

Master of Business Research (MBSR) - MBusRes

CRICOS code (International applicants): 059566G

	On-campus	External
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)
Campus:	Toowoomba	-
Fees:	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place Research Training Program (RTP) - Fees Offset scheme	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place Research Training Program (RTP) - Fees Offset scheme
Standard duration:	1.5 years full-time, up to 3 years part-time	

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Program aims

The Master of Business Research aims to produce graduates trained in business research either for academic or management purposes. This program also aims to provide students with opportunities to explore the resolution of particular management problems using specialist knowledge and advanced techniques through conducting research in a specialised area of business, management or information systems.

Program objectives

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

- constantly evaluate developments in a chosen area of business examine and synthesise the relationship between such changes and contemporary theory
- identify, critically assess and apply selected research paradigms in terms of theory and practice and their applicability for resolving contemporary business research problems
- undertake, interpret and evaluate management research using appropriate principles and techniques
- analyse research data and reflect critically on the analysis.

Australian Qualifications Framework

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a single national, comprehensive system of qualifications offered by higher education institutions (including universities), vocational education and training institutions and secondary schools. Each AQF qualification has a set of descriptors which define the type and complexity of knowledge, skills and application of knowledge and skills that a graduate who has been awarded that qualification has attained, and the typical volume of learning associated with that qualification type.

This program is at AQF Qualification Level 09. Graduates at this level will have specialised knowledge and skills for research, and/or professional practice and/or further learning.

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting www.aqf.edu.au.

Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- Completion of an Australian university Bachelor degree in the area of business, commerce or a related field.
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 3.

Students 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.

Students who do not have an undergraduate degree in a business, commerce or a related field can enrol in the [Graduate Certificate of Business](#). Students undertake four units of non-research coursework to gain cognate knowledge in their intended area of business research. Upon completion of the [Graduate Certificate of Business](#) and achieving a minimum GPA of 5.5, students are eligible to apply for entry to the Master of Business Research. Please note [RSH8000 Introduction to Research](#) and [RSH8001 Research Methodologies](#) are research courses within the Master of Business Research and are not suitable study options for the [Graduate Certificate of Business](#) pathway.

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

Note: Admission to the Master of Business Research is dependent upon the Faculty's capacity to supervise the proposed project. Prospective students should contact the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts for up-to-date information regarding research areas before preparing their project proposals.

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [English language requirements](#).

If students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, students may be admitted to an award program.

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. Students 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](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [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. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Research Training Program (RTP) - Fees Offset scheme

All Australian citizens, Australian permanent residents and New Zealand citizens commencing a Higher Degree by Research (HDR) program will have their tuition fees paid by the Australian Commonwealth Government under the Research Training Program (RTP) Fees Offset scheme. The RTP Fees Offset scheme covers program fees for an HDR student up to a maximum period of four years for full-time study or up to eight years part-time study for a Doctoral program, and up to a maximum period of two years for full-time or four years part-time for a Masters by Research program.

As part of the enrolment process, students are required to submit proof of citizenship or permanent residency status and transcripts of all previous academic study. This documentation enables the University of Southern Queensland to determine eligibility for an RTP Fees Offset place.

If a student's RTP Fees Offset entitlement expires before completion of the program, the student will be required to pay full tuition fees.

Students eligible for an RTP Fees Offset place are those who:

- have not used RTP Fees Offset funding in the previous three years; or
- have already used RTP Fees Offset funding and have successfully completed an HDR program. Once a student completes an HDR program, full entitlements of RTP Fees Offset are restored.

The Australian Commonwealth Government's contribution to program fees must be acknowledged on all published material relating to a research project via a statement identifying the support received through the RTP Fees Offset scheme.

Program structure

The Master of Business Research is a 12-unit research program comprising 2 units of coursework and 10 units of thesis. Students must successfully complete the following courses:

Course	Semester of offer Distance/Online	Semester of offer Toowoomba campus
RSH8000 Introduction to Research (1 unit)	1, 2	1, 2
RSH8001 Research Methodologies (1 unit)	1, 2	1, 2
BUS8201 Master of Business Research Project A * (2 units)	1, 2	1, 2
BUS8202 Master of Business Research Project B * (4 units)	1, 2	2
BUS8205 Master of Business Research Project C ^ (1 unit)	1, 2	1, 2

Footnotes

* Students will be required to re-enrol in the two thesis courses [BUS8201](#) and [BUS8202](#) multiple times to satisfy the normal program requirement of 10 units of thesis. See recommended enrolment patterns below.

^ [BUS8205](#) is only available for students who have approval for extra time to complete their thesis or have approval to reduce their study load.

The thesis allows students to undertake in-depth, independent investigation in a chosen area of business. To successfully complete the thesis, 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 thesis of no more than 40,000 words.

Student progress and achievement will be measured by student performance in the initial two research training courses and thereafter will be evidenced by their achievement of research milestones as documented by successful confirmation of candidature and ongoing assessment of research progression reported in progress reports.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 3 years to complete this program.

IT requirements

For information technology requirements please refer to the [minimum computing standards](#).

Other program requirements

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

Exit points

A student who successfully completes [RSH8000 Introduction to Research](#), [RSH8001 Research Methodologies](#) and a short research thesis of two units, may upon application, exit with the Graduate Certificate of Business Research (GCBR).

A student who successfully completes [RSH8000 Introduction to Research](#), [RSH8001 Research Methodologies](#) and a research thesis of six units may upon application, exit with the Graduate Diploma of Business Research (GDBR).

A student enrolled in the Master of Business Research who wishes to exit without completing the program, may on the basis of outstanding performance seek to transfer to the [Doctor of Philosophy](#) (PhD). To be considered for acceptance into the PhD, students will have:

- completed at least eight units within the Master of Business Research
- obtained an overall GPA of at least 6 averaged across [RSH8000 Introduction to Research](#), and [RSH8001 Research Methodologies](#)
- achieved confirmation of Master's candidature by the Office of Research and Higher Degrees.

Note: candidates will be required to meet the admission requirements of the PhD program and, if they are accepted, will be enrolled as provisional candidates with their status reviewed within 12 months for full-time enrolment or 24 months for part-time enrolment. Students may apply for credit in the PhD program based on the MBSR research dissertation units completed.

Credit

Credit will not normally be granted for the Masters Thesis courses. Claims for credit 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 USQ policy. Credit approved in this program will not automatically apply to other programs offered by USQ.

Recommended enrolment pattern

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

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 the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts. An example of a recommended enrolment pattern is set out in the table below.

Note: It is recommended that students complete all of [RSH8000 Introduction to Research](#) and [RSH8001 Research Methodologies](#) before commencing the Masters Thesis courses.

Full-time students will enrol once in [BUS8201 Master of Business Research Project A](#) (2 units) and twice in [BUS8202 Master of Business Research Project B](#) (4 units) in order to successfully complete 10 units of thesis.

Part-time students will enrol five times in [BUS8201 Master of Business Research Project A](#) (2 units) in order to successfully complete a total of 10 units of thesis.

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements	Comments
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
RSH8000 Introduction to Research	1	1			1	1		1 unit

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	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
RSH8001 Research Methodologies	1	1			1	1	Co-requisite: RSH8000 or student must be enrolled in the DPHD	1 unit
BUS8201 Master of Business Research Project A *	1	1			1	2	Co-requisite: RSH8000 and RSH8001	2 units
BUS8202 Master of Business Research Project B *	1	2					Co-requisite: RSH8000 and RSH8001	4 units
BUS8202 Master of Business Research Project B *	2	1					Co-requisite: RSH8000 and RSH8001	4 units
BUS8201 Master of Business Research Project A *					2	1	Co-requisite: RSH8000 and RSH8001	2 units
BUS8201 Master of Business Research Project A *					2	2	Co-requisite: RSH8000 and RSH8001	2 units
BUS8201 Master of Business Research Project A *					3	1	Co-requisite: RSH8000 and RSH8001	2 units
BUS8201 Master of Business Research Project A *					3	2	Co-requisite: RSH8000 and RSH8001	2 units

Footnotes

* For the thesis component of their studies, students should enrol in either [BUS8201](#) or [BUS8202](#).