RETURNING TO STUDY

Considering further study, but not sure how to make it happen? At Deakin we’re here to help, with flexible courses, financial tips and student support.

THE REWARDS OF RETURNING

University study gives you the competitive edge to stand out from the crowd. Whether you want to take your skills up a notch or start a whole new career, the rewards are endless.

TIPS ON RETURNING TO STUDY

Take a ‘pathway’ to uni

Pathways provide alternative entry options for getting into your dream course at Deakin if you do not meet the requirements. Whether you have finished Year 12 and missed out on a university place, are in the workforce or studying elsewhere, Deakin has a pathway to suit your needs.

Study at your pace

There are a variety of ways to fit study into a busy life. Many of Deakin’s courses allow you to switch between full-time and part-time study as needed. Some courses can be started mid-year, or fast-tracked to finish early.

Cloud (online) learning

Deakin’s cloud learning is our fifth campus – one without walls, one that comes to you and fits around your life. Deakin’s Cloud Campus is available for a wide range of units and courses and offers a convenient, personalised and engaging learning experience, using the latest digital tools.

Get financial help

Education is an invaluable investment and it’s important to understand the costs, and how to manage them. There are several financial options available to make study possible for eligible students, including HECS-HELP and FEE-HELP loans, government assistance and an array of Deakin scholarships.
MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR RETURN TO STUDY
Here’s some advice for getting the most out of your student experience once you return to university.

Tailor your course
Take advantage of the options available while studying at Deakin. In your course there will be a range of units to select, plus electives that you can take from alternate courses. There may be internships and special programs to take part in. Speak to your tutors to find out all of the possibilities.

Embrace technology
Computers and technology play a big part in any university course. Deakin makes embracing technology easy with a range of user-friendly interfaces for communications and class resources. Whether you are studying online or on campus, you can access a range of support, including user workshops, guides and remote IT support.

Plan your time
We understand that returning to study means juggling work, life and education. Deakin offers a range of student support services to help you manage your time. Your personalised student dashboard, DeakinSync, lets you organise your class schedule and assignments in one easy-to-use platform. If full-time study is difficult to fit in, you can investigate part-time or online study options.

We’re here to help
Returning to study can be stressful and difficult. At Deakin our priority is to ensure that you make a smooth transition to university and know you’re not alone. We have a range of services to support you throughout your studies, including careers advice, peer mentoring, course advisers, financial aid, counselling and more.

Build networks
If you connect with classmates, you’ll find uni more rewarding and build future professional networks. Get to know people through Deakin’s social events, clubs, group projects, or simply by having a chat. If studying online, you can network with teachers, mentors and peers through Deakin’s online learning platform, where you’re always connected.

ASKING YOUR EMPLOYER FOR STUDY SUPPORT
Employers have a vested interest in making sure employees have the knowledge and skills to help them succeed at work and advance their career. Some organisations may offer employees tuition reimbursement, assistance packages, study leave or other compensation for training and educational costs. Below are our three simple tips for broaching this topic with your employer.

1. Check with your human resources department first. Is there an existing educational reimbursement program? If so, obtain the eligibility requirements and paperwork needed to apply.

2. If there is no educational reimbursement program, arrange a meeting with your manager to discuss your options.

3. When asking for support, frame your request the right way. Focus on the tangible ways in which further study will make you more valuable to the company.

For more information and all future students enquiries, please phone our Prospective Students Enquiries Centre on 1300 DEGREE (1300 334 733). You can also contact us via email at myfuture@deakin.edu.au.