Dalyell Stream advice

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DALYELL Frequently Asked Questions (FASS)

Becoming a Dalyell Scholar
Invitations to join the Dalyell Scholars program are made automatically (students do not need to apply). Invitations must be accepted in Sydney Student (under the ‘My Studies’ tab) by the end of Week 2 of the semester.

Students enrolling in degree courses in which the Dalyell stream is available will be invited to join the Dalyell stream if they have achieved an ATAR of at least 98.00 (or equivalent).

Existing students will be invited to join the Dalyell stream after completing 48 credit points at the University (the equivalent of one year of full-time study), if they achieve a cross-semester average mark (CSAM) of 80+ and are enrolled in a degree course in which the Dalyell stream is available.

Compulsory elements of the program
Dalyell Scholars are required to maintain a cross-semester average mark (CSAM) of 75 to remain in the stream. Students who fail to do so will be withdrawn from the program, except where extenuating circumstances apply.

They must also complete 12 credit points from a pool of designated Dalyell units of study.

Dalyell units of study
These units are only open to Dalyell Scholars.

A full list can be found in the Interdisciplinary Studies Handbook.

Dalyell Scholars may take units offered by any Faculty (not just FASS).

Dalyell units occupy elective space within the degree courses offered by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Units taken on exchange may not count towards the compulsory 12 credit point requirement of the Dalyell program.

Dalyell units generally have no prerequisites, and can be taken at any point a student has free elective space within their degree course. However, there is often more flexibility in first and second year of our degree courses than third and fourth year, and this is usually the best time to fit in Dalyell units (and OLE units too).

The decision about when to take Dalyell units should always be taken in full knowledge of the resolutions of a degree course, and the progression requirements of its component programs, majors and minors, as these all affect the amount of elective space available across the degree.

Degree planning
It is important that students plan their degrees carefully, to ensure that there is enough free elective space to accommodate the 12 credit points of Dalyell units required to complete the program, while also satisfying the other requirements of their degree course.
Generally, first and second year offer more space to accommodate Dalyell units.

It is particularly crucial to make a detailed degree plan if a candidate wants to accommodate the Dalyell program and:
(a) is intending to go on exchange during their degree course
(b) intends to undertake an embedded Honours year (in FASS degree courses this requires a double major to be completed by the end of the third year of full-time study, and generally leaves no elective space free in third year)
(c) has already completed elective units, or had elective units credited to their degree from previous study
(d) is enrolled in a degree course with little elective space (e.g. BA/LLB, BEc and BEc/BAS, and the streams within the BA/BAS: International and Global Studies, Media and Communications, Politics and International Relations, Languages).

There are a number of resources to help with degree planning:
(a) there is a range of sample degree plans for degree courses offered by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences online
(b) the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Undergraduate Handbook is the place to go for degree resolutions and information about the requirements of the programs, majors and minors we offer. Note that relevant UG handbook for a particular student is always the one from the year in which they commenced their studies. The Handbook Archive is here
(c) students in combined Law degrees should also be familiar with the Law School UG handbook
(d) the Faculty’s team of academic advisors are available to assist with degree planning and students can get in touch with them via this link
(e) the Dalyell Lead and Dalyell Coordinators are able to answer Dalyell-related degree planning questions (contact details below)
(f) Faculty Student Services can be asked for a degree check, to determine what units a student has to do to complete their degree course and identify possible issues affecting timely completion. Email: fass.facultyservices@sydney.edu.au

OLEs and the Dalyell program
FASS students enrolled in the Dalyell stream will be required to complete:
(i) a minimum of 6 credit points of units of study in the Open Learning Environment; and
(ii) a minimum of 12 credit points of Dalyell units of study.

If a student leaves the Dalyell stream for any reason having completed a minimum of 6 credit points of Dalyell units of study, then the requirement to take a minimum of 6 credit points of OLE units of study will continue to apply to the student’s current degree course.

If a student leaves the Dalyell stream for any reason without having completed 6 credit points of Dalyell units of study, then the standard requirements for FASS degree courses (12 credit points of OLE units) will apply.

Exchange and Global Mobility
Each Dalyell Scholar is entitled to a global mobility scholarship of $2000. The scholarship may be used towards either a short-term (winter, summer or internship) mobility opportunity worth at least 6 credit points, or a semester exchange worth up to 24 credit points. Mobility opportunities that do not meet these requirements cannot be supported by the scholarship.
Students should have completed 24 credit points in their current course and have been accepted into a Global Mobility program prior to requesting the Dalyell Global Mobility Scholarship via the Global Mobility database here.

If a student is awarded a Dalyell Global Mobility scholarship, they may still subsequently withdraw from the Dalyell stream.

The Dalyell Global Mobility Scholarship may not be held concurrently with any other University exchange scholarship except the Vice Chancellor’s Global Mobility Award. More information about exchange scholarships can be found here.

Units taken on exchange may not count towards the Dalyell unit requirements for Dalyell Scholars.

Information about the types of mobility opportunities available and how to plan and apply for exchange can be found on the University Dalyell Scholars Canvas site.

The Global Mobility Database is the place to go to search for an exchange program and to find full information about scholarships, making an application, and the exchange experience.

**Withdrawing from Dalyell**
A student may withdraw from the Dalyell stream at any time.

Students are advised to consult their Faculty Dalyell Lead before withdrawing from the stream.

Once a student has withdrawn from the stream, they will not be permitted to re-enter it.

If a student withdraws from the Dalyell stream, any Dalyell units completed will count as electives in their degree course and will appear on their transcript.

Students may withdraw from the Dalyell stream via Sydney Student (go to 'Course details' then 'Request to opt out of Dalyell Scholars').

Students will be withdrawn from the Dalyell stream if they fail to maintain a CSAM of 75, unless extenuating circumstances apply (see further below).

**Showing cause to remain in the Dalyell stream**
If extenuating circumstances have meant that a student has been unable to maintain a CSAM of 75, it may be possible to show cause to remain in the stream.

Students are advised to contact their Faculty Dalyell Lead and make an appointment if they feel that their performance was significantly affected by extenuating circumstances.

An appeal to remain in the Dalyell stream needs to be accompanied by supporting documentation.

Decisions are taken by the Dalyell Lead in consultation with the Associate Dean (UG Programs).
Mentoring
Dalyell scholars are offered the opportunity to participate in three optional mentoring programs across the course of their degrees.

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences offers a semester-long program of peer-to-peer mentoring in Year One, to encourage cohort-building and help with the transition to University. Students register through the first year FASS UG newsletter or the University’s Welcome events app and are matched with senior level Dalyell candidates. The program runs in both semesters.

Academic mentoring is offered in Year Two. This is a year-long program, in which students are matched with an academic in the Faculty with complementary interests, and is intended to help them think strategically about their university experience. A call for expressions of interest goes out to the students in late February.

In Year Three, the University coordinates a mentoring program with alumni professionals to discuss developing employability, and career and research pathways. This program is overseen by Sanchia Osborn in the Division of Alumni & Development (sanchia.osborn@sydney.edu.au).

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Other sources of advice and information
The University Dalyell Scholars Canvas site has information and advice about degree planning, global mobility, and more. This is also the place to go for announcements about changes to the program, enrichment activities and events.

There is also a University Guide for Dalyell Scholars with further information here.

And information for current and future Dalyell scholars about what the stream involves, the opportunities available and the practicalities of managing enrolment here.