

**PROGRAM: Deakin University- Melbourne, Australia**

**SPONSOR: College of Communication Arts and Sciences**

U of Notre Dame Scale*	MSU Grade Equivalent	Deakin Credits	MSU Credits
D or HD / 70-100%	4.0	1 (7.5 ECTS)	4
C / 65 – 69 %	3.5		
C / 60 – 64%	3.0		
P/ 55 – 59%	2.5		
P / 50 - 54%	2.0		
F / 0 – 49%	0.0		
NGP	Pass/Credit		

\* Adapted from <http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/international/study-abroad/academic-info.php> HD = High Distinction; D = Distinction; C = Credit; P= Pass; N= Fail

**Other academic information:**

Deakin University is an accredited Australian institution.

Semester 1	Late February through early July
Semester 2	Mid July through mid November
Academic year	Late February through mid November

Study Abroad students are required to take a full-time load of 3-4 Deakin credits per semester. Most units have a weighting of 1 credit point. Students need special permission if they wish to undertake more than the full-time study load. Students studying at Deakin usually receive a mix of lectures and tutorials. These may be supplemented by practical classes or fieldwork. Lectures are held in state-of-the-art lecture theatres with large groups of students. Lectures typically go for 1-3 hours and may involve note-taking, demonstrations, AV presentations, etc. Tutorials usually follow lectures and give students a chance to discuss topics in detail. Tutorial groups are usually much smaller, to allow one on one interaction between students and with lecturers. Students studying a full-time load can usually expect to have around 15-20 contact hours (times when you must attend the University) per week as well as study time.

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. 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 in many cases the final examination can be worth up to 70 percent of your final grade.

As the majority of Deakin University degrees are 3 years in duration, the level of units is 100 (1<sup>st</sup> year), 200 (2<sup>nd</sup> year) and 300 (3<sup>rd</sup> year), which generally equate with 200, 300, and 400 level US units. Unit codes are designed to reflect this differentiation in year, and consequently the level of difficulty. Units therefore that begin with the number one (e.g. AIA103) are first year units and so on. It is important to remember that most units above first year introductory units have prerequisites which must be satisfied before admission will be approved.

**Useful Web Sites:**

Exchange Student Page: <http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/international/study-abroad/sa-at-deakin/>

For specific Deakin course listings: <http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/international/study-abroad/academic-info.php>

**For a detailed list of MSU courses equivalencies:**

<http://transfer.msu.edu/Institution.asp>

<http://www.reg.msu.edu/ROINFO/CSSAP/CSSAPmain.asp>

