

Master of Business Researc

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 Associate Dean Research 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 Section 2.2.3 of the [Admissions Policy](#).

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 Associate Dean Research before preparing their project proposals. Research concentrations within the Faculty of Business and Law are updated periodically. The current list is available at the [Faculty of Business and Law](#).

How to apply

Applications for [Research Master and Doctorate programs](#) should be made directly to USQ.

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 Permanent Humanitarian

BUS8403 Research Methodology 3	S1 (ONC, EXT), S2 (ONC, EXT)
BUS8404 Research Methodology 4	S1 (ONC, EXT), S2 (ONC, EXT)
BUS8201 Masters Dissertation A (2 units)	S1 (ONC, EXT), S2 (ONC, EXT)
BUS8202 Masters Dissertation B (4 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 [minimum computing standards](#).

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

A student who completes all [BUS8401](#), [BUS8402](#), [BUS8403](#), [BUS8404](#), and 4 units of dissertation, may upon application, exit with the Postgraduate Diploma of Business Research.

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) program. To be considered for acceptance into the PhD program, students will have:

- completed at least 8 units within the Master of Business Research
- obtained an overall GPA of at least 5.2 averaged across [BUS8401](#), [BUS8402](#), [BUS8403](#) and [BUS8404](#)
- 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 exemptions in the PhD program based on the MBSR research dissertation units completed.

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.

Note: It is recommended that students complete all of [BUS8401](#), [BUS8402](#), [BUS8403](#) and [BUS8404](#) before commencing the Masters Dissertation courses.

Full-time students will enrol 2 times in [BUS8201 Masters Dissertation A](#) (2 units) and once in [B](#)