Study creative arts at Deakin and gain the skills to bring important new stories to life. You’ll collaborate with peers from a diverse range of disciplines, form lifelong creative partnerships, be challenged to take your practice further in studio settings, and explore the outer reaches of your imagination.

Choose from our two disciplines:

**Bachelor of Creative Arts (Drama)**

**Course Code:** A357  
**Location:** Burwood (Melbourne)  
**Intakes:** T1 (March), T2 (July)  
**Duration:** 3 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Master your craft, create new stories and forge your unique path as a creative in the theatre industry. As a drama student you’ll build your theatre-making kit and forge lifelong creative partnerships through active learning in-studio, individual creative projects and collaborative performance creation. Develop your creative voice and the technical skills required to produce live performances, and learn how to communicate ideas confidently through speech and other physical and visual modes of expression.

In-studio, you’ll explore a combination of acting, improvisation and devising practices, processes that you’ll work with and in to create performance texts, and engage with theatre history and culture, and site-based and digital theatre craft. In addition you’ll have the opportunity to work on individual and group creative projects, where you will gain a comprehensive knowledge of ensemble creation, production management and audience engagement.

**Careers**

Graduate ready to launch a career as a practitioner in the professional dance sector. You will be equipped to work across disciplines in a variety of contexts, initiate independent arts projects or use your skills and knowledge as dance teachers, which are in strong demand.

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**Bachelor of Creative Arts (Visual Arts)**

**Course Code:** A359  
**Location:** Burwood (Melbourne)  
**Intakes:** T1 (March), T2 (July), T3 (November)  
**Duration:** 3 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Gain the practical studio skills, technical curiosity and analytical eye to forge a career as an artist. You’ll explore creative practices and develop technical competencies in a range of traditional and nontraditional media techniques, from drawing and painting, to 3D modelling and installation, to more digitally-oriented techniques.

Be encouraged to develop your own practice and research capabilities through studio seminars and independent studio practice, which will in turn assist you in situating your work within relevant historical and contemporary frameworks. Choose to undertake work placements in art and cultural institutions, with contemporary artists as well as at major community and cultural events.

**Careers**

Graduates have gone on to work within arts and cultural communities. They have also developed independent studio careers working towards exhibitions in commercial galleries and public art spaces and community contexts; and in experimental, collaborative and interdisciplinary exchanges. Combining your art specialisation with teaching studies or photography and design broadens your career options.
Since completing my Bachelor of Creative Arts, I have been working with children and young adults, teaching dance and drama programs in schools and community groups. I enjoy sparking my students’ interest in the performing arts and try and provide them with every inch of knowledge I gained though my studies.

Nick Karakottas
Bachelor of Creative Arts (Major in Dance, Minor in Drama)

What will I study?
Indicative course overview for creative arts students*

Learn the fundamentals
Explore the basic foundations of your chosen field of study in a collaborative art school environment. You will develop foundational skills in your specialisation and undertake two units in another creative arts discipline to enhance your creative practice. In your studio units, you will work alongside your peers in other creative arts disciplines, exploring your creative intentions and how to communicate them.

Develop specialist skills
Develop the compositional, contextual and critical thinking that is vital for the realisation of your arts practice. The immersive studio-based units focus on developing your craft through a combination of theory and practice-based learning. You will research and evaluate creative works and develop a professional proposal to present to a public audience. Further develop your skills in your second discipline and choose two electives.

Gain real-world experience
Build the skills and knowledge required to develop an independent, critical and professional art and performance practice through student-led studio work. You will be challenged to create and present within a professional industry showcase. Engaging directly with professional practitioners and workplaces you will develop the practical, administrative, marketing and self-management skills required for success in the industry. Through project-based learning, you will learn how to organise, manage and deliver a festival of exhibitions and performances of work. This experience will equip you with high-level business and management, promotion, publishing and budget management skills.

*Information is indicative only. Refer to the University Handbook for a complete course map.

Entry requirements
Deakin University uses a range of selection criteria for course entry. Applicants may submit an optional portfolio of work to showcase their talents and strengthen their application. This portfolio will be used to adjust your rank and increase your chances of being selected. To be eligible for this adjustment, portfolios should satisfy the requirements specified at deakin.edu.au/communications-creative-arts/portfolio-applicants by the submission deadline.

Find out more about entry requirements for individual courses at deakin.edu.au/create

Applying to Deakin
Apply through VTAC
Current year 12 students can apply through VTAC: vtac.edu.au

Apply direct to Deakin
All other applications can be submitted directly to the university: apply.deakin.edu.au

A new way of thinking
At Deakin, we focus on preparing our students for the future. That’s why we’re currently evolving our creative arts courses, to reflect and engage with our changing world, thinking and tools.

To find out what our new courses involve and where they could take you, keep an eye on deakin.edu.au/create

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