

Master of Business Research (MBSR) - MBusRes

CRICOS code (International applicants): 059566G

	On-campus	Distance education
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (March)	Semester 1 (March)
Campus:	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, 3 years part-time	

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Program focus

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Program aims

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Program objectives

On successful completion of this program students will be able to:

- comprehend and evaluate developments in a chosen area of business and critically examine the relationship between such changes and contemporary theory
- identify, critically assess and apply selected research paradigms in terms of their theoretical status and their applicability for resolving contemporary business problems
- undertake, interpret and evaluate management research using acceptable principles and techniques
- develop and support a proactive approach to management decision making
- create a scholarly document.

Admission requirements

Candidates for the Master of Business Research are required to have an appropriate degree in business, commerce or a related field from a recognised university. They must have obtained a minimum average of credit (GPA=5.0 on a 7.0 point scale) in their undergraduate degree or 5.5 or above for the second and third years of the degree.

In exceptional circumstances a candidate may be admitted to the Master of Business Research from a non-business/commerce background. Applicants who have not completed previous tertiary studies in business, commerce or a related field may be required to complete coursework specified by the Director of Postgraduate Studies with advice from the Head of the supervising School. Applicants intending to undertake a dissertation in information systems must have prior studies in information systems or computing.

On application, candidates must be able to provide an outline of the dissertation topic they intend to pursue.

International candidates for admission into this program must meet the University's English language proficiency requirements for postgraduate students. Please refer to [Academic Regulation 5.4](#) of the University Calendar.

Note: Admission to the Master of Business Research is dependent upon the Faculty's capacity to supervise the proposed projects. Prospective candidates should consult with the Director of Postgraduate Studies before preparing their project proposals. Research concentrations within the Faculty of Business are updated periodically. The current list is available at the [Faculty of Business](#).

How to apply

Refer to [application information for research higher degree programs](#).

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

The Master of Business Research is a 12-unit research program comprising four units of coursework and eight units of dissertation. Students must successfully complete the following courses:

Course	Semester/mode of offer
BUS8401 Research Methodology 1 (Formerly MGT8401)	S1 (ONC, EXT), S2 (EXT)
BUS8402 Research Methodology 2 (Formerly MGT8402)	S1 (ONC, EXT), S2 (EXT)
BUS8403 Research Methodology 3 (Formerly MGT8403)	S1 (ONC, EXT), S2 (EXT)
BUS8404 Research Methodology 4 (Formerly MGT8404)	S1 (ONC, EXT), S2 (EXT)
BUS8201 Masters Dissertation A (two units)	S1 (ONC, EXT), S2 (ONC, EXT)
BUS8202 Masters Dissertation B (two units)	S1 (ONC, EXT), S2 (ONC, EXT)
BUS8203 Masters Dissertation C (two units)	S1 (ONC, EXT), S2 (ONC, EXT)

BUS8204 Masters Dissertation D (two units)	S1 (ONC, EXT), S2 (ONC, EXT)
Administrative purposes only:	
BUS8001 Masters Dissertation E (Continuing) (Continuing) (zero units)	S1 (ONC, EXT), S2 (ONC, EXT)

The dissertation allows students to undertake in-depth, independent investigation in a chosen area of business. To successfully complete the dissertation, students will be required to select a topic, develop a proposal, carry out supervised research on the topic using an appropriate research method and present the results in a dissertation of no more than 40,000 words.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 3 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 [Academic Regulation 5.9](#) of the University Calendar.

Students must complete successfully all of [BUS8401](#), [BUS8402](#), [BUS8403](#) and [BUS8404](#) before commencing the Masters Dissertation courses.

Exit points

A student who successfully completes all [BUS8401](#), [BUS8402](#), [BUS8403](#) and [BUS8404](#), may upon application, exit with the Postgraduate Certificate in Business Research.

A student who successfully completes all [BUS8401](#), [BUS8402](#), [BUS8403](#), [BUS8404](#), [BUS8201](#) and [BUS8202](#), may upon application, exit with the Postgraduate Diploma of Business Research.

Exemptions

Exemptions will not normally be granted for the Masters Dissertation courses. Claims for exemptions for previous study should be submitted prior to or at the time of enrolment in a program. 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.

Recommended enrolment pattern

The flexibility of the Master of Business Research program means that there will be a range of enrolment patterns and many students will have a unique enrolment pattern. Students requiring assistance should contact a Program Administrator. An example of a recommended enrolment pattern is set out in the table below:

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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		
BUS8401 Research Methodology 1	1	1	1	1			OE	(Formerly MGT8401)
BUS8403 Research Methodology 3	1	1	1	1			OE	(Formerly MGT8403)
BUS8402 Research Methodology 2	1	1	1	2			Pre-requisite or Co-requisite: BUS8401 or MGT8401 OE	(Formerly MGT8402)

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	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (WEB)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
BUS8404 Research Methodology 4	1	1	1	2			OE	(Formerly MGT8404)
BUS8201 Masters Dissertation A	1	2	2	1			OE	two–unit course
BUS8202 Masters Dissertation B	1	2	2	2			Pre-requisite: BUS8201 OE	two–unit course
BUS8203 Masters Dissertation C	2	1	3	1			Pre-requisite: BUS8202 OE	two–unit course
BUS8204 Masters Dissertation D	2	1	3	2			Pre-requisite: BUS8203 OE	two–unit course

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.