

Graduate Certificate in Business (GCBS) - GradCertBus

This program is offered only to continuing students. No new admissions will be accepted. Students who are interested in this study area should consider the [Graduate Certificate of Business](#) which will be offered from Semester 1, 2015.

	On-campus	External
Start:	No new admissions	No new admissions
Campus:	Springfield, Toowoomba	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 semester full-time, up to 2 years part-time	

Notes:

Formerly *Graduate Certificate in Commerce (GCCM)*

Contact us

Current students

[Ask a question](#)

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Professional accreditation

If seeking to fulfil entrance requirements of a professional body by completing this academic program, candidates should check with that professional body for details of required study and accreditation procedures before enrolment.

Program aims

Australian and overseas graduates in commerce, business, economics, information systems, law and other related fields often need to complete certain Business, Commerce, Information Systems and Law courses to enhance their career opportunities and to meet the educational entrance and/or continuing professional development requirements of Australian professional and other bodies such as:

- CPA Australia
- Australian Computer Society
- Australian Human Resources Institute
- Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand
- Financial Services Institute of Australasia
- Legal Practitioners Admissions Board
- The Tax Agents Registration Board.

Admission requirements

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

Applicants for admission to the Graduate Certificate in Business must hold an approved undergraduate degree from a recognised tertiary institution, or such other qualifications or substantial relevant professional experience as deemed sufficient and appropriate on application.

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 Schedule](#)

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 Schedules](#).

Program structure

Students are required to satisfactorily complete four business, commerce, information systems, or law courses. The courses normally should be at undergraduate level. However postgraduate 5000 level courses may be undertaken with the approval of the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 2 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](#).

Credit

Credit may be granted on the basis of equivalent courses undertaken at postgraduate or undergraduate level. The maximum number of units of credit that may be granted for the Graduate Certificate in Business is two courses. In order for a credit to be granted, the claim must meet the following specific requirements:

- 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 Graduate Certificate in Business program, or alternatively, the course is suitable as an elective.

Credit can be granted for undergraduate study. However if undertaking courses in the Graduate Certificate in Business to meet professional body requirements, approval must be sought from the professional body that credit will be accepted in the Graduate Certificate in Business. Credit approved in this program will not automatically apply to other programs offered by the USQ.

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

Course transfers

Commerce courses completed through the USQ Professional Development Program or other incomplete USQ academic program may be eligible for transfer toward the Graduate Certificate in Business.

Enrolment

All prospective students should apply on a direct entry form. Those seeking to satisfy requirements of a professional body should attach a copy of the letter/schedule from the relevant professional body that specifies the reasons for studying.

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.

There is no recommended enrolment pattern for this program. Students requiring assistance should contact the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts.