# Study Abroad at Deakin University



Melbourne | Geelong | Warrnambool **Australia** 



### Trimesters

Deakin uses a three-trimester system that is equivalent in course load and duration to a semester system.

Students can start their studies in March (Trimester 1) or July (Trimester 2) or November (Trimester 3).

Two trimesters are still equal to a full academic year.

Visit deakin.edu.au/courses/key-dates to learn more

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# Why choose Deakin?

Deakin is a highly ranked, multi-award winning university with an international focus. We are innovative, offer outstanding facilities and learning opportunities, and a culture that values diversity, promotes inclusion and has a strong sense of community.

### **Campuses**

Deakin has four campuses that offer access to the natural wonders, coastal hot spots and cultural highlights of the Australian state of Victoria:

- Melbourne Burwood
- Geelong Waurn Ponds
- Geelong Waterfront
- Warrnambool.

Each location provides a unique study experience.

### **Faculties**

Deakin's four academic faculties are:

- Faculty of Arts and Education
- Faculty of Business and Law
- Faculty of Health
- Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment.

### **Programs**

A comprehensive range of programs are available to Study Abroad students. See page 10 for more.

### **Innovation and research**

Deakin combines a university's traditional focus on excellent teaching and research while seeking new ways of developing and delivering programs. We have partnerships with leading research institutions globally. Deakin is at the forefront of research in advanced materials, biotechnology, intelligent systems, natural resource management, sport science and nutrition.

### **High rankings**



Among the Top 1% of universities worldwide

ShanghaiRankings Academic Ranking of World Universities



Ranked in the Top 50 young universities in the world

QS and *Times Higher Education* top young universities



Rated 5 stars for our world-class facilities, teaching and research

QS Stars University Ratings

### **World-class degrees**



3rd in the world for Sport Science

ShanghaiRankings' Global Ranking of Sport Science Schools and Departments 2018



24th in the world for

QS Rankings by Subject 2018



30th in the world for Education

QS Rankings by Subject 2018

### Study Abroad or Exchange: What's the difference?

Throughout this brochure, you will see the term 'study abroad' used for our programs. However, there are key differences between 'study abroad' and 'exchange'.

### Study abroad

You are a 'study abroad' student if your institution does not have an exchange agreement with Deakin or an exchange place is not available. Study abroad students can study for a trimester or a full academic year at Deakin, and are normally required to pay upfront tuition fees to Deakin.

### Exchange

If you are enrolled at one of Deakin's designated exchange partners, you are eligible to come to Deakin as an 'exchange student'. You can study for one trimester or a full academic year, and receive credit towards your home degree.

Exchange programs are run on a reciprocal basis so you will continue to pay your tuition and student activity fees at your home university, rather than paying tuition fees to Deakin. However, to qualify as an exchange student, you will need to be nominated by your home university.

## Destination: Australia

Australia is a sophisticated, multicultural society with a great love of sport, food, music and life in general.



### Australia

Australia offers a variety of unique travel experiences: from the untamed wilderness of the outback, to the beauty of the Great Barrier Reef and the Whitsunday islands. The Australian cities are meant for exploring. With amazing food to be enjoyed down every lane of the city centres, historical monuments to be explored, and cultural and art festivals to be experienced, you will never run out of things to do here.

### Victoria

Located on the south-east coast of Australia, Victoria has welcomed people from countries across the world. Some of the world's best beaches make Victoria the ultimate study and travel destination.

All of Deakin's campuses are located in Victoria. The table below lists the time required for travel to Deakin campuses from the Melbourne city centre.

From Melbourne City to	Distance	Travel time
Melbourne Burwood Campus	17 km/ 10 miles	Around 1 hour by tram
Geelong Waterfront Campus	75 km/ 46 miles	Just over 1 hour by train
Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus	85 km/ 51 miles	Just over 1 hour and 15 minutes by train
Warrnambool Campus	250 km/ 155 miles	Around 3 hours and 30 minutes by train





### **Living in Melbourne**

The cultural and multicultural heart of Australia, Melbourne is home to over five million people from all around the world.

It is a city built for exploring: café-filled laneways, galleries, music and amazing food can be found in almost every corner of the city centre. There is always something happening in Melbourne, from cultural festivals and arts performances to international cricket and tennis sporting events. The city never sits still.

Visit www.melbourne.vic.gov.au for more.

### **Living in Geelong**

Geelong is a vibrant city located on Corio Bay. It features a stunning waterfront precinct, beaches, restaurants and bars, with lots of parks and gardens.

It is the gateway to the Surf Coast offering Australia's best surf beaches, bustling resort towns, picturesque scenery, bush and beach walks, lush rainforests and spectacular waterfalls.

Enjoy cultural festivals and a receptive community that gladly welcomes Deakin students. You might even become a new fan of the Australian Football League by attending a game of the Geelong Cats Football Club.

### **Living in Warrnambool**

The Capital of the Great Ocean Road, Warrnambool, is the place to be for exploring Australia's famously unique plant and animal habitats.

Renowned for its whale watching, surfing, scuba diving, horse riding and outdoor activities, Warrnambool is the quintessential Australian beach-side town.

### Live where you study

Deakin offers a range of on-campus accommodation options across its campuses. Learn more on page 14.

Photos: (top) students relax by the pier located on Corio Bay just across Geelong Waterfront Campus; (left) the Federation Square in Melbourne city centre.



Each of Deakin's campuses has a distinctive character and a strong presence in the local community. All campuses provide quality services and world-class facilities.

### **Melbourne Burwood Campus**

Melbourne Burwood Campus is Deakin University's largest campus and is noted for its modern architecture and facilities.

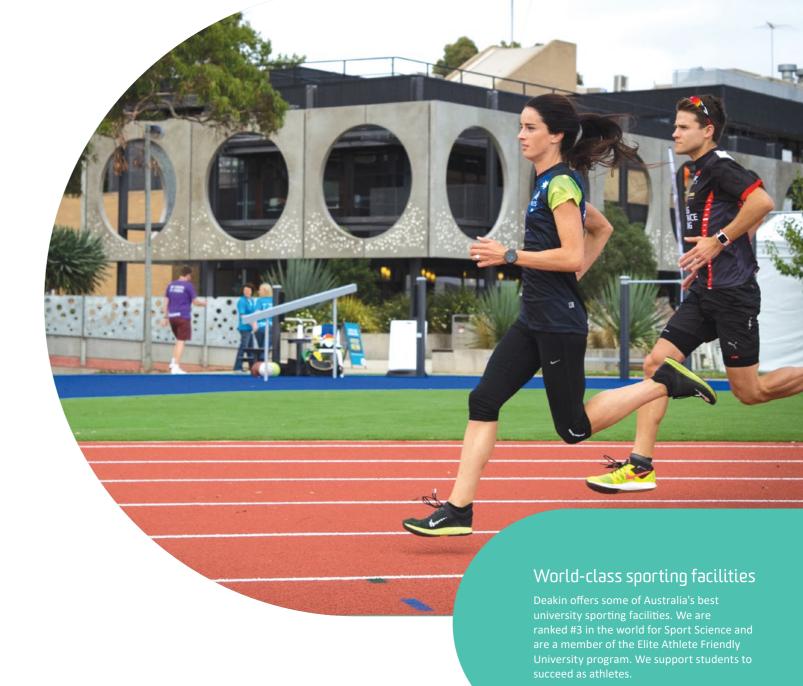
These include the motion capture animation studio, a purpose-built gymnasium and sports hall, student accommodation, cafés, excellent learning facilities, the IELTS Test Centre, healthcare services and campus bookshop. Tram and bus stops at the campus meet your transport needs.



### Zulin Tee

Universiti Malaysia, Sarawak, (UNIMAS), Malaysia





### **Warrnambool Campus**

The Warrnambool Campus is set on the banks of the Hopkins River, close to local surf beaches. Located near a thriving regional city, the close-knit campus is home to a friendly community of students and academics.

Facilities include a library, excellent teaching and learning spaces, healthcare services, cafés, gym, bookshop, social areas, accommodation, basketball, netball and tennis courts, and a golf course. Its proximity to a range of aquatic environments provides an ideal location for specialist studies in aquaculture and marine biology – making it a 'classroom without walls'.

### **Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus**

The Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus is a convergence of coastal and city lifestyles. It is on the western edge of the city and features landscaped grounds and extensive sporting facilities. It is Deakin's second largest campus, and is home to the Deakin Medical School and state-of-theart engineering facilities.

Services and facilities on campus include lecture theatres, design studios, bookshop, library, 24-hour computer laboratories, healthcare services, student accommodation, cafés and restaurants, gym, sports hall and various shops.

### **Geelong Waterfront Campus**

Featuring stunning views, the Geelong Waterfront Campus is located right on Corio Bay in downtown Geelong. Originally built as wool stores in the late 19th century, the buildings have been extensively renovated to create a modern and impressive campus.

The Waterfront Campus features lecture theatres, architecture labs, cafeteria, library and bookshop.

Photos: (above) the sporting precinct at Waurn Ponds Campus; (left top) students at the Melbourne Burwood Campus.

# Things to do while you are here

### **Explore Victoria**

Make the most of your time here:

- follow a walking trail in the beautiful Grampians National Park
- head down to Phillip Island and watch the popular Penguin Parade as adorable little penguins waddle from the sea to their burrows at sunset
- sample fresh produce at the Victoria Market in the heart of Melbourne while enjoying amazing coffee
- go on a day trip to Sovereign Hill and learn all about the famous Gold Rush
- travel down the Great Ocean Road for some spectacular views, and the Twelve Apostles (pictured on the cover); you could also spot a koala or a kangaroo on your way.

There's so much to do here!

### Join a Deakin club or a society

Make some Aussie friends and immerse yourself in the exciting life on campus by getting involved in Deakin's many clubs and societies.

Whether you are a theatre enthusiast or into sports, you are sure to find a club of your choice at Deakin.

Join the Deakin University Study Abroad Club; it helps exchange students integrate into Australian university life through social and cultural events.

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

### Music festivals and AFL matches

Aussies like to have a good time; and in Victoria, we put on some excellent music festivals. The festivals begin in October and last through summer until February. The list of the festivals is incredibly long; visit www.visitvictoria.com for more.

If you are here at Deakin between April and September, the Australian Football League (AFL) matches may keep you enthralled. You may also become a fan of the Geelong Cats Football Club which shares a close association with our Geelong campuses. See www.afl.com.au for more.



Having the chance to explore Australia has been a dream. The intertrimester breaks and weekends were the perfect times to explore.

**Sydney Hutton**Oregon State University,
USA



# Deakin Welcome Program

Deakin understands it is often daunting to live and study in another country. To make your transition to Australia and Deakin easy, you are invited to participate in our Welcome Program.

## Sample a taste of Australian hospitality

The Deakin Welcome Program is designed specifically for our study abroad and exchange students. You join Australian students on a two-day excursion.

The program is designed to enable you to take some time to relax after your arrival, meet Aussies and other international students and get a taste of Australian hospitality. All this before you begin your studies at Deakin.

### **Welcome Program activities**

At the program, there will be activities that best suit the season. You may participate in:

- surfing lessons
- hiking
- bike-riding
- touring our magnificent surf coast.

You will also be able to meet some locals in the community or simply relax and hang out with your new friends.

### **Information sessions**

Prior to the Welcome Program, you will also learn about:

- how to make the most of your stay in Australia
- how to ensure your enrolment is complete
- how best to meet Aussies and settle into university life.

Visit deakin.edu.au/welcome-program.

deakin.edu.au/studyabroad

## Deakin English

If you need English language support, Deakin University English Language Institute can help you prepare for entry into a Deakin study abroad or exchange program.

## Deakin University English Language Institute (DUELI)

DUELI is Deakin's English language centre, and the perfect place to learn English. It has been offering intensive English language programs for over 20 years. With classes held on Melbourne Burwood Campus and Geelong Waterfront Campus, DUELI can help you prepare for entry into study abroad or exchange programs through its pathway programs.

See deakin.edu.au/dueli for more.

## English for Academic Purposes (EAP) 1–3

DUELI offers multiple EAP levels to help you prepare for your Deakin studies.

Once you are placed at the EAP level appropriate to your English skills, you will advance through the levels. Upon successful completion of EAP Level 3, you will meet the English language requirements for most study abroad programs at Deakin University.

The chart below lists the EAP pathway.

### **General English**

If you want to improve your English language skills for your personal development, our General English (GE) programs are perfect for you.

GE students learn English for everyday situations; they learn to speak accurately and clearly, improve their pronunciation and fluency, extend their vocabulary and continue to develop cross-cultural communication skills.

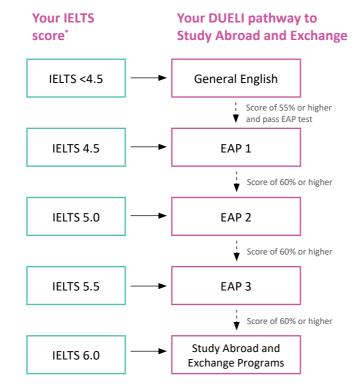
Upon successful completion of GE 5 you are eligible to undertake the EAP pathway.

Visit deakin.edu.au/english-req for more.

Living in Melbourne and travelling around Australia have really helped expand my worldview through experiencing a culture that is so incredibly different from my own.

Jordan Kelley
University of Maine, USA





<sup>\*</sup>Entry level IELTS score based on your lowest IELTS band score.

## Study areas

Deakin offers a range of disciplines and a number of subject areas to choose from. Select your area of study from the list below.

### Architecture and built environment

Architecture
Construction management
Landscape architecture

### Arts, humanities and social sciences

Anthropology Arabic Buddhist studies Children's literature Chinese Creative writing

Advertising

Criminology Design Digital media

Drama Education

Film, television and animation Gender and sexuality studies Geography and society

History Indonesian

International politics

International relations
Islamic studies

Journalism

Language and culture studies

Literary studies Media studies

Middle East studies

Philosophy Photography

Politics and policy studies

Public relations

Sociology Spanish

Sport and society
Studies of religions

Sustainability and society

Visual arts

### **Business**

Accounting
Business analytics
Economics
Event management
Finance

Financial planning Human resource management

International trade Management

Marketing

People management
Property and real estate

Public relations Retail management

Sport development Sport management

### **Education**

Early childhood education Primary teaching

### Engineering

Civil engineering
Electrical and electronics engineering
Environmental engineering
Mechanical engineering
Mechatronics engineering
Software engineering

### **Environment**

Environmental science
Marine and freshwater biology
Sustainability and environmental
management
Wildlife and conservation biology

### Health

Disability and inclusion
Environmental health
Family, society and health
Food and nutrition
Health and sustainability
Health promotion
Health sciences
Medical biotechnology
Occupational therapy
Physical activity and health
Public health
Social work

### Information technology

Cloud computing and networking
Computer science
Creative technologies
Cyber security
Data science
Games and application development
Information technology
IT services and strategy
Software engineering
Virtual reality

### Law

Law (LLB equivalent)

### Nursing and midwifery

Nursing Midwifery

### **Psychology**

Psychological studies
Industrial and organisational psychology
Clinical psychology
Forensic psychology
Health psychology

### Science

Biomedical science
Chemistry and pharmaceutical science
Fisheries and aquaculture
Forensic science
Genomics
Geography
Human and plant biology
Mathematical modelling
Zoology and animal science

### Sport

Exercise and sport science Sport development Sport management

Please note that not all courses are offered at all campuses. See deakin.edu.au/handbook for information about campuses and course offerings. Study abroad and exchange students are not permitted to study the following:

- Optometry
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- Units with placements
- Most units with a work-integrated-learning component
   Law units without prior studies at a law school.
- Law units without prior studies at a law school.

# Marine Biology Field Experiences

## Natural marine environments at your doorstep

If you are interested in pursuing marine biology at Deakin, there are some fantastic opportunities for hands-on experiences both in the field and in the laboratory. For example, you can undertake fieldwork in natural marine environments on the Victorian coast, including along the scenic Great Ocean Road.

Our units are diverse in nature. You can select from a range of options offered across our three trimesters.

### SLE162 – Marine and Coastal Environmental Communications

This unit is offered in Trimester 3 at the Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus. Through hands-on workshops and field-based activities, you can explore ways to communicate your experience and passions for the marine and coastal environment to different audiences, through a variety of media and communication approaches.

### SLE350 - Marine Wildlife

This unit is offered in Trimester 3 at the Melbourne Burwood Campus. The fieldwork includes excursions such as visiting fur seal and sea bird colonies to investigate field-based techniques for studying marine wildlife and conservation.

SLE262 – Aquaculture and the Environment

SLE263 – Marine and Coastal Ecosystems

**SLE265 – Marine Botany** 

**SLE219 – Marine Invertebrates** 

SLE104 – The Blue Planet: Water and Life

Our marine biology units, offered at either the Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus or Warrnambool Campus, provide you with a unique opportunity to study temperate marine biology in an environment that has some of the highest biodiversity in Australia. Through extensive hands-on laboratory and fieldwork experiences you'll discover the great diversity that exists in coastal and oceanic ecosystems, and learn how to sustainably manage precious marine environments.

Please note: If you are studying a bachelor's degree in either environmental science or marine biology, the above units offered at Deakin University may be suited to your course.



## Unique learning experience

Make your study experience 'without walls' through a mix of field trips and classroom learning.

# Summer and Winter Schools

### Blend of excursions and lectures

Discover Australia's incredible history and culture through an exciting blend of field trips and classroom learning to make your study experience truly without walls.

The range of excursions and field trips may include the Immigration Museum, the National Gallery of Victoria, the Shrine of Remembrance and other places of historical and cultural significance, alongside exploring the laneways in Melbourne or the beaches and bush in Geelong and Warrnambool.

Photo: (above) the iconic Flinders Street Railway Station in the heart of Melbourne.

### **On-campus accommodation**

As a Summer or Winter School student you will stay on the campus where the program is offered.

Our newly constructed on-campus residences provide a collegiate and well-supported environment. You will enjoy a welcoming and supportive environment both on campus and in the local community.

For more information about our oncampuses residences, please see page 14.

### **Easy credit transfer**

You receive a transcript for easy credit transfer, worth approximately 3–4 US credits/ 7.5 ECTS.

### Cost

While the cost is indexed for each successive program, you pay a single fee that covers tuition, accommodation, a welcome dinner, field trips and social events with friendly Deakin staff and students. For more information, please visit deakin.edu.au/studyabroad.





# Your home of opportunity

Deakin offers a wide range of accommodation options. Whether it be living on any of our campuses, or guidance with finding your own share house, Deakin is here to make you feel at home.

### Living on campus

On-campus accommodation provides you the fantastic opportunity to be part of a safe and exciting community. Experience a diverse range of free activities and programs on offer with the peace of mind of having 24/7 reception staff and security on-site for your support.

Our single-accommodation bedrooms are furnished, heated and carpeted; bathrooms, kitchens, laundry, recreational areas and open spaces for social events, are shared. Also, self-contained studio rooms are available at some of our campuses with en-suite bathrooms and kitchenettes.

The 2019 indicative weekly rates:

- Burwood Campus: A\$280-A\$356
- Geelong Campuses: A\$230–\$295
- Warrnambool Campus: A\$208–238.

Visit deakin.edu.au/live to learn more.

### **Off-campus accommodation**

Looking for off-campus accommodation for your studies at Deakin? The best place to start is the Deakin Houseme website\*, deakin.edu.au/houseme. Search for all types of accommodation, from share houses to vacant properties to boarding with a welcoming family.

Using Deakin's Houseme website, you can browse properties and contact the landlords of any places you are interested in and arrange to check out the house before making any commitments.

\* Please note that it is your responsibility to make inquiries and inspecting accommodation options listed on deakin.edu.au/houseme. Deakin University gives no warranty and accepts no responsibility for the accuracy or the completeness of the listings on deakin.edu. au/houseme or for the bona fides or suitability of any accommodation offer.

### Homestay

Homestay is an option available for students coming to study at DUELI. Students stay with a homestay family as their host, interacting with them and experiencing different cultures.

Students who will study at DUELI prior to their study abroad and exchange course, need to lodge an application by submitting the homestay application form.

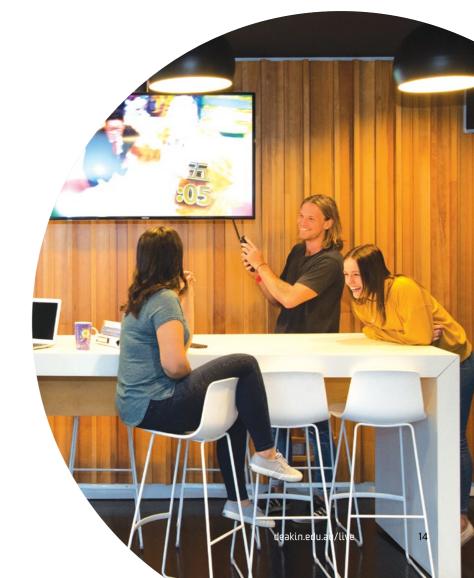
More information and the link to the application form are available on **deakin.** edu.au/homestay.

## How to apply for on-campus accommodation

The Deakin Study Abroad and Exchange online application includes a questionnaire for students to register their housing preferences.

We highly recommend submitting your housing preferences early via the Study Abroad and Exchange online application system. You will be contacted directly during the application process to discuss how to proceed.

On-campus housing is in high demand, limited places are available, and allocation is undertaken on a first-come, first-served basis.



# Application process



### Before you apply



### Check the academic requirements

If you have completed two trimesters of full-time study outside of Australia with a GPA of 2.6 out of 4 (or equivalent), you will be considered for entry at Deakin. See deakin.edu.au/studyabroad for up-to-date information.



### Check the English language requirements

If English is not your first language or the language of instruction at your home institution, documentary evidence of your English skills will be required. Visit deakin.edu.au/english-req for more.



### Check the campus and trimester of your preferred unit/s, and other requirements

- Campus: Make sure your units are all available at your campus of choice. See deakin.edu.au/handbook for more.
- Trimester: Select units taught in the trimester in which you wish to study by checking the academic calendar at deakin.edu.au/courses/key-dates.
- Prerequisites: Make sure you have met any listed prerequisites for admission requirements.

### How to apply



### Nomination

In consultation with your home institution, choose the units you wish to study at Deakin. Unit descriptions are available at deakin.edu.au/handbook.



### Apply online

Complete the online application available on deakin.edu.au/studyabroad. Include scanned PDF files of documents such as your passport, certified/notarised evidence of your academic qualifications, and English language proficiency (if applicable). On the online application form, please also list at least five to six units per trimester, in case certain units are unavailable in your trimester of choice.

### After you apply



### Acceptance procedures

If your application is successful, you will receive a Letter of Offer listing the units of study you have approval to enrol in, any tuition fee, and Overseas Student Health Cover information. This letter will list how to accept the offer and the required fees you need to pay. Accept your offer as soon as possible.



### Apply for a student visa

Upon your offer acceptance, we will send to you an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment with which you can apply for your student visa. Once you receive your visa, come to Deakin University, Australia!

### **Applying for an Australian visa**

To apply for a student visa, you need to:

- have an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE) from Deakin;
- show evidence of financial capacity to cover all expenses during your stay;
- be genuinely seeking temporary entry for study purposes only; and
- undergo a medical examination with an Australian Diplomatic Missionapproved practitioner in your country (if required).

Entry into Australia on a student visa is only permitted for applicants undertaking fulltime, on-campus study.

Visit www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/500- for more information.

### **Health insurance (OSHC)**

The Australian Government requires all international students to have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC). The cover provides medical care during your stay in Australia. For more, see

www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Trav/Stud/ More/Health-Insurance-for-Students.

### **Refund policy**

If you need to withdraw from your studies, we may be able to offer you a partial or full refund of your course fees. Please visit deakin.edu.au/international-students/ getting-into-deakin/fees/refunds.

For information on DUELI's fee refund policy, please see deakin.edu.au/dueli.

### **Protection of your rights**

As an international student, you must study with an education provider, and in a course, that are listed on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

As a CRICOS-registered education provider, Deakin University ensures that all of its courses comply with the high standards set out in the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) legislative framework. In addition, you have certain rights that are protected under the ESOS framework, as well as certain obligations you have to adhere to while studying in Australia.

For more information, visit deakin.edu.au/international



I could describe Australia in one word: sunshine. I felt the warmth and love wherever I went. I will forever be thankful for my time in Australia, my time at Deakin, and all of the sunshine both shared with me.

Sheridan Manfredi University of Nevada, Reno, USA



# Student support

At Deakin University, we pride ourselves on the supportive environment we create for our incoming study abroad students. Services include counselling and personal development, medical centres, international student support, sport and recreation, and much more.

### **Airport reception**

Deakin offers a free airport arrival service. Our reception officers will meet you at the airport and take you to your accommodation. To book, visit deakin.edu.au/airport-reception.

### **Enrolment and orientation**

As well as the optional Welcome Program, Deakin runs a comprehensive on-campus Study Abroad Enrolment and Orientation Program.

### **International Student Advisers**

International Student Advisers (ISAs) are available on each campus and coordinate the support services for international students. They will be your first point of contact on many issues throughout your stay, including student and work visas.

Visit deakin.edu.au/isa.



The Deakin study abroad experience allowed me to study courses which I could not have taken back home. The experience also helped me to become the person I've always wanted to be.

The people of Australia have stolen my heart. Thanks to Deakin, I now have life-long friends from all backgrounds with whom I share extraordinary memories.

Jessica Moore
McMaster University, Canada

#### Fee

Students applying directly to Deakin University are required to pay tuition fees. Tuition fees do not include accommodation, travel, books or living costs.

### **Study Abroad Fees for 2019**

- 4 units A\$10 120 per trimester
- 3 units A\$7590 per trimester

### Study Abroad Fees for 2020

- 4 units A\$10 424 per trimester
- 3 units A\$7818 per trimester

### **Deakin University trimester dates**

### 2019

- Trimester 1: 4 March 14 June
- Trimester 2: 8 July 18 October
- Trimester 3: 11 November –

### 21 February 2020

### 2020

- Trimester 1: 9 March 19 June
- Trimester 2: 13 July 23 October
- Trimester 3: 9 November 19 February 2021
- See deakin.edu.au/courses/key-dates.

### **Health cover**

The Overseas Student Health Cover is a compulsory fee for students entering Australia on a student visa (Norwegian, Swedish and Belgian students excepted), that covers basic medical and hospital care. Indicative 2019 and 2020 OSHC fee is A\$350 per trimester.

Visit www.privatehealth.gov.au/ healthinsurance/overseas/oshc.htm.

### **Deakin Welcome Program**

A fee of A\$120 applies if you wish to participate in the Welcome Program in 2019. The fee is non-transferable and non-refundable. Participation is optional.

### **Employment**

During the trimester study period, students on visa subclass 500 are permitted to work a maximum of 40 hours per fortnight. As visa regulations are subject to change, please refer to the Department of Home Affairs website www.homeaffairs.gov.au for up-to-date information.

# Glossary of terms

### **Deakin degrees**

Deakin University degrees are made up of individual units (commonly called 'courses' in North America), which are intended to be undertaken in specific years of a degree.

When you apply, Deakin faculties look at your academic record to determine whether you can be enrolled into your chosen units. This depends upon previous units with comparable learning content that you have passed at your home institution. See deakin.edu.au/handbook.

Once you are enrolled, you will undertake classes with Australian students.

### **Teaching methods**

At Deakin you will generally have a combination of lecture and tutorial classes. Lectures can vary in size from 35 to 200 students; tutorial classes are much smaller and allow for open discussion of issues raised in lectures.

Depending on your discipline, you may undertake laboratory classes and fieldwork. Great emphasis is placed upon independent study outside of class hours.

### **Study load**

You must enrol in a full-time load of 3-4 credit points per trimester. One Deakin credit is equivalent to 7.5 ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) credits. Most units have a weighting of 1 credit point, which means you should take 3-4 units (courses).

### **Assessment and grading**

Final grades are based on assessment of written work, tests undertaken throughout the trimester, participation in class or laboratory attendance, and final examinations. Most, but not all, undergraduate units involve an examination usually held at the end of trimester.

### **Grades awarded**

High Distinction: 80 – 100%, Distinction: 70 – 79%, Credit: 60 – 69%, Pass: 50 – 59%, Failure: 0 – 49%

### **Credit transfer**

An official Deakin academic transcript will be issued upon completion of your study abroad program. The transcript will be sent directly to your home institution.

For ease of credit transfer, you should arrange approval of Deakin units with your home institution prior to arrival in Australia. We recommend you check with your home institution the amount of credit you will have transferred to your home degree.

You may alter your enrolment upon arrival at Deakin. However, for units which have not been previously approved, evidence of home institution approval is required.

### Deakin academic calendar

When planning your program, keep in mind that the Deakin academic calendar follows the calendar year:

- Trimester 1: March to June
- Trimester 2: July to October
- Trimester 3: November to February.

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