

# AUSTRALIAN SUMMER SCHOOL

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# DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

## AUSTRALIAN STUDIES SUMMER SCHOOL

Unit - AIX290 Australia Today at Melbourne Burwood Campus

### UNIT DESCRIPTION

The unit studies current debates, issues and concerns of the contemporary Australian society and culture. It focuses on the interests of international students who need skills and understandings for work and study in Australia.

The unit aims to develop students' skills for working and communicating in the international context and locates Australia in various global environments such as economy, politics and international relations.

Through a range of studies like popular culture, settlement, landscape and people, this program will provide a global perspective on diversity and difference in Australian culture and society.

### STUDY TOPICS

- Australian history
- Landscape and settlement
- Australia in film
- The ANZAC legend: war and national identity
- Aboriginal settlement and unsettlement
- Australia and Asia
- Multicultural Australia
- Australia: a distinctive democracy
- The Lucky Country?
- Gender relations
- Global Australia

### ASSESSMENT

Class paper and participation - 10%  
Field Report - 30%  
Major Essay - 40%  
In class test - 20%

### CLASS TIMES

Students are expected to be in class or studying during the following times:

10 am to 3 pm most days. Some classes will extend to 5 pm.

Excursion days will begin earlier depending on transport and location.

### CULTURAL TOURS

- Visit to Melbourne city
- Melbourne Immigration Museum
- Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) (Melbourne's home of sport)
- Narana Aboriginal Centre
- Australian Centre for the Moving Image

### FURTHER INFORMATION

1 Deakin unit = 3-4 US credits for credit transfer.

Visa requirements: A tourist visa is suitable for participation. Visit [www.border.gov.au](http://www.border.gov.au) to find out more.

English Language requirements:

<http://bit.ly/2wbAWi7>

### COMPULSORY ORIENTATION PROGRAM

Please note that there is a compulsory orientation program on 4 January 2017.

Details will be sent to you via email along with your acceptance letter.

### MARVELLOUS MELBOURNE

Melbourne is known as the multicultural heart of Australia. The city is exciting, vibrant and famous for its food, entertainment precincts, social scene and beautiful surrounds. Voted the world's most liveable city\*, Melbourne is known for its international events such as the Australian Grand Prix, Australian Tennis Open and the International Cricket Test Series. The iconic Melbourne trams complement the city's public transport system, which includes train and bus services that run from the city centre to Deakin's campuses.

\*Economist Intelligence Unit 2016

### DEAKIN UNIVERSITY BURWOOD CAMPUS

The Melbourne Burwood Campus is Deakin's largest campus and attracts approximately 26,000 students from around Australia and all over the world, creating a diverse on-campus culture. The suburb of Burwood is a major commercial and residential municipality in Melbourne's East, approximately 15km from the city.

The Melbourne Burwood Campus features spacious new buildings, innovative architecture and plenty of inviting spaces for studying and socialising. A broad range of student services are available on-site, such as 24-hour computer laboratories, plenty of internet hotspots, state-of-the-art library services, exercise facilities, cafes and food services, many of which cater for various dietary requirements.





# SUMMER SCHOOL OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

You'll also have the opportunity to meet and mix with Australian students and learn more about what life is like in Australia. Relax on the beach and hang out with your new friends. Activities include\*:

- Learn to Surf Lesson (included in program cost)
- Great Ocean Road tour
- Melbourne Laneways tour
- Melbourne Sightseeing tour;
  - Shrine of Remembrance
  - Federation Square
  - Victorian Parliament Building
  - Carlton Gardens
  - Royal Botanical Gardens
  - Docklands
- Cricket at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG)
- Australian Open tennis
- Traditional Australian BBO
- Luna Park
- St Kilda Beach
- Kangaroo spotting
- Karaoke night.

\* Please note that these optional activities are not included in the program price.

## ACCOMMODATION

Students will be housed in on-campus residences at Burwood which provides single room accommodation in a mixed gender and multi-cultural environment. Students will be able to check in one to their accommodation one day before the program commences. All units have communal lounge, kitchen, bathroom and laundry facilities.

Burwood Residences are within walking distance to the local shopping centre and a tram-ride into the CBD.

## PROGRAM FEES

AUD\$4,200. Fees include:

- Tuition
- Accommodation
- Welcome dinner
- Airport transfers from Melbourne Tullamarine Airport to Deakin Burwood
- Travel associated with unit cultural tours
- Learn to Surf lesson

A deposit of A\$900 is required to secure your place on the program by 27 November 2017. The program fees do not include food. All accommodation includes self catering facilities.

## STUDENT PROFILE

Students enrolled in the unit come from diverse cultural and academic backgrounds.

A typical student cohort will consist of students studying business, arts and humanities, health, history, languages, IT/engineering, events/sports management.

Summer School students come from all over the world and can choose to link with an Australian student for the duration of the program.

## WEATHER

Coastal Victoria in January can be sunny and hot. The average maximum temperature in January is 35 degrees Celsius (95 degrees F), however nights can get cool. If we're lucky we will have lots of summer sun and balmy weather. Bring clothes for both the sun and bush walks, and any activities that you are choosing to participate in.

Please bring summer clothes, hats and sun-screen, bathers, towel, a fleecy top or light jacket.







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