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DEAKIN UNIVERSITY STUDY ABROAD AND EXCHANGE GUIDE

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EXCHANGE OR STUDY ABROAD

What's the difference?

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.

Study abroad

Study abroad programs are available 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. Throughout this Guide, you will see the term 'study abroad' used for both our study abroad and exchange programs.

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TRIMESTERS

Deakin uses a three-trimester system which is equivalent in course load and duration to a semester system. Students can start their studies in March (Trimester 1), July (T2) or November (T3). Two trimesters are still equal to a full academic year. Visit deakin.edu.au/courses/key-dates.

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. We also offer a culture that values diversity, promotes inclusion and has a strong sense of community.

Location

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

- Melbourne Burwood
- Geelong Warrn Ponds
- Geelong Waterfront, and
- 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 more information on page 7.

Innovation

Deakin combines a university's traditional focus on excellent teaching and research with a desire to seek new ways of developing and delivering programs.

Research

Deakin is established as a leader in multiple fields of research, such as advanced materials, biotechnology, intelligent systems, natural resource management, and physical activity and nutrition. Deakin maintains significant partnerships with some of the world's leading research institutions.

Global Citizenship Program

As a student at Deakin, you will be eligible to join the Global Citizenship Program and participate in a variety of activities with an international focus. Find out more on page 11.

Rankings and awards

Deakin ranks among the world's best universities:

- Deakin is ranked in the Top 2% of universities worldwide, according to QS, *Times Higher Education*, and ShanghaiRankings
- Deakin is among the top 50 young universities in the world, according to QS and *Times Higher Education*
- Deakin has won the 'International University of the Year' honour at the Victoria International Education Awards in 2014 and 2016.



DESTINATION: AUSTRALIA!

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

Australia's vast geography will amaze you. The country offers a variety of unique travel experiences – from the untamed wildness of the outback, to the beauty of the Great Barrier Reef and its islands. The cosmopolitan culture of Melbourne and some of the world's best beaches make the state of Victoria the ultimate travel destination!



"What I liked about Deakin is that I had classes two days a week, so I had time to go exploring. I also got to meet a lot of people on campus, as well as a lot of international students. I made a really good group of friends to travel with and explore the whole country."

Jeremy Couturier
University of Victoria, Canada

Victoria

Located on the south-east coast of Australia, Victoria has welcomed people from over 200 countries across the world. It is an amazing place in which to live and study.



Living in Melbourne

There's a lot to love about Melbourne, the world's most liveable city!

The cultural heart of Australia, Melbourne, is home to more than four million people and inspires a deep passion in those who live here.

Melburnians love the city's vibrant energy, restaurants, fashion boutiques, café-filled laneways, bars, galleries, spacious parks and village-like inner suburbs, each with its own special character. There is always something happening in Melbourne – it never sits still!

Visit www.melbourne.vic.gov.au to find out more.

* Economist Intelligence Unit, *Global Liveability Ranking 2011-2016*

Living in Geelong

Geelong is a vibrant city located on Corio Bay, just one hour from Melbourne by train.

Geelong features a stunning waterfront precinct, beaches, great shopping and a selection of restaurants and bars, with lots of parks and gardens.

It is the gateway to the Surf Coast, which offers Australia's best surf beaches, bustling resort towns, stunning 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

Warrnambool is the fastest growing regional hotspot in Victoria.

Located at the end of the Great Ocean Road on the majestic Shipwreck Coast, Warrnambool is the largest city in the Great Ocean Road region.

Renowned for its whale watching, surfing, scuba diving, horse riding and outdoor activities, Warrnambool is the quintessential Australian beach-side town. And for those who want to visit Melbourne for a jolt of city excitement, trains run daily from the Deakin train station.

Deakin offers a range of on-campus accommodation options across its campuses. Find out more on pages 13–14.

DEAKIN CAMPUSES

deakin.edu.au/locations

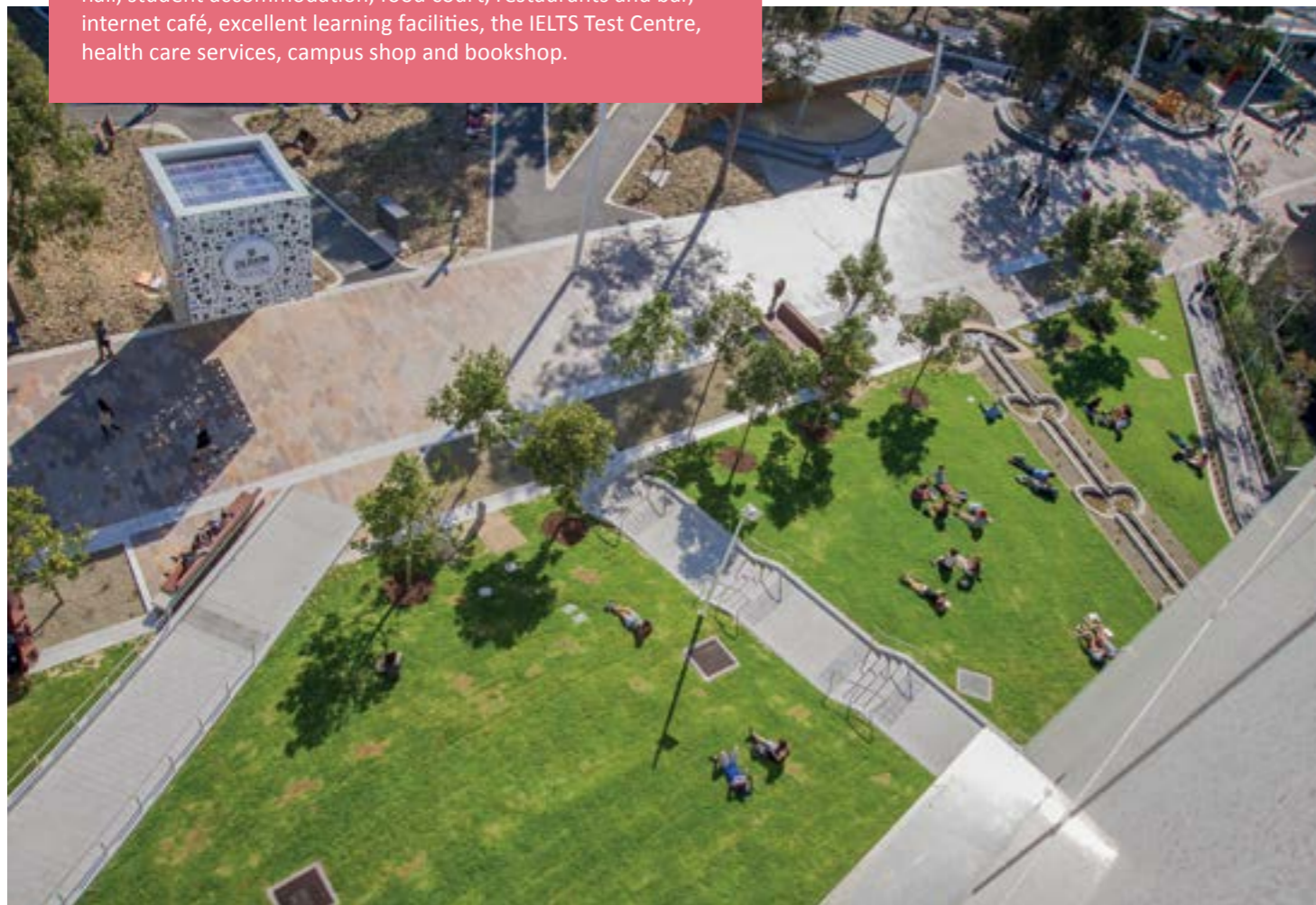
Each of Deakin's campuses has a distinctive character and a strong presence in the local community.



MELBOURNE BURWOOD CAMPUS

Located a short trip from the centre of Melbourne, Deakin's Melbourne Burwood Campus is noted for its modern architecture and facilities.

These include the prestigious Deakin University Art Gallery, Motion Capture Lab, a purpose-built gymnasium and sports hall, student accommodation, food court, restaurants and bar, internet café, excellent learning facilities, the IELTS Test Centre, health care services, campus shop and bookshop.



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-the-art engineering facilities.

Services and facilities on campus include lecture theatres, library, 24-hour computer laboratories, health care services, student accommodation, cafes and restaurants, gym, sports hall and various shops.



GEELONG WATERFRONT CAMPUS

The Geelong Waterfront Campus is Deakin's newest campus. It is located right on Corio Bay in downtown Geelong. Built in 1893, the original buildings have been extensively renovated to create a modern and impressive campus centre.

The campus features a 320-seat lecture theatre, cafeteria, library, bookshop, architecture labs and design studios.



WARRNAMBOOL CAMPUS

Deakin's 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, health care services, café, 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'.

STUDY AREAS

deakin.edu.au/courses

Architecture and built environment

Architecture
Construction management

Arts, humanities and social sciences

Animation
Anthropology
Arabic
Australian studies
Chinese
Criminology
Dance
Drama
Education
Film and television
History
Indonesian
International relations
Journalism
Language and culture studies
Literary studies
Media studies
Middle East studies
Philosophy
Photography
Politics and policy studies
Professional and creative writing
Public relations
Social and political thought
Sociology
Spanish
Studies of religions
Visual arts
Visual communication design

Business

Accounting
Commercial law
Business analytics
Economics
Event management
Finance
Financial planning
Human resource management
Information systems

International trade
Management
Marketing
Organisational psychology
People management
Property and real estate
Public relations
Retail management
Sport development
Sport management

Education

Early childhood education
Primary teaching
Secondary teaching

Engineering

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

Environment

Environmental science
Environmental management and sustainability
Marine and freshwater biology
Wildlife and conservation biology

Health

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

Information technology

Computer science
Artificial intelligence
Data analytics
Games design and development
Cloud computing and networking

Cyber security
Virtual reality
Information technology
IT services and management
Mobile and apps development
Software engineering
Interactive media design
Mathematical modelling
Networking
Software development

Law

Commercial law
Law (LLB equivalent)

Nursing and midwifery

Nursing
Midwifery

Psychology

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

Science

Biological science
Biomedical science
Chemistry and pharmaceutical science
Environmental science
Fisheries and aquaculture
Forensic science
Mathematical modelling
Zoology and animal science

Sport

Exercise and sport science
Sport development
Sport management

Please note, Study Abroad and Exchange students are not permitted to study the following:

- Optometry
- Medicine
- Education units with placements
- Most Business units with work-integrated-learning component
- Some postgraduate-level law units without undergraduate studies in law.

MARINE BIOLOGY FIELD EXPERIENCES

deakin.edu.au/handbook

For students 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, undertaking fieldwork in natural marine environments on the Victorian coast, including the Great Ocean Road.

Our units are diverse in nature, and may be selected from a range of units offered across our three trimesters, many offering both laboratory and fieldwork experiences.

SLE262 – Aquaculture and the Environment

SLE263 – Marine and Coastal Ecosystems

SLE265 – Marine Botany

SLE219 – Marine Invertebrates

SLE104 – The Blue Planet: Water and Life

These marine biology units, offered at either the Geelong Wairn Ponds or Warrnambool Campuses, 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.

SLE162 – Marine and Coastal Environmental Communications

This unit is offered in Trimester 3 at the Geelong Wairn 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 field work includes excursions visiting fur seal and sea bird colonies to investigate field-based techniques for studying marine wildlife and conservation.



"Studying at Deakin University was one of my best academic experiences. All the units I took were really interesting and the teachers were so committed to their teaching."

Virginie Quach
Kedge Business School, France

DEAKIN ENGLISH

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE (DUELI)

deakin.edu.au/dueli

To participate in a Deakin Study Abroad and Exchange program, students are required to obtain an IELTS score of 6.0 (or equivalent). For students who do not meet this score and require assistance with their English skills, DUELI is the award-winning, on-campus solution to prepare you for study at Deakin.

DUELI has been offering full-time intensive English language programs since 1998. DUELI's courses ensure you will be involved in learning activities similar to those you will experience in real life or at university.

DUELI has a strong reputation for preparing students for entry to study abroad and exchange programs at Deakin through our English for Academic Purposes (EAP) pathway. See the chart below for more about the EAP pathway.

For more information about English language requirements to study at Deakin University, visit deakin.edu.au/english-req.

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, 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 programs.

EAP 1-3

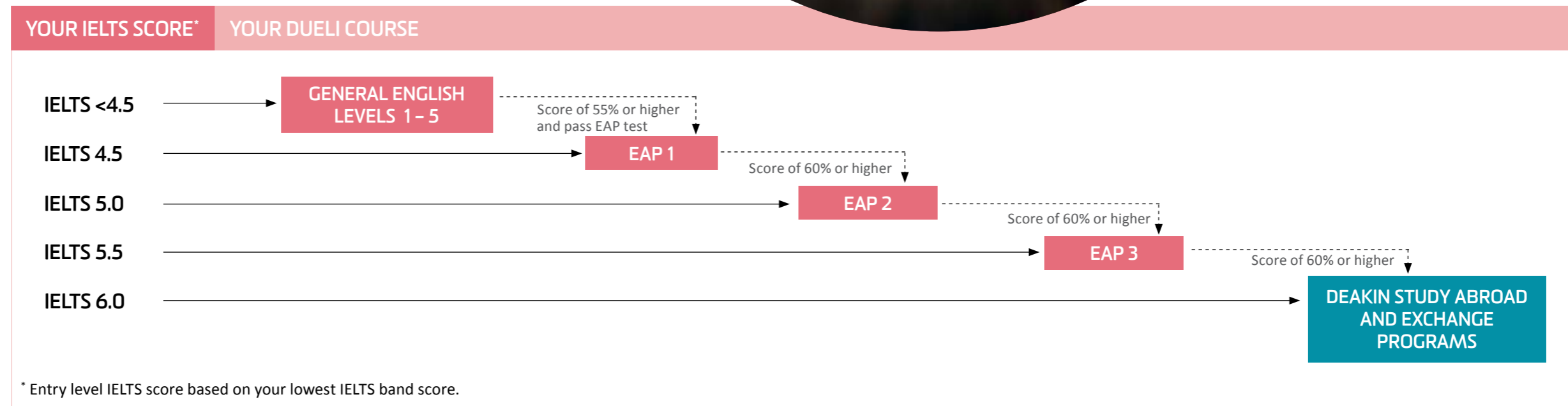
DUELI offers multiple EAP levels to help you prepare for your Deakin course.

As you progress from EAP 1 through to EAP 3, and successfully complete the EAP 3, you will meet the English language requirements for most study abroad programs at Deakin University.



WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM DUELI

- An Australian university campus experience in Melbourne or Geelong
- Direct entry to the EAP pathway to study abroad and exchange programs
- Dedicated, experienced and highly qualified teachers
- 24-hour computer labs
- Modern and well-equipped classrooms, library and facilities
- Excellent student support
- Small class sizes
- Free four-week membership to the Deakin YMCA Gym on the Burwood Campus
- Opportunities to meet local and international students and to join clubs and societies.





GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM

The Global Citizenship Program at Deakin is aimed at supplementing your studies with a combination of international activities, such as internships, volunteering, foreign language studies and more.

Participation in the Global Citizenship Program

The Global Citizenship Program supports students' personal, academic and professional development through activities that increase independence and self-confidence, offer leadership opportunities and improve interpersonal and intercultural communication skills.

Each activity is given a point value based on its associated skills and the extent to which each skill is developed. Your aim is to accumulate a minimum of 100 points and a number of skills to complete the program.

For example, you will receive 60 points for an exchange program, leaving only another 40 points to fully achieve the Global Citizenship Award. In addition, you may prepare reflective pieces on many of the activities you participate in, and explore how they have contributed to your development as a global citizen.

The program is designed to instill values of global citizenship and prepare you for success in the increasingly global society in which we live.

While the program is primarily non-credit bearing, it will add to your resume by outlining the skills and attributes you have attained.

HOW DO YOU BECOME A GLOBAL CITIZEN?

You are eligible to participate in the program as soon as you have been accepted to study at Deakin University. Learn more at deakin.edu.au/gcp.

BEACH WELCOME

Deakin understands it is often daunting to live and study in another country. In order to make the transition to Australia, and Deakin, an easy one, students are invited to participate in a beach orientation.

The program is held in the coastal town of Lorne – a picturesque tourist destination on the Great Ocean Road.

The Beach Welcome Program involves the study abroad and exchange students travelling down with a bunch of Australian students who have studied abroad themselves, allowing you to get a flavour of Australian hospitality and the chance to make friends. It's a great way to connect to your new Deakin community.

You can also try to spot a koala among the eucalyptus trees and see some spectacular coastline.

Beach Welcome activities

Surrounded by the rising cliffs and bush of the Otway Ranges, Lorne has a cosmopolitan feel, with sidewalk cafes, walking tracks, beautiful waterfalls, and great surf.

There will be opportunities for you to participate in a range of activities, including surfing lessons, hiking through the temperate rainforest, yoga and beach games. You will also be able to rub shoulders with the locals at the local pub, or simply relax on the beach and hang out with your new friends. This is a great opportunity for you to relax and soak up the ambience of this wonderful country!

The Program also features useful sessions on making the most of your stay in Australia, including sessions on how to ensure your enrolment is complete, how best to meet Aussies and settle into university life and tips on travelling in Australia.

So jump on the bus and remember to pack your sunscreen and camera – we'll take care of the rest!



YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME

deakin.edu.au/residences

Deakin offers a wide range of accommodation options to suit your needs. Whether it be on-campus living or guidance to finding your own share house, Deakin is here to make you feel at home.

On-campus accommodation

Accommodation is available in student residences at the:

- Melbourne Burwood Campus
- Warrnambool Campus and
- Geelong Wairn Ponds Campus.

Each resident is housed in single room accommodation with internet access. Bedrooms are furnished, heated and carpeted. There are shared bathrooms, kitchens, laundry and recreational areas. The residences have a common room with meeting rooms, kitchen, television area and a large open space for social events.

The cost of on-campus accommodation varies on each campus depending on the type of accommodation and services provided.

If you study at the Melbourne Burwood Campus, there is greater availability than ever before, with an additional 500+ private bedrooms recently opened.

In 2018, a new 410-bedroom building will open at the Geelong Waterfront. Applications open in August 2017.

For more information, visit deakin.edu.au/life-at-deakin/accommodation/residences.



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.

We also have useful resources to assist you in finding your new home as well as information about your rights and responsibilities as a tenant.

* Please note: Deakin University gives no warranty and accepts no responsibility for the accuracy or the completeness of the material listed on this website or for the bona fides or suitability of any accommodation offer. You are responsible for making your own inquiries and for inspecting accommodation prior to making any decision as to its suitability for your purpose.

Homestay

Homestay is an option available for students coming to study at DUELI. Deakin University's Homestay provider, Student Accommodation Services, prides itself on using homestay families that meet our high standards and endeavours to match each student with our most suitable host available. Our experienced homestay families enjoy interacting with different cultures and helping students learn more about Australia. Student Accommodation Services, though not part of the University, works closely with Deakin staff to ensure an enjoyable homestay experience.

For students who will study at DUELI prior to their study abroad and exchange course, please complete the application form to apply for homestay: deakin.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0020/536114/dueli-homestay-application-form.pdf.

For more information visit deakin.edu.au/international-students/dueli/where-to-live/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.

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

We highly recommend Study Abroad and Exchange students submit their housing preferences early via the Study Abroad and Exchange online application system. Students will be contacted directly during the application process to discuss how to proceed.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Before you apply

Academic and English language requirements

Students who have completed two trimesters of full-time study outside of Australia with a GPA of 2.6 out of 4 (or equivalent) will be considered for entry. For up-to-date academic entry requirements, see deakin.edu.au/international-students/study-abroad-and-exchange/academic-information.

If English is not your first language or the language of instruction at your home institution, you must provide documentary evidence of your English skills. Please visit deakin.edu.au/international-students/getting-into-deakin/entry-requirements/english-language-requirements for more.

Campus

Make sure your units are all available at your campus of choice.

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/trimester-key-dates.

Prerequisites

Make sure you have met any listed prerequisites for admission requirements.

How to apply

Step 1:

In consultation with your home institution, choose your major study area and decide which units you wish to take.

In-depth unit descriptions are available at deakin.edu.au/students/enrolment-fees-and-money/university-handbook.

Step 2:

Complete the online application (deakin.edu.au/international-students/study-abroad-and-exchange/how-to-apply), including uploading PDF documents like copy of your passport, certified/notarised evidence of your academic qualifications, English language proficiency (if applicable), a list of five to six units per trimester, in case certain units are unavailable.

Step 3:

Submit the online application.

After you apply

Acceptance procedures

As soon as a decision is made on your eligibility, you will be informed of the outcome:

- If you are successful, you will receive a Letter of Offer stating the units of study you have approval to enrol in, tuition fee and Overseas Student Health Cover information.
- The Letter of Offer may be conditional or unconditional. If you receive a conditional offer, you must fulfil the conditions outlined in the Letter of Offer (such as undertaking an English language course or showing original documents). You will be made an unconditional offer once you have met all the admission requirements.
- You will receive information outlining the process of accepting an offer and the steps you need to take before coming to Australia. You should accept your offer by paying fees as soon as possible, as places in some courses are limited.
- Your Letter of Offer will contain details about accessing pre-departure information, including the forms to use to accept your offer, how to pay your fees, accommodation information and requesting arrival services.



"I got to participate in unforgettable events. I have met so many cool people, and the friendships I have made along the way and the memories we all share are something I will cherish the rest of my life."

Christian Jensen
Aarhus Business School, Denmark

Conditions of entry into Australia

To be granted a student visa, you are required to:

- Have an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCOE) from Deakin;
- Show evidence of sufficient financial capacity to cover all expenses during the entire stay;
- Be genuinely seeking temporary entry for study purposes only and agree to leave Australia when the course is completed; and
- Undergo a medical examination with a practitioner approved by the Australian Diplomatic Mission in your country (if required).

Please note, entry into Australia on a student visa is only permitted for applicants undertaking full-time, on-campus study.

For more information about visas, go to www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1.

Health Insurance (OSHC)

The Australian Government requires all international students (and any dependants accompanying them) to have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC). The cover provides medical care within Australia from the date of your arrival until the end of your studies in Australia. It is your responsibility to ensure your OSHC is valid and kept up to date while you hold a student visa.

Protection of your rights as an overseas student

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

CRICOS registration guarantees the course and the education provider at which you study meets the high standards necessary for overseas students. As a CRICOS-registered education provider, Deakin ensures that all of its courses comply with those standards as 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.

Refund policy

Fees apply to persons living in Australia with temporary residence status (provided there is no limitation on study), and to persons living abroad who are not Australian citizens and do not have permanent residency in Australia. This policy complies with the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee's guidelines on fees for international students.

This policy and its related schedule apply to all international on-campus students, irrespective of who pays the fees.

New international students should visit our website for the most up-to-date refund information at deakin.edu.au/students/studying/international-students/compliance-and-visas/release-and-refund.

For information on DUELI's fee refund policy, including conditions, methods of refund, transfer fees and attendance requirements, please see deakin.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0009/199080/DUELI-refund-policy.pdf.



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.

EMPLOYMENT

During the trimester study period, study abroad students are permitted to work a maximum of 40 hours per fortnight. As visa regulations are subject to change, please refer to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship website for up-to-date information, www.border.gov.au.

"During my time at Deakin, I have grown more as a person than I ever expected, and have a new appreciation for all different cultures and countries."

Kelsey Graham
California State University, Chico,
USA



Airport reception

Deakin offers a free airport arrival service. Our reception officers will meet you at the airport and take you to either your campus or accommodation.

For more information and to book: deakin.edu.au/international-students/before-you-arrive/airport-pick-up.

International enrolment and orientation program

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

International Student Advisers (ISAs)

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/current-students/international/deakin/isa for more information.

Fees

Students applying directly to Deakin University are required to pay:

- **Tuition fees**
This does not include accommodation, travel, books or general living costs. Visit deakin.edu.au/international-students/study-abroad-and-exchange/fees.

Study Abroad Fees for 2017:
> 4 units - AU\$9540 per trimester
> 3 units - AU\$7155 per trimester

Study Abroad Fees for 2018:
> 4 units - AU\$9820 per trimester
> 3 units - AU\$7365 per trimester

- **Overseas Student Health Cover**
This is a compulsory fee for all students entering Australia on a student visa (Norwegian, Swedish and Belgian students excepted), covering basic medical and hospital care.

Indicative OSHC fees:
> 2017 AU\$350 per trimester

For more information, visit www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/content/overseas+student+health+cover+faq-1.

Beach Welcome Program

A fee of AU\$100 applies if you wish to participate in the Beach Welcome Program. Participation is optional.

Living costs

The cost of living varies according to your lifestyle and campus location. For example, city living is likely to attract higher expenses than regional campuses.

For more information, visit www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/global/live-in-australia/living-costs.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Deakin degrees

Study abroad students are enrolled as regular Deakin students, undertaking classes with Australian students. Deakin University degrees are made up of individual units (these are commonly called courses in North America), which are generally intended to be undertaken in specific years of a degree. In a Deakin undergraduate degree of three years' duration, studies are taken at three levels: first year (100 level), second year (200 level) and third year (300 level), generally equivalent to second, third and fourth year of a US degree. Some Deakin degrees are longer in duration, such as engineering, architecture and law, and are studied over four or five years. Exchange and study abroad students in postgraduate degrees can also enrol in Deakin units from level 700.

Most units (above first-year introductory units) have prerequisites that must be satisfied before admission can be approved. If you apply for admission to a unit that has prerequisites, Deakin faculties will look at your academic record to determine whether you have passed units comparable in content to Deakin prerequisites. Consequently, it is not advisable to apply for admission to an advanced level unit with prerequisites (i.e. 200 or 300 level) if you have no academic background in that discipline.

Teaching methods and assessment

The Australian academic system is based upon the UK system. There is a range of teaching methods depending on your discipline of study. 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 also may undertake laboratory classes. Fieldwork also forms a large part of some units of study. The formal contact hours vary across units, however great emphasis is placed upon independent study outside of class contact hours.

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 the unit. The weighting applied to each assessment procedure varies from unit to unit, however your examination may be worth up to 70 per cent of your final grade. Please check each unit to see the weighting of assessments.

Credit transfer

An official Deakin academic transcript will be issued upon the completion of your study abroad program. This transcript will usually be sent to the address you nominate in the Study Abroad Application Form. For ease of credit transfer, you should arrange approval of Deakin units with your home institution prior to arrival in Australia, and it is highly recommended you check with your home institution the amount of credit you will have transferred to your home degree.

Study load

Study abroad students must enrol in a fulltime 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). We have a Study Abroad fee for 3 unit study and 4 unit study. See more details on prices at deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/international-students/study-abroad-and-exchange/fees-and-costs.

Grades awarded

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

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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