



## Higher Education Studies (HES) at CHES

The Centre for Higher Education Studies (CHES) offers high-ability and high-achieving students from government schools across Victoria the opportunity to study a HES (first year undergraduate subjects).

Students accepted into a HES subject at CHES also have access to our Student Enrichment Series with masterclasses, seminars and mentoring opportunities available through our university partners.

### How do I apply to enrol in a Higher Education Study (HES) through CHES?

Students are not required to undertake an entrance exam to enrol in any CHES programs. A simple online application for enrolment will be available via the CHES website: [www.ches.vic.edu.au](http://www.ches.vic.edu.au).

The student application has two parts:

Section one	Completed by you and your parent/carer
Section two	Completed by your school. Your school Principal will be asked to share some of your academic data, a statement that confirms your suitability for a CHES program and any special or extenuating circumstances. <b>Your application must be approved by your Principal.</b>

It is expected that you will have the capacity or potential for independent and collaborative learning. The HES you are applying for should reflect your interests or prospective study or career pathway.

Some HES studies require you to have completed a prerequisite VCE subject or require you to undertake a specific VCE subject whilst completing your HES (a co-requisite). A Higher Education Studies Handbook is available on the CHES website and includes further information about prerequisite and co-requisite VCE subjects.

To be eligible for a HES through CHES you must:

- be enrolled in the VCE in Victoria in the year you intend to participate (i.e., undertake at least one VCE Unit 3 and 4 whilst studying the HES)
- at the conclusion of your secondary studies you must have completed a minimum of four VCE Units 4 subjects and
- meet the **prerequisite or co-requisite subject requirement** for the HES as outlined in the CHES Higher Education Studies Handbook.

To be considered for any CHES program you must be currently undertaking the majority of your studies at a Victorian government school. You must also maintain your enrolment in a Victorian government school, as your main school, for the duration of your program at CHES.

Please note that universities may have additional eligibility criteria for each of their HES. The CHES Higher Education Studies Handbook indicates if there are additional academic standards or other requirements for acceptance into specific subjects.



### How many HES can I apply for?

Students are able to enrol in only one HES. The application process enables you to indicate a first and second preference. If you are not accepted into your first preference, CHES will contact you to discuss your application for your second preference.

### How will my application be assessed?

Universities retain the autonomy to determine which students will be enrolled in their HES courses. Applications will be assessed on merit by a committee convened by the CHES Principal. There is no limit on the number of applications that can be received, nor the number of students that can be enrolled at CHES from any one school. Every application will be given equal consideration.

The CHES enrolment committee will review applications and provide recommendations to each university. The process will also consider written statements from you and from your school that provides insight into your suitability to undertake a HES through the CHES. Students may be invited for an interview with the CHES Principal should additional information be required.

### Who teaches the HES subjects?

University staff (academics, lecturers and tutors) will deliver the curriculum, teaching and assessment of the HES subjects. CHES staff will provide ongoing support and guidance to you and will work closely with the university and your school to support your success.

### When are classes held?

The timetable will be confirmed by the university at the start of their academic year. Classes will be available both during and outside normal school hours to minimise clashes with your other VCE classes and accommodate high-achieving students from across the State.

Some subjects may require attendance during school hours, with the option of attending online or on-site. Some subjects have compulsory full-day practical sessions, while others will run optional seminars. Students will be advised of dates as soon as they are confirmed so that you can plan ahead.

### What is the time commitment? What are the attendance requirements?

The time requirements for each HES are equivalent to the time allocation for a standard VCE study.

You will be able to attend online or on-site for HES classes. The number of classes and the time commitment each week depends on the subject studied. Each HES will have a compulsory attendance requirement that is similar to existing VCE attendance requirements at school. In addition to formal class time all subjects will require a certain number of hours of self-study each week. In terms of assessments CHES will work closely with universities to try to minimise clashes with VCE exams and other major VCE commitments and you will be notified if there is a requirement to attend in person for any major exams or assessments.

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