

Diploma of Design

Course Outline, T1 2025

Campus	Melbourne Burwood Campus / Jakarta Campus, Indonesia
Intake	March, June, October
CRICOS	097893M
Course Duration	Standard track (recommended) three trimesters (12 months). Fast track option available to complete two trimesters (8 months).
Modes of Delivery	On Campus: (International and Domestic Students) ~ Four hours of class contact per week are allocated to each unit.
Assessment	Assessment for all units is ongoing and continuous - consisting of quizzes, written reflections, case study analysis and practical projects. Students are expected to complete assessments as per the scheduled dates provided in Unit Outlines.
Course Structure	Eight units must be completed and passed to be awarded the Diploma.
Units	
Academic Integrity	DAI001 Academic Integrity and Respect at Deakin
Employability	AWL100 Your Future Direction
Thematic	ADD101 Design Thinking
Major/Minor Core units	ADD105 Design Fundamentals ADD106 Type Foundations ADT102 Interaction Design ADT103 UX Fundamentals LDM100 Language Development Module (0 credit points) – International students ONLY
Electives options	ACF103 Writing with the Camera ACF104 Screening Film History ALJ111 Introduction to Journalism ALJ112 News Reporting ALR103 Introduction to Public Relations ALR104 Strategic Communications and Writing ALA101 Advertising Principles and Practices

	<p>ALA102 Creative Brand Communication ALM101 Making Social Media ALM102 Making Video ACC100 Gutenberg to Zuckerberg: Communication in Everyday Life ACI102 Digital Photography ADA107 Principles of Animation ADA102 Designing 3D Animated Environments ALW103 Scriptwriting Fundamentals ACR101 Introducing Crime and Criminology ACR102 Introducing Crime and Criminal Justice</p> <p>*LDM100 is compulsory for international students only and consists of a mandatory 2 hour on campus class per week for the duration of the trimester.</p>
<p>Transfer to Deakin University</p>	<p>The following transfer criteria apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must complete and pass eight Deakin College diploma units. • You must achieve the required Weighted Average Mark (WAM) for your Deakin College diploma taking into account all units attempted at Deakin College (required WAM's are included under each Deakin University degree on the following pages). • Transfer to some degrees requires specific Deakin College units to be completed in order to receive the appropriate credits (see course maps below for recommended core units). • For International students, you must have completed and passed the Language Development module LDM100
<p>Study Mode</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are a domestic student, you can enrol in 1 to 4 units, also known as modules (25%-100% study load) each trimester. If you are seeking Centrelink assistance, you must enrol in 3 or 4 units. • If you are an international student, we recommend you enrol in 3 or 4 units, also known as modules (75%-100% study load) per trimester in order to meet progression requirements to Deakin University, as outlined in your offer letter. If you cannot take full-time study load, you must contact your Academic Coordinator prior to your scheduled enrolment date for a discussion. You will not be able to enrol through the Student Portal if you try to enrol in one or two units and will need to seek assistance from your Academic Coordinator.
<p>Assessments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment items are subject to change, please check Unit Outlines for specific assessment detail for individual units each trimester.

Units offered in each Trimester.

Unit	Trimester 1 2025	Trimester 2 2025	Trimester 3 2025
ALW100 Your Future Direction	✓	✓	✓
ADD101 Design thinking	✓	✓	✓
ADD105 Design Fundamentals	✓	✓	✓
ADD106 Type Foundations	✓	✓	✓
ADT103 UX Fundamentals	✓	✓	✓
ADT102 Design Interaction	✓	✓	✓
ADA102 Designing 3D Animated Environments	✓	✓	✓
ADA107 Principles of Animation	✓	✓	✓
ACF104 Screening History	✓	✓	✓
ACI102 Digital Photography	✓	✓	✓
ALW103 Scriptwriting Fundamentals	✓	✓	✓
ACC100 Gutenberg to Zuckerberg: Communication in Everyday Life	✓	✓	✓
ALA101 Advertising Principles and Practices	✓	✓	✓
ALA102 Creative Brand Communication	✓	✓	✓
ALR103 Introduction to Public Relations	✓	✓	✓
ALR104 Strategic Communication and Writing	✓	✓	✓
ALJ111 Introduction to Journalism	✓	✓	✓
ALJ112 News Reporting	✓	✓	✓
ALM101 Making Social Media	✓	✓	✓
ALM102 Making Video	✓	✓	✓
ACF103 Writing with the Camera	✓	✓	✓
ACR101 Introducing Crime and Criminology	✓	✓	✓
ACR102 Introducing Crime and Criminal Justice	✓	✓	✓

* Zero credit point unit DAI001 Academic Integrity and Respect at Deakin available online each trimester

* Zero credit point unit LDM100 Language Development Module available each trimester

Diploma of Design.

Example Course Plans for Students

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The following are example course plans for students studying in the Diploma of Design. Please note that core and elective units can be taken in any order. The following course plan should be used as a guide only.

How to use the Plan

Students need to select or choose which Deakin University Degree Course they wish to transfer into once they have completed their studies at Deakin College. Deakin University offers direct transfer into the following courses from the Diploma of Film, Television and Animation

- A319 Bachelor of Design
(Majors in Communication Design and Interactive UX Design)

Deakin University Campuses and Trimester codes

B Melbourne Burwood Campus **WP** Geelong Waurm Ponds Campus **C** Cloud (online)

T1 Trimester 1 entry **T2** Trimester 2 entry **T3** Trimester 3 Entry

NOTE: for Australian students entry is for T1 only. T2 entry is subject to availability of places.

CRICOS Codes:

A319 Bachelor of Design 109273C Burwood (Melbourne), Waurm Ponds (Geelong)

When I transfer to Deakin University, I want to study

A319 Bachelor of Design

International Students WAM: **B 50 WP 50 C 50**

Australian Students WAM: **B 50 WP 50 C 50**

Credits for Transfer: 8

Optional Majors offered at Deakin University include

- Communication Design (B, WP, C)
- Interactive and UX* Design (B, WP, C)

Fast Track (Completing In 8 months/2 trimesters)						
1 st Trimester	Thematic Core ADD101 Design Thinking	Major Sequence ADD105 Design Fundamentals	Major Sequence ADT102 Design Interaction	Elective unit	REQUIRED DAI001 Academic Integrity and Respect at Deakin	REQUIRED LDM100 Language Development Module (International students only)
2 nd Trimester	Employability Sequence ALW100 Your Future Direction	Major Sequence ADD106 Type Foundations	Major Sequence ADT103 UX Fundamentals	Elective unit		

Standard Track (Completing In 12 months/3 trimesters)					
1 st Trimester	Thematic Core ADD101 Design Thinking	Major Sequence ADD105 Design Fundamentals	Major Sequence ADT103 UX Fundamentals	REQUIRED DAI001 Academic Integrity and Respect at Deakin	REQUIRED LDM100 Language Development Module (International students only)
2 nd Trimester	Employability Sequence ALW100 Your Future Direction	Major Sequence ADD106 Type Foundations	Major Sequence ADT102 Design Interaction		
3 rd Trimester	Elective unit	Elective unit			

Diploma of Design into Bachelor of Design Course Rules:

- Students need to complete Employability Sequence unit, Thematic unit, 2 x Major sequences and 2 x elective units and 2 x compulsory zero credit point units.

Academic Integrity Unit: DAI001 Academic Integrity and Respect at Deakin

Employability Sequence: ALW100 Your Future Direction

Thematic Unit: ADD101 Design Thinking

PLUS Major sequencing (4 units in total)

Communication Design

ADD105 Design Fundamentals

ADD106 Type Foundations

Interactive and UX design

ADT102 Design Interaction

ADT103 UX Fundamentals

Elective or Minor Options (2 units below):

ALM102 Making Video

ALA102 Creative Brand and Communication

ADA102 Designing 3D Environments

ACF103 Writing with the Camera

ACF104 Screening History

ACI102 Digital Photography

ALW103 Scriptwriting Fundamentals

ADA107 Principles of Animation

ACR101 Introducing Crime and Criminology

ACC100 Communication in Everyday Life

ALA101 Advertising Principles and Practices

ALR103 Introduction to Public Relations

ALR104 Strategic Communication and Writing

ALJ111 Introduction to Journalism

ALJ112 News Reporting

ALM101 Making Social Media

ACR102 Introducing Crime and Criminal Justice

Minors sequences from elective list

Communication Minor (Creative Advertising) ACC100, ALA102

Communication Minor (Digital Media) ACC100, ALM101

Communication Minor (Integrated Communication) ACC100, ALR104

Communication Minor (Journalism) ACC100, ALJ111

Communication Minor (Photo Journalism) ACC100, ACI102

Communication Minor (Public Relations) ACC100, ALR103

Communication Minor (Social Media) ACC100, ALM101

Communication Minor (Strategic Advertising) ACC100, ALA101

Film, TV & Animation Minor (Animation and Motion Graphics) ACF104, ADA107

Film, TV & Animation Minor (Visual effects and virtual Production) ACF104, ADA102

Film, TV & Animation Minor (Scriptwriting) ACF104, ALW103

Film, TV & Animation (Producing Screen Content) ACF104, ACF103

Film, TV & Animation (Film Studies) ACF104

Language Development Module LDM100 Notes:

1. The English Language Development module (unit) is mandatory for all international students enrolled in the Diploma of Design.
2. This zero-credit unit must be completed during the student's first trimester.
3. The unit is conducted on campus, requiring students to attend a mandatory two-hour weekly class throughout the trimester. Attendance will be recorded.
4. This unit is free for international students commencing their course in trimester 2, 2024. If a student fails the unit on the first attempt, the second attempt will also be free of charge (subject to review).
5. Passing this unit is a prerequisite for transferring to Deakin University.

Unit Outlines

ACC100 Gutenberg to Zuckerberg: Communication in Everyday Life

This unit explores communication theory through practice, using dynamic and creative participatory learning activities to discover how communication theory 'plays' out in everyday life.

Students examine the motivation for and consequences of communication in their daily life, exploring how we communicate changing social norms and use agency to reproduce and redefine things like 'friends', 'work' and what are 'acceptable' modern communication practices. The unit brings communication theory to life by drawing on a range of learning materials – reading text, newspapers, television, web-based resources and film in order to examine how individuals participate in social construction, the process of meaning making and the building of social capital.

Assessment 1 - Interpretation & digital objects 30%

Assignment 2 – Interactive presentation 30%

Assignment 3 – Digital Workbook 40%

ALA101 Advertising Principles and Practices

This unit will introduce students to the theory and practice of contemporary advertising by exploring the industry's history and rapidly changing nature in the digital era. The social, ethical and regulatory contexts of advertising are established to encourage students to become reflective future producers or

consumers of advertising messages. The strategic imperatives of advertising and notions of effectiveness are examined to build students' abilities to solve communication problems that are commonly faced by private, public and non-for-profit sector clients.

Assessment 1 - Online quiz 20%

Assessment 2 - Group Presentation 30%

Assessment 3 - Research and Planning Report 40%

ALA102 Creative Brand Communication

Students will explore the nexus of creativity and strategy that is fundamental to successful brand communication. They will examine the nature of creativity in the communication industry and practitioner approaches to the creative process. The advertising messages produced by international brands will be analysed to help students prepare for global mobility as future practitioners. Students will be introduced to the key creative roles within communication companies and build the research, planning and ideation skills required of contemporary practitioners.

Assessment 1 - Advertising Challenge Tasks 20%

Assessment 2 - Essay 40%

Assessment 3 - Written Project 40%

ALR103 Introduction to Public Relations

The unit provides an introduction to the field of public relations. Students learn about what public relations people do, and how they do it. Topics include planning, media relations, employee relations, community relations, international public relations, ethics and public relations law.

Assessment 1 - Quizzes 20%

Assessment 2 – Essay 30%

Assessment 3 - Planning Project 50%

ALR104 Strategic Communication and Writing

This unit sits at the nexus of theory and practice to help you understand the role of strategic communication in organisational contexts. Put simply, strategic communication refers to the ability to develop and disseminate messages that achieve specific and measurable objectives. Whether that objective is to inform, change opinion or adapt behaviour, successful strategic communication revolves around people.

Assessment 1 - Online quiz 20%

Assessment 2 - Group planning project 40%

Assessment 3 - Portfolio 40%

ALJ111 Introduction to Journalism

This unit is an introduction to the practice and theory of multimedia journalism. It sets the social, professional and legal context for journalism practice, and introduces students to the convention of news writing and reporting stories. Students will also focus on combining text with photos and audio clips to produce news stories; critically examining their own production processes, and learn to report multimedia news stories to a deadline.

Assessment 1 - Research file 20%

Assessment 2 - News story for print media 40%

Assessment 3 - Multimedia news story 40%

ALJ112 News Reporting

This unit in the practice and theory of multimedia journalism focuses on news reporting processes. It outlines professional, social and legal factors that impact on reporting of local, regional and national news. The unit introduces students to key news beats, including reporting stories about politics, business, sport and local newsworthy events and issues. Students will build contacts in their preferred news beat/s and engage with social media tools to report and produce their news stories. They will also gain skills in reporting a news story (to a deadline) for broadcast and online media platforms.

Assessment 1 - Social media for reporting 20%

Assessment 2- Photojournalism assignment 40%

Assessment 3 - 40% Video based assignment 40%

ALM101 Making Social Media

This unit enables students to explore and experience present day digital media culture in critical and creative ways. The unit is built on multi-platformed content, delivery and assessment, providing a user-friendly engagement with social media that facilitates practical, hands-on work in micro-blogging, blogging and podcasting. Creating and sharing different forms of media content, students learn how to communicate across different online platforms as part of a highly interactive community. Highlighting the benefits of media-making for personal and professional use, the unit allows students to develop their portfolios and discover how to use social media to strategically build a dynamic online identity.

Assessment 1- Portfolio Exercise 20%

Assessment 2 - Portfolio Output 40%

Assessment 3 - Portfolio Output 40%

ALM102 Making Video

This unit enables students to critically and creatively engage with present day digital media culture, with a particular emphasis on making videos. Highlighting the crucial importance of creating audio-visual content for different purposes and audiences, the unit guides students through various video-making practices and strategies. Emphasising the benefits of making videos in a wide range of industry settings, the unit allows students to develop their portfolios and learn how to use video to strategically build a dynamic online identity.

Assessment 1 - Video Exercise 1 20%

Assessment 2 - Video Exercise 2 30%

Assessment 3 - Video Project & Reflection 50%

ACF103 Writing with the Camera

This unit explores digital video camera operation and handling manual and automatic control of exposure and focus. The unit also focusses on shot framing and composition, camera movement, preparing to shoot. It includes topics on shooting techniques, visual language, cinematography and style the role of the cinematographer. It introduces students to concepts of recording and working with audio in digital video basic editing techniques.

Assessment 1 - Topic tests 20%

Assessment 2 - Folio 1 30%

Assessment 3 - Folio 2 50%

ACF104 Screening History

The unit will introduce key aspects of the history and development of film, its language, style and genres, through a survey of seminal works and influential movements and genres. This includes: Early Cinema, German Expressionism, Surrealism, Film Noir, Experimental film, French New Wave, Hong Kong Cinema, American and Italian Westerns, and Horror cinema.

Assessment 1 - A presentation task 40%

Assignment 2 – Online quiz 2 parts/sessions 20%

Assignment 3 – Final essay 40%

ADA107 Principles of Animation

In this unit students explore the making of animation through a range of techniques, methods and approaches for a variety of animation practices. Students will study established principles of 2D animation (Timing, Squash and Stretch, Staging, etc.) and story-telling, learn under-camera techniques (time-lapse and stop-motion), and develop basic project management skills to take an idea from storyboard to animated short film. The unit allows students to focus on specific interests, such as experimental non-narrative, or character and story-based animation.

Assignment 1 – Animation Exercises 25%

Assessment 2 - Storyboard Project 30%

Assessment 3 - Short Film Project 45%

ADD105 Design Fundamentals

This unit introduces students to the digital tools necessary for visual communication design. Students will be introduced to the Adobe imaging suite. Consideration will be given to the theoretical concepts and implications of digital technology as they relate to other art and design processes. Techniques including digital mark making, graphic illustration, design elements and principles, creative thinking and layout explored through practical projects. This unit is a combination of practical skills and theory exploring the design elements and principals.

Assessment 1 - Design project 30%

Assessment 2 - Research project 30%

Assessment 3 - Design project 40%

ADD101 Design Thinking

This unit will investigate 'design thinking' as a strategic methodology and problem solving process. Taking a multi-discipline, interdisciplinary approach, students will be required to use 'design thinking' as a problem solving process. 'Design thinking' methods

will require students to adopt a human-centered approach to innovation that draws on their skills to integrate the needs of people, the possibilities of technology, and the requirements of business and society as a whole. Students will work individually and in workshop teams, the final assessments will be a combination of research and practice outcomes. Students will use 'Design thinking' methods to address a 'wicked problem'.

Assessment 1 - Research Essay 30%

Assessment 2 - Collaborative Workshop 30%

Assessment 3 - Final Report of Process 40%

ADT103 UX Fundamentals

This unit introduces students to the tools necessary to create digital and physical interfaces for human interaction. This is achieved through a combination of practical skills and research exploring interaction design, prototyping and creative thinking. Students will be introduced to vector graphic and 3D design software, following an idea from sketch to functional prototype. Practical and research projects will require students to: understand user interface, create a graphic user interface (GUI), build basic shapes in 3D, and prepare an object for rapid prototyping (3D printing).

Assessment 1 - Practical Project TBC

Assessment 2 - Research Presentation TBC

Assessment 3 - Practical TBC

ACI102 Digital Photography

This unit introduces ideas and processes associated with digital photography. The construction and manipulation of photographic images is creatively and critically explored through a variety of conceptual frameworks. Workflow techniques include the fundamentals of using Digital Single Lens Reflex (DSLR) cameras, colour management, RAW image processing, scanning, photo compositing in Photoshop, and the production of exhibition quality prints. Assignments and lectures provide students with an overview the medium's history and contemporary issues.

Assessment 1 – Photographic Strategies: Part 1 - 30%

Assessment 2 – Photographic Strategies: Part 2 - 30%

Assessment 3 - Montage 40%

ACR102 Introducing Crime and Criminal Justice

This unit provides an introduction to the structures and procedures of the criminal justice system from a critical perspective. The unit outlines the major characteristics of the investigation, prosecution, adjudication and correctional processes within the criminal justice system, and the key issues which impinge on contemporary criminal justice administration in Australia. The conduct of police investigations, prosecutorial decision-making and effectiveness of the system using contemporary criminological/socio-legal evidence.

Assessment 1 - Presentation

Assessment 2 - Report

Assessment 3 - Research and Writing Exercise

Assessment 4 - Essay

ACR101 Introducing Crime and Criminology

This unit introduces students to the various ways in which we think about and respond to crime and its control. It introduces some of the key frameworks for understanding and explaining crime and examines some of the main types of crime. Examples include crimes between persons, groups and organisations, and crimes at local, national and international levels. The unit also provides a foundation for future study in criminology subjects.

Assessment 1 - Seminar/Online Exercise

Assessment 2 - Quiz

Assessment 3 - Research and Writing Exercise

Assessment 4 - Essay

ADA102 Designing 3D Environments

Students will explore aspects of animation design through the creation of virtual objects and animated environments in this introductory 3D computer animation unit. Consideration will be given to how these elements can express a meaningful visual experience as students consider form, visual identity, aesthetics, and layout. Students gain a solid understanding of 3D techniques in modelling, texturing, animation, lighting, composition and rendering.

**Assessment 1 - Object design & 3D model
50%**

Assessment 2 - Environment design 50%

ALW103 Scriptwriting Fundamentals

This unit introduces students to the fundamentals of scriptwriting with a focus on developing practical skills and knowledge for a contemporary context. Scriptwriting elements covered include writing on country, writing from the self, adaptation, verbatim, character, action, story and structure. Students will learn how these elements may be used to maximum creative advantage within divergent scriptwriting forms. Understanding the fundamentals to script writing will give the student a grounding in all forms of performance writing, including for theatre, film, series, gaming, and performance art. The unit encourages writers to embrace a flexible definition of scripts in relationship to their wide application in the industry. The unit's focus is very much on understanding and developing practical skills, then applying them in practice. Intensive workshopping ensures the acquisition of the collaborative and audience awareness skills essential to allow students to undertake scriptwriting roles of the future.

Assessment 1 – Action in Adaptation 20%

Assessment 2 – Writing Character 20%

Assessment 3- Workshop 20%

Assessment 4 – Individual Script 40%

ADT102 Interaction Design

Learn the fundamental principles and practices of interaction design. This includes how to develop and design an industry-based design concept for a diverse range of audience interactions. In this unit students are introduced to the fundamental components of interaction design through a series of critical practical design tasks.

Assessment 1 - Critical Reflection: Discover Interaction Design (30%)

Assessment 2 - Concept development: Define and Develop Interaction Design (30%)

Assessment 3 - Product proposal: Deliver Design (40%)

ADD106 Type Foundations

Typography is an essential component to communication and this unit explores the theory and application of forms and structures of typography including the anatomy and applications of type and font families across print, digital and web applications. This unit will address and engage with the impact and implications of selecting and applying typography to a variety of design scenarios in historical and a multifaceted contemporary setting. This unit introduces and reinforces industry standard typography practices for both print and screen based environments. Student creative thinking ideation and project strategies for design briefs are developed to enable the advancement of information technology skills, design thinking and design construction methods. This unit engages self-directed learning in conjunction with a focus on attention to discipline specific scholarly research, conceptual analysis, and global industry practice.

Assessment 1 - Research Case study - Creative design exercises and research folio (30%)

Assessment 2 - Research Proposal (30%)

Assessment 3 - Project Presentation - Publication outcome (40%)

AWL100 Your Future Direction

This unit is designed to help you make the most of your time at Deakin. It aims to empower you to make informed decisions about course pathways and career strategies that can support your personal values and professional aspirations, build your industry contacts and peer networks, and help you achieve the impact you want to make in the world – no matter where you currently are in your career journey. Students will also be introduced to digital tools that can help you evidence your personal and professional competencies and craft a compelling narrative about the contributions you want to make to the communities in which you live and work.

Assessment 1 - Quizzes 20%

Assessment 2- Interview and Reflection 40%

Assessment 3 – Professional Development Plan 40%

LDM100 Language Development Module

This module is designed to provide students with opportunities to review, develop and practice the English language systems and skills required to successfully participate in an undergraduate degree program.

Assessment: There are multiple forms of assessment throughout the trimester to assess your English language skills.