

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY TERMINOLOGY EXPLAINED

Welcome to Deakin University!

Congratulations on your offer!

We're here to help you understand some of the terms you'll come across.

Don't worry if you don't understand all the University terminology straight away, you wouldn't be the first and you're not the only one.

Our terminology might be different from secondary school, other universities, and the outside world.

So here's a brief run-down of some of the words that you can learn to help you understand what's going on at Deakin.

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What is a faculty?

Our University is made up of faculties, each faculty covers specific areas of teaching and learning.

At Deakin, we have four faculties.

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- Arts and Education (A&E)
- Business and Law (B&L)
- Health (H)
- Science, Engineering and Built Environment (SEBE)

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Every degree at Deakin is covered by one or more of these faculties.

What is a school?

Most of our faculties are made up of schools or departments, which focus on a specific teaching and learning discipline.

For example: the Faculty of Health is made up of the School of Medicine, School of Nursing and Midwifery and several other schools.

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Deakin University logo	Faculty of Health	School of Nursing & Midwifery
		School of Psychology
		School of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences
		School of Health and Social Development
		School of Medicine

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Enrolment:

[Image displaying example Faculty of Arts and Education, A329 Bachelor of Criminology course map]

As part of accepting your offer, you'll need to enrol in some units to study. This is a really important thing to do!

Some courses will have pre-enrolled units. But you'll still need need to confirm you're enrolled in these units via StudentConnect.

Some other courses will have flexibility in the units you can do. Once you choose your units, you'll need to enrol via StudentConnect.

If you're not sure which units to choose, check out your course map. This document tells you which core units you need to enrol in as well as the rules for your course.

If you need any assistance with your enrolment, we can help you with course information in person, by phone, email or web chat through our Faculty offices or Student Centrals.

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Student Central contact information:

Melbourne Burwood: 03 9244 6333

Geelong Waurm Ponds and Waterfront: 03 5227 2333

Warrnambool: 03 5563 3333

Email: enquire@deakin.edu.au

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Unit enrolment modes

Once you know which units you'll be enrolling into at Deakin, you need to think about how you'll study them. We offer two main modes of content delivery: Campus mode and Cloud Campus mode.

Campus mode is where your educational content will be delivered via classes and seminars which can be attended during set contact hours.

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Campus mode (D)

- Delivered through physical attendance to classes and seminars held on campus.

- Set contact hours that require attendance.

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Cloud campus mode is where your educational content will be delivered through our online environment.

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Cloud Campus mode (X)

- Delivered through our online environment.
- May or may not have compulsory online contact hours.
- May or may not include an intensive on campus activity.

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Depending on your course and location, there may be other enrolment mode options available.

If you want to study on campus mode, look for units with the letter 'D'. If you want to study Cloud Campus mode, look for units with the letter 'X'.

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During enrolment, you will see the unit mode is in the 'class' column.

Unit code	Unit name	Enrolled CP	Achievable CP	Period	Location	Class	Action
MAE101	Economic Principles	1.00	1.00	2017/T1	Waterfront (Geelong)	D	Add
MAE101	Economic Principles	1.00	1.00	2017/T1	Warrnambool	X	Add

A full list of enrolment modes can be found at:

www.deakin.edu.au/students/enrolment-fees-and-money/enrolments/enrolment-modes

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What are credit points?

[Image of pillar made up of 8 boxes with books inside and a graduation cap on top]

Upon the successful completion of a unit, you'll be awarded a credit point. But what are credit points?

Credit points represent your progress toward achieving your degree. Each degree requires a student to have a certain amount of credit points.

Once you've obtained enough credit points to complete your course, you'll be eligible to graduate.*

*Terms and conditions apply

Trimesters and Semesters

For most undergraduate courses, except the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery and the Bachelor of Medical Imaging, Deakin offers a trimester based University calendar which we divide into three equal teaching periods.

Trimesters allow great flexibility, and there's the possibility of spreading your load throughout the three trimesters to give you time for work or other responsibilities.

Trimesters are about this many weeks long.

[Image:

Semester study system:

Circle divided in two with the Deakin logo in the middle.

18 week study periods.]

[Image:

Trimester study system:

Circle divided in three with the Deakin logo in the middle.

11 week study periods.]

What is a class?

Classes, sometimes known as lectures, are regular scheduled sessions, where Teaching staff will run through unit topics to provide supplementary information alongside the prescribed readings to students.

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Classes are:

- Regular scheduled sessions
- Teaching staff will run through unit topics to provide supplementary information alongside the prescribed readings to students.
- The time of your class will appear on your timetable as long as the unit you're enrolled in has a 'class'.

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All classes are recorded and uploaded to Deakin's echosystem which can be accessed online via DeakinSync.

What is a seminar?

Seminars, sometimes known as tutorials, are regularly scheduled sessions in which teaching staff will teach or explain content to students through engaging learning activities.

Seminars are typically more hands on and are generally held in classrooms. The idea of seminars is to give students a chance to touch base with their tutor and ask questions they encounter during their study.

Not all seminars are recorded for campus mode students

Success at University

We have an expectation that you will succeed in your studies by passing units.

If you need assistance, there is always support available.

If you are unsure about anything regarding course advice, study options, financial assistance or counseling, we can help you through our Faculty offices or Student Centrals.

Each faculty also offers a fantastic Peer Mentor program where you can access the support and experience of one of your peers.

To find out more about our Peer Mentor program please visit the URL:

<http://deakin.edu.au/students/studying/students-helping-students-hub>

What are Census Dates?

Each course or unit you study will have a Census date.

The Census date is very important because *after* this date:

- You will be liable to pay the fees of the units you are still enrolled in.
- For domestic students, you won't be able to apply for HECS-HELP, FEE-HELP or SA-HELP for the units you are enrolled in.
- And if you withdraw from a unit, a reference will appear on your academic transcript.

You can find out the census dates for 2017 by visiting the Deakin key dates page using the link on screen. You REALLY should do that.

<http://www.deakin.edu.au/courses/key-dates>

Information Resources:

Starting a course at university can be really exciting ... but it can also be quite confusing!

More university terminology is explained in our glossary:

<http://www.deakin.edu.au/students/help/glossary#az-navigation-link>

You can also check the University Handbook for more information via the link on screen:

<http://www.deakin.edu.au/students/enrolment-fees-and-money/university-handbook/2017-handbook>

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