

Graduate Diploma of Business (ends S3 2014) (GDBS) - GradDipBus

CRICOS code (International applicants): 072355K

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 [GCBU Graduate Certificate of Business](#) .

	On-campus#	External
Semester intake:	No new admissions	No new admissions
Campus:	Springfield, Toowoomba	-
Fees:	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	1 year full-time, up to 4 years part-time	
Program articulation:	To: Master of Information Systems (ends 2014) ; Master of Information Systems Extended (ends 2014) ; Master of Professional Accounting (ends 2014) ; Master of Professional Accounting Extended (ends 2014)	

Notes:

No semester 3 intake for international on-campus students.

Footnotes

The Information Systems specialisation is offered in on-campus mode at Toowoomba only.

Contact us

Current students

[Ask a question](#)

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Professional accreditation

The Information Systems specialisation in the Graduate Diploma of Business is accredited by the [Australian Computer Society](#).

Program aims

The Graduate Diploma of Business gives students the opportunity to enhance their career prospects by obtaining knowledge in a specialist field. Students may choose between the fields of accounting or information systems.

Graduates will have an in-depth understanding of relevant academic disciplines and possess knowledge and skills in problem resolution that will enable them to work effectively in their chosen area of specialisation.

Program objectives

The objectives of the Graduate Diploma of Business are to enable graduates to:

- acquire specific knowledge and skills in accounting or information systems which are relevant to their disciplines
- become better problem-solvers and innovative thinkers, who are able to learn new skills independently and efficiently, and consequently to succeed in a competitive professional environment
- identify information needs appropriate to their area of specialisation, and apply the techniques required to gather and interpret such information
- understand the ethics of their profession and the need for a commitment to that profession.

Admission requirements

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

Requirements for the Graduate Diploma of Business:

Accounting specialisation option 1:

Applicants must have successfully completed an accredited post year 12 qualification equivalent to at least two years' full-time study provided that such qualification is deemed sufficient and appropriate on application.

Accounting specialisation option 2:

Applicants must have completed a minimum of at least five years' relevant work experience.

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

- [CPA Australia](#)
- [Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand](#).

Information Systems specialisation:

For admission to the Information Systems specialisation applicants must hold at least a two-year diploma from an Australian or other recognised university, or an approved equivalent qualification, in an area other than computing; and have introductory knowledge of computing consistent with that found in the [CIS1000 Information Systems Concepts](#) course.

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 program consists of 8 courses each of one unit and students must complete either the Accounting specialisation or the Information Systems specialisation.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 4 years to complete the program.

Accounting specialisation

Pre-requisite requirements must be satisfied for the courses selected.

Course	Semester of offer Distance/Online	Semester of offer Toowoomba campus	Semester of offer Springfield campus
Select eight of the following courses:			
ACC5202	1, 2	1, 2	1
ACC5213 Management Accounting with a Strategic Perspective Pre-requisite: ACC5202	1, 2	1	2
ACC5215 Corporate Accounting Pre-requisite: ACC5202	1, 2	2	1
ACC5216 Accounting Theory Pre-requisite/Co-requisite: ACC5213 and ACC5215	1, 2	1	2
ACC5218 Auditing Practice Pre-requisite: ACC5202 and Co-requisite: ACC5215	1, 2	2	1
CIS8000 Global Information Systems Strategy Formerly CIS5001	1, 2	1, 2	2
ECO5000 Economics for Managers	2, 3	2	2
FIN5000 Finance for Managers Co-requisite: ACC5202 or ECO5000	1, 3	1	1
FIN5003 Decision Support Tools	1, 3	1	1
LAW5201 Commercial Law	1, 2, 3	1, 2	1, 2
LAW5206 Corporations Law Pre-requisite: LAW5201	2, 3	2	2
LAW5230 Taxation Law Pre-requisite: ACC5202, ACC5502, ACC5216, or ACC5218 and LAW5206, or Master of Business students - equivalent course/equivalent experience.	1, 2, 3	1	1

Information systems specialisation

Students must successfully complete 4 undergraduate 2000 or 3000 level courses before attempting postgraduate 8000 level courses.

Course	Semester of offer Distance/Online	Semester of offer Toowoomba campus	Semester of offer Springfield campus
Two compulsory core courses:			
CIS2000 Systems Analysis and Design	1, 3	1	1
CIS2002 Database Design and Implementation	1, 3	1	1
Select four of the following courses:			
CIS1101 Business Online	2, 3	2	2
CIS2003 Component Based Software Development	2	2	
CIS2005 Principles of Information Security	2	2	2
CIS3001 Object-Oriented Programming with Java	1	1	
CIS3002 Agile Methods Pre-requisite: CIS2000 or CSC2407	1	1	1
CIS3003 Networks and Distributed Systems	1	1	1
CIS3007 Enterprise Solutions Project	2	2	
CIS3008 Information Technology Service Management	1	1	1
CIS3009 Enterprise Systems in Practice	2, 3	2	2
CIS3010 Oracle Development	2	2	
plus any two of the following courses:			
CIS8004 Enterprise Planning and Implementation	1	1	
CIS8008 Business Intelligence	1, 2	1	1
CIS8009	1	1	1
CIS8010	2	2	2
CIS8011 Digital Innovation	2, 3	2	2
CIS8018 Cyber Security	2	2	2
CIS8100	1, 3	1	1

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 may be permitted to exit with a [Graduate Certificate of Business \(ends S3 2014\)](#) provided that they have successfully completed 4 units.

Credit

Candidates for the Graduate Diploma of Business may be eligible for up to four units of credit on the basis of completed equivalent undergraduate and/or postgraduate study from a recognised university.

Credit approved in the program may not automatically apply to other programs offered by USQ.

Note Where credit is granted, maximum and minimum duration will be adjusted in the same proportion as the credit, e.g. where the maximum of 50 percent credit is granted, maximum and minimum duration will be reduced by one-half.

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.

Please refer to the Program Structure for course details.