The Dookie campus has a real community feeling and this has helped a lot with my studies. We all become such a close group of friends, and we are all keen to help each other. The vibe is very welcoming – the staff and everyone on campus made moving there a very easy transition.”

Charlie McInnes
Diploma in General Studies
Bachelor of Agriculture (pictured right)
DIPLOMA IN GENERAL STUDIES
This course is available to domestic students only.

DURATION
1 year full time
2 years part time

CAMPUS
Dookie

ENTRY
February (Semester 1) or
July (Semester 2)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Indicative minimum entry 2020:
ATAR 50.00

The published minimum ATAR is that approved for 2019 and should be considered indicative for 2020. The 2020 minimums and guaranteed scores are yet to be finalised and will be available on the University’s website once confirmed.

PREREQUISITE SUBJECT
Study Areas
English

CONTACT HOURS
Full time: Approximately 20 hours per week
Part time: Approximately 10 hours per week
YOUR YEAR IN DIGS

Whether you’ve finished high school and you’re not sure what you want to do in the future, or if you’re already in the workforce and want to advance your career with additional qualifications, the Diploma in General Studies (DiGS) is a great option for you.

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.

fvas.unimelb.edu.au/dookie

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 worth 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
- Agricultural Genetics
- 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.

SAMPLE COURSE PLAN – DIPLOMA IN GENERAL STUDIES

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The subjects listed on this page are samples 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.
“My dream career is to become a vet, and I really wanted to do that through the Bachelor of Science pathway at the University of Melbourne. Unfortunately my scores weren’t quite good enough. The Diploma in General Studies was really a second chance for me to be able to go through the Bachelor of Science.”

Gabby Page
Diploma in General Studies
Bachelor of Science
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.

Application information, including the direct entry application form and special entry form (if applicable) are available at:

study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/undergraduate/diploma-in-general-studies/how-to-apply/

FEES
All DiGS 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.

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:
study.unimelb.edu.au/how-to-apply/fees

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

- **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.

- **General Studies Transition Scholarship.** The General Studies Transition Scholarship supports students from disadvantaged regional backgrounds to make the transition to a bachelor’s degree at the Parkville campus after completing the Diploma in General Studies at Dookie campus.

fvas.unimelb.edu.au/scholarships

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
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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:

- 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
On completion of DiGS, 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
OPEN DAY
Sunday 18 August 2019
10am–4pm
Parkville and Southbank campuses
study.unimelb.edu.au/openday

DOOKIE DAY
Sunday 22 September 2019
10am–4pm
Dookie campus, 940 Dookie-Nalinga Road
unimelb.edu.au/study/dookie

WERRIBEE OPEN DAY
Sunday 20 October 2019
10am–4pm
Werribee campus, 250 Princes Highway
unimelb.edu.au/study/werribee

CONTACT 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 and submit enquiries online at:
study.unimelb.edu.au/connect-with-us

For information on our courses and entry requirements, contact Stop 1.

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