

## 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 and still have sufficient elective space to complete the program requirements without compromising access to other opportunities in their degree (e.g. Honours).

Students should **accept their offer in Sydney Student** via "Manage studies" >> "Enrolment".

### Compulsory elements of the program

Dalyell Scholars are required to maintain a **cross-semester average mark (CSAM) of 75** over each 48 credit point set completed to remain in the stream.<sup>1</sup> Students who fail to do so will be withdrawn from the program, except where extenuating circumstances apply.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 what would otherwise be **elective space or OLE 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 often the best time to fit in Dalyell units (and OLE units too).

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<sup>1</sup> The CSAM test was not run in 2020 or at the end of the first semester of 2021, to mitigate the disruptive effects of COVID-19. It was reinstated in January 2022 (end S2 2021). All units attempted count to the CSAM test, even if completed during the test pause period.

Although Dalyell units have **2000-level and 3000-level codes**, they can be taken at any time during a student's degree course where there is space (including in first year).

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, and when it is available.

Students in the Dalyell stream are only required to complete **6 credit points of OLE units**. This is to provide more elective space into which the Dalyell unit requirement can be fitted.

Dalyell units are **not regarded as compulsory elements of a degree course**, and students cannot overload (exceed the credit point limit of their degree) in order to complete them.

### 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 within the BA/BAS or BEc/BAS (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 little or 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 information on the **Current Students** part of the university website about [how to plan a liberal studies degree](#).
- (b) FASS students can find **sample degree pathways** and a **degree check guide** on the FASS Student Affairs and Engagement Canvas page: <https://canvas.sydney.edu.au/courses/11647/pages/plan-your-degree>
- (c) 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](#)
- (d) students in combined Law degrees should also be familiar with the **Law School UG handbook**
- (e) 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](#)
- (f) the **Dalyell Lead and Dalyell Coordinators** are able to answer Dalyell-related degree planning questions (contact details below)

- (g) Students in their final semester can ask Faculty Student Services for a **degree check**, to determine what units they have to do to complete their degree course and identify possible issues affecting timely completion. Degree checks can be requested through the Student Centre portal: <https://www.sydney.edu.au/students/forms/make-an-enquiry.html>

### Honours

All embedded Honours applicants enrolled in a FASS combined degree with a stream (Media and Communications, Politics and International Relations, International and Global Studies, and Languages), who meet all other requirements for entry into embedded Honours, including the approval of the relevant Department, are approved to **increase the credit point requirement (192) of their degree to accommodate the 48 cp Honours program.**

Honours in a combined BAS (or standalone BAS) degree requires a **double major.**

If an internal student doesn't have the space or has competing interests preventing them from completing two majors but still wants to do Honours, they will do the **Appended BA Honours** degree. Most external students will be directed to Appended Honours unless they have graduated with a double major. More information about the BA (Hons) degree can be found here: <https://www.sydney.edu.au/courses/courses/uc/bachelor-of-arts-honours.html>

### OLEs and the Dalyell program

FASS students enrolled in the Dalyell stream are 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.

The advice in **Sydney Student** has not kept up with the above, and the system will still tell Dalyell students they need to complete 12 OLE credit points. They should ignore this. The 6 credit point OLE requirement for all Dalyell scholars was approved by Academic Board and announced [here](#).

### Changing degrees as a Dalyell Scholar

An application for an **internal course transfer** (to change from one degree to another) automatically removes a student from the Dalyell stream. Students should write to their Dalyell Lead to request to have their Dalyell status reinstated (which it will be, if they have room for the Table D units in their new degree and have maintained the expected CSAM).

### The Faculty core unit

Students in the Dalyell stream who commenced their degree in 2021 or earlier are **not required to take the BA core** (transition) unit, [FASS1000](#), though they may do so if they choose (it would count as an elective unit).

BA and BA/BAS students in the Dalyell stream, who are not in another degree stream (INGS, MECO, PIR, languages) and who commenced their degree in 2022 **are required to complete FASS1000.**

Students who have **completed at least one year of full-time study at AQ7/AQF8 level, with half that study comprising units from Arts & Humanities subject areas** are not required to take FASS1000. So those transferring into the BA/BAS with 48 credit points or more, generally won't be required to take the Faculty core unit.

If a Dalyell student chooses to **leave the Dalyell program after a year and continue in the Bachelor of Arts with no stream** they will not be required to complete FASS1000 if they also meet the aforementioned criteria (24+ FASS credit points and 1 year of full time study).

### Enrichment units

The Interdisciplinary Handbook lists a table of **enrichment units** available to Dalyell Scholars in [Table D](#). **Pre-requisites for these units are waived** for students in the Dalyell stream, and students may take units up to two years higher than their degree level.

Students apply to take enrichment units via the **enrolment exception request process in Sydney Student**. A guide can be found [here](#). They will be asked to select a reason for their request from a drop-down menu (and should choose Dalyell enrichment/acceleration). In the comments box it is important that students **clearly state the reason** for their application to waive prerequisites: e.g. "I am a student in the Dalyell stream, and would like to take HSTY3903 as an enrichment unit."

### Acceleration

Students in the Dalyell stream may apply to **accelerate** their progress through their major, minor, degree core or program, as [detailed in the handbook](#). Permission is only granted to do this when a student has attained a comparable level of expertise outside the University to that detailed in the outcomes of the unit skipped. Any unit skipped must be replaced by another unit at a higher level (e.g. if a student skips 1000-level units in a major, they must make those up with 2000 or 3000-level units, and their major must still comprise 48 credit points in total).

Students apply to accelerate their enrolment via the **enrolment exception request process in Sydney Student**. A guide can be found [here](#) and see also above under "enrichment units."

### Exchange, Global Mobility and Enrichment activities

Each Dalyell Scholar is entitled to a **global mobility and enrichment 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. Alternatively, with the support of the Dalyell Lead, the scholarship can support participation in not-for-credit and virtual programs, and for enriching domestic activities (an exemption process is in development – further details are coming soon).

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. They will not be asked to pay the scholarship back.

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.

In 2021 and 2022, there is a range of **virtual short-term and semester programs** on offer. The Dalyell Global Mobility Scholarship has been approved to offset the costs of virtual exchange and domestic enrichment activities up to 19 February 2023.

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, as well as to register for information sessions.

For more information about exchange opportunities, students should [email Sydney Abroad](#).

There is also information about the **types of mobility opportunities available** and **how to plan and apply for exchange** on the [University Dalyell Scholars Canvas site](#).

### **Withdrawal 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).

The CSAM test was **not run in 2020 or the first half of 2021**, to mitigate the disruptive effects of COVID-19. It has now been reinstated.

### **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 **mentoring programs** across the course of their degrees.

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences offers **peer-to-peer mentoring in Year One** (students can engage in the program in either Semester 1 or Semester 2). This program encourages 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.

**Academic mentoring** is offered in **Year Two**. From 2023, this will be a 4-6 week program in which students are matched with an academic in the Faculty with complementary interests. The program is designed to help them think strategically about their university experience. Students will be able to engage with the program in either Semester 1 or Semester 2.

In **Year Three, Semester 1** the University coordinates a mentoring program with **alumni professionals** to discuss developing employability, and career and research pathways. Further information about this program may be found on the Dalyell Scholars webpage [here](#). The webpage also has a link to register interest in the program.

### **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. If students do not have access to the site, they should email their Faculty Dalyell Lead to request it.

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](#).

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