



ORIENTATION 2009 FACULTY OF SCIENCE

How to Survive *and* Succeed in Science

Science orientation

- Opportunity to meet people and staff
- Learn about the Science Precinct
- Learn about your new educational environment:
 - Teaching methods
 - What we expect of you
 - What you can expect from us
 - Computer environment
 - Help and support networks

Teaching methods

- Lectures,
- Laboratory Classes,
- Tutorials,
- Computer labs,
- Workshops,
- Field Trips...



Lectures, Laboratory Classes, Tutorials, Computer labs and Workshops

- All start at 5 minutes past the hour, and finish 5 minutes before the hour.
- Timetables give the hour for convenience!

Workload

12 hours of work for each unit
Full time load = 4 units
48 hours of work per week!

- plan to use your breaks between lectures
- plan to take time off away from study
- plan ahead for essays and exams

How to study successfully

- attend lectures, tutes, etc!
- ask for help before it is too late.
- know how to use the computing facilities
- know how to use the library
- set aside time to revise
- study as a group and by yourself

Feedback

- Tutor and demonstrator comments, essay feedback and quiz results, etc., are there to help – read them and learn from them
- talk with your tutors and lecturers about how to improve your work
- actively engage in the learning process.

Sources of help

- **There are many sources of assistance:**
 - Unit guides
 - Unit websites
 - Tutors & demonstrators
 - Lecturers
 - HWD (e.g. counselling Service)
 - Faculty office staff
 - Language and Learning & Library

Faculty Student Services

Location

Science Faculty Office - Building 19

Monday	9.00am - 4.00pm
Tuesday	11.00am - 4.00pm
Wednesday	9.00am - 4.00pm
Thursday	9.00am - 4.00pm (Closed for lunch: 1pm - 2pm)
Friday	9.00am - 4.00pm

Enquiries:

enquiries@sci.monash.edu.au

(must use your Monash email address)

Faculty Student Services

Services

- Course advice
- Enrolment amendments
- Academic progress advice
- Intermission
- Advanced standing (credit)
- Admissions (direct/transfers)
- Special Consideration



Faculty support for first year students

Science has a First Year Student Website!

<http://www.sci.monash.edu.au/undergrad/firstyear/index.html>

Access it via the Science Faculty Home page

<http://www.sci.monash.edu.au/>

Then select

"Current Students"

Everything important is already there, or will be added during semester.

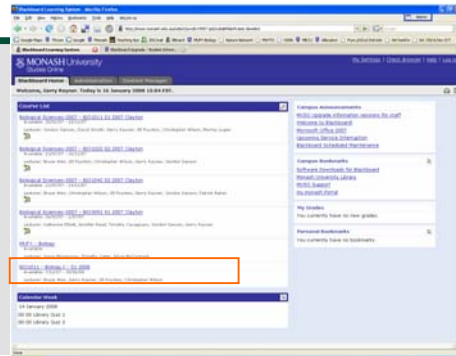
Computer stuff

- Read the 2009 Computer Resources booklet
- Extra copies, software CDs & account help are available at ITS service desk: Matheson Library Annexe (Bldg 4), 9-5 Mon-Fri (NOT weekends)
- Remember your Authcate user name and password
- Don't give your password to ANYONE!

Computer help

1. For Blackboard problems, go to <http://www.monash.edu.au/muso/support/students/contact.html> **and**
 - (i) Email them - muso.support@cait.monash.edu.au or
 - (ii) Log a fault or request with the jobdesk - http://jobdesk.monash.edu.au/login/index.cfm?jobdesk_id=14
2. or ask at the IT Services Desk in the Matheson Library
3. Don't wait until it's too late
4. BACK-UP everything!

What is Blackboard?



Blackboard



Important dates

- **Fri 13th March** - Last day to add or discontinue Semester 1 or full-year on-campus units without risk of late enrolment fee.
- **Mon 30th March**
 - Last day to discontinue Semester 1 units without 'WD Discontinued' showing on academic record.
 - Last day to discontinue Semester 1 units without incurring fees relevant for Semester 1.

Special consideration guidelines

- For during-semester issues (health, family etc) that impact your studies:
 - complete a special consideration form and submit, together with medical cert(s) to your Unit coordinator(s)
- For final exam illness or other issues:
 - complete a special consideration form and submit to Student Services - Faculty of Science
 - if you sit the final exam you cannot request special consideration afterwards

Note:

If you do not pay your fees, library fines, etc., you will lose access to:

- the 'My Monash' portal
- Blackboard
- the Library catalogue and databases
- the Web via the Monash system

Even after you've paid these, there is a delay of up to 4 days to restore your access...

Hargrave-Andrew Library (HAL) Building 30



Biological & Physical Sciences, Engineering,
Information Technology, Medicine and Health Sciences

Library Guides

Details about:

- Loan conditions
- Opening hours



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Your ID card

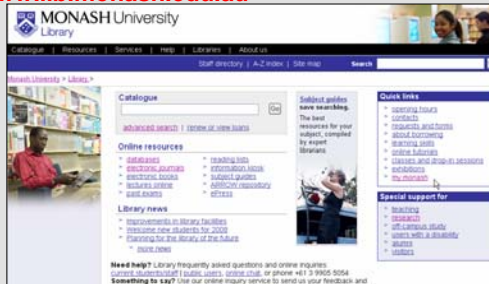
- borrowing
- photocopying and printing
(OR buy a separate copy/print card)



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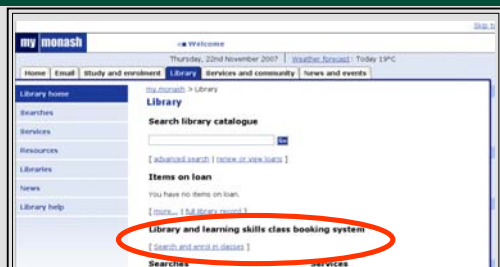
Library website

www.lib.monash.edu.au



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Register for classes & workshops



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The Library offers...

- Wireless network
- Workstations
- Printers and photocopiers
- Multimedia equipment
- Quiet and group discussion study areas
- Adaptive technology room
- Librarians to help you
- Books, journals and online resources

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The Learning Skills Unit Hargrave-Andrew Library

Learning Skills offers free academic support services to all Monash students through:

- Classes and workshops
- Drop-in sessions at HAL
- Online resources

Transition to University Workshops Weeks 1 and 2

- Learning in lectures, labs and tutes
- How to survive at university
- Listening to lectures
(for non-English speaking background students)
- Writing Lab Reports
- Using references in assignments
- Keep up! Managing your time

<http://www.lib.monash.edu.au/classes/hal/learning-skills.html>

Drop-in sessions at HAL

Weeks 2-14:

Mondays 12.00-2.00
Tuesdays 4.00-6.00
Wednesdays 8.30-9.30 & 4.00-6.00
Thursdays 12.00-2.00

- no appointment necessary
- 10-15 minute consultation
- individual or small group
- Learning Skills Adviser may advise longer consultation needing an appointment

<http://www.monash.edu.au/lis/llonline/>



Employment

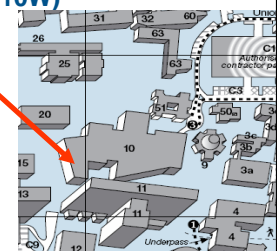
- **Careers Fairs**
 - For graduate, vacation & international jobs
- **Career Gateway**
 - For jobs & seminar registrations
- **Employer information sessions**

Careers

- **Seminars**
 - For job search & transition skills
- **Resumé, cover letter & interviews**
 - Individual support & feedback
- **Web resources**

Our Location @ Clayton Campus

**Ground Floor,
Campus Centre, (Building 10W)
(03) 9905 4170**



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Employment and Career Development
www.careers.monash.edu

The Career Service for Students
www.careers.monash.edu.au

**Health, Wellbeing & Development
West Wing of the Campus Centre**

First Floor

- Counselling Service
- Housing Advisory Service
- Student Financial Aid
- Family and Child Care Service
- Chaplaincy

Downstairs

- Health/Medical Service



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**IF YOU NEED
Health, Wellbeing, & Development
ASSISTANCE
Please
ASK
(9905 3156)**

For more information go to:
www.adm.monash.edu.au/commserv

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Monash Big Day Out



Friday 27 February

Register at the Health, Wellbeing & Development HUB
Bldg 10, Level 1, Campus Centre, West Wing Extension

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Centrelink
Youth Allowance Austudy ABSTUDY Rent Assistance Health Care cards



**Centrelink staff
on campus**

Date: Jan 27 – 30
Tues & Thurs, Feb 24 – April 2
Time: 10am to 3.30pm
Student Service Centre, Bldg 10

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When the Dog Eats Your Homework...

Grievances: ...and your lecturer won't believe you or give you an extension

Discipline: ... and you decide to copy your friend's and hand it in as yours

Exclusion: ... and needs an emergency trip to the vet's so you can't get to your exams and you fail everything

*Don't panic-
Student Rights Officers can help!*



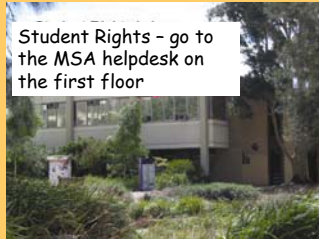
**MSA Student Rights:
Who, what, where, when?**

Yvonne Joyce
9905 3118

Monday-Friday
9:00-5:00

Free and
confidential

studentrights.msa@adm.monash.edu.au



**Still need more advice/help from someone that
isn't ancient and grey?**

**Join the
Monash Science Society**



Free Food Outside...

Enjoy your years at uni!

Make it the best time of your life!

