## Master of Business (MBSI) - MBusInv

CRICOS code (International applicants): 086146D

This program is offered only to continuing students. No new admissions will be accepted. Students who are interested in this study area should contact us.

## **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, or equivalent.
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 3.

For candidates who have a Bachelor degree or equivalent (AQF level 7) in a non-related discipline from a recognised institution, USQ's Graduate Certificate of Business provides an articulation pathway into the Master of Business and Innovation. Upon completion and achievement of a minimum GPA of 4.0, they will be eligible for entry into the Master of Business and Innovation.

Candidates with a Graduate Certificate (AQF level 8) or higher qualification in any discipline may apply for entry into the Master of Business and Innovation. Eligibility for entry will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

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

The Master of Business and Innovation is comprised of 12 units. All students must complete:

- two coursework specialisations of 4 units each (8 units)
- one research specialisation (4 units).

**Note:** Students must successfully complete 8 units of the program before enrolling in BUS8101 Business Project A (1 unit) and BUS8102 Business Project B (1 unit).

Normally these courses should be undertaken in the final semester of study.

#### **Coursework Specialisations**

Select two coursework specialisations from the following:

- Applied Human Resource Management
- Big Data and Visualisation
- Crisis Management
- Digital Transformation
- Enterprise Leadership
- Finance
- Finance and Wealth Management
- General
- International Business
- Professional Communication
- Strategic Human Resource Management
- Sustainable Business

#### **Research Specialisations**

- To be eligible to apply for entry to the Doctor of Philosophy, students must normally:
  - successfully complete the program with an overall GPA of 5.0 and;
  - achieve a GPA of 5.75 for the 4-unit Research Specialisation

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# Big Data and Visualisation specialisation

Course	Semester of offer Distance/Online	Semester of offer Toowoomba campus	Semester of offer Springfield campus		

MGT8031 Global Issues in	2	
<b>Employment Relations</b>		

## Finance specialisation

#### Footnotes

- < This course is offered in odd-numbered years only.
- > This course is offered in even-numbered years only.

## Strategic Human Resource Management specialisation

This program has successfully met the criteria for accreditation with the Australian Human Resources Institute (AHRI) when combined with the 'Applied Human Resource Management' specialisation.

Course	Semester of offer Distance/Online	Semester of offer Toowoomba campus	Semester of offer Springfield campus
MGT8030 Performance Management and People Development	1		
MGT8031 Global Issues in Employment Relations	2		
MGT8034 Strategic Management of Human Resources and Innovation	3		
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## Other program requirements

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

## Articulation

The Master of Business and Innovation articulates from the Graduate Certificate of Business. On completion of the Master of Business and Innovation, students may be eligible for entry into the Doctor of Business Ad ministration (DBA) or the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), provided they meet necessary entry requirements. Please refer to the DBA and the PhD for further information, or contact the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts.

## Exit points

A student who chooses not to complete or who does not maintain good standing in this program may be permitted to exit with a lesser qualification as set out below:

- a student who successfully completes eight Master of Business and Innovation units may, upon application, exit with a Graduate Diploma of Business.
- a student who successfully completes four Master of Business and Innovation units may, upon application, exit with a Graduate Certificate of Business.

## Credit

Credit may be granted on the basis of completed equivalent postgraduate study from a recognised university. In order for 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 sufficiently equivalent in objectives, content and weightings to a course prescribed in the Master of Business and Innovation, or alternatively where applicable the course is suitable as an elective
- the maximum credit granted is no greater than six courses for the Master of Business and Innovation
- credit approved in this program will not automatically apply to other programs offered by USQ.

Claims for credit should be submitted prior to or at the time of enrolment in a course. 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. Please contact the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts for further information.

## **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.

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Specialisation 2 course	1	1			2	1	
Specialisation 1 course	1	2			1	2	
Specialisation 2 course	1	2			1	2	
Research specialisation course	1	2			2	2	
Research specialisation course	1	2			2	2	

Consult the Handbook on the Web at http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/current for any updates that may occur during the year. Master of Business (MBSI) - MBusInv (2021)

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Specialisation 1 course	2	1			3	1	
Specialisation 2 course	2	1			3	1	
Research specialisation course/s#	2	1			3	2	

Footnotes

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Select either RSH8002 Business Innovation Research (2 units) or {BUS8101 Business Project A (1 unit) and BUS8102 Business Project B (1 unit)}.