

TRANSNATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY

SCOPE

All locations.

Coursework and graduate research training activities that involve delivery of all or part of Monash University courses and units outside Australia, with or without a partner, and arrangements with an international partner that lead to credit towards Monash courses or units. These activities include, but are not limited to:

- Dual awards
- Joint awards
- Collaborative delivery of courses and units
- Graduate research joint supervision
- Graduate research scholarship arrangements
- Independent delivery of courses and units in a country other than Australia
- Articulation arrangements
- Credit transfer arrangements
- Study abroad
- Exchange programs

The scope of this policy does not include online-only offerings, placements, short courses, field trips and similar activities.

POLICY STATEMENT

This policy refers to collaborating institutions as partners but these are independent of Monash and not partners in a legal sense.

Transnational education may be offered as a collaboration between Monash University and a partner, or it may be offered independently by Monash.

Monash will only enter into partnerships that meet the following criteria:

- The partner must have a demonstrated record of academic credibility suitable to the type of arrangement.
- The choice of partner and type of arrangement complement and align with Monash's Transnational Education Strategy and Faculty or Campus strategic priorities.
- The partner has a strong commitment to the intended partnership arrangement.
- The partnership arrangements are likely to attract an agreed minimum number of students within an agreed period of time.

Where transnational education is offered in collaboration with a partner, Monash University must maintain sole academic control over its own courses, degrees and awards. This is exercised through selection and admission; granting of credit; curriculum and assessment of its own units.

All Monash courses, irrespective of location, must be consistent with the academic standards of the University, as set out in the University's Statute, regulations and policies, and must comply with the legislative requirements of the country where the course is offered.

All Monash courses and units, including those offered through transnational education partnerships, must:

- be accredited in accordance with the Coursework Course and Unit Accreditation Policy; or the Graduate Research Course Accreditation and Review Policy;
- meet the design requirements of the Course Design Policy; and
- be published in the University Handbook.

DEFINITIONS

Articulation arrangement	A defined pathway that enables a student to progress from a completed course of study with another provider to a Monash course. Admission to the Monash course can be with or without credit.
Credit transfer arrangement	A process that provides students with agreed and consistent credit outcomes for components of a qualification based on equivalence in content and learning outcomes between matched qualifications.
Dual award	A partnership arrangement involving one or more courses that leads to two separate awards, one awarded by Monash and one awarded by the partner institution. There is usually a mutual recognition of credit between the institutions to allow students to complete both awards in a shorter time than if they were completed separately.
Exchange	Non-award studies (incoming and outgoing) approved through a formal bilateral exchange program arranged between Monash University and a non-Australian overseas higher education provider. This study normally counts as credit towards the undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree in which the student is enrolled at the home higher education provider. The student pays fees to the home institution not to the host institution.
Joint award	A partnership arrangement where a course is delivered jointly between Monash and a partner and leads to a single award.
Study abroad	Non-award studies taken either at Monash (incoming) or at a host overseas higher education institution (outgoing) that normally counts as credit towards the undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree in which the student is enrolled at the home higher education provider. These students typically pay fees to Monash or to the host.

GOVERNANCE

Supporting procedures	Transnational Education Partnership Procedure	
Supporting schedules		
Associated policies	Admission and Credit Policy Courses and Units Policy Industry-Based Experiences for Students Policy Sanctions Compliance Policy Handbook for Doctoral Degrees	
Legislation mandating compliance	Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) Act 2011 (Cth) – Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2021 Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000 (Cth) – National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students (National Code) 2018 Malaysian Qualifications Framework	
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