Career outcomes

The types of problems examined by students reflect real world business issues in accounting, auditing, finance and management. As a result, graduates from the accounting Honours program are keenly sought by employers who place a premium on high-level analytical and empirical skills.

Honours expands your career opportunities to include management consulting, regulatory agencies, standard setting bodies, investment banking, government agencies and the more specialised areas of the large accounting firms. Also, an Honours degree provides a springboard for higher degrees (Masters or Doctoral degrees) that are increasingly demanded by leading academic, government and business organisations.

The School of Accountancy offers a diverse, real world focus in our research. Our active research profile covers a broad range of topics in management accounting, financial accounting, capital markets, auditing, taxation, business law, accounting information systems, electronic business and accounting for nonprofit organisations.

Course design

Students must complete four coursework units (48 credit points) and a dissertation (48 credit points), as per the programs of study described under the individual majors.

Unit prerequisite requirements are deemed to have been satisfied upon admission to this course. Where elective units may be undertaken, students should check prerequisite requirements in the unit synopsis section of the QUT Handbook and obtain approval from the Subject Area Coordinator prior to enrolment.

Alternative pathways

Our program is very flexible and there are alternative pathways to Honours

The traditional approach is to complete a fourth year after you graduate from your undergraduate degree.

The School also offers the unique opportunity to fast track your studies and complete both your Bachelor of Business and Honours degree in three years with significant financial support through the Dean's Honours program or the School of Accountancy Honours Scholarship Program. Both programs offer successful applicants the opportunity of enrolling in extra units throughout the first two years and over summer, so you can commence and complete your Honours year in the third rather than the fourth year.
Programs can be specially designed for double degree students and part-time students.

Entry requirements (domestic and international students)
A Bachelor of Business from QUT that includes a major in the area of intended Honours level study or a qualification deemed equivalent. Students must have achieved a grade-point average (GPA) of 5.5 or better on a 7-point scale in the three years of undergraduate study or other qualifications and experience which is considered by the Executive Dean of Faculty to qualify for admission. Students would normally apply for admission to Honours at the end of the final year of their pass degree, or within 18 months of completing the pass degree.

Applications for the Accountancy major (for commencement in semester 1, 2011) should be submitted by November 2010 - exact date to be confirmed.

English language requirements (international students)
In addition to the above academic entry requirements, international students must meet the following English language proficiency levels for entry into the Faculty's postgraduate coursework courses:
- IELTS: overall sub-band score of 6.5 with no sub-band below 6.0; or
- TOEFL: 575 (paper-based) or 230 (computerised) (if TOEFL permitted by visa requirements).

Mid-year entry students
Mid-year entry students should contact the Honours Discipline Coordinator for enrolment advice and course progression details. Mid-year entry to any major cannot be guaranteed and is subject to supervisor and unit availability.

Further information
For further information on this course contact the Honours Discipline Coordinator Dr Jodie Nelson on 3138 2518 or je.nelson@qut.edu.au

The Honours Discipline Coordinator is responsible for the administration of the course, including admissions, scholarships and determining the result for the year as a whole. If you have any questions about the course or any comments, the Honours Coordinator should be your first point of contact.

Abbreviation
BBusHons(Acc)

Course Structure (full-time)

Accountancy
- Students must complete three prescribed units (36 credit points), one elective unit (12 credit points) and a dissertation (48 credit points).

Prescribed units:
- BSN502 Research Methodology
- AYN433 Research Topics in Accounting
- OR other postgraduate unit approved by the School Honours Coordinator
- BSN412 Qualitative Research and Analytical Techniques
- OR
- BSN414 Quantitative Research Methods

Elective Unit
One 12 credit point elective unit approved by the School Honours Coordinator

Dissertation

While enrolled in the Honours program, students are required to present a seminar detailing their research proposal and attend the School research seminars. IF37 students are exempt from the 4 coursework units.

Potential Careers:
Account Executive, Accountant, Actuary, Certified Practicing Accountant.

UNIT SYNOPSISES

AYN433 RESEARCH TOPICS IN ACCOUNTING
This unit introduces Honours, Higher Degree Research and other Postgraduate students to a broad range of accounting literature. It is designed to explore various theories and research methodologies that are applied in accounting research through assigned weekly readings and assigned research tasks. The assigned readings include contemporary research in financial accounting, management accounting, auditing and corporate governance.

Prerequisites: AYN417 and AYN418
Credit points: 12
Contact hours: 3 per week
Campus: Gardens Point
Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1
BSN412 QUALITATIVE RESEARCH AND ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUES
This unit provides a detailed overview of qualitative research to support decision-making in business disciplines. The primary purpose of this unit is to develop a detailed understanding of the theoretical contexts in which field studies and qualitative research methods have developed and the techniques that define the approach. Students develop the ability to analyse, conduct, and evaluate qualitative research in discipline areas related to business. The unit provides a basic preparation for the development of a project, thesis or dissertation proposal based on the use of qualitative research.

Antirequisites: CON500  Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 3 per week  Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

BSN414 QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS
Quantitative Research Methods is a postgraduate unit designed to introduce students to a range of quantitative research methods and their application to different research questions and types of quantitative data. Throughout the unit, students will be exposed to a wide range of quantitative research issues including survey and index development, factor analysis, multiple regression, experimental data collection and analysis, ANOVA and MANOVA, structural models, secondary data collection and analysis, and longitudinal data analysis. Each lecture will be conducted in computer laboratories to allow students the opportunity to develop their quantitative research skills using SPSS and AMOS with data provided by lecturers.

Credit points: 12  Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

BSN501 DISSERTATION
Students undertake a study of an issue as the culmination of their honours program. The dissertation must have a well-developed conceptual foundation and include a primary research component.

Credit points: 12  Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

BSN502 RESEARCH METHODOLOGY
The purpose of this study is to provide students with a range of ideas and methods that enable them to analyse, evaluate and conduct research in discipline areas related to business. It provides an essential and basic preparation for the development of a thesis or dissertation proposal. Areas of study include research paradigms, analysis and criticism, research design, data collection and data manipulation, interpretation and presentation.

Antirequisites: BSB400  Credit points: 12  Contact hours: Flexible Mode  Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2