

Master of Business Administration and Master of Professional Accounting (MBPA) - MBAMPA

CRICOS code (International applicants): 067691C

	On-campus	Distance education
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (March) Semester 2 (July) Semester 3 (November)	Semester 1 (March) Semester 2 (July) Semester 3 (November)
Campus:	Springfield, Toowoomba	-
Fees:	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	2 years full-time, up to 6 years part-time	
Program articulation:	From: Postgraduate Certificate in Business To: Doctor of Business Administration	

Notes:

There are limited courses available in semester 3.

Contact us

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Program focus

The double degree in the Master of Business Administration and the Master of Professional Accounting allows the learning objectives of each program to be met. In addition, graduates will focus on professional accounting study within the broader management context of the Master of Business Administration, better preparing them for senior management roles within organisations and acquiring enhanced generic skills offered by that program. Graduates of the double degree will receive a testamur for each degree.

Professional accreditation

Master of Professional Accounting component

The program satisfies the initial educational entrance requirements of both CPA Australia and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (ICAA).

We recommend that graduates in Accounting from an overseas university obtain a qualifications assessment from CPA Australia before applying for admission. In many cases, such graduates may be required to complete only 3 - 4 courses to achieve Associate membership. These can be studied through a [Graduate Certificate in Business](#).

Local recognition (for overseas students): For overseas candidates seeking membership of their home accounting bodies, full members of CPA Australia and/or ICAA are usually offered reciprocal membership. This is a fast track to become a qualified accountant in one's home country.

Program aims

The Master of Professional Accounting will enable non-accounting university graduates the opportunity to acquire an accounting qualification recognised by the Australian accounting professional bodies.

The Master of Business Administration aims to produce graduates who have been exposed to a range of management skills and who have been trained to use these skills in a manner that will enable them to better handle the managerial demands of modern business practices.

Program objectives

The objectives of the Master of Business Administration are to produce graduates who are able to:

- thoroughly understand the basic theories and skills of modern management discipline areas
- display competence in a wide range of areas relevant to management practice at senior levels
- demonstrate their knowledge of current behavioural, policy and strategic issues so as to improve organisational efficiency
- use well-developed communication skills to interact effectively with other people at a superior and lower work level
- comprehend, analyse and evaluate internal and external environmental forces, and develop strategic plans for the management of change
- display a thorough understanding of the relevant political, cultural and business environment, and of ethical standards in modern business
- analyse developments in a chosen area of management, and to critically evaluate the relationships between such developments and contemporary theory and practice
- further enhance their managerial skills through a commitment to ongoing managerial development.

The objectives of the Master of Professional Accounting are to produce graduates who are able to:

- prepare and analyse financial and management accounting reports
- audit financial records and statements and produce audit reports
- prepare taxation returns and advise clients on taxation issues
- comprehend and apply accounting theory to current accounting developments and problems
- understand and apply the principles of business finance and investment evaluation
- comprehend the legal framework within which businesses operate and apply this knowledge in addressing commercial legal problems.

Admission requirements

Candidates for entry into the Master of Business Administration and the Master of Professional Accounting double degree program must:

- hold a tertiary qualification at bachelor degree or equivalent level normally in any field other than accounting from a recognised university or tertiary institution, provided that such qualification is accepted by the Director of Postgraduate Studies as sufficient for admission to the program, and is in accordance with the appropriate professional body guidelines
- have a minimum of two years full-time equivalent work experience, as determined by the Director of Postgraduate Studies.

Applicants with overseas academic qualifications in accounting should write to either of the accounting professional bodies for an assessment of their qualifications (prior to applying for enrolment in the program).

Admission to the double degree program will not be granted to persons who are members of or eligible for membership of CPA Australia or The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia but they may be eligible to enrol in the [Master of Business Administration](#) as a single degree.

International applicants must have met the [University's English language requirements](#) or have completed the [University's ELICOS/EAP program](#).

How to apply

Domestic students

[Application for postgraduate programs](#) may be made directly to USQ. You should ensure you submit your application by the [closing dates](#).

International students

This program is offered to international students. An international student is a person who is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen and not an Australian permanent resident. Please refer to [USQ International](#) for information about entry requirements, visa arrangements and how to apply.

Program fees

Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#).

International full fee paying place

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Program structure

Course	Semester/mode of offer Toowoomba campus	Semester/mode of offer Springfield campus
ACC5202 Accounting	S1 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S2 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S3 (EXT)	S1 (ONC)
ACC5213 Cost and Management Accounting	S1 (ONC, EXT), S2 (ONC, EXT, WEB)	S2 (ONC)
ACC5215 Corporate Accounting	S1 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S2 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S3 (EXT)	S1 (ONC)
ACC5216 Accounting Theory	S1 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S2 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S3 (EXT)	S2 (ONC)
ACC5218 Auditing Practice	S1 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S2 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S3 (EXT)	S2 (ONC)
CIS5001 Information Systems for Managers	S1 (ONC, EXT), S2 (ONC, EXT)	S1 (ONC)
ECO5000 Economics for Managers	S2 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S3 (EXT, WEB)	S2 (ONC)
FIN5000 Financial Management	S1 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S3 (ONC, EXT, WEB)	S1 (ONC)
FIN5003 Decision Support Tools (Formerly MGT5001)	S1 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S3 (EXT, WEB)	S1 (ONC)
LAW5201 Commercial Law	S1 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S2 (EXT), S3 (EXT)	S2 (ONC)
LAW5206 Corporations Law	S2 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S3 (EXT)	S2 (ONC), S3 (ONC)
LAW5230 Taxation Law	S1 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S2 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S3 (EXT, WEB)	S1 (ONC)

MGT5000 Management and Organisational Behaviour	S1 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S3 (EXT, WEB)	S1 (ONC)
MGT8002 Strategic Management	S2 (EXT, WEB), S3 (ONC, EXT, WEB)	
MKT5000 Marketing Management	S2 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S3 (EXT, WEB)	S2 (ONC)
Elective*		

Footnotes

* One 8000 level course from the [Master of Business](#) or [Master of Business Administration](#) approved by the Director of Postgraduate Studies.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 6 years to complete this program.

IT requirements

For information technology requirements please refer to the [computer requirements section](#).

Other program requirements

Students must maintain good standing in this program. Please refer to Section 2 of the [Academic Standing, Progression and Exclusion Policy](#).

Exit points

A student who chooses not to complete or who does not maintain good standing in this program will be permitted to exit with a lesser qualification as set out below, provided that they have met the requirements of that program.

- A student who successfully completes all requirements for the [Postgraduate Certificate in Business](#) may, upon application, exit with that qualification.
- A student who successfully completes eight Master of Business Administration and Master of Professional Accounting courses may, upon application, exit with a Postgraduate Diploma of Business.
- A student who successfully completes the requirements for either [Master of Business Administration](#) and [Master of Professional Accounting](#) courses may, upon application, exit with that program.

Exemptions

Exemptions may be granted on the basis of equivalent courses undertaken at postgraduate level. A double degree is required to meet the requirements of each degree studied with a maximum of 50% exemptions for each program studied individually.

This double degree meets the requirements of the 12 unit [Master of Business Administration](#) and the [Master of Professional Accounting](#). The two programs together require the completion of 24 units, including the possibility of 12 units of exemptions with up to six units of exemptions from each program. The structure of this double degree, Master of Business Administration and Master of Professional Accounting, has been designed to include the cross allocation of eight units of exemptions leaving students the possibility of a further four units of exemptions.

In order for an exemption to be granted, the claim must meet the following specific requirements:

- the course passed was taken at least at Masters or equivalent level
- the course was passed within five years prior to the application (courses up to 10 years old may be considered if evidence is provided that the applicant has been employed in that field)
- the course passed is equivalent in objectives, content and weightings to a course prescribed in the program course, or alternatively, the course is suitable as an elective

- where the student has taken out an award from a recognised tertiary institution and is claiming exemptions on the basis of courses completed to meet the requirements of that program, the maximum exemptions on the basis of such courses shall be one-half of the total courses for the program
- exemptions approved in this program will not automatically apply to other programs offered by the USQ.

Note: Where exemptions are granted, maximum and minimum duration will be adjusted in the same proportion as the exemptions, for example, where the maximum of 50 per cent exemptions is granted, maximum and minimum duration will be reduced by one-half.

Recommended enrolment pattern - Toowoomba on-campus

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements	Comments
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (WEB)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
ACC5202 Accounting	1	1					OE	
MGT5000 Management and Organisational Behaviour	1	1					OE	
FIN5003 Decision Support Tools	1	1					OE	Formerly MGT5001.
LAW5201 Commercial Law	1	1					OE	
ACC5213 Cost and Management Accounting	1	2					Pre-requisite: ACC5202 OE	
CIS5001 Information Systems for Managers	1	2					OE	
ECO5000 Economics for Managers	1	2					OE	
LAW5206 Corporations Law	1	2					Pre-requisite: LAW5201 OE	
MGT8002 Strategic Management	1	3					OE	
FIN5000 Financial Management	2	1					Co-requisite: ACC5202 or ACC5502 or ECO5000 or FIN8102 OE	
ACC5215 Corporate Accounting	2	1					Pre-requisite: ACC5202 OE	
ACC5218 Auditing Practice	2	1					Pre-requisite: ACC5202 Co-requisite: ACC5215 OE	
LAW5230 Taxation Law	2	1					Pre-requisite: (ACC5202 or ACC5502 or ACC5216 or ACC5218) and (LAW5206 or Master of Business students - equivalent course/equivalent experience). OE	
ACC5216 Accounting Theory	2	2					Pre-requisite/Co-requisite: ACC5213 and ACC5215 OE	
MKT5000 Marketing Management	2	2					OE	
Elective	2	2						

Footnotes

OE Before enrolling in this course students must check that they have satisfied the 'Recommended prior study' or 'Other enrolment' requirements set out in the Other requisites section of the course specification.

Recommended enrolment pattern - Springfield on-campus

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements	Comments
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (WEB)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
ACC5202 Accounting	1	1					OE	
MGT5000 Management and Organisational Behaviour	1	1					OE	
FIN5003 Decision Support Tools	1	1					OE	Formerly MGT5001.

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements	Comments
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (WEB)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
CIS5001 Information Systems for Managers	1	1					OE	
LAW5201 Commercial Law	1	2					OE	
ECO5000 Economics for Managers	1	2					OE	
ACC5215 Corporate Accounting	1	2					Pre-requisite: ACC5202 OE	
MKT5000 Marketing Management	1	2					OE	
LAW5206 Corporations Law	1	3					Pre-requisite: LAW5201 OE	
MGT8002 Strategic Management	1	3					OE	
ACC5213 Cost and Management Accounting	2	1					Pre-requisite: ACC5202 OE	
FIN5000 Financial Management	2	1					Co-requisite: ACC5202 or ACC5502 or ECO5000 or FIN8102 OE	
ACC5218 Auditing Practice	2	1					Pre-requisite: ACC5202 Co-requisite: ACC5215 OE	
LAW5230 Taxation Law	2	1					Pre-requisite: (ACC5202 or ACC5502 or ACC5216 or ACC5218) and (LAW5206 or Master of Business students - equivalent course/equivalent experience). OE	
ACC5216 Accounting Theory	2	2					Pre-requisite/Co-requisite: ACC5213 and ACC5215 OE	
Elective	2	2						

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Recommended enrolment pattern - Toowoomba external

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements	Comments
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (WEB)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
ACC5202 Accounting			1	1			OE	
MGT5000 Management and Organisational Behaviour			1	1			OE	
LAW5201 Commercial Law			1	2			OE	
ACC5213 Cost and Management Accounting			1	2			Pre-requisite: ACC5202 OE	
LAW5206 Corporations Law			1	3			Pre-requisite: LAW5201 OE	
FIN5003 Decision Support Tools			2	1			OE	Formerly MGT5001.
CIS5001 Information Systems for Managers			2	1			OE	
ECO5000 Economics for Managers			2	2			OE	
MKT5000 Marketing Management			2	2			OE	
MGT8002 Strategic Management			2	3			OE	
FIN5000 Financial Management			3	1			Co-requisite: ACC5202 or ACC5502 or ECO5000 or FIN8102 OE	
LAW5230 Taxation Law			3	1			Pre-requisite: (ACC5202 or ACC5502 or ACC5216 or ACC5218) and (LAW5206 or Master of Business students	

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements	Comments
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (WEB)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
							- equivalent course/equivalent experience). OE	
ACC5215 Corporate Accounting			3	2			Pre-requisite: ACC5202 OE	
ACC5218 Auditing Practice			3	2			Pre-requisite: ACC5202 Co-requisite: ACC5215 OE	
ACC5216 Accounting Theory			4	1			Pre-requisite/Co-requisite: ACC5213 and ACC5215 OE	
Elective			4	1				

Footnotes

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