Master of Business (Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies)

These courses are designed to equip you with knowledge and skills for a career in the management of philanthropic and nonprofit organisations.

Skills critical to nonprofit management, such as problem solving, creative thinking, negotiation, ethical practices, teamwork, leadership, networking and information management are incorporated into the teaching, learning and assessment. The courses can be tailored to meet your particular interests.

Upon enrolling in this course, it is compulsory for students to attend the Australian Centre for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies (ACPNS) orientation and intensive weekend at the Gardens Point Campus of QUT. During this weekend students will participate in a specialised orientation program and also attend the first lectures of available units.

QUT’s Master of Business has been redesigned to ensure it meets the new quality assurance standards set by the Australian Qualifications Framework for masters by coursework programs. The learning outcomes of the course have been refreshed to provide you with a more engaging and real world learning experience.

Why choose this course?
This course is designed to extend your real-world philanthropy and nonprofit studies knowledge and skills.

You will build skills and knowledge relevant to the specialised third sector and core content is framed by the international Nonprofit Academic Centers Council curriculum.

In undertaking this study area you will also acquire knowledge and skills that are critical to nonprofit management, such as problem solving, creative thinking, negotiation, ethical practices, stakeholder communication, teamwork, leadership, networking, funding and information management. You will also benefit from being part of an active research centre, ACPNS, which is engaged in current research across nonprofit law, accounting, social enterprise, governance, philanthropy, fundraising and other areas.

Flexible delivery
Units in this postgraduate program are delivered using a mix of face-to-face, online and blended learning technologies. All course materials are placed online including course

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Real opportunities

‘QUT introduced me to diverse cultures and the opportunity to work in the development sector. At QUT I developed an understanding of how culture affects communication and people’s way of life. I had an opportunity to interact and build networks with non-profit managers in Australia. These communication and networking skills were an essential part of my career development.’
lecture materials, practical session guides, readings and help guides.

Real-world learning
Developed in consultation with industry, our programs incorporate real-world case analysis, activities and workplace projects. You will also benefit from meaningful connections with industry leaders and practitioners as they share their insights into essential skills and attributes needed for professional practice.

You will learn how to exercise creativity, independent judgement and critical reflection, to plan, design, adapt and implement strategies and solutions that contribute to real world business practice and research.

Entry requirements
Academic entry requirements
As part of QUT’s application for admission process, you will be automatically assessed for the 1.5 year program. If you wish to be considered for the 2 year program only, please indicate this on your application form.

Master of Business - 1.5 year program
- February and June: A completed recognised bachelor degree in business or related field with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 4.00 (on QUT’s 7 point scale).
- November: Not available

Master of Business - 2 year program
- February, June and November: A completed recognised bachelor degree in any discipline with a minimum grade point average of 4.0 (on QUT’s 7 point scale).

Minimum English requirements
Students must meet the English proficiency requirements.

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Course structure
The Master of Business is designed in three blocks of study:

1. Foundation studies (48 credit points)
2. Discipline studies (96 credit points)
3. Complementary studies (48 credit points)

Students with an undergraduate degree that is not in Business or a related field of study will undertake 192 credit points of study commencing with Foundation studies.

Students who have completed an undergraduate degree in Business or related field of study with a minimum GPA of 4 (on a 7 point scale) will undertake 144 credit points of study in their course. Students will commence their Masters in the Foundation studies block.

November admission is dependent on your educational background and program duration, please refer to the Course structure Summer Semester (November) commencement as specified units may only be available.

Students will be able to access course progression advice from the School of Accountancy.

Careers and outcomes
Whether you work in a nonprofit organisation, are a public sector manager whose service delivery is through or partnered with nonprofit organisations, or are a private sector manager who engages in business with the nonprofit sector, this course can help build professional knowledge and skills relevant to the sector.

Advanced standing
Students who have articulated from the Graduate Certificate in Business (Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies) may receive exemptions for up to 48 credit points.

Advanced standing may also be available to students who have studied a related postgraduate program with another institution within the last five years.

Recognition of prior learning
If you hold a recognised undergraduate degree, in a related discipline study area, your experience in our Master of Business program will be tailored to your learning needs.

Your work experience in a related field may also be considered for recognition of prior learning.

Early exit
Students may exit from the Master of Business (BS11) at the following stages, once those particular course requirements have been met:

- Graduate Diploma of Business (BS79) (Study Area A)
- Graduate Certificate in Business (BS39) (Study Area A).

Mid-year entry
Apply now
Start study in June
Boost or change your career with a postgraduate degree.

Business advantage
The QUT Business School’s Business Advantage program is a free program offered to all business students. It can help you develop skills through interaction, discussion, cooperation and debate with other students and leaders from business, government, education and community sectors. The program includes: guest presentations from inspiring industry, community and university leaders; sessions focused on specific social and professional skills; challenging interaction aimed at developing skills through new experiences; and provides a certificate of completion for you to include in your resume or portfolio. Not only does this program offer you excellent networking opportunities, but also the opportunity to gain highly relevant experiences and skills that you can apply throughout your career.