

Frequently Asked Questions

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A0503 Diploma in Higher Education Studies (DHES)

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1. What is the DHES program?

It is a pathway program to one of a selection of Bachelor's degree courses in four streams: Arts and Social Sciences, Business, Computer Science and Science. Please refer to the Handbook at <https://handbook.monash.edu/current/courses/A0503> for the complete set of courses.

2. What do I have to do in order to complete DHES and progress to an undergraduate course?

To be eligible to apply for an admission into the second year of a destination course, you must:

- pass each unit in the diploma on the first (and only) attempt; and

- achieve the average mark required for the destination course.

3. What are the minimum admission requirements for progression to a Bachelor’s course in my stream?

Streams	Minimum WAM	Additional requirements
Arts	WAM 50	Complete and pass the eight prescribed units in your stream, achieve the minimum average WAM for the corresponding degree and fulfil all GS requirements.
Business		
Science		
Computer Science	WAM 60	

4. How long do I have to complete DHES?

You should complete all eight core units in your stream within two consecutive semesters (or one year) of study. However you have a maximum of two years from course commencement (including any periods of intermission and suspension) to complete the course.

5. Does this mean that if I fail any one of the eight units then I am disqualified from further study at Monash?

Yes.

6. What do I do if I have failed one or more units in either semester?

If you have failed a minimum of one unit in either semester you will not be eligible to progress to your destination course. An email will be sent to you to notify you of this.

7. I’m not doing well in my studies in DHES. Who do I speak to?

You should speak to the course coordinator Dr Melissa Wong. You can find her at Building 2, Level 6, Room 5 (2-6-05) or you can email her: melissa.wong@monash.edu.

8. I’m not doing well in one of the units in my stream. Who do I speak to?

You should consult your unit lecturer or tutor as soon as possible. If your academic progress remains unchanged over a period of time consult the course coordinator Dr Melissa Wong.

9. Am I allowed to enrol in units in the other DHES streams to complete my studies?

No. You must enrol only in the units offered in your stream.

10. I have completed one semester in DHES Computer Sciences but it was not to my interest. Am I allowed to change my current stream to another stream in DHES?

No. You are not allowed to change your streams once you have selected your initial stream.

11. Are there any academic support systems available to me?

Yes. Check if your School offers PASS (Peer Assisted Study Sessions) that you can sign up for.

12. I have deferred my final exam in Semester 1 will this impact my course progression?

Yes. Deferred exam results are published on Week 5 of Semester 2 and your final course average is needed to qualify for progression. There will be a delay of at least one semester to your destination course as you will not be able to commence in time for the July intake (Semester 2). You may apply for the next intake in February of the following year.

15. Once I have completed my DHES, am I automatically transferred to the Bachelor's Degree course?

No. To progress into second year degree, you are required to:

Step 1: Fill in the Internal Course Transfer form (*International students are required to get the ISP checklist and attach it to the application)

Step 2: Print the unofficial transcript results from WES

Step 3: Submit the above documents to the respective CMO of destination course by the stipulated deadline which will be advised by CMO (Arts) in due course.

16. I have completed the DHES Arts stream with WAM 60 and my initial plan was to pursue an Arts degree but now I have changed my mind and want to progress to a Computer Science degree instead, am I eligible to apply?

Yes, you are eligible to apply to other degree courses provided you meet the subject prerequisites of the intended course and Q7 criteria. For more information on the subject prerequisites requirements please refer to the Monash Malaysia Undergraduate degree entry requirements webpage: <https://www.monash.edu.my/study/undergraduate>

17. Am I required to enrol and pass the General Studies (GS) units?

Yes, you must enrol for and pass the General Studies units. If you are a Malaysian student you are required to enrol for MPU3113 Ethnic Relations and MPU3123 Islamic and Asian Civilization. *Malaysian students who did not obtain a Credit or undertake Bahasa Melayu (BM) in Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) will be required to enrol, complete and pass **MPU3212 National Language A**. For International students, you are required to **enrol and pass** Communicative Malay 2 and Malaysian Studies 3. For more details, please visit the website: <https://www.monash.edu.my/sass/future/general-studies/gs-units-required>

18. What if I have failed to complete the General Studies (GS) units?

You need to repeat and pass the failed GS units. You are prohibited from progressing to your destination degree until you have fulfilled all GS requirements; even if you have completed all eight core units in your stream.