

CHECKLIST – Partner University

To Do	Explanation/Tips
Attendance	<p>Depending on your courses, there might be compulsory attendance. This can be either through a participation rate or weekly quizzes that require your attendance in class. If you fail to attend at least 80%, this will have an effect on your grade. However, you will not fail a course if you do not have 100% attendance.</p>
Campus organisation	<p>Monash University has 6 campuses around Melbourne. As a Macromedia student, you will most likely be on Caulfield or Clayton Campus. Caulfield is mainly for business studies, whereas Clayton - as the largest campus – represents eight faculties, including medicine, art and linguistic studies.</p>
Journey to campus	<p>Caulfield campus is close to CBD and easy to reach by public transport or even by bike. The train station is only two minutes by feet and there are parking options for cars and bikes.</p> <p>Clayton campus is located 20 kilometres from CBD and thus, requires a longer journey. There is a free shuttle between Clayton and Caulfield that runs every 20 minutes. Alternatively, take the Pakenham/Cranbourne train line to Huntingdale Station and then the 301/630 or 900 bus to campus.</p>
Food options on campus	<p>Every campus offers a variety of food options. Keep in mind that those are convenient yet overpriced. Caulfield campus has different cafés, a sushi shop and a Mexican restaurant. Next to the campus is a Coles, and other restaurants/cafés. <i>Caulfield Plaza Bakery</i> is a hidden gem for cheap coffee and sandwiches.</p> <p>Clayton Campus Centre has a huge food court offering almost any kind of cuisine, from Mexican, to Indian, Italian and food chains like Subway.</p>
Campus Life	<p>Throughout the semester MONSU or MSA held weekly events on each campus. For instance, there were always free lunches on Wednesdays at Caulfield Campus. Besides MONSU organised talks about important topics such as mental health.</p> <p>In general, the campuses are very open, with heaps of sitting places in- and outside. Most students are very open and communicative which makes it easy to meet new people.</p>

Libraries	<p>Caulfield Library is at the very centre of the campus and has a wide range of books, study spaces, discussion rooms and computers. The main study spaces have big tables which is ideal when studying with a group or to meet new people. In busy periods it can get a bit louder but there are also quiet-study areas available.</p> <p>Clayton has three different libraries. Sir Louis Matheson Library is the main one, however, it is often very busy and encapsulated in there. Thus, Hargrave-Andrew Library – which is primarily for biological and technological sciences - is the better choice for quiet study sessions.</p> <p>Monash also has an online library with a big variety of ebooks, articles and journals etc. When writing any papers or when studying for your exams, this is the best option to get easy access to important resources.</p>
Printers	Every library has printers. A single print item costs only \$0.08 which you can pay by adding credit to your M-Pass.
Clubs and societies	Monash runs various student clubs and societies from Marketing to Music&Theatre, Nutrition and Amnesty International. Joining a club is a great way to get active and meet new people that share the same interests. Clubs and societies present themselves at O-Fest in week 1 where you have the possibility to join them and get freebies.
Gym	<p>Both campuses have a big gym that is free to use for current students, as well as group fitness classes for a membership fee. Clayton campus has the Doug Ellis Swimming Pool in which you can attend aquatic fitness courses.</p> <p>Apart from Monash’s sport offerings, you can also join a sports club such as football, cricket, volleyball or hiking.</p>
Timetable	<p>3-4 weeks before your semester starts, you will get a link to create your own timetable and sign into your courses. Some courses are already pre-set as the International Office has chosen them for you. The timing of all other courses is up to you, and you can arrange them as you like. It is advisable to build them around your set courses to have only one or two uni days on campus. Make sure to allocate your courses as early as you can, so that you have the most options and best times available.</p> <p>Since everyone has to allocate their own timetable, you might not be with your fellow Macromedia students.</p>
Hybrid classes	Similar to Macromedia, Monash University follows a hybrid learning model. Lectures are held online via

	<p>Moodle. Some are live while others are pre-recorded and flexible to watch. These online classes provide the content and thus, the fundament for your weekly tutorials (and quizzes, if applicable). All resources, including books, articles, assessment information etc. are on Moodle which is an easy and organised way to access materials.</p> <p>Tutorials are held on campus. Thereby, you will work together with your classmates in groups (the rooms are designed in several big tables to enable an exchange). Tutors will always make sure that groups are of mixed nationalities to support cultural diversity. The classes are structured in a way that teachers give a stimulus about which you then have to work on or discuss within your group.</p>
Assessments / Exams	<p>Every course has different assessments, for example weekly quizzes, essays, (group) presentations, pitch decks or exams. Differently from Macromedia, there are assessments throughout the semester instead of one major deadline at the end. Therefore, create an overview with all assessments as it can get a bit intricate, particularly at the end.</p> <p>Each assessment counts a certain percentage to the end grade. Even if one assignment with 10% does not sound much, it can make a difference in the end. The grading system reaches from HD (High Distinction) to F (Fail) and depends on the performance percentage.</p>
Classmates	<p>All classes consist of international students. This is a great opportunity to learn from different cultures and make friends with people from all around the world. In my classes, the German percentage was very low –sometimes I was the only German student. Although this might sound frightening for some, it is the best way to improve English and build intercultural competences.</p>