Bachelor of Business (Honours) (Accountancy) (BS63)

Year offered: 2011
Admissions: Yes
CRICOS code: 009038B
Course duration (full-time): 1 year (2 semesters)
Course duration (part-time): 2 years (4 semesters)
Domestic Fees (indicative): 2011: CSP $4,506 per semester (indicative)
International Fees (indicative): 2011: $10,500 (indicative) per semester
Total credit points: 96
Standard credit points per full-time semester: 48
Standard credit points per part-time semester: 24
Course coordinator: Director of Higher Degree Research Studies
Discipline coordinator: Dr Jodie Nelson
Campus: Gardens Point

Why choose this course?
The School of Accountancy Honours program is focused on contemporary issues in the real world. Our Honours graduates are much sought after by employers - nationally and internationally - who place a premium on these highly desirable skills.

Overview
Honours in Accountancy involves only one extra year of study at university following the completion of your three-year undergraduate degree, often with financial support through grants, scholarships and tutoring opportunities.

The benefits of just 12 months of extra study are many, including higher job rewards and remuneration, the option of an academic career and an enhanced graduate resume that distinguishes you from other accountancy graduates.

It also allows you to develop analytical and empirical skills and to focus on an industry relevant topic that interests you and aligns with your career ambitions.

Some organisations specifically target and actively recruit Honours graduates for their employee intake. They offer a range of incentives and bonuses, some will even fund your Honours program.

The Honours program is designed for high achievers. It builds on the undergraduate program by providing detailed coverage of theoretical, analytical and empirical research issues in Accountancy. This process provides students with high-level analytical and empirical analysis skills beyond what can be expected from completion of a degree.

Meeting minimum entry requirements does not guarantee entry into this course. Admission to the Honours program will depend on the availability of supervision, infrastructure and other required resources.

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 requisite requirements are deemed to have been satisfied upon admission to this course. Where option (elective) units may be undertaken, students should check requisite requirements in the unit synopsis section of the QUT Handbook and obtain approval from the School Honours Coordinator.

Alternative pathways
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.
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.

Important course specific enrolment advice
The Business School will provide students with up to $600 for approved research related expenses associated with the preparation of a thesis under the Business School’s Postgraduate Research Student Support Scheme. Schools may also provide additional funding assistance and/or opportunities for paid research assistant or tutoring work.

To obtain further information about the policies and procedures relating to this course, please refer to the Business Postgraduate Guidelines.

Other useful information can be found on the Student Services website.

Abbreviation
BBusHons(Acc)

Further information
For further information on this course contact the Honours Coordinator Dr Jodie Nelson on 3138 5136 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.

Course Structure (full-time)

Accountancy

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While enrolled in this program, students are required to present a seminar detailing their research proposal and attend the School research seminars.

Potential Careers:
Account Executive, Accountant, Actuary, Banking and Finance Professional, Business Analyst, Certified Practicing Accountant, Financial Risk Manager, Funds Manager, Investment Manager, Project Manager, Stockbroker.

UNIT SYNOPSIS

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: 2011 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: 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 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:** 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 SEM-2

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**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:** 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 SEM-2

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**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:** 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 SEM-2

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**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:** 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 SEM-2

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**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:** 2011 SEM-1