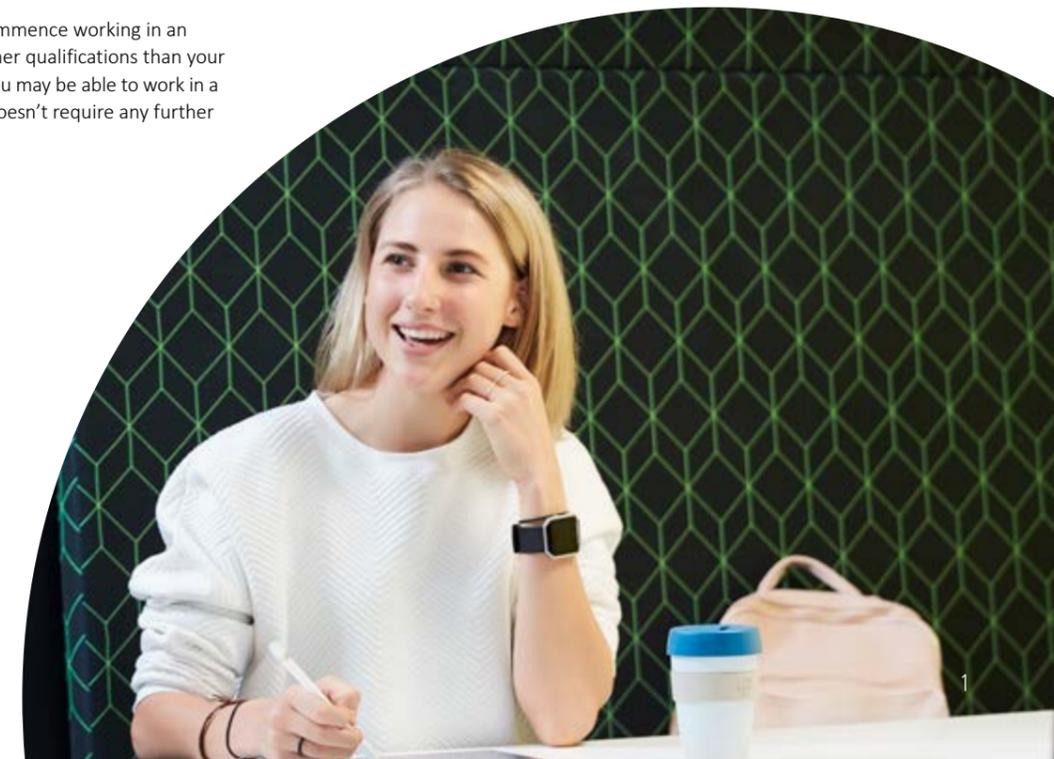
Course types	Where	Duration
Certificate I	TAFE	Varies
Certificate II	TAFE	Varies
Certificate III	TAFE	Six months
Certificate IV	TAFE	6–12 months
Diploma	TAFE	1–2 years
Advanced diploma	TAFE	2 years
Associate degree	University	2 years
Bachelor's degree/double degree	University	3–5 years
Honours year	University	1 year

TAFE

TAFE qualifications are generally shorter in duration than university qualifications and are available in a variety of study areas. Make sure to check what requirements are needed to get into the career path of your choosing. A TAFE qualification can also be a pathway into study at Deakin.

University

A number of career paths require you to complete some university study, so you can legally enter into that profession. For example, to become an accountant, lawyer, doctor or nurse you need further study at university. Compared with high school, at university you have more control over your learning and can study what interests you.



Why choose university study?

University is about more than an education. Your university experience gives you the knowledge, skills, confidence and experience to help you make your world better.

A university degree provides you with:

- the opportunity to develop invaluable life skills, such as communication, problem-solving and critical thinking skills
- increased job opportunities
- higher earning potential
- an exceptional learning experience.

Choosing a university

There are a lot of things to take into account when choosing a university, including:

- courses on offer
- ATAR scores needed
- success of graduates
- location
- reputation
- student satisfaction
- cost of student life
- support services
- work placement opportunities
- international study.

The best place to start is by comparing the courses that interest you at different universities. It's a good idea to visit as many open days as you can, as well as spending some time on university websites. When you visit an open day, or any other tertiary event, talk to the student volunteers. University students often give you a real sense of the degree or course you're interested in, as well as the general vibe of the university.

openday.deakin.edu.au

Choosing the right course

When it is time for you to choose the degree you would like to study, it is important to remember that each course offers a number of graduate outcomes and no course has one single job attached to it.

Employers look at the academic achievements of potential employees, as well as looking for passion, flexibility and for those who are willing to learn new skills along the way.

You are more likely to thrive in a learning and work environment that you are passionate about. It's important to consider a range of career paths that you could be interested in doing and to think about what you enjoy, not just what your friends are talking about.

Deakin industry connections = work placement opportunities

Our industry partnerships mean:

- courses for you that match current industry practice
- a qualification that will be widely recognised in the workplace
- a range of work placement and study abroad opportunities.

Visit deakin.edu.au/life-at-deakin/why-study-at-deakin/our-industry-connections.



Why you can confidently choose Deakin

Top 2% university worldwide

Ranked in the top 2% of universities globally by all three international university rankings. *QS World University Rankings 2016–2017*, *Academic Ranking of World Universities 2016*, *Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2016–2017*

5-star rated university

Rated 5 stars for our world-class facilities, teaching and research. *QS Stars University Ratings 2016–2017*

#1 university under 50 years

Victoria's #1 university under 50 years old. *Times Higher Education 150 under 50 Rankings 2016–2017*

Most-satisfied students

Voted #1 for overall student satisfaction in Victoria eight years running. *Australian Graduate Survey 2010–2015*, *Graduate Outcomes Survey 2016–2017 (GOS)*, *Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT)*

#1 university for skills development

Ranked the #1 university in Victoria for skills development. *2016 Student Experience Survey*

#1 careers service in Australia

DeakinTALENT was awarded the most popular university careers service in Australia by the graduate recruitment industry in 2017.

'Deakin offers very flexible study options to meet everyone's needs. I also found the transition from high school to Deakin to be smooth and pleasant.'

Jake Stavrou
Bachelor of Sport Development student

Getting ready for university

As you start looking at subject choices, courses and universities, it is important to remember that you do not need to have your whole life figured out right now.

What subjects should I choose?

This is one of the most commonly asked questions in Year 10. It can be difficult to know what subjects suit you, your goals and your requirements. However, there are a few questions that you should ask yourself to help you narrow your selection.

- What am I good at?
- What do I enjoy?
- What am I interested in studying at university?
- What prerequisites do I need for the course/s I'm interested in?
- Think about career options if you are undecided.

Talk to your parents, family friends, parents of friends about their careers and what led them down that career path. What were their interests and strengths? If a friend's parent works in a role that interests you, ask them some questions. The more knowledge you have the better.

Subject selection

Going into your final years of study, choosing the right subjects helps you to achieve your ATAR goal.

- **Choose subjects based on your interests.** It is important to understand that the ATAR is based on your overall performance, not just one or two subjects. Scaling ensures that all studies are treated equally in the ATAR calculation, so that you are not advantaged or disadvantaged by the studies you choose. Consider what will help you to achieve your result and meet your ATAR goal.
- **Choose subjects that you enjoy.** You are more likely to perform better in subjects that you enjoy learning about or have a more instinctive understanding of, so make selections based on what you enjoy studying.
- **Do not choose the same subjects as your friends.** While this may be fun, you may have different interests, goals or strengths to your friends.

What is an ATAR?

ATAR is the Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank. The ATAR is not a score out of 100 – it is a rank. It shows a student's achievement in relation to other students.

The highest rank given is usually an ATAR of 99.95. This means they are ranked higher than 99.95% of students in that year. The reason it is not 100% is that the top ranking is usually shared amongst a number of students.

How is the ATAR calculated?

A basic understanding of how the ATAR is calculated is important. It may impact on which subjects you choose to study.

The ATAR is developed from an aggregate produced by adding:

- VTAC scaled study score in one of English, English language, Literature or English as an Additional Language (EAL)
- The next best three VTAC scaled study scores permissible; and
- 10% of the fifth and sixth permissible scores that are available.

An example of a student's chosen subjects could be: English, Psychology, Art and Health + 10% of Further Mathematics and 10% of Biology.

'I chose Deakin for its culture. It provides an environment where I can thrive academically and feel connected to others.'

Beau Arnfield
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws student

What are prerequisites?

Prerequisites are VCE subjects or other requirements that current Year 12 students must complete to be eligible for selection into certain courses. For example, students must complete either Maths Methods or Specialist Maths to be considered for entry into an engineering degree. Not all courses and universities have the same prerequisites so it is important that you research this.

Why is the ATAR important?

Deakin uses the ATAR to assess whether you can meet the academic requirements for your chosen university course. It is important to understand, however, if you do not meet the ATAR requirements, there are often different study pathways that you can take to get to your desired course.

Develop your study skills

We've put together some tips on how to help you stay focused and to starting developing the study skills needed for university.

Time management

- Draw up a yearly planner that shows when assignments are due and when you need to start working on them.
- Use the planner for all your other activities as well, so you can learn to balance study and extracurricular and leisure activities.
- Create a list of upcoming tasks so you can learn to prioritise and order them by importance.

Study skills

- Set aside a place where you can study, free from distraction.
- Try to establish a daily routine with time for study and revision.
- Take short breaks every hour or two.

Healthy body, healthy mind

- Getting 30 minutes of exercise each day helps to improve mood, memory, concentration and study performance.
- Regular meals help you stay energetic and focused.
- Fresh fruit and vegetables are great for overall health and concentration.

Stress management

- Break assessments or projects into smaller, more manageable tasks.
- Go through tasks together with a classmate, mentor, teacher, or parent, and prioritise them based on importance and urgency.
- Get enough sleep! You really need at least eight hours of sleep a night.

Exam preparation

- Plan ahead for exams and develop regular revision blocks for each subject.
- Develop an exam calendar, and perhaps associate small personal rewards with the achievement of each milestone.
- Exam preparation and revision should be balanced with relaxation and time off from study.

Career planning

- Talk with your parents and/or teachers about the courses and careers that interest you.
- Try and gain work experience in these areas.
- Attend information sessions and career planning events at school.
- Attend university events on campus and talk with students and staff.

deakin.edu.au/about-deakin/events

Tips for moving into VCE

- **Use Year 10 to prepare for VCE** – start creating study habits that will set you up well as you enter into VCE.
- **Trial different study methods** – attempt different studying techniques to see which one suits your learning style best.
- **Summarise your notes** – at the end of each week make sure you review your notes and add or remove any extra detail.
- **Find a study buddy** – having somebody to study with can make the whole process much easier.
- **Focus in class** – many of us learn through audio or visual cues. You may be surprised at how much knowledge you absorb by paying attention in class.
- **Enjoy your social life** – having a social element to your schooling is important. However make sure your socialising time doesn't overlap into your study time.
- **A little a day goes a long way** – if you set aside time to study every day it will become routine and you will be continuously learning, rather than trying to 'cram' before an exam.



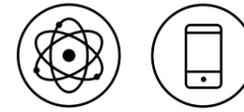
Your future career options

It can be hard to know where or how to start researching course and career options, but there are a number of things that you can do to make researching easier and to hone in on your interests.

- **Ask your friends and family** – they know you better than anybody else. They may have some real insights or ideas worth considering.
- **Ask your careers teacher** – they are there to assist you transitioning into further study or the workforce. They may be able to point out careers or courses you might not have considered.
- **Consider what you really enjoy when thinking about career possibilities** – think about subjects at school you enjoy, as well as extracurricular activities, hobbies and interests.
- **Research areas that interest you** – this may help to highlight potential career options.
- **Start attending university Open Days to learn about courses and career paths.**

Everyone's learning style and passion is different. Please use the table opposite as a guide to help you find your study area of choice.

Science and technology



- Engineering
Information technology
Science
Architecture and built environment
- Engineering
Information technology
Science
Architecture and built environment
- Exercise and nutrition sciences
Health and social development
Nursing and midwifery
Psychology
- Business
Science
- Information technology
- Exercise and nutrition sciences
Health and social development
- Information technology
Science
Engineering
Architecture and built environment

I am good at



I want to



Build/construct

Create

Help people

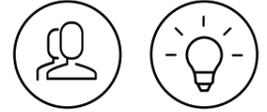
Work with money

Entertain people

Teach people

Innovate

Humanities and creative thinking



Communication and creative arts

Communication and creative arts
Business

Arts
Education
Law

Business
Law

Communication and creative arts

Education
Psychology

Communication and creative arts
Business
Education

What can I study at Deakin?

We offer more than 100 undergraduate courses in the following broad interest areas. Visit deakin.edu.au/courses/find-a-course to begin the journey to finding your dream course. You can start with a broad search by course type and interest area, or narrow the field and browse by ATAR, location or trimester.

Architecture and built environment

Develop the professional expertise to create innovative, well-designed buildings and environments. Whether you see yourself producing sustainable design concepts for cities, or project managing large commercial developments, an architecture and built environment course will take you in the right direction. Visit deakin.edu.au/abe.

Arts, humanities, social sciences

See the world in a different light. From anthropology and philosophy to criminology and international studies, apply your natural curiosity and creative instincts to pursue a career in humanities, social sciences and languages. Gain skills that are transferable across all industries, hands-on workplace experience and valuable international study experiences that prepare you for an exciting career. Visit deakin.edu.au/humanities-and-social-sciences.

Business

From accounting to economics to marketing, tailor your degree and open up opportunities in every area of business, not-for-profit organisations and government. A range of experiential opportunities including internships and international experiences are offered to ensure graduates are professionally ready to enter the workforce at the completion of their studies. Visit deakin.edu.au/studybusiness.

Design

Design can drive business through innovation, as well as facilitate positive change in society. Learn the tools, strategies and design thinking methodologies needed to be an adaptable multidisciplinary designer.

Deakin is an active member of both the Design Institute of Australia (DIA) and the International Council of Design (Ico-D). Our partnerships with industry members mean our courses help you gain the skills important to employers. Visit deakin.edu.au/study-design.

Engineering

Develop the engineering expertise to design the infrastructure of our modern world, from roads and power generation to complex mechanical systems. Get a competitive edge at Deakin by tackling real-world engineering problems in collaborative projects with industry partners and through work placements. Graduate ready to excel in your career thanks to our design-based approach to learning and state-of-the-art facilities. Visit deakin.edu.au/study-engineering.

Environment

If you're interested in sustainability, the wellbeing of our planet and the future of its flora and fauna, one of our specialised environment courses could be for you, including environmental science, fisheries and aquaculture, marine and freshwater biology, sustainability and environmental management and wildlife and conservation biology. Visit deakin.edu.au/environment.

Food and nutrition

With increasing community interest in food, nutrition and health, there's a real demand for specialists across a range of industry sectors. At Deakin, you'll gain the sought-after knowledge and skills required to work in this rapidly growing industry. Visit deakin.edu.au/nutrition.

Health

Everyone deserves to lead a healthy life but many people find that obstacles with their health stand in their way. A rewarding career in a health-related field gives you the chance to help people – whether in Australia or overseas – to lead fuller, healthier and happier lives. Visit deakin.edu.au/health.

Information technology

IT offers an exciting future. You can study from a diverse range of fields to open up employment opportunities in just about any industry, and contribute to the way we work, socialise, communicate and entertain ourselves. Gain an edge in the job market through the combination of hands-on learning, industry experience and theoretical training at Deakin. Visit deakin.edu.au/infotech.

Law

Law at Deakin attracts some of the brightest and best in the state. It's renowned for its commercial focus and teaching quality. The school consistently ranks among the top in the country for teaching quality and student satisfaction. Visit deakin.edu.au/studylaw.

Media, communications and creative arts

The creative and communication professions have emerged as key to the 21st century economy. Employers welcome confident and adaptive graduates who mix industry experience and up-to-date skills with resourceful, imaginative and critical thinking. Visit deakin.edu.au/communication-and-creative-arts.

Medicine

Set yourself up for a range of careers, from general practice and geriatric medicine through to pathology, pediatrics and surgery. Unlike most other universities, at Deakin the Doctor of Medicine has an emphasis on rural and regional medicine and aims to satisfy the critical shortage of doctors in regional areas – making graduates very employable. Visit deakin.edu.au/studymedicine.

Nursing and midwifery

Deakin's School of Nursing and Midwifery is ranked in the top 25 universities globally* and provides excellence in all its courses, reflecting current trends in the nursing and midwifery professions and evidence-based practice. If you have good communication skills, enjoy working in a team, are a good decision-maker and want to make a genuine difference, pursue a career in nursing and midwifery. Visit deakin.edu.au/nursing-and-midwifery.

* 2017 QS World University Rankings.

Give yourself a head start

Deakin Accelerate is a VCE extension studies program. If you're a high-achieving VCE student, you'll complete two first-year university units alongside your Year 12 studies. Accelerate gives you a head start into your future university studies and a potential boost to your ATAR. You will need to apply at the end of Year 11. For more information please visit deakin.edu.au/accelerate.

Psychology

Psychology is a scientific discipline that studies the mind and its processes, behaviour and mental states. There is increasing emphasis on mental health in the modern world and employment prospects in the area continue to grow accordingly. Visit deakin.edu.au/studypsychology.

Science

Science plays a key role in finding solutions to world issues. This can range from the impact of climate change and reducing our carbon footprint to stem cell research and forensic criminology/science. Find out where a career in science could lead you. Visit deakin.edu.au/science.

Sport

By studying sport with us you'll truly be ready to hit the ground running, whichever career path you choose. Our diverse courses range from management, coaching and development through to business, science and clinical exercise. Our School of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences is ranked #1 in the world.* Visit deakin.edu.au/sport.

* ShanghaiRanking Global Ranking of Sport Science Schools and Departments

Teaching

If you're inspired to teach, you've got the power to make a huge difference in the lives of young people. Our education and teaching courses focus on leadership, communication and organisational skills to provide a solid foundation for your future career. Visit deakin.edu.au/teaching.

Top 2%
of universities
worldwide#

Academic Ranking of World Universities 2016, Times Higher Education 2016–2017 and QS World University Rankings 2016–2017.

Deakin Explore

Deakin has created an online tool – Deakin Explore – to allow you to explore course and career options depending on your interests. Visit explore.deakin.edu.au or download the Deakin Explore App to discover more than 600 paired courses and careers.

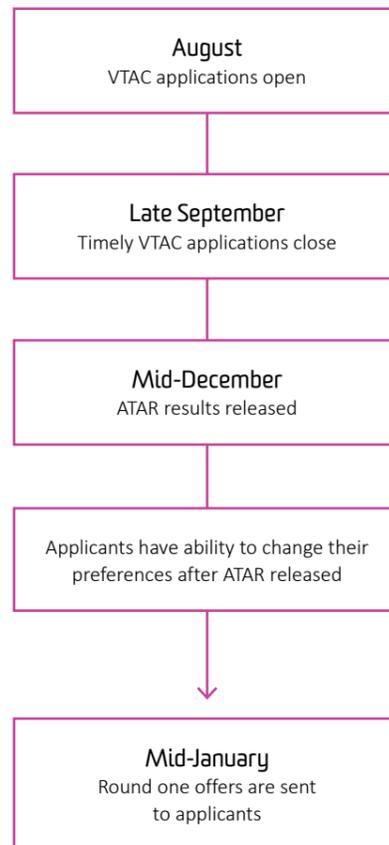
Applying to university

When you apply for tertiary study after the completion of your secondary studies your application will need to be made through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC).

These applications open in August, with timely applications closing at the end of September.

You will be able to choose up to eight preferences as a part of your application. We always recommend to include the course you would most like to do at the top of your list of preferences.

www.vtac.edu.au



Entry requirements

You should check all of the entry requirements carefully. Many courses have prerequisites and some have additional requirements that you will need to complete to be eligible for selection into that course.

Additional requirements

Some courses require additional information from you for your application to be assessed. In the *Deakin University Undergraduate Course Guide* and on the course page on the Deakin website you can find information about any supporting documentation that you need to include. For example, you may need to submit a portfolio of previous work, personal statement, attend an audition or complete a non-academic assessment. Visit deakin.edu.au/courses for up-to-date information.

International students

As an international student, direct applications can be made through Deakin or with the help of one of our overseas representatives. Many courses accept applications throughout the year with intakes in all three trimesters, so use our step-by-step guide to apply now.

For more information about the English language requirements, accommodation and legal requirements for an international student, please visit deakin.edu.au/international-students.

Special consideration

Deakin is committed to providing equity and access for individuals and groups who might not otherwise enjoy the benefits of studying at university.

Deakin provides additional consideration to applicants who may have experienced difficult circumstances, including:

- coming from a remote geographical location
- recognition as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- a non-English speaking background
- experiencing difficult circumstances
- having a disability or medical condition.

To find out more about Deakin University's Access and Equity program please visit deakin.edu.au/access-equity.



Pathways to university

While it may be possible for you to begin your course straight from school, it is important to know that there are many other avenues for you to begin your studies at Deakin if you don't meet your ATAR goal.

Pathways through Deakin

Taking a pathway through Deakin means you can begin your learning journey at Deakin immediately, starting and finishing study at Deakin.

Complete an associate degree[^]

A Deakin associate degree in arts or education lets you study in a supported learning environment. It also offers a direct, guaranteed pathway to an arts, criminology or primary education* bachelor's degree.

Transfer between campuses[^]

You can start the same course at a Deakin campus with a lower ATAR requirement, then transfer to your desired campus after first year.

Transfer between courses[^]

Apply to study a course with similar subjects or majors, but a lower ATAR, and use this as a pathway into your ideal course.

deakin.edu.au/courses/entry-pathways

[^] Subject to availability and meeting academic requirements.

* You may be eligible for up to 18 months' (full-time study) Credit for Prior Learning and guaranteed entry into the Bachelor of Education (Primary), provided you successfully complete the non-academic selection tool prior to entry.

Pathways through Deakin College

A Deakin College diploma can provide a fast-track pathway into Deakin undergraduate degrees. Deakin College campuses are located on Deakin campuses, allowing you to access Deakin facilities. You will also have academic and study skills support from the staff at Deakin College to ensure you are able to successfully complete their qualification.

deakincollege.edu.au

Pathways through TAFE

Deakin partners with the country's best TAFE institutions to offer a guaranteed entry program. Our guaranteed entry TAFE partners let you study at one of dozens of campuses across Victoria and Australia, and provide credit towards your Deakin degree. If your academic performance meets the required standard then you can be guaranteed a place at Deakin after you complete the TAFE course.

Our partners include:

- Bendigo Institute
- Box Hill Institute
- Chisholm Institute
- The Gordon
- Kangan Institute
- Melbourne Polytechnic
- South West TAFE
- TAFE NSW

You can also complete your study at other TAFE/RTO providers, which allows you to meet the entry requirements to get into Deakin.

deakin.edu.au/TAFE

Gap year

Most universities, including Deakin, allow commencing students to take up to two years to begin their course. This process is called a deferral. Essentially you can have your spot in the course reserved for up to two years. This can allow you to travel, earn some money before university or anything you like!

Studying at university

How is university different to secondary school?

If you're starting university straight after high school, it can be a bit tricky to get your head around how differently some things work.

- At university, you're given more freedom in your studies. You can come and go as you please and select a course and subjects based on your interests and abilities. With greater freedom comes greater responsibility, which means that you are responsible for staying on top of assessments and turning up to classes.
- There are a number of different class structures at university, including lectures, classes, tutorials, workshops and fieldwork. In some courses, as many as 700 students will attend a lecture.
- Assessments vary depending on your course, but these are likely to be different to what you experienced in high school. Some courses will require you to submit weekly assessments; whereas other courses the major assessment focus might be a mid-semester and end-of-semester exam.
- You can switch between part-time and full-time study and set your own pace at university.
- You will most likely have a lot less contact hours. The number of contact hours (hours you spend in classes each week) varies depending on the course you're studying, but most students find they spend much less time at university than they did at school, often only two or three days a week. In addition to your contact hours at university, you'll be required to keep on top of set readings, assignments and prepare for exams.
- Deakin has three study periods during the teaching year, whereas high school has four. Deakin's third optional study period runs from November to February, allowing for greater course flexibility.

Choosing your university subjects

Each course has its own structure and rules that you will need to follow. The faculty that looks after your course has advisors that can assist you in ensuring you choose the correct subjects.

Deakin also has tremendous flexibility with its courses that allow you to go at a pace that you are comfortable with. In most courses, you can choose to study anywhere from one to four subjects for each trimester.

Size

Size is often the most significant difference felt by students, from the vastness of the university campus to the size of classes, and the number of students and staff.

deakin.edu.au/life-at-deakin

Diversity

At university, students of all different ages and backgrounds will form your peer group. Some may come straight from high school, while others will be mature-age students returning to study. The great thing about studying at university is that you will be surrounded by people who are as passionate about your field as you are, and who may have similar hobbies and interests.

	School	TAFE	University
Contact hours	30	25–35	8–25
Length	Normally six years (VCE two years)	Six months to two years	Three to six years depending on the choice of course
Class structure	25 students, one teacher per subject	Classes and workshops, 12 to 20 students, one teacher per subject	Classes up to 700 people, more than one teacher per subject
Classes, tutorials and practicals	Practicals dependent on subject	Dependent on course	15 to 30 people, one subject teacher, complementary to lectures

Fast-track your study

Deakin's optional third trimester between November and February allows you to fast-track your course or spread the number of subjects you complete throughout the year, so you can fit your studies into your lifestyle.



'At Deakin I've had the opportunity to work in Hong Kong, study in Nanjing and work in a community legal centre. These opportunities took me outside my comfort zone and taught me how to survive in foreign countries and working environments.'

Sarah Whelan
Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Arts (International Studies) and Diploma of Languages – Chinese graduate



Student life at Deakin

Your time at university isn't just about studying. Building friendships and connections with others will help to support your success and overall satisfaction, as well as enhance your university experience. We offer a number of different opportunities for you to create social networks and your own experiences.

Deakin University Student Association

A range of activities and events are organised by Deakin, as well as by the student association (Deakin University Student Association – DUSA). Starting with orientation, you will have the chance to meet students within your course or who are a part of the wider Deakin community.

Clubs and societies

Deakin students have access to more than 120 clubs and societies across our campuses. From sports, health and personal development clubs to academic, religious, course and discipline-specific groups, there's sure to be a club or society to interest you.

Sport and gyms

We have great sporting facilities across our campuses, including gyms, fitness classes, basketball courts and sports ovals with pavilions.

Books and merchandise

All of our campuses have bookshops and merchandise stores, meaning you won't need to go far to find course material or Deakin-branded swag.

Study overseas

You can study overseas with an international internship, exchange, study tour or volunteer placement.

There are a number of ways for you to fund your overseas experience with Deakin. Some programs may have one or more funding opportunities attached.

You will still be able to defer the cost of study overseas but will need to pay for all living expenses, such as accommodation, travel and food.

deakin.edu.au/life-at-deakin/student-life

We'll support your learning

Deakin offers new and experienced students the chance to come together through a range of mentoring and study skills programs aimed at helping new students with specific subjects, as well as more general study skills and university knowledge.

Peer Assisted Study Sessions

The Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS) program is free, voluntary and offered in units that have large enrolments. A student, who has recently completed the unit, runs these study sessions, giving first-hand experience and knowledge of the subject.

Student rovers

We have students who have been studying at Deakin for more than one year available in the library to answer any issues you may have. This can include assisting with accessing online material or how to complete referencing.

Mentors

All faculties at Deakin offer mentoring programs at our campuses. Each faculty has unique services to assist its students with completing their studies. There is a particular emphasis on the beginning of trimesters so that you can thrive both socially and academically from the outset. You can also access mentors to assist with developing your maths or writing study skills.

Success coaches

If you decide to study online at our Cloud Campus, we have success coaches to ensure that you have the appropriate support structure in place to thrive. Success coaches engage and regularly connect online with students from their own faculty.

DeakinSync communities

DeakinSync is a personalised digital study hub, where you connect with other Deakin students, learning and assessment experiences, teaching and support staff and potential employers. You can access everything from enrolled unit sites, enrolment details, study tools, your calendar. Visit deakin.edu.au/deakinsync for more information.

Career planning

Deakin's Graduate Employment division is dedicated to preparing students for the jobs and careers of the future. Through DeakinTALENT's programs and services you can research different career options, hone your interview skills, as well as look for casual work while you study or look for a graduate job.

Career success resources

These are a one-stop-shop for everything you need to know about confidently applying for jobs and internships.

Career success workshops

You can register for workshops to receive hands-on support from one of our career consultants. This can be to assist with your CV and interview preparation amongst many others.

Career coaching

You can book a 1:1 appointment to receive personalised support from a career consultant.

Jobs and internships board

You can search and apply for volunteering, casual or part-time roles, internships, full-time and graduate positions.

Employer events

DeakinTALENT regularly interacts with employers around Australia and you'll have the opportunity to register for these events. It gives you the chance to meet and interact with industry professionals.



'Deakin offers great experiences and opportunities for everyone, as well as excellent teaching and support staff, who are always there to help you achieve high standards.'

Kana Ando
Bachelor of Cyber Security student

Support services

As a Deakin student you have access to a range of different support services so you can get the best out of yourself while completing your studies.

- **Medical centres** – each of our campuses has a medical centre that is exclusive to Deakin staff and students.
- **Counselling** – our counsellors are registered psychologists and social workers. The service is free and confidential.
- **Multifaith chaplaincy** – multifaith prayer spaces are available at all campuses.
- **Disability services** – Deakin's Disability Resource Centre provides information and services to students with a disability, health or mental health condition.
- **Safety and security** – at each of our campuses, we have around-the-clock, on-campus security services to ensure you always get the assistance you need, when you need it.
- **Financial assistance** – Deakin provides financial assistance to eligible students in a number of ways, including grants, emergency food and travel vouchers and budget advice.

For further information about the support services that we offer at Deakin, please visit deakin.edu.au/life-at-deakin/support-services.

#1 careers service in Australia

DeakinTALENT was awarded the most popular university careers service in Australia in 2017.*

* Graduate Recruitment Industry

Accommodation at Deakin

Living on campus

For many students, starting university means moving away from home. This might sound daunting for you, but living on campus is a really great opportunity for you to immerse yourself in the Deakin experience. Not only will you become part of a diverse and close-knit community, you will also be able to walk to classes and enjoy everything the University has to offer with ease.

We have campus accommodation options at our Burwood (Melbourne), Waurin Ponds (Geelong), Waterfront (Geelong) and Warrnambool campuses.

deakin.edu.au/accommodation

Living near campus

If you don't want to live on campus, Deakin also offers off-campus residential services that can help you find accommodation and provide assistance with your rental applications. We also ensure that you understand your rights and responsibilities, so you are not taken advantage of.

To find accommodation visit Houseme – deakin.edu.au/houseme – our online database of rooms, houses and apartments for rent.

Benefits of living on campus

- Enhanced academic performance
- Close proximity to the University
- Pastoral care and support
- Dedicated 24-hour support staff
- Extensive orientation and transition programs
- Diverse social and cultural activities
- No fuss payment systems (utilities included in the rent)
- Student leadership opportunities

Costs of university study

Fees

Depending on the course, an Australian Commonwealth supported undergraduate student at Deakin in 2018 can expect to pay between \$6444 and \$10,754 per year of study.*

Eligible students may obtain loans via the Higher Education Contribution Scheme-Higher Education Loan Program (HECS-HELP). Repayments are made through the Australian taxation system once your annual income exceeds the minimum threshold.

A range of government financial assistance programs are available for eligible students, such as Youth Allowance and Austudy.

* Fees based on 2018 figures.

Other costs

As a student you will also need to pay for living costs and course-related expenses, such as computer equipment, books, field trips and special equipment or clothing (if applicable to your course).

deakin.edu.au/fees

Government assistance

Commonwealth Supported Place

If you are an Australian citizen, holder of a Permanent humanitarian visa, Permanent resident or New Zealand citizen and meet the residency requirements, you will be eligible to receive a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) for a bachelor's course at Deakin. The Australian Government subsidises a Commonwealth Supported Place by paying part of the fees directly to the university.

Students enrolled in a CSP are only required to cover part of the cost of their course through student contributions. The cost of your course will depend on the units you study.

HECS-HELP Loan

Another Australian Government scheme that you may be eligible for is a HECS-HELP Loan. This is available for students in a Commonwealth Supported Place who meet the eligibility requirements set by the Australian Government.

Under the HECS-HELP loan scheme, you can choose to not make an upfront payment for your tuition fees. The HECS-HELP loan covers the student contribution part of your student fees. You will begin paying back your loan in small increments once you meet the minimum income threshold set by the Australian Taxation Office.

Deakin University is subject to Australian Government Legislation. As such, legislative changes can occur and may impact your HECS-HELP eligibility. For more information on eligibility requirements please visit studyassist.gov.au or deakin.edu.au/courses/fees/fee-payment-assistance.

Scholarships

A Deakin scholarship is more than simply a financial boost – it sets you on the pathway to success at university. It's an opportunity to stand out from your peers and is an excellent feature on your resume.

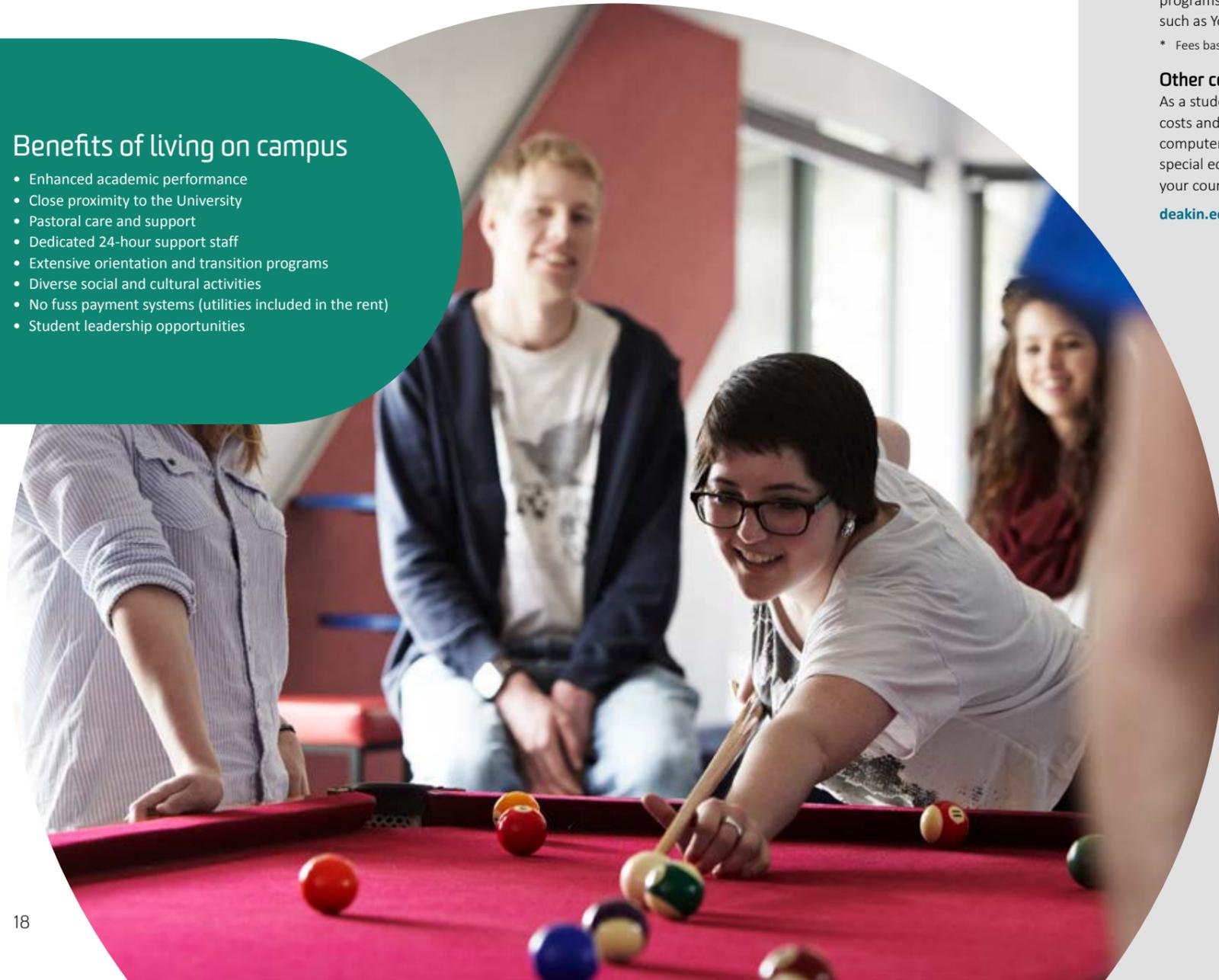
We offer scholarships for many situations, whether you have experienced disadvantage and/or achieved academic merit. Awarding a Deakin scholarship is our chance to acknowledge and reward your accomplishments and hard work.

You could be eligible for a number of scholarships during your time at Deakin. Use our online search tool to help you find out what scholarships you might be eligible to apply for at deakin.edu.au/scholarships.

Also check out deakin.edu.au/scholarship-tips to read through our top tips for completing a scholarship application.

Financial support

Deakin provides financial assistance to eligible students in a number of ways, including grants, emergency food and travel vouchers. If you're experiencing financial difficulties, you may also be eligible to receive an interest-free student loan for study-related expenses.



Key university terms

Adjusted ATAR

The minimum ATAR that must be achieved to be considered for admission to a course or institution.

Associate degree

The associate degree structure provides flexible pathways into tertiary education, and can be used as a guaranteed pathway into a range of target degrees (as approved by Deakin). Completion of an associate degree may give you up to 18 months' credit towards one of these target degrees. deakin.edu.au/courses/entry-pathways/associate-degrees

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)

The ATAR is derived from the scaled scores achieved for senior secondary school subjects. The specific calculation used is different in each state and territory, but the result is designed to be nationally equivalent.

Adjustment factor

Often referred to previously as 'bonus points' these are additional points that may be used in combination with an applicant's Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) to derive your course selection rank. Adjustments do not change your ATAR, but change your selection rank for a particular course or courses.

Bachelor's degree

Usually three or four years full time or equivalent part time. In some courses you may choose one or more majors in specialised areas. It is the minimum tertiary requirement for many professional careers.

Class

A presentation given by an academic to a large group of students on the subject area being studied. Traditionally known as a lecture.

Combined course

A combination of courses in complementary areas, studied simultaneously, which leads to two degrees, e.g. Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws. This means you complete two degrees in less time than it would take to complete them separately.

Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP)

A university place for which the government pays a proportion of the tuition costs.

Computer requirements

To fully engage with the Deakin learning experiences, students need to have access to and be able to use internet-connected devices. There are minimum computer standards required for your computer, connectivity and your computing capability for effective study at Deakin. deakin.edu.au/courses/how-to-apply/computing-requirements

Credit point

For each subject you successfully complete, you will receive the credit point value of that subject towards your studies. You must complete a specified number of credit points to obtain your degree. The number of credit points required varies for each course and is outlined online at deakin.edu.au/courses.

Credit for prior learning

Credit granted towards your Deakin course for relevant approved study, experience or work, satisfactorily completed at Deakin or elsewhere. There are two aspects to credit for prior learning:

- credit may be transferred to your Deakin program from completed or partly completed studies you have undertaken at other accredited institutions; and
- credit may be granted on the basis of knowledge and skills acquired through informal learning, e.g. in the workplace.

deakin.edu.au/courses/credit-for-prior-learning

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Defer

The approved postponement of study for a specified period prior to enrolment in a course. Most Deakin courses allow you to defer your studies for up to two years. deakin.edu.au/defer

Discipline

Also known as a study area. You can browse courses at Deakin by interest area, such as Environment, Business or Sport, and within each interest area you will find a wider range of disciplines, such as wildlife and conservation biology, commerce or exercise and sport science. deakin.edu.au

Direct entry

When applications can be made directly to a higher education provider rather than through a tertiary admissions centre.

Equity and diversity

Deakin values diversity and promotes inclusion. The Equity and Diversity Unit provides a range of programs and services to ensure all students have the opportunity to access university education and succeed in their studies and employment. deakin.edu.au/equity-diversity

Extra requirements

These are requirements that you must meet, in addition to minimum tertiary entrance requirements, to qualify for entry to a course. Information about extra requirements is listed on the VTAC website (vtac.edu.au) and in Victorian Tertiary Entrance Requirements (VICTER) publications.

Faculty

An organisational division within a university; for example, the Faculty of Arts and Education is one of the four faculties at Deakin University. Within each faculty are several schools; for example, Deakin Law School is within the Faculty of Business and Law.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

A GPA is an internationally recognised numerical calculation used to find the average result of all grades received over a defined study period. The GPA can be used for a variety of purposes, including as selection criteria for admission to a program or for assessing academic progress over a set period for progress review purposes.

Graduate entry

A course that requires prior completion of an undergraduate degree for entry. Deakin's Doctor of Medicine is a graduate-entry course.

Higher Education Contribution Scheme-Higher Education Loan Program (HECS-HELP)

HECS-HELP is a government loan scheme to help eligible CSP students pay for tuition costs. Repayments are made through the Australian taxation system once your annual income exceeds the minimum threshold for repayment.

Honours

Honours is an additional year of specialised study, usually taken after you complete a bachelor's degree, or embedded as part of a bachelor's degree. Honours may provide you with a competitive edge in the job market or a pathway into a higher degree.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

The IB diploma is an internationally recognised, comprehensive two-year study program designed for university entrance. Australian tertiary admission centres convert IB scores to a notional ATAR or QTAC Selection Rank, enabling IB students to be ranked for tertiary entrance alongside their peers. Deakin accepts IB diploma graduates as having satisfied the requirements for university entry. www.ibo.org

Interest area

You can browse courses at Deakin by interest area, such as Sport, Business or Health. deakin.edu.au

Level

The year level at which units in your course 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 usually tell what level a unit is by looking at the first number in a unit's code.

Major

An approved group of at least 6 (and up to 8) credit points of related units, normally taken in sequence at each level of a course.

Minor

A minor is a group of related units in an area of study or academic discipline. Minors are shorter than majors and are usually four units long.

Offer round/s

Refers to the series of dates on which offers of higher education places are issued to applicants throughout the year, whether through a tertiary admission centre or directly by a higher education provider.

Overall position

The overall position (OP) refers to a Queensland student's position in a state-wide tertiary entrance rank order based on their overall achievement in senior secondary subjects. It indicates how well a student has done compared to all other OP-eligible students in Queensland. Students are placed in one of 25 OP bands from OP1 (highest) to OP25 (lowest). Queensland students seeking admission to higher education in other states can have their OP converted to an ATAR. Interstate students looking to study in Queensland can have their ATAR converted to a Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) Selection Rank. Queensland will adopt the ATAR instead of the OP for students who commence Year 11 in 2019 and beyond.

Pathway

Pathways provide alternative entry options for getting into a course at Deakin if you do not meet the requirements for entry. Pathways to Deakin courses can include options such as TAFE courses or starting your course at a different campus. deakin.edu.au/courses/entry-pathways

Personal statement

The personal statement is a form where university applicants can bring to the attention of selection officers any relevant factors or circumstances that cannot be included in the application itself. For example, motivation to study, work experience, community experience, academic performance, languages other than English.

The personal statement can be accessed online once you have registered with VTAC. You can only submit one statement – so you should address all your course preferences and provide details to support your application, such as relevant work experience and your reasons for applying. It is also important that you submit the form by the specified closing date at vtac.edu.au. If a personal statement is required or will be considered, it will be listed in the VTAC course detail online.

Postgraduate degree

A course of study usually beyond bachelor's level, including graduate certificate, graduate diploma, master's and research degree. In many cases, eligibility for entry to a postgraduate course requires you to have completed an undergraduate degree and/or have significant work experience.

Prerequisites

The VCE subjects or other requirements that applicants must complete to be eligible for selection into a course. Information about prerequisites is listed on the VTAC website (vtac.edu.au) and in Victorian Tertiary Entrance Requirements (VICTER) publications.

Raw ATAR

The unadjusted ATAR of an applicant to which an offer of a place was made in the relevant year or year-to-date.

Scholarships

Deakin offers a range of scholarships for commencing students that recognise and reward many accomplishments, from leadership skills to academic success, extracurricular achievements and commitment to study while experiencing personal hardship. deakin.edu.au/scholarships

Selection rank

The ranking that tertiary admission centres and most universities actually use to assess admission to a course. A person's course selection rank can include their ATAR, any adjustments they are eligible for, such as equity or subject adjustments, other contributions calculated on the basis of work experience or previous non-secondary study, portfolio assessments, results of the STAT, other supplementary tests, etc.

Semester

This is the method of organising some courses in Deakin's Faculty of Health and Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment. Semester 1 runs from February to June; Semester 2 runs from July to November.

Seminar

A class where a small group of students discusses study materials and ideas with a member of the teaching team.

Single unit (non-award) study

Single unit (non-award) study provides access to a wide variety of university-level units, without students having to study a full degree. Some units have prerequisites or special requirements but most are open to all potential students and on completion can lead to further pathway options. deakin.edu.au/courses/how-to-apply/single-unit

Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS)

SEAS is an umbrella program of special entry schemes governed by VTAC, and conducted by participating tertiary institutions, including Deakin, that provides entry for the disadvantaged into undergraduate courses. vtac.edu.au and deakin.edu.au/access-equity

Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)

STAT is a test developed by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER). The purpose of the STAT is to assess an individual's ability to analyse information and think critically. The STAT is compulsory for non-Year 12 applicants applying for entry into any of Deakin's undergraduate law programs.

Some non-Year 12 applicants will be exempt from sitting the STAT. If you are unsure whether or not you need to sit the STAT, email buslaw@deakin.edu.au.

For more information on non-Year 12 additional entry requirements, visit vtac.edu.au.

Student Amenities-Higher Education Loan Program (SA-HELP)

SA-HELP is a government loan scheme for eligible students to defer all or part of the Student Services and Amenities Fee.

Student Services and Amenities Fee

This is a fee higher education providers can charge for non-academic services and amenities, such as advocacy, sporting programs, legal advice and referral, health and welfare and disability support.

Study score

A score of 0–50 that shows how a VCE student performed in a particular subject compared with others in the same year. It is calculated from your results in assessments and examinations in that subject.

Trimester

This is the method of organising the teaching year. At Deakin there are three trimesters for most courses: Trimester 1 runs from March to June, Trimester 2 from July to October and Trimester 3 spans November to February.

Undergraduate degree

Usually the first degree you obtain in a given discipline area. For example, a Bachelor of Health Sciences. An undergraduate student is usually someone studying for their first degree in a given discipline.

Unit

A Deakin subject or unit is normally one trimester long and most have a value of 1 or 2 credit points.

Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)

The VCE is a certificate that recognises the successful completion of Year 12 in Victoria. The VCE can provide a pathway to university studies, TAFE and employment.

Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC)

VTAC is the centralised admissions centre for most undergraduate university courses in Victoria. vtac.edu.au

Victorian Tertiary Entrance Requirements (VICTER)

A publication produced by VTAC for Year 10 students who are considering applying for tertiary study in the future, to help plan their pathway towards tertiary study. The *VICTER 2021 Guide* will be most applicable for students completing Year 10 in 2018.

Weighted Average Mark (WAM)

WAM is a calculation of all your relevant unit outcomes within a course. The WAM is weighted by taking into consideration the credit points of a unit and the result. Not all grades are used in the calculation of the WAM.

Year 12 applicant

Applicants with recent secondary education, including current Year 12 (2018) applicant and Year 12 graduates from 2017 and 2016.

Contact us

To find out more information about Deakin, you can phone us on 1800 MY FUTURE (1800 693 888), email myfuture@deakin.edu.au or visit deakin.edu.au.

Important dates

A great way to explore Deakin is to visit one of our Open Days in the month of August.

openday.deakin.edu.au

We also run other events throughout the year. Visit deakin.edu.au/deakin-events to find out what's on.

You can also visit deakin.edu.au/choose to find out information about ATAR requirements and change of preference periods.

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