Master of Project Management and Master of Business Administration (MBPM) - MPJM and MBAD

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 Master of Project Management.

Program objectives

The Master of Project Management aims to produce graduates who are able to:

- demonstrate underlying knowledge of the theoretical structure of project management as defined by the Project Management Body of Knowledge
- demonstrate essential skills in relation to identification and analysis of logistics management, and integrate logistics management into the overall operation of the organisation
- apply the theoretical principles of project management to a project environment in relation to project:
 - scheduling and time management
 - cost management
 - quality management
 - human resources management
 - communications management
 - risk management
 - procurement management
 - integration management
 - scope management
- apply management skills acquired through elective courses in the context of project management.

The Master of Business Administration will enhance student analytical skills related to management, people, markets, finance, and technical knowledge. Graduates will be able to solve complex organisational problems and be able to manage change through the mastery of particular skills related to creativity, information literacy, and self-reflection. The program focuses on how to demonstrate leadership in global sustainability and how to understand the nature of ethical decisions across contemporary business practice. The Master of Business Administration will enable graduates to work in virtual and non-traditional work environments and increase personal mastery in oral and written communication.

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

- demonstrate applied knowledge of people, markets, finances, technology and management skills in practice
- identify and solve complex organisational problems, creatively, and practically to increase the effectiveness of management processes
- communicate professionally and effectively in a range of modes to various audiences to achieve targeted outcomes
- demonstrate an understanding of organisations in the global environment and the impact of these on organisational systems
- evaluate, synthesise and critically review theoretical frameworks with other evidence to provide solutions to real-world problems
- demonstrate reflective practice and apply learning to different contexts
- demonstrate an understanding of the impact of interpersonal communication on specific management processes and outcomes using relevant theories and concepts
- comprehend and address complex ethical dilemmas
- demonstrate an understanding of complex sustainable dilemmas and the need for responsible leadership
- demonstrate an understanding of the skills required to work in non-traditional and virtual working environments
- demonstrate the skills required for leadership of other, working in teams and working with people from diverse cultural and professional backgrounds in both virtual and real-time spaces
- communicate professionally and effectively in both oral and written communication to various audiences to achieve targeted outcomes.

Admission requirements

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

Entry into the Master of Project Management and Master of Business Administration requires a bachelor degree or equivalent (AQF level 7) in a business-related discipline from a recognised institution, and two year's full-time relevant professional work experience in business.

For candidates who have a bachelor degree or equivalent (AQF level 7) in a non-related discipline from a recognised institution, with two years' full-time relevant professional work experience in business, USQ's Graduate Certificate of Business provides an articulation pathway into the Master of Project Management and Master of Business Administration. Upon completion and achievement of a minimum GPA of 4.0, they will be eligible for entry into the Master of Project Management and Master of Business Administration.

Candidates with a graduate certificate (AQF level 8) or higher qualification in any discipline, with two years' full-time relevant professional work experience in business may apply for entry into the Master of Project Management and Master of Business Administration. 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

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- A student who successfully completes eight units may, upon application, exit with a Graduate Diploma of Business. A student who has successfully completed all the requirements of at least one specialisation may have one specialisation shown on their testamur.
- A student who successfully completes all requirements for the Graduate Certificate of Business may, upon application, exit with that qualification. A student who has successfully completed all the requirements of a four-unit specialisation may have that specialisation shown on their testamur.

Credit

The Master of Project Management and Master of Business Administration is required to meet the requirements of each degree studied with a maximum of 50% units of credit for each program studied individually.

The Master of Project Management and Master of Business Administration meets the requirements of the 12-unit Master of Project Management and the 12-unit Master of Business Administration. The Master of Project Management and Master of Business Administration requires 16 units to be completed with cross-credit of four units from each program (total of eight units).

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 equivalent in objectives, content and weightings to a course prescribed in the Master of Business Administration, or alternatively, the course is suitable as an elective
- the maximum granted is no greater than six units of credit for the Master of Business Administration
- the maximum granted is no greater than four units of credit for the Master of Project Management
- 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. Please contact the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts for further information.

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 - semester 1 intake

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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