

TEACHING + LEARNING

FLEXIBLE LEARNING

At Deakin we will offer you the flexibility and choice to make your learning experience fit with your lifestyle, work and personal commitments.

With four campuses and off-campus study options, you choose where and when you study and in tailoring a course to match your career goal, you can specialise in one area or opt for a breadth of topics. There really is no limit to your options.

Deakin students come from all walks of life, so we understand that everyone learns differently. You can choose from a variety of teaching delivery methods including traditional on-campus lectures, podcasts, iLectures and online tutorials. Flexible course entry and exit points, deferment and full-time and part-time study all allow you to choose the pace of your study, meaning in many courses, you can achieve your dreams sooner.

ON-CAMPUS STUDY

On-campus students usually receive a combination of lectures and tutorials.

Lectures vary in size from 20–600 students, whereas tutorial classes are generally smaller, more informal and allow for open discussion of issues raised in lectures. Assessment may take a variety of forms, including written work and tests undertaken in class, participation in class or laboratory sessions, and final examinations each semester.

Fieldwork or practical experience can also form a large part of the content and assessment of some units.

OFF-CAMPUS STUDY*

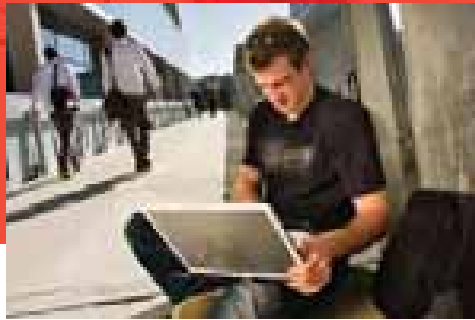
Off-campus students study exactly the same courses as on-campus students, except that instead of attending on-campus classes, you receive comprehensive study materials and study some units online.

Study materials may include study guides, reading lists, and CDs and DVDs as well as the Deakin Learning Toolkit, see page 13.

Off-campus students are supported through our award-winning library services, among the best in the world, and interactive study methods including:

- » online conferencing for peer support and for group and individual communication between our staff members and students. Online conferencing is an increasingly important part of our teaching and learning environment.





- » tutorial and tele-tutorial groups can be formed between you and a University-appointed tutor, depending on local enrolments in the same units. As a group member, you have the opportunity to discuss any aspect of your unit with your tutor and to make contact with other students. The tutorials are usually held in Geelong, Melbourne and Warrnambool.
- » weekend schools are conducted in some courses to enable you to meet our academic staff members and your fellow students. Depending on the unit, the weekend school is usually held only once each semester, over one or two weekend days. It is usually not compulsory to attend.

Deakin University's off-campus courses are accredited by the Accrediting Commission of the US-based Distance Education and Training Council (DETC), which is an indicator of institutional and educational quality.

SWITCH BETWEEN ON AND OFF-CAMPUS STUDY

Another aspect of the flexibility available to Deakin students is the option to switch between on and off-campus study during your course (provided the course is available in both study modes).

FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME MODE

You can study full or part-time depending on the number of credit points you take in the semester. Every unit (subject) you enrol in has a credit point rating and most undergraduate units are equivalent to 1 credit point. If you are enrolled in 3 or more credit points in a semester you are deemed to be full-time, while being enrolled in fewer than 3 credit points makes you part-time for that semester.

ONLINE LEARNING

All courses have a basic online component. Access to online education adds another dimension to your degree and prepares you for success in the real world. All undergraduate Deakin students are required to complete at least one unit wholly online, ensuring that you will graduate with the online skills needed in the contemporary workplace.

Online learning aims to complement, not replace, traditional teaching. Delivering units online creates an opportunity for you to learn in a variety of ways and gives you more control over your learning.

You can access your online units 24/7, giving you the flexibility to study when and where it suits you. Online learning provides you with valuable experience in a world that is increasingly dependent on information technology.

SUMMER SEMESTERS

Deakin also offers on and off-campus units through its summer semester studies program, giving you an opportunity to fast-track the completion of your course.

INTERNSHIPS

Many Deakin courses have a built-in internship component for academic credit. In these programs, students can observe and participate in real world experiences related to their studies. Internships are available in subject areas such as business, journalism, public relations, media and sociology, and in a wide range of organisations, from local university associations to international corporations – some students have even interned at the United States Congress.

EDUCATION ABROAD

Deakin offers the Education Abroad program to all students. The program means you can study overseas and gain credit for your Deakin degree, adding a unique experience to your social, personal and career development. It helps prepare you for the global employment market, develop social and academic skills and learn another language while travelling and having fun.

Deakin has a flexible approach to delivering courses – we offer the best teaching methods and the best technologies so we can give you real choices about when, where and how you study. All Deakin courses are relevant, practical and deliver the skills most in demand by industry.

* Off-campus study is not available to school leavers in their first year of tertiary study and not available to international students unless they are living overseas or it is in addition to their full-time on-campus studies. Not all courses or units are available through off-campus study.

For more information about off-campus study please visit www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/online-offcampus-studies.

