

Master of Business (MBIS) - MBus

CRICOS code (International applicants): 061303B

	On-campus*	Distance education
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)
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:	1.5 years full-time, up to 6 years part-time	
Program articulation:	From: Postgraduate Certificate in Business	

Notes:

There are limited courses available in semester 3.

Footnotes

* not all specialisations are available on-campus

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Program focus

The Master of Business is an advanced academic program for graduates of any discipline or for students with extensive relevant business experience. This program aims to develop generic business skills and to extend those in a specialised area.

Accounting and Sustainable Business

This specialisation provides advanced study in corporate environmental management, environmental politics and policy, and accounting and finance issues related to sustainability. Graduates in Business (or related disciplines) may be eligible for up to 4 exemptions for foundation courses, to be granted on the basis of prior successful completion of relevant undergraduate study.

Applied Finance

This specialisation provides advanced study in finance, including global financial markets, investment management strategies and international financial management. Graduates in Business (or related disciplines) may be eligible for up to 4 exemptions for foundation courses, to be granted on the basis of prior successful completion of relevant undergraduate study.

Graduates of this specialisation meet the educational entrance requirements to become a Senior Associate member of the [Financial Services Institute of Australasia \(Finsia\)](#), and meet the education requirements for professional membership of the Finance and Treasury Association (FTA).

Business Forensics

This specialisation focuses on the prevention and detection of fraud and manipulation of financial reports. It provides advanced study in forensic accounting, financial statement analysis, business intelligence and information security, which are key skills for accountants who wish to specialise in this field. Graduates in Business (or related disciplines) may be eligible for up to 4 exemptions for foundation courses, to be granted on the basis of prior successful completion of relevant undergraduate study.

Information Systems

This specialisation provides advanced study in information systems planning and implementation, decision support, data communications, project management, information security and strategy. Graduates in Business (or related disciplines) may be eligible for up to 4 exemptions for foundation courses, to be granted on the basis of prior successful completion of relevant undergraduate study.

Property

This specialisation provides a concise, focused program that considers all aspects of property, including the development of new property projects, ownership and management of property assets, and consideration of the legal environment in which projects are managed.

Graduates in business and property-related disciplines may be eligible for up to 4 exemptions for elective courses, to be granted on the basis of prior successful completion of relevant undergraduate study.

Program aims

The Master of Business is an advanced academic program for graduates of any discipline or for students with extensive relevant business experience. This program aims to develop generic business skills and to extend those in a specialised area.

Program objectives

Upon completion of the Master of Business, students will be able to:

- demonstrate underlying knowledge of the theoretical structure underpinning their chosen area of specialisation
- apply those theoretical principles in business
- apply a range of management skills relevant to their specialisation.

Admission requirements

Subject to approval by the Director of Coursework Studies, admission to the Master of Business degree will be available to graduates with an approved bachelor degree.

Applicants for the Accounting and Sustainable Business and Business Forensics specialisations must hold one of the following from a recognised University:

- an approved undergraduate degree in Commerce (Accounting) or a related discipline, or
- a Master of Professional Accounting, or
- a Diploma of Business subject to the approval of the of Director of Coursework Studies.

Candidates who do not have a degree may be permitted to enrol in the [Postgraduate Certificate in Business](#), provided that they have a minimum of 5 years full-time equivalent work experience, which includes relevant experience, as determined by the Director of Coursework Studies. Upon completion and achievement of a minimum GPA of 4.0, they will be eligible to articulate into the Master of Business.

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

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 is comprised of 12 units. A student must complete one specialisation (which will appear on their testamur).

Note: It is assumed that students, when selecting 8000 level courses, have a basic knowledge in these areas (either from their undergraduate degree or from relevant work experience)

Specialisations

Note: Not all specialisations are offered in on-campus mode. Where a specialisation is offered on-campus, it may not be offered in that mode at all campuses.

Accounting and Sustainable Business

Students must study 4 foundation, 4 core and 4 elective courses. The elective courses must include at least two 8000 courses.

Course	Semester/Mode of Offer Toowoomba Campus	Semester/Mode of offer Springfield Campus
Foundation courses — select 4 of the following courses:		
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)
FIN5000 Financial Management	S1 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S3 (ONC, EXT, WEB)	S1 (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)
or any other course approved by the Director of Coursework Studies.		
Core courses		
ACC8101 Finance and Accounting for Sustainability	S2 (EXT)	
ACC8104 Environmental Management Accounting	S2 (EXT)	
ACC8105 Financial Statement Analysis (Formerly FIN8105)	S1 (ONC, EXT)	
POL8013 Environmental Politics and Policy (Formerly MGT8013).	S1 (EXT, WEB)	
Electives — select 4 of the following — two of which must be 8000 courses:		
ACC8106 Forensic Accounting	S1 (EXT)	
ECO8010 Corporations and Sustainable Development (Formerly MGT8010).	S1 (EXT, WEB)	
ECO8011 Global Issues in Environmental Management and Sustainability (Formerly MGT8011).	S2 (EXT, WEB)	
ECO8012 Tools and Techniques for Sustainable Development (Formerly MGT8012).	S2 (EXT, WEB)	
or any other course from the Master of Business Administration or Master of Business approved by the Director of Coursework Studies.		

Applied Finance

Students must study 4 foundation courses, 4 core courses and 4 elective courses. The elective courses must include at least two 8000 courses.

Course	Semester/Mode of Offer Toowoomba Campus	Semester/Mode of offer Springfield Campus
Foundation courses		
ACC5502 Accounting and Financial Management	S1 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S3 (EXT, WEB)	S1 (ONC)
ECO5000 Economics for Managers	S2 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S3 (EXT, WEB)	S2 (ONC)
FIN5003 Decision Support Tools	S1 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S3 (EXT, WEB)	S1 (ONC)
Select one of the following two courses:		
MGT5000 Managing Organisational Behaviour	S1 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S3 (EXT, WEB)	S1 (ONC)
MKT5000 Marketing Management	S2 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S3 (EXT, WEB)	S2 (ONC)
Core courses		

FIN8104 International Financial Management	S2 (ONC, EXT)	
FIN8201 Finance for Executives	S1 (ONC, EXT)	
FIN8202 Financial Markets and Instruments	S2 (ONC, EXT)	
FIN8203 Strategic Investments*		
Electives — select 4 electives — two of which must be 8000 courses.		
Select any 4 courses from the Master of Business Administration or Master of Business approved by the Director of Coursework Studies.		

Footnotes

* FIN8203 will be offered in semester 1 from 2013.

Business Forensics

Students must study 4 foundation, 4 core and 4 elective courses. The elective courses must include at least two 8000 courses.

Course	Semester/Mode of Offer Toowoomba Campus	Semester/Mode of Offer Springfield Campus
Foundation courses — select 4 of the following courses:		
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)
FIN5000 Financial Management	S1 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S3 (ONC, EXT, WEB)	S1 (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)
or any other course approved by the Director of Coursework Studies.		
Core courses		
ACC8105 Financial Statement Analysis (Formerly FIN8105).	S1 (ONC, EXT)	
ACC8106 Forensic Accounting	S1 (EXT)	
CIS8008 Business Intelligence	S1 (ONC, EXT)	
CIS8018 Strategic Information Security	S2 (ONC, EXT)	
Electives - select four of the following — two of which must be 8000 courses:		
CIS8011 Digital Innovation	S2 (ONC, EXT), S3 (EXT)	
plus any 3 other courses from the Master of Business Administration or Master of Business approved by the Director of Coursework Studies.		

Information Systems

Students must study 4 foundation, 7 core and 1 elective course.

Course	Semester/Mode of Offer Toowoomba Campus	Semester/Mode of Offer Springfield Campus
Foundation courses		
CIS2000 Systems Analysis and Design	S1 (ONC, EXT), S3 (EXT)	
CIS2002 Database Design and Implementation	S1 (ONC, EXT), S3 (EXT)	
CIS3008 Information Technology Service Management	S1 (ONC, EXT)	
CIS8000 Global Information Systems Strategy	S1 (ONC, EXT), S2 (ONC, EXT)	S1(ONC)
Core 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)	
Electives - select one course from the following:		
BUS8401 Research Methodology 1 (Formerly MGT8401)	S1 (ONC, EXT), S2 (ONC, EXT)	
or any other course from the Master of Business Administration or Master of Business approved by the Director of Coursework Studies.		

Property

Students must study 4 core and 8 elective courses. The elective courses must include at least two 8000 courses.

Course	Semester/Mode of Offer Toowoomba Campus	Semester/Mode of Offer Springfield Campus
Foundation courses		
This specialisation does not have any foundation courses.		
Core courses		
LAW8074 Project Legal Issues	S2 (EXT, WEB)	S2 (ONC)
MGT8022 Project-Based Management	S1 (EXT, WEB), S3 (EXT, WEB)	S1 (ONC)
MGT8070 Property Development	S1 (EXT, WEB)	S1 (ONC)
MGT8072 Property Ownership Management (Formerly FIN8072).	S2 (EXT, WEB)	S2 (ONC)
Electives — select 8 of the following courses:		

ACC5502 Accounting and Financial Management	S1 (ONC, EXT, WEB) S3 (EXT, WEB)	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)
FIN5003 Decision Support Tools (Formerly MGT5001).	S1 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S3 (EXT, WEB)	S1 (ONC)
MGT5000 Managing Organisational Behaviour	S1 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S3 (EXT, WEB)	S1 (ONC)
MGT8002 Strategic Management	S2 (EXT, WEB), S3 (ONC, EXT, WEB)	
MGT8024 Project Quality, Risk and Procurement Management	S2 (EXT, WEB)	S2 (ONC)
MGT8025 Project Scope, Time and Cost Management	S1 (EXT, WEB)	S1 (ONC)
MGT8027 Project Human Resources, Communications and Integration Management	S2 (EXT, WEB), S3 (EXT)	S2 (ONC)
MGT8028 Project Tendering and Contracting	S1 (EXT, WEB)	S1 (ONC)
MGT8037 Team Leadership	S2 (EXT, WEB)	
MGT8040 Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Creativity	S2 (EXT, WEB)	
MKT5000 Marketing Management	S2 (ONC, EXT, WEB), S3 (EXT, WEB)	S2 (ONC)
or any other course approved by the Director of Coursework Studies.		

Other Courses

Students wishing to complete a project as part of the program must first obtain permission from the Director of Coursework Studies before enrolling in [BUS8101 Business Project A](#) or [BUS8102 Business Project B](#). Enrolment in the project courses is contingent upon the availability of a suitable supervisor.

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](#).

Articulation

It is possible for students who do not meet standard admission requirements to articulate into the Master of Business from the [Postgraduate Certificate in Business](#). Upon completion and achievement of a minimum GPA of 4.0, they will be eligible to articulate into the Master of Business.

Students who wish to articulate to the higher award must lodge an application for entry to the relevant program.

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 8 Master of Business units may, upon application, exit with a Postgraduate Diploma of Business. A student who has successfully completed all the requirements of at least one specialisation may have one specialisation shown on their testamur.
- A student who successfully completes all requirements for the [Postgraduate Certificate in Business](#) may, upon application, exit with that qualification. A student who has successfully completed all the requirements of a 4-unit specialisation may have that specialisation shown on their testamur.

Exemptions

Candidates for admission to the Master of Business may be eligible for a maximum of 6 units of exemptions. With the approval of the Director of Coursework Studies these exemptions may include up to 4 unspecified exemptions, to be granted on the basis of prior successful completion of relevant undergraduate study, where a student is studying a specialisation in the same or similar discipline as their undergraduate study.

Exemptions granted for equivalent postgraduate study from a recognised university or institution must meet the following specific requirements:

- the course passed was taken at least at Masters or equivalent level
- the course was passed within 5 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) and
- the course passed is equivalent in objectives, content and weightings to a course prescribed in the Master of Business course, or alternatively, the course is suitable as an elective.

Applicants for enrolment in the Master of Business (Property) who are graduates of the PCA Diploma in Property Development can gain an additional exemption if they have completed the relevant assessment requirements. Full details can be obtained from the [Faculty of Business and Law](#).

Claims for exemption should be submitted prior to or at the time of enrolment in a course. Each claim will be assessed on individual merit in line with the Faculty's exemption policies. Exemptions approved in this program will not automatically apply to other programs offered by USQ. Please contact the [Faculty of Business and Law](#) for further information.

Note: Where exemptions are granted, maximum and minimum duration will be adjusted in the same proportion as exemptions, for example, where 6 exemptions are granted, maximum time will be 3 years and minimum duration will be 2 terms.

Accounting and Sustainable Business recommended enrolment pattern

Students must study 4 foundation, 4 core and 4 elective courses. The elective courses must include at least two 8000 courses

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	
FIN5000 Financial Management			1	1			Co-requisite: ACC5202 or ECO5000
ACC8105 Financial Statement Analysis			1	1			
Elective course			1	2			
Elective course			1	2			
POL8013 Environmental Politics and Policy			2	1			
LAW5206 Corporations Law			2	1			Pre-requisite: LAW5201
ACC8101 Finance and Accounting for Sustainability			2	2			
ACC8104 Environmental Management Accounting			2	2			

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	
LAW5230 Taxation Law			3	1			Pre-requisite: (ACC5202 or ACC5502 or ACC5216 or ACC5218) and (LAW5206 or Master of Business students - equivalent course/equivalent experience).
Elective course			3	1			
Elective course			3	2			
ACC5216 Accounting Theory			3	2			Pre-requisite/Co-requisite: ACC5213 and ACC5215

Applied Finance recommended enrolment pattern

Students must study 4 foundation, 4 core and 4 elective courses. The elective courses must include at least two 8000 courses.

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	
FIN5003 Decision Support Tools	1	1	1	1			
ACC5502 Accounting and Financial Management	1	1	1	1			
Select one of the following two courses:							
MGT5000 Managing Organisational Behaviour	1	1	2	1			
Elective course							
FIN8201 Finance for Executives	1	1	2	1			
Select one of the following two courses:							
MKT5000 Marketing Management	1	2	1	2			
Elective course							
ECO5000 Economics for Managers	1	2	1	2			
FIN8202 Financial Markets and Instruments	1	2	2	2			Pre-requisite: FIN8201
FIN8104 International Financial Management	1	2	2	2			Pre-requisite: FIN8202
FIN8203 Strategic Investments*	2	1	3	1			
Elective course	2	1	3	1			
Elective course	2	1	3	2			
Elective course	2	1	3	2			

Footnotes

* This course will be offered in semester 1 from 2013.

Business Forensics recommended enrolment pattern

Students must study 4 foundation, 4 core and 4 elective courses. The elective courses must include at least two 8000 courses.

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	
FIN5000 Financial Management	1	1	1	1			Co-requisite: ACC5202 or ECO5000
Elective course	1	1	1	1			
ACC8105 Financial Statement Analysis	1	1	2	1			
Elective course	1	1	2	1			
LAW5206 Corporations Law	1	2	1	2			Pre-requisite: LAW5201
Elective course	1	2	1	2			

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	
CIS8018 Strategic Information Security	1	2	2	2			
CIS8000 Global Information Systems Strategy	1	2	2	2			
ACC8106 Forensic Accounting*	2	1	3	1			
CIS8008 Business Intelligence	2	1	3	1			
LAW5230 Taxation Law	2	1	3	2			Pre-requisite: (ACC5202 or ACC5502 or ACC5216 or ACC5218) and (LAW5206 or Master of Business students - equivalent course/equivalent experience).
Elective course	2	1	3	2			

Footnotes

* Toowoomba on—campus students will be required to study this course in external mode.

Information Systems recommended enrolment pattern

Students must study 4 foundation, 7 core and one elective course.

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	
CIS2000 Systems Analysis and Design			1	1			
CIS2002 Database Design and Implementation			1	1			
CIS8000 Global Information Systems Strategy			1	2			
Elective course			1	2			
CIS3008 Information Technology Service Management			2	1			
CIS8004 Business Systems Planning and Implementation			2	1			
CIS8009 Management of Business Data Communications and Telecommunications			2	2			
CIS8010 Information Systems Project Management			2	2			
CIS8008 Business Intelligence			3	1			
CIS8100 Digital Enterprise			3	1			
CIS8011 Digital Innovation			3	2			
CIS8018 Strategic Information Security			3	2			

Property recommended enrolment pattern - Toowoomba external

Students must study 4 core and 8 elective courses. The elective courses must include at least two 8000 courses.

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		
MGT8022 Project-Based Management			1	1				
MGT8070 Property Development			1	1				
MGT8072 Property Ownership Management			1	2			Formerly FIN8072	
LAW8074 Project Legal Issues			1	2				
Elective course			2	1				
Elective course			2	1				
Elective course			2	2				
Elective course			2	2				
Elective course			3	1				
Elective course			3	1				

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		
Elective course			3	2				
Elective course			3	2				

Property recommended enrolment pattern - Springfield on-campus

Students must study 4 core and 8 elective courses. The elective courses must include at least two 8000 courses.

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		
MGT8070 Property Development	1	1						
MGT8022 Project-Based Management	1	1						
Elective course	1	1						
Elective course	1	1						
Elective course	1	2						
Elective course	1	2						
MGT8072 Property Ownership Management	1	2					Formerly FIN8072	
LAW8074 Project Legal Issues	1	2						
Elective course	2	1						
Elective course	2	1						
Elective course	2	1						
Elective course	2	1						