



DIPLOMA OF HIGHER EDUCATION STUDIES

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If you have the drive and desire to study at Monash but you don't quite meet the requirements for entry into your desired course, the Diploma of Higher Education Studies can help you achieve your academic goals.

This one-year course is an alternative pathway to a Monash degree. It allows you to study first-year units in four of our schools – Arts and Social Sciences, Business, IT and Science – and upon your successful completion¹, qualify for the second year of a chosen degree.

STREAMS

You have eight degrees to choose from across four participating schools:

Arts and Social Sciences

- Bachelor of Arts and Social Sciences
- Bachelor of Digital Media and Communication.

Business

- Bachelor of Business and Commerce.

Information Technology

- Bachelor of Computer Science
- Bachelor of Computer Science in Data Science.

Science

- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Food Science and Technology
- Bachelor of Medical Bioscience.



GRADUATE WITH TWO MONASH QUALIFICATIONS

Receive a Graduate Certificate in the Diploma of Higher Education Studies after successfully completing your first year of study, followed by a bachelor's degree from your destination school when you graduate – both within the same duration required to complete your bachelor's degree.



BUILD CRITICAL STUDY SKILLS

Develop important academic literacy skills such as strategic and critical reading in higher education, sound academic writing competencies and insight into the world of academic research.



BE SUPPORTED

Transition successfully to a Monash degree through a gradual and supportive approach to university learning.



PREPARE FOR SUCCESS

Develop lifelong learning skills.



1 year (full-time)



February, July and October



Malaysian student

RM39,840 Non-science stream

RM45,120 Science stream

International student

RM46,080 Non-science stream

RM51,840 Science stream

2026 fees per year

Choose the stream you'd like
to study

Successfully complete
your studies

Progress to the second year of
the corresponding Monash degree

¹ Pass each unit in the diploma and achieve the minimum average mark required for the destination course. Students are required to meet a minimum weighted average mark (WAM) of 50 to qualify for progression to the Arts and Social Sciences, Business and Science courses and a WAM of 60 for Information Technology.

Course structure

This course consists of two foundation units and discipline units within the stream corresponding to your chosen area of study.

A. Foundation knowledge (12 points)

These units will provide you with the knowledge and skills necessary to be an independent learner who can succeed at university studies. You'll develop enhanced writing and critical reading skills and learn how to produce essays and reports that present a critical argument and adhere to the conventions of academic presentation. You'll also learn how to get the most out of lectures, tutorials and other learning materials and understand the expectations of university studies.

You must complete:

- Academic literacies
- Learning in higher education

B. Specialist discipline knowledge (36 points)

This component of your study will be dedicated to first-year units in the course you are aiming for. These units will introduce you to the fundamentals of your chosen stream from arts, business, computer science or science and will ensure you have the knowledge and skills necessary to take the next step in your higher education studies.

You'll complete the units listed in your chosen destination area of study.

Arts and Social Sciences

- Media studies
- Communication technologies and practices
- Introduction to world politics and history
- Introduction to global studies
- and one of the following pairs of units:
 - Film, television and screen studies: forms and
 - Film, television and screen studies: approaches
 - Introduction to gender studies and Introduction to sexuality studies
 - Foundations in psychology and Introduction to psychological inquiry.

Business

- Accounting in business or Financial accounting 1¹
- Introduction to management
- Introductory microeconomics or Principles of economics¹
- Business law
- Marketing fundamentals or Foundations of finance¹
- Introduction to statistical analysis.

Information Technology

- Introduction to data science
- Introduction to programming
- Introduction to computer systems, networks and security
- IT professional practice and ethics
- Foundations of computing
- Fundamentals of algorithms.

Science

- Blueprints for life
- Life on Earth
- Chemistry 1 advanced
- Chemistry 2 advanced
- Introduction to statistical reasoning
- Level one science elective².

Learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, it's expected that you'll be able to:

- display proficiency in the analytical, problem-solving, verbal and writing skills necessary to support university-level learning
- gain confidence in your abilities to pursue university-level studies and in the higher education learning process more generally
- attain first-year equivalence in a major area or stream of study that you intend to pursue at undergraduate level at Monash University Malaysia.

Entry requirements

Qualification

Monash University Foundation Year ³	60%
GCE A Level	6
ATAR	65
Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education	15
Indian School Certificate Examination	55%
All India Senior School Certificate Examination	60%
SMA3, Indonesia	Δ
International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB Diploma)	24
STPM, Malaysia	7
UEC, Malaysia	≤6
Program Matrikulasi (Matriculation Program), Malaysia	1.7
Ontario Secondary School Diploma	72.3%
Sri Lankan General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level)	8
High School Diploma, Vietnam	7.5
UNSW Foundation Studies	6
Foundation in Arts, Sunway College	55%
Foundation in Science and Technology, Sunway College	55%

Prerequisites

English: Monash's minimum requirements apply.

Science stream: Australian Year 12 equivalent in one of biology, chemistry, environmental science, geography, physics, psychology or higher level mathematics.

Business stream: Mathematics (Australian Year 11 equivalent).

Information technology stream: Higher level mathematics (Australian Year 12 equivalent).

¹ If you intend to major in Accountancy, you must instead complete these units.

² You should choose an elective appropriate to your destination degree: Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Food Science and Technology or Bachelor of Medical Bioscience.

³ The undergraduate entry requirements published in this guide are for students who commenced the MUFY program in 2025.

Δ Please refer to priorstudy.monash.edu/prior-study/ for the entry score.



The program was an insightful stepping stone to my undergraduate degree. The wealth of knowledge gathered throughout my time at Monash enabled me to broaden my skills and expand my knowledge well beyond my aspirations while also honing my ability to think critically.

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Diploma of Higher Education Studies

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