About the Extension Program

The University of Melbourne Extension Program is designed for high achieving VCE and International Baccalaureate students and is approved by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). Extension Program studies consist of a first year University subject sequence that is a clear advance on the relevant VCE subject.

Time commitment

Undertaking the Extension Program requires a considerable time commitment and applicants should research the timetable and number of contact hours required for their preferred subject area. Applicants should discuss their other responsibilities such as other studies, sport and/or casual work with the parent(s)/guardian(s).

Class locations

The location of Extension Program classes depends on the subject area studied. Classes are held either on campus at the University of Melbourne (in Parkville), off campus at an approved Extension Program School Centre, or at a combination of both. Extension Program students studying on campus will study alongside current first year University of Melbourne students in lectures and tutorials.

Learning environment

Extension Program students may experience a learning environment that is quite different to secondary school – with more independence, varying expectations of teaching staff, a large and diverse student population, and access to a wide range of services and facilities. Before applying for the Program it is important that applicants (and their parent(s)/guardian(s)) carefully consider whether they will adapt to university study and to a learning environment that differs from that of secondary school.

Instructions for applicants

All applicants are required to have the permission of their parent(s)/guardian(s) to participate in the Extension Program. After this form has been completed it should be uploaded as supporting documentation to the Parent/Guardian Permission Form section of the online Extension Program application form.