

Higher Education Studies

One university subject. Multiple future pathways.

Studying a Higher Education Study (HES) through the Centre for Higher Education Studies (CHES) allows students to complete a genuine first-year university subject while still at school.

Beyond gaining valuable experience of university learning, the HES subjects provide credit towards a wide range of undergraduate degrees, helping students explore future study options and, where eligible, receive advanced standing once they commence university.

Whether students already have a clear career goal or are still exploring their interests, Higher Education Studies provide an opportunity to experience university-level learning while keeping multiple pathways open.

Why choose a Higher Education Study?

- Study a genuine first-year university subject while in secondary school.
- Explore future careers through authentic university learning.
- Develop the confidence and skills needed for university success.
- Receive credit towards eligible undergraduate degrees.
- Keep future study options open across multiple pathways.

Higher Education Studies can lead to a wide range of undergraduate pathways

Deakin University

2027 Subjects: Criminology • Disability, Diversity and Inclusion • Economics and Finance • Future Technologies • Management and Law • Psychological Science • Public Relations • Robotics and Data Science • Science

Artificial Intelligence • Arts • Business • Commerce • Communication • Computer Science • Criminology • Data Science • Engineering • Exercise and Sport Science • Health Sciences • Human Resource Management • Information Technology • Laws • Marketing • Nursing • Occupational Therapy • Politics, Philosophy and Economics • Property and Real Estate • Psychological Science • Psychology • Science • Social Work • Software Engineering

Federation University

2027 Subjects: Anatomy and Physiology • Biological Science • Business • Criminology and Criminal Justice • Education • Exercise and Sport Science • Information Technology • Mathematics and Analysis • Nursing • Psychology • Social and Community Services

Potential undergraduate pathways include:

Arts • Biomedical Science • Business • Community and Human Services • Criminology and Criminal Justice • Education • Engineering • Exercise and Sport Science • Information Technology • Nursing • Midwifery • Psychological Science • Science • Social Work

La Trobe University

2027 Subjects: Agriculture • Criminology • Health Science • Human Biosciences • Law • Politics, Philosophy and Economics

Potential undergraduate pathways include:

Agriculture • Animal and Veterinary Biosciences • Arts • Biomedicine • Business • Criminology • Food and Nutrition • Global Studies • Health Science • Laws • Politics, Philosophy and Economics • Science

Monash University

2027 Subjects: Astronomy • Climate Change • Criminology • History • Linguistics and English Language

Potential undergraduate pathways include:

Arts • Business • Climate, Society and Economy • Commerce • Criminology • Criminology and Policing • Global Studies • Laws • Science

Swinburne University of Technology

2027 Subjects: Artificial Intelligence in Organisations • Law • Space Industry

Potential undergraduate pathways include:

Artificial Intelligence in Business • Arts • Business • Computer Science • Design • Engineering • Laws • Media and Communication • Science

The University of Melbourne

2027 Subjects: Mathematics • Physics • Psychology

Potential undergraduate pathways include:

Arts • Biomedicine • Science

Each Higher Education Study gives students an opportunity to explore an area of interest while building knowledge, confidence and university readiness. Many subjects also contribute towards multiple undergraduate qualifications, providing flexibility as students refine their future study and career aspirations during Year 12.

Note: Students should refer to the CHES Higher Education Studies Handbook for full details about each subject, eligibility and the linked undergraduate qualifications.

University	Course	Units	VCE Prerequisites/Corequisites	Learning Mode
La Trobe University	Agriculture	Unit 1 - Agriculture and Food Security (AGR1001) Unit 2 - Agribusiness Management (MGT1AGM)	None	HyFlex
Federation University	Anatomy & Physiology	Unit 1 – Anatomy and Physiology for Human Movement 1 (EXSC1801) Unit 2 – Anatomy and Physiology for Human Movement 2 (EXSC1803)	Completed or concurrently studying Units 3/4 Physical Education or Units 3/4 Biology	Online & onsite practicals
Swinburne University	Artificial Intelligence in Organisations	Unit 1 – Business Artificial Intelligence Project (INF10028) Unit 2 – Artificial Intelligence Business Strategy and Transformation (INF20033)	None	Online
Monash University	Astronomy	Unit 1 - Earth to Cosmos (ASP1010) Unit 2 - Life in the Universe: Astrobiology (ASP1022)	None	HyFlex
Federation University	Biological Science	Unit 1 – Principles of Biology (SCBIO1001) Unit 2 – Systems Biology (SCBIO1020)	Completed Units 3/4 Biology	Online & onsite practicals
Federation University	Business	Unit 1 – Introduction to Management (BUMGT1100) Unit 2 – Introduction to Marketing (BUMKT1200)	Completed or concurrently studying Units 3/4 Business Management	Online
Monash University	Climate Change	Unit 1 - Climate Change: A Wicked Problem (CLI1100) Unit 2 - Climate Change: Impacts and Adaptations (CLI1200)	None	HyFlex
Deakin University	Criminology	Unit 1 - Introducing Crime and Criminology (ACR101) Unit 2 - Introducing Crime and Criminal Justice (ACR102)	None	Online
La Trobe University	Criminology	Unit 1 – Justice and Society (LAW1001) Unit 2 – Media and Crime (LCR1002)	None	HyFlex
Monash University	Criminology	Unit 1 – Understanding Crime (ATS1421) Unit 2 – Criminal Justice in Practice (ATS1423)	Completed or concurrently studying Units 3/4 Legal Studies	HyFlex
Federation University	Criminology & Criminal Justice	Unit 1 – Crime in Contemporary Contexts (CRJUS1286) Unit 2 – Explanations of Crime (CRJUS1287)	None	Online
Swinburne University	Design History, Design and Society	Unit 1 – Twentieth Century Design (DDD10001) Unit 2 – Contemporary Design Issues (DDD20004)	None	HyFlex
Deakin University	Disability, Diversity and Inclusion	Unit 1 – Communication and Diversity (HDS101) Unit 2 – Diversity, Disability and Social Inclusion (HDS106)	None	Online
Deakin University	Economics and Finance	Unit 1 – Management (MMM132) Unit 2 – Legal Research and Statutory Interpretation (MLL110)	Completed or concurrently studying Units 3/4 Economics	Online
Federation University	Education	Unit 1 – Learning and Teaching (EDBED1016) Unit 2 – Child and Adolescent Development and Characteristics (EDBED1017)	None	Online
Federation University	Exercise and Sport Science	Unit 1 – Foundations of Exercise Programming and Prescription (EXSC1802) Unit 2 – Introduction to Biomechanics (EXSC1701)	Completed or concurrently studying Units 3/4 Physical Education	Online & onsite practicals
Deakin University	Future Technologies	Unit 1 – Sustainable Design (SET111) Unit 2 – Introduction to Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (SIT112)	None	Online
La Trobe University	Health Science	Unit 1 - Anatomy & Physiology 1 (ANP1001) Unit 2 - Anatomy & Physiology 2 (ANP1002)	Completed or concurrently studying Units 3/4 Biology	Online
Monash University	History	Unit 1 – The Making of the Modern World, 1750 – Present (ATS1610) Unit 2 – A World of Exchange and Encounter, 1050–1750 (ATS1611)	Completed or concurrently studying Units 3/4 History	HyFlex



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La Trobe University	Human Biosciences	Unit 1 - Human Biosciences A (HBS1HBA) Unit 2 - Human Biosciences B (HBS1HBB)	Completed or concurrently studying Units 3/4 Biology or Units 3/4 Physical Education	Online
Federation University	Information Technology	Unit 1 – User Centred Design (ITECH1501) Unit 2 – Foundations of Programming (ITECH1400)	Completed or concurrently studying Units 3/4 Applied Computing (Software Development) or VCE VET ICT (Cert III)	Online
La Trobe University	Law	Unit 1 – Legal Institutions and Methods (LAW1LIM) Unit 2 – Principles of Public Law (LAW1PPL)	Completed or concurrently studying Units 3/4 Legal Studies	HyFlex
Swinburne University	Law	Unit 1 – Introduction to Australian Law and Statutory Interpretation (LAW10010) Unit 2 – Legal Writing (LAW10026)	Completed or concurrently studying Units 3/4 Legal Studies	HyFlex
Monash University	Linguistics and English Language	Unit 1 – ATS1338 Cracking the Language Code: English and Beyond Unit 2 – ATS1339 Linguistic Structure and Language Diversity	Completed or concurrently studying Units 3/4 English Language	HyFlex
Deakin University	Management and Law	Unit 1 – Managing People and Organisations (MMM132) Unit 2 – Legal Research and Statutory Interpretation (MLL110)	Completed or concurrently studying Units 3/4 Business Management and Units 3/4 Legal Studies	Online
University of Melbourne	Mathematics	Unit 1 – Linear Algebra Extension Studies (MAST10018) Unit 2 – Calculus Extension Studies (MAST10019)	Completed Units 3/4 Maths Methods with a study score of at least 37 and enrolled in Units 3/4 Specialist Maths; or concurrently studying Units 3/4 Maths Methods and Units 3/4 Specialist Maths after completing Units 1/2 Maths Methods with at least an A (80%) and Units 1/2 General Maths (Specialist Mathematics orientation) with at least a B+ (75%) average.	HyFlex
Federation University	Maths and Analysis	Unit 1 – Statistical Methods (STATS1000) Unit 2 – Applied Mathematics 2 (MATHS2100)	Completed or concurrently studying Units 3/4 Specialist Maths	Online
Federation University	Nursing	Unit 1 – Introduction to the Nursing Profession (NURBN1101) Unit 2 – Indigenous Health and Cultural Safety in Healthcare Practice (NURBN1106)	Completed or concurrently studying Units 3/4 Health & Human Development or VCE VET Health (Cert III)	Online
University of Melbourne	Physics	Unit 1 – Physics 1 (PHYC10003) Unit 2 – Physics 2: Physical Science and Technology (PHYC10004)	Completed Units 3/4 Physics and Units 3/4 Maths Methods with study scores of at least 37; or concurrently studying Units 3/4 Physics and Units 3/4 Maths Methods after completing Units 1/2 Physics and Units 1/2 Maths Methods with at least an A (80%) average.	HyFlex
La Trobe University	Politics, Philosophy and Economics	Unit 1 – Politics, Philosophy and Economics (POL1PPE) Unit 2 – Critical Thinking and Innovation (PHI1CTO)	None	Online
Deakin University	Psychological Science	Unit 1 – Introduction to Psychology: Human Behaviour (HPS111) Unit 2 – Introduction to Psychology: Individual and Social Development (HPS121)	Completed Units 3/4 Psychology	Online
Federation University	Psychological Science	Unit 1 – Introductory Psychology A (PSYCB1101) Unit 2 – Introductory Psychology B (PSYCB1102)	Completed Units 3/4 Psychology	Online & onsite practical
University of Melbourne	Psychology	Unit 1 – Mind, Brain and Behaviour 1 (PSYC10003) Unit 2 – Mind, Brain and Behaviour 2 (PSYC10004)	Completed Units 3/4 Psychology with a study score of at least 37; or concurrently studying Units 3/4 Psychology after completion of Units 1/2 Psychology with at least A (80%) average	HyFlex
Deakin University	Public Relations	Unit 1 – Introduction to Public Relations (ALR103) Unit 2 – Strategic Communication and Writing (ALR104)	None	Online
Deakin University	Robotics and Data Science	Unit 1 – Robotics Studio (SIT122) Unit 2 – Introduction to Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (SIT112)	None	Online
Deakin University	Science	Unit 1 – Essential Skills in Science (SLE115) Unit 2 – Physics for the Life Sciences (SLE123)	None	Online
Federation University	Social and Community Services	Unit 1 – The Sociological Imagination (BASOC1001) Unit 2 – Introduction to First Nations People of Australia (BAIND1002)	None	Online
Swinburne University	Space Industry	Unit 1 – Space Policy, Law & the New Space Economy (LAW10027) Unit 2 – Your Career in the Space Sector (AER10001)	None	Online

