

Writing and literature

POSTGRADUATE



What postgraduate study can do for you



Become an expert in your field to drive your career forward

In a world that doesn't stand still, neither can you. Postgraduate study expands your employment opportunities and gives you the skills and expertise you need to progress your career. Employers value the professional skills and strategic thinking developed through studying at a postgraduate level.

▶ Gain industry experience while you study

Whether you're changing or progressing your career, Deakin's industry-immersed learning opportunities allow you to secure industry knowledge and expand your professional networks. The industry experience you gain during your course will help you make the shortlist for your ultimate job.

▶ Increase your earning potential

As a postgraduate student, you can build on the expertise you developed in your undergraduate degree and increase your earning potential. On average, those with a postgraduate qualification earn as much as \$25,600 more per year than their undergraduate counterparts.¹

▶ Expand your professional network

An extensive professional network provides lifelong benefits and is essential for career advancement. Deakin facilitates networking opportunities, allowing you to connect with industry leaders, fellow students, employers, mentors and experts in your chosen field.

▶ Secure your position in industry with professional recognition

Many of our courses are industry-accredited. This means that the knowledge and skills you learn will align with the latest industry practices. Employers and professional associations will recognise these qualifications.

▶ A career switch

The workplace learning opportunities offered in many of our postgraduate courses can provide you with the knowledge you need to move into a new and exciting field of employment. Gain experience in a new sector or industry while you enhance your employability.

▶ Stand out from the crowd

A postgraduate qualification helps you differentiate yourself from your peers. It equips you with skills and experience that set you apart from the competition and demonstrate your commitment to ongoing learning.



'Creative practice can be a complicated thing. To feel safe and feel like the teachers supported my creative development was really valuable.'

Lou Verga
Master of Arts (Writing and Literature)

Enhance your career



OUR LECTURERS ARE PUBLISHED AUTHORS. STUDY UNDER THEIR MENTORSHIP.



MASTER OF ARTS (WRITING & LITERATURE) OFFERS AN INDUSTRY-LEADING MIX OF FOUR SPECIALISATIONS.



DRIVE YOUR CAREER WITH CAPSTONE PROJECTS AND GRADUATE WITH A CURATED PROFESSIONAL PORTFOLIO.

At Deakin, you'll sharpen your skills in writing and literature while gaining practical tools in critical analysis, editing and research. You might choose to dive deeper into analysing literary works, grow your creative writing practice, strengthen your communication for professional settings, or craft polished pieces ready for publication. Whatever your direction, you'll have the support and flexibility to shape your studies around your goals.



Explore writing
and literature

▶ deakin.edu.au/writing

Earn more with a postgraduate degree

Transform your writing



'I genuinely believe this course has advanced my career prospects and I feel more motivated than ever before to pursue worthwhile work that sparks joy and creativity within myself. I feel so much better equipped skills-wise, and I'd like to think I have more professional capability than I had before.'

Nathan Farthing

Postgraduate writing student

Write your future

Hone your expertise in writing and literature and gain practical tools in critical analysis, editing and research. Whether you want to develop the skills to analyse literary works, build your creative writing practice, enhance business communication, or craft publishable pieces of professional writing, we will help fulfil your career aspirations.

Master your craft

Sharpen your writing, critical analysis, editing and research and carve out a career where your transferable skills are valued - from content manager to copywriter to PR manager, be an in-demand skilled communicator.

You'll get the critical writing and professional skills you'll need to make your career soar. Communication specialists are among the top 10 skills most in demand in 2024² and in even more good news, jobs requiring advanced communication skills are projected to increase by 20.9% by May 2034.³

Learn from published authors

Join a network of like-minded wordsmiths. Get one-on-one mentorship and develop your work with internationally recognised author-academics including Jodi McAlister and Antonia Pont. As you study, you'll acquire essential industry insights and tap into their global networks, ensuring you graduate with the skills and experience needed to make a significant impact.



Flexible course options



We understand that circumstances can change. That's why many of our masters courses allow you to exit early with a graduate certificate or diploma.

Find out more about Deakin's flexible study options at deakin.au/flexible-study-options.

Please note: not all courses have exit points available; please refer to individual course details on the Deakin website.

6 months

4 CREDIT POINTS
Graduate Certificate of Writing and Literature

12 months

8 CREDIT POINTS
Graduate Diploma of Writing and Literature

12 - 24 months

16 CREDIT POINTS
Master of Writing and Literature



Premium online learning

► How it works

We use advanced technology to bring the classroom to you. Our premium online learning platform allows you to participate in live-streamed seminars, lectures and class discussions, as well as submit assignments online.

Whether you're a busy professional or you want to structure your study around other commitments, our premium interactive platform will help you make the most of your study time. More than 78,000 online students (and counting!) have graduated from Deakin.

► Learn via our premium online platform with Australia's highest-rated tech support⁴

DeakinSync makes your transition to online study a smooth one. It serves as your online campus, where you'll find everything you need.

All Deakin students connect and collaborate through DeakinSync, so you'll always have access to the Deakin community, no matter where you are in the world.

When you're on DeakinSync you can:

- access your learning materials, reading lists and study guides
- participate in online lectures, seminars and live chats
- manage your enrolment and fees, and access your student email
- access expert library research support
- access digital library resources 24/7
- access all sorts of study and personal support resources
- connect with career support
- access IT assistance with Australia's top-rated tech support² (even outside regular hours).

For most online courses, you can even sit your end-of-trimester assessments online.

Digital is in our DNA; we have more than 50 years' experience in distance and online learning

Choose one of our industry-shaped online courses to future-proof your career. Work alongside our dynamic community of students online.

deakin.edu.au/study-online



Access a range of support services – from home

As an online student, you'll have access to a full range of personal services to support your health and wellbeing.

Our services include an extensive suite of career services, financial support and free counselling – all available for you to access without ever having to come on campus.



Connect with 60,000+ students online



#1 Victorian uni for postgraduate teaching quality⁶



#1 Victorian uni for course satisfaction⁵



#1 Victorian uni for facilities and resources⁶



Australia's top-rated tech support⁴



#1 Victorian uni for postgraduate educational experience⁶

Fees Scholarships RPL



Tuition fees at Deakin vary depending on the course you choose, the type of student you are and whether you're eligible for recognition of prior learning or awarded a scholarship.

Depending on your course, you'll be enrolled in either a Commonwealth supported place (**CSP**) or a full fee-paying place (**FFP**). Most of our postgraduate courses are full fee-paying places, however you may be eligible for a Government FEE-HELP loan, giving you the confidence to pursue your ultimate course.

▶ HELP loans

Domestic students can defer their tuition fees with a Government HELP loan. Repayments are made through the Australian taxation system once your annual income exceeds the minimum threshold.

FEE-HELP isn't means tested. Your income, or the income of a partner or your family, will not affect your eligibility. You can apply for FEE-HELP if you are enrolled as a full fee-paying student in an eligible course, and would like a Government loan to cover your tuition fees.

▶ Recognition of prior learning (RPL)

Recognition of prior learning (RPL) turns your study and life experience into course credit that can reduce your study duration, as well as the cost of your study. We consider all university, TAFE and private tertiary education provider qualifications from around the world, as well as informal learning that relates to your course.

Every new course application at Deakin is automatically assessed for recognition of prior learning.

▶ Explore your options

Find the scholarship, fee assistance or RPL requirements you need.

deakin.edu.au/study/fees-and-scholarships

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Our campuses

Online

Geelong Warrn Ponds

Melbourne Burwood

Warrnambool

Geelong Waterfront

NIKERI Institute

Graduate Certificate of Writing and Literature

Overview

Turn your love for reading and writing into a successful career with the Graduate Certificate of Writing and Literature. Get an introduction to the craft and conventions of creative writing, professional writing and publishing, and use this course as a stepping stone into the Master of Arts (Writing and Literature).

The projects and assessment tasks you work on train you in transferable skills, including critical analysis, communication, problem solving and research – incredibly valuable in every field of work.

deakin.edu.au/course/A535

Careers

- Author
- Editor
- Literary critic
- Publisher
- Advertising executive
- Communications specialist
- Copywriter
- Journalist
- Public relations practitioner

Campus



The next available Burwood (Melbourne) intake will be for 2027

Trimester intake: **T1, T2**

Duration: **0.5 year full-time**

or part-time equivalent

Graduate Diploma of Writing and Literature

Overview

Learn how to inspire, engage and persuade your audiences with the Graduate Diploma of Writing and Literature. Build on writing skills you've developed at the undergraduate level or in your current role and gain a deeper understanding of the theory and history behind great pieces of writing.

The projects you work on train you in transferable skills, including critical analysis, communication, problem solving and research – incredibly valuable in every field of work.

deakin.edu.au/course/A664

Careers

- Author
- Editor
- Literary critic
- Publisher
- Advertising executive
- Communications specialist
- Copywriter
- Journalist
- Public relations practitioner

Campus



The next available Burwood (Melbourne) intake will be for 2027

Trimester intake: **T1, T2**

Duration: **1 year full-time**

or part-time equivalent

Master of Arts (Writing and Literature)

Overview

Hone your expertise in writing and literature and gain practical tools in critical analysis, editing and research. Whether you want to develop the skills to analyse literary works, build your creative writing practice, or craft publishable pieces of professional writing, the Master of Arts (Writing and Literature) will help fulfil your career aspirations.

If you want to turn your passion into a professional career or if you're already working in the industry and looking to take the next step, we provide a high performing environment that allows your creativity to reach its full potential. Choose from four study specialisations to create a unique degree that matches your interests:

- Children's literature
- Creative writing
- Literary studies
- Professional writing.

deakin.edu.au/course/A764

Careers

- Author
- Editor
- Literary critic
- Publisher
- Digital content officer
- Marketing manager
- Advertising executive
- Communications specialist
- Copywriter
- Journalist
- Public relations manager

Campus



The next available Burwood (Melbourne) intake will be for 2027

Trimester intake: **T1, T2**

Duration: **2 years full-time**

The time and cost can be reduced based on your previous qualifications and professional experience. This means you can fast track the masters degree from 2 years down to 1.5 years, or even 1 year duration

Writing and literature

Master of Arts (Writing and Literature) Specialisations

Children's literature

Gain a deeper understanding of the stories we choose to tell future generations, and why and how we tell them. From picture books to novels and films, studying children's literature means you'll explore, critique and analyse key literary genres. You'll learn to understand the impact of literature on the development of young people and awareness of the world around them. Boost your career options as you develop high-level writing and critical analysis skills. You'll also gain the capacity to undertake independent and collaborative research. Interpreting children's literature is particularly important for primary and secondary teachers, librarians, and people in the children's book publishing industry – as well as anyone who wants to write for young people. You'll put your learning to use in industry internships, such as at libraries, literary agents and festivals that focus on promoting stories for the next generation.

Creative writing

Want to sharpen your skills and build a regular writing practice into your week? Study creative writing to enhance your career or bring your book idea to life. You'll discover how to write compelling stories across a range of genres including creative non-fiction, fiction, poetry and scripts. In workshop-style classes, you'll learn how to master the tools of the writer's trade:

- ability to research
- self-edit
- write clearly
- write convincingly.

You'll also explore and analyse the work of writing world luminaries, and how to apply their techniques and learnings to your own work. Benefit from the feedback of your peers and the chance to submit your work to Deakin's international literature and arts journal, Verandah. These two unique opportunities can help you develop and refine your creative voice. Learning from Deakin's team of published authors and writers exposes you to the industry and helps you develop important connections that can help to drive your creative practice forward.

Literary studies

Transform your passion for reading and writing into in-demand professional skills when you study Literary Studies. In it, you will explore a diverse range of literary texts and theories and refine your analytical, writing and critical thinking abilities, which are highly valued by employers. In addition, opportunities to get your work published or undertake an internship will give you sought-after industry experience and expand your professional network.

Professional writing

Expand your writing range and build a portfolio of industry-standard work in professional writing at Deakin. Become a more effective and confident writer, able to clearly communicate across a range of audiences and platforms. Explore the foundations of good writing, discover how to write to a range of different briefs, and learn how to professionally manage your writing work. Master the tools every working writer needs such as the ability to:

- research
- blueprint a draft
- take a concept through various stages of revision.

You'll tailor and refine your literary abilities by choosing from a range of different writing specialisations such as feature writing, social content creation, and general publishing. Learning alongside likeminded professionals, you will exchange feedback with your peers and experienced writers to help build your practice in a supportive environment.



Your guide to applying at Deakin

► When can I expect an offer?

For applications made directly to Deakin, offers are made via email within a few days, subject to course, time of year and application information.

► Need help?

If you have questions or need support with your offer or the enrolment process, Student Central is here to assist you.

deakin.edu.au/enrolment



Step 1

CHOOSE DEAKIN

Step 2

FIND YOUR COURSE

Browse Deakin's website to check entry requirements, application methods and dates.

Step 3

CHOOSE HOW YOU WANT TO STUDY

Study online or on campus and either part time, full time or with units across three trimesters. This will depend on your own preferences and the course you choose. deakin.edu.au/flexible-study-options

Step 4

LEARN ABOUT FEES

Learn about fees, other study costs, government assistance and scholarships.

deakin.edu.au/study/fees-and-scholarships

Step 5

APPLY

We're here to ensure your application process is as seamless as possible. Learn more about how to apply at: deakin.edu.au/how-to-apply

▶ Contact us

We're here to help

We have staff at each of our campuses who are more than happy to answer your general queries.

Prospective student enquiries

1800 693 888

deakin.edu.au/help-hub

Endnotes

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deakin.edu.au/writing

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