Bachelor of Business (Honours) (Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies) (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: Prof Myles McGregor-Lowndes
Campus: Gardens Point

Why choose this course?
An Honours degree signals to potential employers you are someone who has exceptional ability, motivation and commitment to your field. It also clearly demonstrates to potential employers an ability to think analytically and to understand significant project management.

Overview
This program provides the opportunity to gain expertise in an industry relevant topic and develop research skills. Alternatively, it allows an entry point to a higher degree that can take into account your real-world industry experience.

Postgraduate research study can also offer pathways to promotion and career development in your current line of work, or another area if you’d like to change direction.

Business research students are encouraged to attend seminars, conference and professional development activities and to contribute within a team of dedicated researchers working on real-world issues.

The Australian Centre for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies, located in QUT’s School of Accountancy, provides postgraduate education for managers in the philanthropic and nonprofit sector, for those who work with philanthropic and nonprofit organisations, and for those with a desire to work in this sector.

This course can be tailored to meet the particular interests of students with opportunities to pursue practical work related projects and research and equips students with the knowledge and skills for a career in the management of philanthropic and nonprofit organisations and is accredited by the Nonprofit Academic Centres Council, as well being part of QUT Business School’s triple international accreditation.

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.

Available full-time only
Please note that the majors in Finance, Economics, and Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies are not available part-time.

Important course specific enrolment advice
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.

Further information
For further information on this course contact the Honours Discipline Coordinator Professor Myles McGregor-Lowndes on m.mcgregor@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 Discipline Coordinator is your primary contact.

Abbreviation
BBusHons(PNS)

Course structure

Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies
(NOT AVAILABLE FOR MID-YEAR ENTRY DUE TO UNIT AVAILABILITY, NOT AVAILABLE PART-TIME)
BSN412 Qualitative Research and Analytical Techniques
BSN414 Quantitative Research Methods
BSN502 Research Methodology
GSN481 Philanthropic and Nonprofit Frameworks of Governance
GSN484 Management for Philanthropic and Nonprofit Organisations

Students will be exposed to a wide range of quantitative research issues including survey and index development, 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

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

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

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

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

UNIT SYNOPSISES

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,
GSN481 PHILANTHROPIC AND NONPROFIT FRAMEWORKS OF GOVERNANCE
The unit explores contemporary understandings of philanthropic and nonprofit governance in the context of social, economic and political systems. It locates these understandings in various theoretical and descriptive frameworks providing students with both the knowledge and analytical skills that are necessary to reflect critically on philanthropy and nonprofit governance systems and their environments.

**Antirequisites:** GSN472, GSN229  
**Credit points:** 6  
**Contact hours:** 3 per week  
**Campus:** Gardens Point  
**Teaching period:** 2011 6TP2

GSN484 MANAGEMENT FOR PHILANTHROPIC AND NONPROFIT ORGANISATIONS
In the context of the multiple management challenges facing non-profit and philanthropic entities, this unit provides students with an introduction to contemporary thinking and practice in the effective and efficient management of organisations. While the focus is on non-profit management, wider management and organisational theory will be drawn on in order that proactive responses to situations, problems and dilemmas facing non-profit organisations can be developed by students.

**Antirequisites:** AMN480, GSN230  
**Credit points:** 6  
**Contact hours:** 3 per week  
**Campus:** Gardens Point  
**Teaching period:** 2011 6TP2