

# Associate Degree of Business (ADBS) - ADegBus

QTAC code (Australian and New Zealand applicants): Toowoomba campus: 904021; Distance education: 904025; Fraser Coast campus: 914021; Springfield campus: 924021

CRICOS code (International applicants): 076058J

	On-campus*	Distance education
<b>Semester intake:</b>	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July) Semester 3 (November)	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July) Semester 3 (November)
<b>Campus:</b>	Fraser Coast, Springfield, Toowoomba	-
<b>Fees:</b>	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
<b>Standard duration:</b>	2 years full-time, up to 4 years part-time	
<b>Program articulation:</b>	To: <a href="#">Bachelor of Commerce</a> , ; <a href="#">Bachelor of Business</a> , ; <a href="#">Bachelor of Business Administration</a>	

## Notes:

Students can only commence study in Semester 3 at Springfield campus or via distance education.

## Footnotes

\* Not all courses are available at all campuses.

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## Program focus

The Associate Degree of Business equips students with foundation knowledge of a broad range of business activities within the contemporary competitive business environment.

## Career opportunities

Management roles within a wide range of business organisations and contexts.

## Program aims

The Associate Degree of Business is a program aimed at equipping students with a foundation understanding of how business organisations operate in different environmental contexts. It exposes students to a range of issues and challenges faced by business as it strives to make organisations successful, sustainable and responsible stakeholders in society.

## Program objectives

At the completion of the Associate Degree of Business, students should be able to do one of the following:

- work in support of professionals or work in a business employment category in its own right at a similar

## Program structure

Students enrolling into the Associate Degree of Business can choose courses from the majors and minors from within the [BCOM Bachelor of Commerce](#), [BBUS Bachelor of Business](#) and [BBAD Bachelor of Business Administration](#) programs. Students undertaking an area of study from within the [BCOM](#) would complete the BCOM core, while students undertaking an area of study from the [BBUS](#) would complete the BBUS core. A student undertaking a generalist area of study in line with the [BBAD](#) would undertake the BBAD core.

The Associate Degree of Business has the following structure:

- 8 core courses
- 8 courses from named business related discipline areas in the Faculty of Business and Law.

**Please note:** Subject to approval by the Director of Coursework Studies, Faculty of Business and Law, up to 4 courses may be taken from discipline areas outside of the Faculty of Business and Law.

The Associate Degree of Business is comprised of 16 units as follows:

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## Other program requirements

Students must maintain good standing in this program. Please refer to Section 2 of the [Academic Standing, Progression and Exclusion Policy](#).

Students enrolled in the joint TAFE/USQ Diploma programs must complete their Diploma studies before they can enrol at USQ.

## Articulation

To articulate into USQ's [Bachelor of Commerce](#), [Bachelor of Business](#) or [Bachelor of Business Administration](#) programs, candidates must have successfully completed 8 courses with a minimum GPA of 4. Students planning to articulate should choose the core courses from the degree program into which they intend to articulate. Please refer to the program structure for additional information on core courses.

## Exit points

Students must maintain good standing in this program (see Other program requirements section). Students not wishing to complete the Associate Degree of Business program may be permitted to exit with a [Diploma of Business Administration](#) if they have completed 8 courses as follows:

- a minimum of 4 core courses from the [Bachelor of Commerce](#), [Bachelor of Business](#) or [Bachelor of Business Administration](#)
- 4 other courses from the [Bachelor of Commerce](#), [Bachelor of Business](#) or [Bachelor of Business Administration](#).

A maximum of 4 exemptions can be claimed towards the [Diploma of Business Administration](#).

## Exemptions

Exemptions may be granted on the basis of completed equivalent study from a recognised institution. In order for an exemption to be granted, the claim must meet the following specific requirements:

- 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)
- the course passed is sufficiently equivalent in objectives, content and weighting to a course prescribed in the Associate Degree of Business course, alternatively, the course is suitable as an elective
- where the student has taken out an award from a recognised institution and is claiming exemptions on the basis of courses completed to meet the requirements of that program, the maximum exemptions allowable on the basis of such courses will be no greater than 8 courses for the Associate Degree of Business
- exemptions approved in this program will not automatically apply to other programs offered by the USQ.

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