

Master of Business Administration and Master of Professional Accounting (ends 2014) (MBPA) - MBAMPA

CRICOS code (International applicants): 067691C

This program is offer

The Master of Business Administration aims to produce graduates who have been exposed to a range of management skills and who have been trained to use these skills in a manner that will enable them to better handle the managerial demands of modern business practices.

Program objectives

The objectives of the Master of Business Administration are to produce graduates who are able to:

- thoroughly understand the basic theories and skills of modern management discipline areas
- display competence in a wide range of areas relevant to management practice at senior levels
- demonstrate their knowledge of current behavioural, policy and strategic issues so as to improve organisational efficiency
- use well-developed communication skills to interact effectively with other people at a superior and lower work level
- comprehend, analyse and evaluate internal and external environmental forces, and develop strategic plans for the management of change
- display a thorough understanding of the relevant political, cultural and business environment, and of ethical standards in modern business
- analyse developments in a chosen area of management, and to critically evaluate the relationships between such developments and contemporary theory and practice
- further enhance their managerial skills through a commitment to ongoing managerial development.

The objectives of the Master of Professional Accounting are to produce graduates who are able to:

- prepare and analyse financial and management accounting reports
- audit financial records and statements and produce audit reports
- prepare taxation returns and advise clients on taxation issues
- comprehend and apply accounting theory to current accounting developments and problems
- understand and apply the principles of business finance and investment evaluation
- comprehend the legal framework within which businesses operate and apply this knowledge in addressing commercial legal problems.

Admission requirements

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

- hold a tertiary qualification at bachelor degree or equivalent level normally in any field other than accounting from a recognised university or tertiary institution, provided that such qualification is deemed sufficient and appropriate on application, and is in accordance with the appropriate professional body guidelines
- have a minimum of three years' full-time equivalent work experience as deemed sufficient and appropriate on application.

Applicants with overseas academic qualifications in accounting should write to either of the accounting professional bodies for an assessment of their qualifications (prior to applying for enrolment in the program).

Admission to the double degree program will not be granted to persons who are members of or eligible for membership of CPA Australia or Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand but they may be eligible to enrol in the [Master of Business Administration](#) as a single degree.

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](#).

Program structure

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 6 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 chooses not to complete or who does not maintain good standing in this program will be permitted to exit with a lesser qualification as set out below, provided that they have met the requirements of that program.

- A student who successfully completes all requirements for the [Postgraduate Certificate of Business](#) may, upon application, exit with that qualification.
- A student who successfully completes 8 Master of Business Administration and Master of Professional Accounting courses may, upon application, exit with a Postgraduate Diploma of Business.
- A student who successfully completes the requirements for either [Master of Business Administration](#) and [Master of Professional Accounting \(ends 2014\)](#) courses may, upon application, exit with that degree.

Credit

Credit may be granted on the basis of equivalent courses undertaken at postgraduate level. A double degree is required to meet the requirements of each degree studied with a maximum of 50 percent credit for each program studied individually.

This double degree meets the requirements of the 12-unit [Master of Business Administration](#) and the [Master of Professional Accounting \(ends 2014\)](#). The two programs together require the completion of 24 units, including the possibility of 12 units of credit with up to six units of credit from each program. The structure of this double degree, Master of Business Administration and Master of Professional Accounting, has been designed to include the cross allocation of eight units of credit leaving students the possibility of a further four units of credit.

In order for a credit to be granted, the claim must meet the following specific requirements:

- the course passed was taken at least at Masters or equivalent level
- 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 program course, or alternatively, the course is suitable as an elective
- where the student has taken out an award from a recognised tertiary institution and is claiming credit on the basis of courses completed to meet the requirements of that program, the maximum credit on the basis of such courses shall be one-half of the total courses for the program
- 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.

Recommended enrolment pattern - Toowoomba

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.
