



# Monash Adviser



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### Course updates

Faculty	Course name	Course code	CRICOS	Course update
MADA	Master of Design	3113	044966D	Will no longer be offered from 2017. Being replaced by Master of Design F6002
MADA	Master of Interactive Design	3124	078848G	Will no longer be offered from 2017. Being replaced by Master of Design F6002
MADA	Master of Multimedia Design	3105	063213K	Will no longer be offered from 2017. Being replaced by Master of Design F6002
MADA	Master of Design	F6002	089737A	<p>Available from Semester 1, 2017</p> <p>Replacing 3124 Master of Interaction Design, 3105 Master of Multimedia Design and 3113 Master of Design</p> <p><i>Duration of the course will vary depending on qualification of applicant:</i></p> <p><u>2 year duration:</u> Australian Equivalent degree with at least Credit average</p> <p><u>1.5 year duration:</u> Australian Equivalent degree in a cognate discipline with credit average or graduate Certificate in cognate discipline with credit average</p> <p><u>1 year duration:</u> Honours degree or part completed Masters degree</p> <p>Note: the Faculty will consider qualification/experience or satisfactory substitute that the they considers to be equivalent.</p>

Arts	Master of Applied Linguistics (Double Masters with Southeast University)	4100	078762B	The Faculty advised that this course is still offered but only to students who are already enrolled at South East University China
Information Technology	Graduate Diploma in Information and Knowledge Management	3340	058487D	No longer offered from 2017. This course is being replaced by C6003 Master of Business Information Systems from 1/2017 onwards
Information Technology	Master of Data Science	C6004	085349A	Duration of the course will vary depending on qualification of applicant: Non-cognate entry - 2 yrs duration Cognate entry - 1.5 yrs duration Cognate entry - 1 year duration
Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences	Graduate Diploma in Health Services Management	<del>2314</del> M5007	037848B	Change in Course code only

## Introducing the new Simplified Student Visa Framework (SSVF)



From 1 July 2016, the Simplified Student Visa Framework (SSVF) is expected to replace existing Streamlined Visa Processing (SVP) and the current Assessment Level (AL) framework. It is intended that there will be a reduction in the number of student visa sub-classes from eight to two. The level of documentary evidence required in relation to financial and English language capacity will be guided by the combined immigration risk of the prospective student's education provider and country of citizenship.

All Australian CRICOS providers will be allocated a risk rating based on immigration risk outcomes of their students over a 12 month period. The same risk allocation approach will be applied to each country. Differentiated streamlined evidentiary requirements will be allocated on a Provider/Country Risk Matrix. The risk rating of institutions will not be shared with the public or with agents due to commercial sensitivities and to discourage the targeting of education providers by non-genuine applicants.

The online student visa application will determine student evidentiary requirements; institutions with the lowest risk category will be treated similarly to existing SVP processing at

Assessment Level 1. A working sample of this online visa application tool will be made available by DIBP in late May.

The DIBP allocation of risk to institutions and the associated student visa benefits determined by a lower risk rating requires that Monash University maintain the current agent partnership approach taken under SVP. The agent network will continue to play an important role in managing immigration risk and in contributing to an institution's risk rating. To assist institutions in managing risk, visa data will be utilised for agent monitoring, benchmarking and reporting.

### Key Notes for Agents

- Current student visa processing arrangements will remain unchanged until the SSVF is implemented from 1 July 2016
- SVP and the current country AL framework will be replaced by a simplified framework for all international students that will be based on institutional and country risk
- The number of student visa sub-classes will be reduced from eight to two
- The post study work visa known as the Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485) is unaffected by the change
- There are no changes in terms of agent obligations; as with SVP, agents must continue to undertake the necessary checks to ensure that they only submit applications from genuine students to Monash.
- The risk rating of institutions will not be shared with the public or with agents and student evidentiary requirements relating to English & Financial capacity will be determined by DIBP via the online student visa tool.
- Applicants are still expected to meet other requirements such as Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE), good character and health criteria

- OFFSHORE based applicants will be required to apply for their student visa online. The online application can only be commenced upon receipt of the eCOE
- For a transitional period as directed by DIBP, all ONSHORE based applicants ie those resident and applying for a student visa from Australia may continue to commence their online visa application process with an offer letter.
- The 12 month living evidentiary requirement is expected to increase to \$19,830AUD
- DIBP advises that they expect visa processing delays as a result of the SSVF transition. Please do not hold onto visa applications!

For more information please visit the DIBP web

site: <https://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Stud/changes-student-visa>

## COMPLIANCE TIP: Use of Sub-Agents

Monash agents must not sub-contract to any person or agency the performance of any of its agent contract obligations without the written prior consent of Monash University. Sub-contracting shall not relieve the agent of its Monash contract obligations and responsibilities.

Monash Agents may service adhoc applicant referrals from other agencies if the applicant is located within their Monash approved territory. All agent service obligations from pre-application to visa assistance and communications must be undertaken by the Monash Agent directly with the applicant concerned and not through the referring party.

Monash Agents should not accept referrals from unauthorised sub-agents who actively market, recruit and claim to represent Monash University. Unauthorised agents not listed on

our Monash agents database

<http://register.monash.edu/agents-database/>

Agents who wrongly claim to represent Monash University should be reported to [jim.zubic@monash.edu](mailto:jim.zubic@monash.edu)

## Monash MBA: join our webinar session to find out more



The Monash MBA is a two-year program designed for professionals with 3-7 years professional experience, combining cutting-edge business skills development, with extensive practical project experience, opportunities for the completion of an international business project and an advanced and integrated leadership and professional development program.

We constantly strive for the right balance of the intellectual rigour of a graduate university program and the application capabilities necessary for management practise.

Applications for 2017 Monash MBA program are now open. To find out more about the program, education agents and prospective international students are invited to join our webinars on Monday 6 June. To accommodate your particular time zones, you can participate at 9.00am or 5.00pm AEST.

This virtual information session will be presented by Professor Patrick Butler, Director MBA programs.

Join us from the comfort of your own home or office.

For further details and to register, please visit the Monash MBA website:

<http://business.monash.edu/mba/events>

## NEW in 2017 – Master of Design



The Master of Design is a professionally-focused program of advanced study in contemporary design practise.

It includes specialisations in Interaction Design, Multimedia Design, and Collaborative Design.

Students may also take a range of units from across these three to construct an Advanced Studies in Design specialisation.

This Masters program is ideal for those seeking to enter the expanding fields of professional design engagement, or design practitioners aiming to upgrade their expertise.

Students interested in the courses currently offered- the Master of Interaction Design, the Master of Multimedia Design and the current Master of Design course- should consider this new Master of Design course.

Students will be trained in advanced design thinking and processes that equip them to create design solutions that engage experiential, communication, object and spatial contexts.

Find out more about the course here:  
<http://www.study.monash/courses/find-a-course/2016/design-3113?international=true>

### Monash Art Design & Architecture:

[monash.edu/mada](http://monash.edu/mada)

Australia freecall tel: 1800 181 838

Tel: +61, 3 9903 4788 (outside Australia)

Email: [study@monash.edu](mailto:study@monash.edu)

## Singapore recognises Monash Juris Doctor as legal practice qualification



The Monash Law Faculty is pleased to announce that our Master of Laws (Juris Doctor) has been recognised by the Singapore Institute of Legal Education (SILE) as meeting the academic requirements for admission to practise in Singapore.

For some time Monash has been providing a quality legal education for Singaporean students through our Bachelor of Laws. We are now delighted to also be able to offer the option of studying the Master of Laws (Juris Doctor) to allow students to take an alternative route to practicing law.

Students will now have more freedom to choose the course that best suits their needs. The Monash Juris Doctor (JD) is specifically designed for graduates from non-law backgrounds and provides an opportunity to pursue a career change or follow an ambition to practise law.

Our JD is taught at the Monash University Law Chambers in the heart of Melbourne's legal precinct. Students gain the required skills and knowledge to prepare them for a legal career and can choose from an extensive range of elective unit options. There are also opportunities to participate in a range of

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international programs and internships offered by Monash.

For more information about the Monash JD please refer to the following link:  
<http://www.monash.edu/law/future-students/jd>

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## New Version of the Monash English Placement Test (MEPT)

The new version of the Monash English Placement Test (MEPT) will be released on 1 July 2016. All Monash-approved MEPT invigilators will receive login and password details on 29 June 2016.

The Monash English Placement Test (MEPT) is a one-hour English exam. It tests grammar, vocabulary, reading and writing.

MEPT is ideal for prospective Monash students who do not have an IELTS or other approved international test score. If students need to complete Monash English before starting at Monash College or Monash University, they should consider taking MEPT.

If your agency is not registered for MEPT refer to your Regional Manager who can explain the registration process.

## In-house care for Monash under 18s



Monash College has been selected as Monash University's under-18s care provider.

This expansion builds on the successful transition of Monash College guardianship services to an in-house team in September 2015, seamlessly connecting under-18 student care with Monash's extensive student services portfolio.

'In-house guardianship ensures we provide informed, insightful care for Monash under 18 students,' said Sue Karzis, Associate Director, Student Services.

'Each student is paired with a guardian who cares for them personally – from before they arrive here at Monash until they become independent.'

Guardianship services are available to all Monash students who are under 18 years of age and do not live with a parent or relative during their studies.

Each year, Monash welcomes more than 600 under-18 students, with many transitioning from pathway studies at Monash College into degrees at Monash University. This unified guardianship service allows students to experience uninterrupted care throughout their academic journey.

Monash College guardianship offers students individual care, including:

- a specific guardian for each student
- seamless integration with extensive in-house Monash support services

- regular drop-in sessions and face-to-face support
- close liaison with student accommodation providers
- on-site support connecting students with essential services, such as financial, travel and medical.

With 250 Monash College students currently under their care, from mid-April the in-house team will extend guardianship for all new under-18 students joining Monash.

'Ultimately, we provide holistic care for our students,' said Sue. 'Everyone here is looking out for their best interests, ensuring they have the support they need in their personal lives to be happy and successful in their studies at Monash.'

## Monash Residential Services currently accepting applications for mid-year 2016



Monash Residential Services (MRS) is committed to providing the highest levels of service to all of our customers. In line with this, we are constantly looking at ways to accommodate those who may need to apply at times other than the start of the academic year.

Monash University boasts a number of intakes through various pathways, including Monash College, Monash University, Monash University English Language Centre, MUFY and many more. As such, it is important to

note that applications for MRS are accepted all year round.

Applicants can apply online at [mrs.monash.edu](http://mrs.monash.edu). MRS often has vacancies during the year due to residents finishing their courses either mid-year or at other times. Therefore there is every possibility that students coming in during the year are able to get a room on campus and enjoy the Monash Residential Services experience.

We would advise you to encourage students to apply early as our admissions policy works on a first in, first served basis. Applications can be filled out at:

<http://mrs.monash.edu/oncampus/applications.html>.

More information on MRS can be found at:

<http://mrs.monash.edu/>

## Semester two enrolments now open for the Master of Cultural Economy



The term 'Cultural Economy' refers to the production and consumption of cultural goods and services, and the social, cultural and economic ecosystem in which this takes place. It is not an 'economics' program but is aimed at all arts, humanities and social science students with an interest in this dynamic and emergent area of industry, social practice and policy.

Students study a wide range of topics including the cultural and creative industries, creative cities, cultural policy and management, digital media, sustainable development, creativity and cultural work.

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Students can select from a range of subjects on top of the two core units in order to pursue their own individual career interests.

MCE gives students a clear grasp of the conceptual and historical background to the cultural economy with a strong focus on how they can work within and make a real difference to this sector. Our program involves practitioners and industry experts, field trips and concrete case studies, capped by the kind of analytical and empirical research required for contemporary employment in policy, business and social enterprise.

MCE is part of a new School of Media, Film and Journalism at Monash, and linked to the new Media Culture Economy research unit. Alongside its world class academic work this unit is engaged in industry and policy related research and development in the fields of cultural industries policy, digital urbanism, music industry policy, innovation in small creative businesses, sport media, transnational co-working, UNESCO policy, Chinese and Asia-Pacific cultural economy and much more.

**For more information, download the brochure:**

<http://future.arts.monash.edu/download/Master-Cultural-Economy-2016.pdf>

## **Pre-departure information sessions in Singapore and Malaysia to assist new students and their families**

In order to assist new students and their families, staff from Monash University will conduct pre-departure information sessions at the following offshore locations:

### **Singapore:**

Wednesday 15th June 2016, 7.30 to 9.30 pm

RELC International Hotel,  
Auditorium,  
30 Orange Grove Road,  
(near Orchard Rd),  
258352 Singapore

### **Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur)**

Saturday 18th June 2016, 1 to 3.30 pm

Monash University Malaysia,  
Auditorium 1,  
Jalan Lagoon Selatan,  
Bandar Sunway,  
46150 Petaling Jaya,  
Selangor Darul Ehsan,  
Malaysia

**For more information about the briefings visit:**

[www.study.monash/how-to-apply/international-student-applications/preparing-to-arrive/pre-departure-briefings](http://www.study.monash/how-to-apply/international-student-applications/preparing-to-arrive/pre-departure-briefings)

**Students are to register:**

<https://docs.google.com/a/monash.edu/forms/d/16tevvDms1hXW53jlm2lOq--rRjfVw050GM3QETFHMQ/viewform>

Staff from Monash Residential Services will be there to assist with students and families with their accommodation queries.

**For further information, email [iss@monash.edu](mailto:iss@monash.edu).**

## **Information session (Melbourne): Find out more about the Master of Business**



**Take charge of your career with a Master of Business**

Modern businesses require individuals who bring more to the table than just technical skills. They need dynamic leaders who are



able to adapt to new challenges and who have the agility to recognise and promote new opportunities.

The Master of Business is an innovative and industry-focused course, preparing students for the fast-paced world of business. It has a focus on personal development, ethics, corporate governance and social responsibility.

## Majors

As part of the program, students can choose from 10 majors:

- Business, ethics and society
- Commercialisation
- Information technology
- Law and responsible business
- Managing human capital
- Marketing
- Project management
- Quantitative business analysis
- Risk management
- Supply chain management
- Sustainability

**For more information on the program, please visit:**

<http://www.study.monash/courses/find-a-course/2016/business-b6005?international=true>

## Invite

We are hosting an information session on 1 June from 5.00-7.30pm. Students will have the opportunity to talk to our course advisers about our range of graduate business programs and the Monash MBA Programs. For more information and to register, please visit:

<https://business.monash.edu/news-and-events/our-events/events/monash-mba-and-graduate-information-evening>

*CORRECTION: an item in the previous edition of Monash Advisor incorrectly stated the Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma of Business are no longer offered. Both degrees will continue to be offered in 2017.*

## Monash Science research breakthroughs



Monash Science researchers are currently leading and participating in several ground-breaking projects, including the following:

### Cosmic dust reveals Earth's ancient atmosphere

Using the oldest fossil micrometeorites – space dust – ever found, Monash University-led research has made a surprising discovery about the chemistry of Earth's atmosphere 2.7 billion years ago.

The findings of a new study led by Dr Andrew Tomkins and a team from the School of Earth, Atmosphere and Environment at Monash, along with scientists from the Australian Synchrotron and Imperial College, London – challenge the accepted view that Earth's ancient atmosphere was oxygen-poor. The findings indicate instead that the ancient Earth's upper atmosphere contained about the same amount of oxygen as today, and that a methane haze layer separated this oxygen-rich upper layer from the oxygen-starved lower atmosphere.

### Feeding the future: mapping a path to improved cassava production

An international research team including scientists from Monash University, have for the first time, mapped the cassava plant's genetic diversity.

A billion people around the world eat the cassava plant every day. Easy to cultivate and

drought- tolerant the fact that it is eaten by so many means that attacks by pests and diseases have huge impact on food security. It's also the only staple crop that can kill you or cause chronic neurological disease if it's not processed, potentially producing fatal levels of cyanide when drought-stressed.

"Until now, very little research has been done at the DNA level – the genome – of cassava, the world's fifth most important crop," Associate Professor Gleadow said.

"To maintain food security, it's critical that cassava is resistant to disease and resilient to climate change."

### **Monash to lead extraordinary new Antarctic biodiversity expedition**

Monash University will lead the terrestrial biodiversity component of a major new expedition to better understand Antarctic ecosystems.

Using powerful new genetic and computational approaches the team will address a major, unresolved question in modern biology: how has life evolved and spread around the Antarctic region, both in the past and today?

The Monash-led project, A Functional Biogeography of the Antarctic (AFBA) forms part of the Antarctic Circumnavigation Expedition (ACE). ACE involves 22 projects, 55 researchers and 19 countries and is the first project of the newly created Swiss Polar Institute. The project will investigate terrestrial biodiversity of the region and its responses to rapid and extensive environmental change.

## **Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences – New video for students**



The Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences has developed a new video to showcase the Faculty's key courses and strengths to prospective students and their parents.

This video was produced on our Clayton, Caulfield and Peninsula campuses and features students in popular programs including the Bachelor of Biomedical Science, the Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery and the Master of Social Work.

Watch the video and find out more about the Faculty and why our students decided to study with us:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bjQHP06at sY>

## Revised Guideline on Student Visa Applications | Monash Malaysia



International students (or their agents) now have the option of completing the first step of the application for student pass by submitting an online application directly to the Education Malaysia Global Services (EMGS) starting 1 April 2016. (<http://educationmalaysia.gov.my/>)

However, Monash University Malaysia strongly recommends that student/agents continue to use the service provided by the University for a hassle free visa application:

<http://www.monash.edu.my/study/entry-requirements/international-students/pass>

The international student visa is now issued on a one-off basis according to the expected duration of the course, and subject to the validity of the student's passport. Student pass fees paid to EMGS are not refundable.

## Admissions reminder for Agents

To ensure a quick turn around on the issue of an eCoE, can you please ensure all the relevant information is provided on acceptance. Returning ALL the following represents an acceptance of a place:

-Submission of the Signed International Student Course Agreement (ISCA), signed by the applicant AND

-Submission of evidence of the deposit payment (or sponsorship) AND

-Any other relevant documents (eg Under 18 relevant supporting documents)

**Any missing acceptance documentation will delay the process.**