

Graduate Diploma of Business (GDBS) - GradDipBus

CRICOS code (International applicants): 072355K

	On-campus#	Distance education
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (February) 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:	1 year full-time, up to 4 years part-time	
Program articulation:	To: Master of Information Systems ; ; Master of Information Systems Extended ; Master of Professional Accounting ; Master of Professional Accounting Extended	

Footnotes

The Information Systems specialisation is offered in on-campus mode at Toowoomba only.

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Program focus

The Graduate Diploma of Business gives students the opportunity to enhance their career prospects by obtaining knowledge in a specialist field. Students may choose between the fields of accounting or information systems.

Accounting specialisation

Accounting specialisation provides non-accounting university graduates and other approved applicants the opportunity to acquire the skills necessary to pursue entry level and para-professional employment in public practice, commerce and industry or in the government or not-for-profit sector. Upon completion students have the option to articulate to the [Master of Professional Accounting](#) to acquire an accounting qualification recognised by the Australian accounting professional bodies.

Career opportunities

Entry level and para-professional employment in public practice, commerce and industry or in the government or not-for-profit sector.

Graduates should have a strong understanding of relevant academic disciplines and possess knowledge and skills in problem resolution that will enable them to work effectively in their chosen area of specialisation.

Information systems specialisation

Information Systems provides professional qualifications in computing for graduates from disciplines other than computing or information systems. It is vocationally oriented emphasising the resolution of technological problems leading to the effective management and analysis of information in both private and public sectors.

Career opportunities

Graduates can expect a good commencing salary working in a range of jobs such as: Web Developer, Developer/Programmer Analyst, Systems Analyst, Database Development and Administration, Help Desk Support and Trainer.

Professional accreditation

The Information Systems specialisation in the Graduate Diploma of Business is accredited by the [Australian Computer Society](#) and, through the Seoul Accord, is recognised in other countries.

Program aims

The Graduate Diploma of Business gives students the opportunity to enhance their career prospects by obtaining knowledge in a specialist field. Students may choose between the fields of accounting or information systems.

Graduates will have an in-depth understanding of relevant academic disciplines and possess knowledge and skills in problem resolution that will enable them to work effectively in their chosen area of specialisation.

Program objectives

The objectives of the Graduate Diploma of Business are to enable graduates to:

- acquire specific knowledge and skills in accounting or information systems which are relevant to their disciplines
- become better problem-solvers and innovative thinkers, who are able to learn new skills independently and efficiently, and consequently to succeed in a competitive professional environment
- identify information needs appropriate to their area of specialisation, and apply the techniques required to gather and interpret such information
- understand the ethics of their profession and the need for a commitment to that profession.

Admission requirements

Requirements for the Graduate Diploma of Business:

Accounting specialisation option 1:

Applicants must have successfully completed an accredited post year 12 qualification equivalent to at least 2 years full-time study provided that such qualification is accepted by the Director of Coursework Studies, as sufficient for admission to the program.

Accounting specialisation option 2:

Applicants must have completed a minimum of at least 5 years relevant work experience.

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

The Education Assessment Officer CPA Australia GPO Box 2820AA MELBOURNE VIC 3001 www.cpaaustralia.com.au	or	The National Qualifications Administrator The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia GPO Box 3921 SYDNEY NSW 2000 www.icaa.org.au
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Information Systems specialisation:

For admission to the Information Systems specialisation applicants must hold at least a 2-year diploma from an Australian or other recognised university, or an approved equivalent qualification, in an area other than computing; and have introductory knowledge of computing consistent with that found in the [CIS1000 Information Systems Concepts](#) course.

International candidates for admission into this program must meet the University's English language proficiency requirements for postgraduate students. Please refer to Section 2.2.3 of the [Admissions Policy](#) .

How to apply

Domestic students

[Application for postgraduate programs](#) may be made directly to USQ.

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](#).

Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who reside outside Australia pay full tuition fees.

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

The program consists of 8 courses each of one unit and students must complete either the Accounting specialisation or the Information Systems specialisation

Accounting specialisation

Course	Semester/Mode of Offer Toowoomba Campus	Semester/Mode of offer Springfield Campus
Select eight of the following courses:		
ACC5202 Accounting	S1 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S2 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S3 (EXT)	S1 (ONC)
ACC5213 Cost and Management Accounting	S1 (EXT), S2 (ONC, EXT, WEB)	S2 (ONC)
ACC5215 Corporate Accounting	S1 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S2 (EXT, WEB), S3 (EXT)	S1 (ONC)
ACC5216 Accounting Theory	S1 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S2 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S3 (EXT)	S1 (ONC)
ACC5218 Auditing Practice	S1 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S2 (EXT, WEB), S3 (EXT)	S1 (ONC)

CIS8000 Global Information Systems Strategy	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)

Information systems specialisation

Students must successfully complete 4 undergraduate 2000 or 3000 level courses before attempting postgraduate 8000 level courses.

Course	Semester/Mode of Offer Toowoomba Campus	Semester/Mode of offer Springfield Campus
Two compulsory core courses:		
CIS2000 Systems Analysis and Design	S1 (ONC, EXT), S3 (EXT)	
CIS2002 Database Design and Implementation	S1 (ONC, EXT), S3 (EXT)	
Select four of the following courses:		
CIS2003 Component Based Software Development	S2 (ONC, EXT)	
CIS2005 Principles of Information Security	S2 (ONC, EXT)	
CIS3001 Object-Oriented Programming with Java	S1 (ONC, EXT)	
CIS3002 Business Analysis	S1 (ONC, EXT)	
CIS3003 Networks and Distributed Systems	S1 (ONC, EXT)	
CIS3007 Enterprise Systems Development and Architecture	S2 (ONC, EXT)	
CIS3008 Information Technology Service Management	S1 (ONC, EXT)	
CIS3009 Enterprise Systems in Practice	S2 (ONC, EXT), S3 (EXT)	
CIS3010 Oracle Development	S2 (ONC, EXT)	
plus any two of the following courses:		

CIS8004 Business Systems Planning and Implementation	S1 (ONC, EXT)	
CIS8008 Business Intelligence	S1 (ONC, EXT)	
CIS8009 Management of Business Data Communications and Telecommunications	S1 (ONC, EXT), S2 (ONC, EXT)	
CIS8010 Information Systems Project Management	S2 (ONC, EXT)	
CIS8011 Digital Innovation	S2 (ONC, EXT), S3 (EXT)	
CIS8018 Strategic Information Security	S2 (ONC, EXT)	
CIS8100 Digital Enterprise	S1 (ONC, EXT), S3 (EXT)	

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 4 years to complete the 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 may be permitted to exit with a [GCBS Graduate Certificate in Business](#) provided that they have successfully completed 4 units.

Exemptions

Candidates for the Graduate Diploma of Business may be eligible for up to 4 courses of exemptions on the basis of completed equivalent undergraduate and/or postgraduate study from a recognised university.

Exemptions approved in the program may not automatically apply to other programs offered by USQ.

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

Accounting recommended enrolment pattern - Toowoomba on-campus and external

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (WEB)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
ACC5202 Accounting	1	1	1	1			
FIN5003 Decision Support Tools	1	1	1	1			
FIN5000 Financial Management	1	1	2	1			Co-requisite: ACC5202 or ECO5000
CIS8000 Global Information Systems Strategy	1	1	2	1			
ACC5213 Cost and Management Accounting	1	2	1	2			Pre-requisite: ACC5202
LAW5230 Taxation Law	1	2	1	2			Pre-requisite: (ACC5202 or ACC5502 or ACC5216 or ACC5218) and (LAW5206 or

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	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (WEB)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
							Master of Business students - equivalent course/equivalent experience).
LAW5206 Corporations Law	1	2	2	2			Pre-requisite: LAW5201
ECO5000 Economics for Managers	1	2	2	2			

Accounting recommended enrolment pattern - Springfield on-campus

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (WEB)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
ACC5202 Accounting	1	1					
FIN5003 Decision Support Tools	1	1					
FIN5000 Financial Management	1	1					Co-requisite: ACC5202 or ECO5000
CIS8000 Global Information Systems Strategy	1	1					
ACC5213 Cost and Management Accounting	1	2					Pre-requisite: ACC5202
LAW5201 Commercial Law	1	2					
LAW5206 Corporations Law	1	2					Pre-requisite: LAW5201
ECO5000 Economics for Managers	1	2					

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	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (WEB)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
CIS2000 Systems Analysis and Design	1	1	1	1			
CIS2002 Database Design and Implementation	1	1	1	1			
CIS3001 Object-Oriented Programming with Java	1	1	2	1			
CIS3002 Business Analysis	1	1	2	1			Pre-requisite: CIS2000 or CSC2407
CIS3007 Enterprise Systems Development and Architecture	1	2	1	2			
CIS3009 Enterprise Systems in Practice	1	2	1	2			
CIS8009 Management of Business Data Communications and Telecommunications	1	2	2	2			
CIS8010 Information Systems Project Management	1	2	2	2			