WELCOME TO ONLINE LEARNING AT MONASH UNIVERSITY
THE WORLD IS CHANGING. COME AND CHANGE IT WITH US.

Monash is Australia’s largest university, and during these evolving times, we’re continuing to deliver the world-class education that has put us in the top 1% of universities across the globe.*

We’ve made the transition to full online learning, and we’re dedicated to enabling our students to progress their studies. Monash has been successfully delivering our education online for more than a decade. Our experience and expertise in this area helped us respond quickly to the Covid-19 pandemic.

We have transitioned our face-to-face learning across all units, and have worked with our students and academics to ensure that the exceptional quality of our learning and teaching is maintained.

We’ve invested in the expertise and technical connectivity to ensure that Monash delivers a quality education for both online or on-campus study modes.

The knowledge and skills acquired, and the award students graduate with, is the same for both online education and on-campus learning.

Our teaching strategies have evolved to ensure all our students remain active and engaged until they can join us on campus once more.

While these are unprecedented times for us all, it’s also a great opportunity for university students. If they’re able to continue studying, this is a chance for them to progress their degree while developing complementary skills that future employers will value. These include self-reliance, initiative and independence.

When our students return to campus, they’ll return with the confidence that they have mastered these crucial skills.

Our students embrace change, and it’s truly inspiring to see how they have proactively adapted to these global challenges together. I’m proud of our entire Monash community for working together to ensure that our students have the opportunity to continue their education during this time.

We will continue to support our students to achieve their goals and I look forward to welcoming them all back to campus.

Professor Susan Elliott AM
Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Senior Vice-President (Education)

Depending on chosen courses and units, students may participate in group assignments, presentations, lectures and practical classes.

Monash uses a variety of tools and platforms to support these formats and to enable online learning. These include Moodle, Echo360, Panopto, and Zoom.

**MOODLE**
- Moodle is an essential go-to point for:
  - course content
  - reading lists
  - assessment and study requirements
  - assignment uploads
  - discussion forums
  - contact information for tutors and lecturers.

- Moodle shows the weekly requirements for units, recordings that need to be viewed and scheduled Zoom sessions. Students need to check Moodle regularly to stay up to date.

- If students have questions about units, Moodle discussion forums are a good starting point. Students can ask questions, offer suggestions, expand on a topic, or offer advice to other students.

**ECHO360 AND PANOPTO**
- Students may use Echo360 to watch lecture recordings or Panopto to upload video assignments.

**ZOOM**
- Zoom is a technology used to facilitate meetings and online classes.

- These are easy to use and there’s plenty of support available to get students up to speed.

- You can see how these tools work together to support learning here.

- These are the main systems in use by Monash to support day-to-day online learning. We have many other tools and platforms that are also available. You can find a list of these here (along with user guides).

At Monash, we encourage our students to get the most out of their education experience. We want our students to engage with their teachers, and with their peers. To achieve this, we offer a variety of practical classes, lectures and tutorials.
Online learning at Monash can look different depending on what course and units are studied. For example, in some units, students will be listening to livestreams of lectures, and attending virtual tutorials via Zoom; in others they’ll be watching chemistry pracs recorded by our lecturers and teachers.

In this video, two professors at different universities join forces to demonstrate quantum physics:

**LECTURES, LAB/PRACS, TUTORIALS**

These are the names of learning activities that may be scheduled on a timetable. Each one refers to the kind of teaching and learning, and the levels of interactivity that students can expect to find in them.

**ONLINE LECTURES**

For each unit studied online, students will be able to watch their lectures either live-streamed or recorded through Moodle. Our lecturers are engaged with their content, and working to make their lectures as digitally interactive as possible.

**ONLINE PRACS**

Where possible, we’ve moved as many of our pracs to the online environment. The nursing prac here takes students through a code blue:

Our teachers are getting creative in putting their labs together. Here’s a snapshot of a chemistry class:

Our chemistry teachers have found ways of bringing their classes to life:

Some internships and placements are on hold until classes resume on campus.

**TUTORIALS**

Many of the tutorials and other smaller group classes can be run through Zoom. Students can ask their tutors questions, participate in tutorials, or meet with classmates to discuss group assignments, all of which can be done through Zoom.
While students learn remotely, Monash ensures that they still have access to the same resources available on campus.

We offer virtual drop-in sessions for help with assignments. These have proved very popular with students.

Students can also book into study coaching sessions. The 30-minute appointments are held online on Google Meet. Once booked, students receive a link to use at the time of the appointment. This is a great way to work 1:1 with a study advisor to help refine study skills, and work through challenges.

Monash offers students an extensive choice of libraries over our four Australian campuses, and international locations. We have specialist law and pharmacy libraries, and our Matheson library, based on our Clayton campus, is also home to our rare book collections.

Students can access books, journals, newspapers, music and much more. All items are available exclusively to Monash students, staff and researchers.

Monash students can access our online libraries from the library website and from there, can use Library Search – a gateway to the databases, ejournals and ebooks.

Library Guides (sometimes called Lib Guides) are online resources created by our specialist subject librarians.

There are also subject-specific guides that link to useful tools, sites, databases and resources for your specific subject area.

Students can also access study tips and advice so they can get the most out of their online studies. Our Libraryblog has posts on how to study effectively online individually or when part of a group.
SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS

We understand that students (and their families) may have questions regarding online study. From how to lodge assessments, to how to access our online learning platforms, to questions on fees, and even how to make friends while studying online.

We’ve always been proud of the support services that we offer our students. Our existing services have transitioned online and new services and resources have been added to assist students during this period.

To help students find the resources that they need, we’ve put together a resource site that pulls this information together. monash.edu/student-support/home

PEER ASSISTED STUDY SESSIONS

We offer Peer Assisted Study Sessions. These sessions are run by senior students who can help students with unit content and study skills.

Mentoring Students can also join a mentoring program to connect with their peers. Mentoring will be held online this semester, so students can catch up regularly with their mentor or mentee from wherever they’re based.

WELL-BEING

But it’s not just about study support. Monash offers a range of counselling services for any of our students impacted by COVID-19 – whether that means having to adapt to studying online or adjusting to periods of isolation.

As physical distancing is important at this time, online counselling is a great option for students who need someone to talk to. Learn more.
Students are not alone: we’re all in this together and there’s a global community studying and thriving. The services below have been developed by Monash to ensure that all students have an opportunity to connect with their peers.

By staying in touch with their peers, students can maintain and build the friendships and communities they’ve formed at Monash. It’s also a great way to find out useful information and to learn about online events and programs.

**SAY ‘HELLO’ TO AMIGO**

Students can also be part of the aMigo network and connect to other Monash students from all over the world, as well as with other Monash students in the same home region. aMIGO allows students to reach out to senior student representatives who share the same interests, and can advise on which communities to join. Events happening online are added to aMigo daily.

**MONASH SOCIAL**

We’re bringing the campus to our students through Monash Social – our dedicated social hub, bringing all the events, competitions and socialising opportunities students could wish for while studying from home.

**ORIENTATION**

Orientation is an important part of University life. While we may be physically distant from our students right now, it doesn’t mean that we need to be socially distant. We’ve planned a comprehensive online orientation schedule for all of our student community.
HEAR FROM OUR COMMUNITY

HEAR FROM SOME OF OUR STUDENTS

GEORGIA NIUTTA
Arts student

MICHELLE SHI
Economics and Law student

MICHAEL CROCCO
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MORE DETAIL ABOUT OUR TRANSITION TO ONLINE STUDY

To learn more about how Monash staff and students are embracing this change, visit our social channels or search #MonashFromHome.

To speak to someone about Monash please visit our enquiry website for more information.