

Stackable Short Courses Study Guide

Lifelong learning at Deakin



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SHORT COURSES

Reshaping university education

Deakin University is changing the face of university study with our new stackable short courses. Providing specific, industry-based skills you need right now, with the opportunity to earn credit¹ towards a Deakin postgraduate degree if you ever choose to take your study further. Our stackable short courses will fast-track your skills development and maximise your career potential.



¹ Subject to successful completion of the short course and meeting Deakin's award course admission and selection requirements, including English language proficiency requirements.

Keeping up with a changing workplace

Technology has reshaped our capabilities and ways of working. Rapid advancements in automation, digitisation, robotics, artificial intelligence and big data have transformed the employment landscape. These advancements will continue to reshape the workplace in years to come. As workplaces change, so do the skills and knowledge required for a person to be work-ready.

The changing workplace has created a shift in our attitude towards learning. Professionals today recognise that continuous learning is key to remaining relevant and competitive in their careers. Being an in-demand professional requires ongoing training and upskilling. It means being a lifelong learner.

Be a lifelong learner with Deakin

With our stackable short courses, we give you flexible and lifelong learning opportunities that you can access at any stage in your life and career.

Designed with industry to give you the skills you need now, these bite-sized courses allow you to engage in study and training that ensures your long-term employability, enriches your life and inspires you to keep moving forward with confidence.

What is lifelong learning?

The traditional pathway to a career is to study and get a degree before starting work. This linear approach is shifting as we see more and more people studying and reskilling at different points in their lives.

A 2018 survey conducted by Deloitte found that many study interested Australians believe that their jobs will change significantly in 10 years' time, while a handful believe their jobs won't exist in the future.

As a result, a majority of those wanting to study believe that upskilling and retraining is important to remain competitive in the workplace, and place high value on job-specific, skills-based learning.¹ This shows that studying becomes more important, not less, as we progress into our careers.

A changing workplace may also lead people to change jobs more often. It's estimated that today's Australian employee changes jobs 13 times during their lifetime.² Reskilling will set you up for success whether you're in your third, eighth, or 12th job.

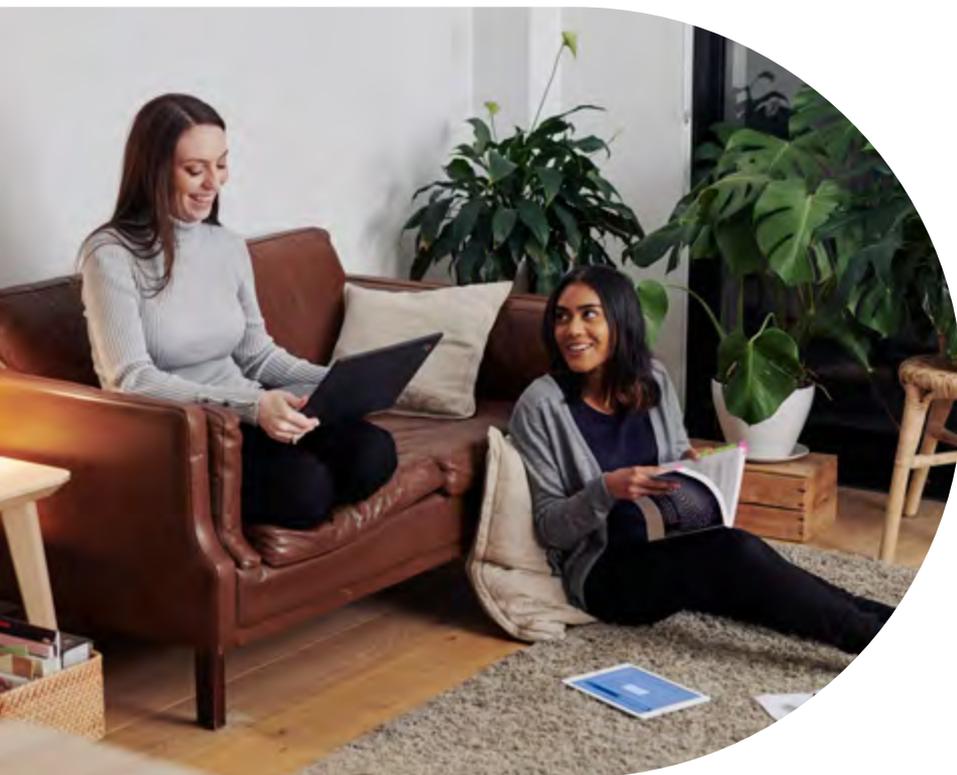
1 Deloitte (2018) Higher education for a changing world.

2 LinkedIn Pulse March 2021, *How many jobs will you have during your lifetime?*

Fast, affordable courses for now and for your future

Aligned with current and emerging trends, our stackable short courses are designed to provide both immediate and long-term value. As standalone courses, they provide specific, in-demand skills that will benefit your current employment. Study multiple short courses and you can build tailored qualifications that blend distinct skills and knowledge, giving you an edge in the workplace.

They may also earn you credit¹ and be 'stacked' towards a range of Deakin postgraduate degrees should you wish to pursue further study. Two stackable short courses may give you one course credit (equivalent to one unit in a postgraduate degree), which you can use to reduce your study duration and tuition fees. Industry-designed and 100% online, our stackable short courses are fast and affordable, giving you the skills you need to take your career further, faster.



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Gain the skills you need right now with industry-designed courses

Study current and emerging trends today and improve your performance at work tomorrow – literally. Designed for rapid knowledge growth, our stackable short courses are co-designed with respected industry partners and aligned to national job-growth data, so you gain sought-after skills that are immediately applicable in the workforce.

Tailor your learning

Are you missing one key skill that's impacting your career progression? With Deakin's stackable short courses, you can study just what you need and upskill fast in key areas of demand. With your newfound knowledge, you'll have the confidence to take that next step in your career.

Study at your own pace

Study online, start when it suits you and take full control over how much or how little you study. Whether you want to study one stackable short course, or study several and build towards a Deakin postgraduate degree, our stackable short courses enable you to choose how far and wide you take your learning.

Fast and affordable

Want to undertake postgraduate study but worried about the costs and time commitment? Our stackable short courses are bite-sized courses that you can complete in as little as six weeks, without breaking the bank. And when you're ready to study the full postgraduate degree, you may use the credit you received¹ to reduce your overall study duration and tuition costs.

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Choose how you learn

Available as on-demand learning or intensive masterclasses, our stackable short courses are delivered 100% online, giving you the flexibility of where and when you learn. This enables you to tailor your study experience to your needs.

On-demand learning

- self-paced, learners may start anytime
- can be completed in as little as 6 weeks, maximum of 24 weeks
- light facilitation and support are provided by Deakin teaching staff. Learners can attend drop-in sessions conducted fortnightly
- learners must pass an assessment task to gain a digital certificate of completion.

Masterclass

- set start and end dates
- can be completed in 4–8 weeks, comprising up to four masterclasses held weekly, followed by an additional two to four weeks to complete an assessment task
- learners are required to attend all seminars that are led by an industry expert
- learners must pass an assessment task to gain a digital certificate of completion.



Short courses that future-proof your career

Take your career further, faster. Our stackable short courses are designed around current and emerging trends so you can be sure they address industry needs today and in the future.

Featured courses

Design Thinking

How can you apply creativity to problem solving? Using the latest tools such as personas, empathy with others, a tolerance for failure and prototyping, you'll learn how design thinking can be applied across your workplace to drive performance and outcomes.

Digital Transformation Leadership

Gain the skills to lead people through a major digital transformation. In this short course, you'll learn the highs, lows and common pitfalls of digital transformation projects and develop the leadership skills required to ensure your digital projects are a success.

'This type of course is exactly what is needed for a lot of people out in the market right now, to be able to manage and start to navigate their way through the changing shape of the Australian business landscape.'

Mark Cameron

CEO, W3.Digital
Designer and facilitator of Digital Transformation Leadership

For a full list of our stackable short courses, visit deakin.edu.au/stackable-short-courses.

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