



THE UNIVERSITY OF
MELBOURNE

DIPLOMA IN GENERAL STUDIES 2019



GO FURTHER IN WORK OR STUDY

Whether you've finished high school and want to explore your options, or you're already in the workforce and want to advance your career with additional qualifications, the Diploma in General Studies (DiGS) could be a great option for you.

DiGS can be used as a pathway into a University of Melbourne bachelors degree in Agriculture, Biomedicine, Commerce, Design or Science. You can build the skills to achieve at university while living in a close-knit and supportive community at our Dookie campus, near Shepparton.

The diploma allows you to:

- Explore your study options before committing to a bachelors degree
- Get guaranteed entry into a University of Melbourne bachelors degree (provided prerequisite subjects and study scores are met)
- Study prerequisite subjects you may have missed in high school, including science, mathematics, business and environments, and earn credit towards an undergraduate degree
- Access a range of scholarships to help you fund your living expenses.

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"I had no idea what I wanted to study when I finished high school. I was tossing up between science and commerce, and I was even considering undertaking a double degree. Then I discovered the Diploma in General Studies at Melbourne Uni.

The diploma offered me the chance to sample both disciplines before I committed to a degree and moved to the city. It also helped that I received a significant scholarship, which made the diploma far more enticing than a double degree at another university."

Michael Maderson

VCE

Diploma in
General Studies

Bachelor of
Science

Geotechnical
Instrumentation
Technician
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DIPLOMA IN GENERAL STUDIES

A pathway to one of five University of Melbourne bachelors degrees, and the workforce. This course is available to domestic students only.

Duration

1 year full time (100 credit points)
2 years part time

Campus

Dookie

Entry

February (Semester 1) or July (Semester 2)

Entry requirements

Indicative minimum entry 2019: ATAR 50
Prerequisite subject areas: English

Contact hours

Full time:
Approximately 20 hours per week

Part time:
Approximately 10 hours per week

YOUR YEAR IN DIGS

COURSE STRUCTURE

Full-time Diploma in General Studies students undertake four subjects per semester for two semesters. Part-time students undertake two subjects per semester for four semesters. Each subject is 12.5 credit points and the course is a total of 100 credit points.

The Diploma offers a diverse range of subjects, including:

- Academic Writing and Communication
- Animal Systems
- Climate Change and Impacts
- Foundation Studies in Chemistry
- Fundamentals of Mathematics
- Introduction to Accounting
- Introductory Economics
- Land Resources and Management
- Landscape Information Systems
- Organisation and Management
- Plant Systems
- Systems Biology.

If you're already in the workforce, you can study single subjects for professional development.

THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Our picturesque Dookie campus in the Goulburn Valley in Victoria's north is an ideal setting for you to experience tertiary study. During your studies with us, enjoy being surrounded by nature and the convenience of on-campus accommodation close to your classrooms and study facilities.

Living on campus with around 50 students, you will experience a unique student lifestyle, relaxing after class on the 2440-hectare property and surrounds. Be sure to take advantage of Dookie's many recreational facilities on offer. These include a swimming pool, gym, tennis and basketball courts, cricket nets, sports grounds, squash courts, and even horse club facilities if you would like to house your equine friend on campus!

Discover the campus research farm, including a winery, grazing and cropping areas, orchard and seed bank, and chat with researchers on-site who are exploring critical issues such as food security, biodiversity and water efficiency.

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SAMPLE COURSE PLAN – DIPLOMA IN GENERAL STUDIES¹

Year 1	Semester 1	Academic Writing and Communication	Organisation and Management	Systems Biology	Foundation Studies in Chemistry
	Semester 2	Introductory Economics	Animal Systems	Fundamentals of Mathematics	Landscape Information Systems

■ Core subjects ■ Elective subjects

¹ Sample subject list only. Availability varies according to semester and may change from year to year. You will be advised of subject offerings prior to subject selection and enrolment.

ADMISSIONS

HOW TO APPLY

Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) applications are accepted. Applications from mature-age applicants are welcome. Indigenous students and students from disadvantaged backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

You can obtain enquiry forms, application forms and special entry forms (for information supporting any claim for special consideration, such as difficult circumstances), from:

fvas.unimelb.edu.au/digs

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships worth up to \$5000 are available for the Diploma in General Studies, with additional allocations for Indigenous students. They include:

- **Diploma in General Studies Scholarships.** These support students from disadvantaged backgrounds in making the transition to university. They are designed to contribute towards the costs associated with beginning university, such as Student Services and Amenities Fees, books, discipline-specific equipment and technological devices.
- **Diploma in General Studies Transition Residential Scholarships.** These support students from disadvantaged regional backgrounds to make the transition to university. The scholarship is designed to support the student transitioning to a bachelors degree at the Parkville campus by offering a residential scholarship for one year to Trinity College.

fvas.unimelb.edu.au/scholarships

FEES

All students receive a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP). You will pay a contribution amount which is determined each year by the Australian Government according to the subjects in which you enrol. In 2018 the total student contribution amount for this course was \$8613.

Your payment of the student contribution amount can be made at enrolment (upfront), or deferred through HECS-HELP for eligible students. See the Federal Government's Study Assist website for more details:

studyassist.gov.au

Or visit:

futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/fees/ug-dom/subject-fees

ACCESS MELBOURNE

You can enhance your opportunity for selection by applying for Access Melbourne, the University's special entry scheme.

Access Melbourne can help you gain a place in a course, even if your ATAR is below the lowest selection rank normally required for offer, by letting you explain the ongoing circumstances that have affected your education. Applications are made using the Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) online form available on the VTAC website:

vtac.edu.au

Or visit:

access.unimelb.edu.au

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Qualification	Diploma in General Studies
Australian Year 12	
Domestic students: Indicative 2019 minimum ATAR ¹	50.00
Domestic students: 2018 lowest selection rank to which an offer was made	N/A – A range of criteria is used for selection
VCE (Units 3 and 4) prerequisite subjects	A study score of at least 20 in English/English Language/Literature or at least 25 in EAL
International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma	
Domestic students: Indicative 2019 minimum notional ATAR ¹	50.00
IB prerequisite subjects	At least Grade 4 in English or English B (SL or HL)

GUARANTEED ENTRY INTO MELBOURNE DEGREES

After completing the Diploma in General Studies you could be eligible for guaranteed entry into the following University of Melbourne degrees:²

Bachelor of Agriculture	Requires a pass in all eight subjects.
Bachelor of Biomedicine	Requires graded average score of 90%
Bachelor of Commerce	Requires graded average score of 85%
Bachelor of Design	Requires graded average score of 75%
Bachelor of Science	Requires graded average score of 75%

FURTHER STUDY

You could also be eligible for credit towards your Melbourne degree, depending on the subjects you have taken, meaning you can study a lighter course load or even finish your degree early. If you progress to the Bachelor of Agriculture, you could receive credit for most of your first-year subjects.

VET APPLICATIONS

We also accept applications from VET Certificate IV graduates. To be considered, you will require at least a 50% average in one of the following qualifications:

- Certificate IV in Accounting
- Certificate IV in Agriculture
- Certificate IV in Conservation and Land Management
- Certificate IV in Frontline Management
- Certificate IV in Tertiary Preparation.

¹ Applicants who achieve the minimum ATAR for a course will be eligible for a place, provided prerequisite studies and any other specific course requirements are met. The lowest selection rank to which an offer was made may be higher, depending on demand for the course and the number of places available. Only applicants eligible for special entry schemes will be admitted below the minimum ATAR.

² Guaranteed scores apply only for those eligible for Access Melbourne at the time of application for the Diploma in General Studies. Students without a 25 in VCE Mathematical Methods 3/4 cannot meet the mathematics prerequisites for the Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Biomedicine or Bachelor of Science using MAST10017, and must meet the prerequisite in other ways, for example, via Calculus and Probability Online or Unilearn Senior Mathematics. See: coursesearch.unimelb.edu.au/undergrad/1842-diploma-in-general-studies. If one of first year Biology or first year Chemistry has been used to meet the laboratory science prerequisite for the Bachelor of Science, or first year Chemistry has been used to meet the Chemistry prerequisite for Bachelor of Biomedicine, then no credit for that subject can be taken into the degree.



VCE

Diploma in
General Studies

Bachelor of
Agriculture

“I was unsure of exactly what I wanted to do. The Diploma in General Studies gave me a look into agriculture, to find out if it’s for me, and I found that it is.”

Chelsea Hall

CONNECT WITH US

If you're considering studies at the University of Melbourne, we'd love to hear from you online or meet you on campus.

Sign up at:
futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/connect

OPEN DAY

Sunday 19 August 2018
10am–4pm
Parkville and Southbank campuses

openday.unimelb.edu.au

DOOKIE DAY

Sunday 9 September 2018
10am–4pm
Dookie campus

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