

Senior Secondary Certificate

Consider the type of Senior Secondary Certificate you wish to complete:

Tertiary (T)

These courses prepare you for university or further education. T course scores are used to calculate an ATAR, along with your AST result.

Accredited (A)

These courses prepare you for further study at CIT or TAFE, employment or alternative pathways to university.

Vocational (V)

These courses lead to skill development in industry areas that can lead to nationally recognised vocational qualifications.

Accredited Package Requirements:

To gain an Accredited Package, you must successfully complete:

- 4 minors
- AND be studying in at least 4 courses in at least 3 different course areas
- AND one of the minors must be English/ ESL/ Literature
- AND obtain at least 17 points
- AND if you have moved from another school you must complete at least 8.5 points at Dickson College

Tertiary Package Requirements:

To gain a Tertiary Package you must successfully complete:

- 3 T Majors and 3 Minors (1 minor must be T)
- OR 4 Majors and 1 Minor (4 of these must be T)
- OR 5 Majors (4 of these must be T)
- AND be studying in at least 4 courses in at least 3 different course areas
- AND at least one Minor must be in English/ ESL/ Literature
- AND sit the AST
- AND obtain at least 20 points (18 points must come from T/A/M/H/E/C units – not R units)
- AND if you have moved from another school you must complete at least 10 points at Dickson College (and at least half of each Major or Minor used to calculate your ATAR)

What is a Standard Unit?

A standard unit is the completion of a class over 1 semester (or 55 hours)

A half unit (0.5 unit) is the completion of a class over a quadrimester (or 27.5 hours)

To pass each standard unit, students must meet the 90% attendance and 70% assessment requirements otherwise a V (Void) grade will result

Course Patterns of Study:

Minor = 2 standard units

Major = 3.5 standard units

Major/Minor = 5.5 standard units

Double Major = 7 standard units

No more than 8 units can be studied in any course.

Registered Units (R):

R units provide the opportunity to learn new skills or participate in other activity eg. Sport, WEX, Volunteering.

R units are assessed on participation only so it is essential to meet the attendance requirements.

Talk to your Year Co-ordinator or Careers Advisors if you are unsure whether an A or T package is best for you.