Bachelor of Business (Honours) (Finance) (BS63)

Year offered: 2013
Admissions: Yes
CRICOS code: 009038B
Course duration (full-time): 1 year
Course duration (part-time): 2 years
Domestic Fees (indicative): 2013: CSP $4,900 (indicative) per 48 credit points
Start month: February
Deferral allowed: No
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: Professor Adam Clements
Campus: Gardens Point
Attendance: Full-time

Additional Requirements:

A completed Bachelor or course work Masters degree that includes a major in the area of intended 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 relevant degree or other qualifications and experience which is considered by the Executive Dean, QUT Business School to qualify for admission.

Applicants are required to nominate a supervisor and topic before submitting a formal application. Normally applications will be successful only if a supervisor and topic are well matched. The Business School does not guarantee supervision capacity for all topics. Applicants should ensure that there is a genuine fit with the potential supervisor’s research interests by looking at the interests of the researchers within the relevant school as stated on the Business School website. The Research Coordinator within each school can also assist with this process.

To assist applicants to find an appropriate supervisor, applicants should:
1. Identify supervisor’s research interests by looking at the interests of the researchers as described on the Business School website;
2. Contact the HDR Admissions Officer within the QUT Business School. This contact should include a transcript of academic records, the topic area which they wish to study, the school in which they wish to undertake their research, and if known, the name of a potential supervisor. The information will be passed onto the nominated school or supervisor.

Course highlights

- Study accountancy, advertising, banking and finance, economics, human resource management, international business, management, marketing or public relations.
- Work with a supervisor to integrate what you’ve learnt in your degree to complete a thesis in your field of study.
- Complete in 2 semesters full-time or 4 semesters part-time.

Details:
The Bachelor of Business (Honours) provides high-achieving undergraduate students with analytical, theoretical and empirical skills that differentiate them from other graduates. An honours degree signals to potential employers that you are someone with exceptional ability, motivation and commitment to your field. It gives you the chance to integrate the practical and conceptual knowledge gained through your degree.

As an honours graduate, you can clearly demonstrate an ability to undertake rigorous independent research. Applicants can study within the fields of Accountancy, Advertising, Finance, Economics, Human Resource Management, International Business, Management, Marketing and Public Relations.

Structures and Units

Course design
The course is designed for total immersion in academic study for a full-time year. Therefore undertaking the honours course part-time is generally discouraged. Not all schools permit mid-year entry. The structure of the course is such that the coursework units in the first semester logically precede the research thesis, which is largely completed in the second semester.

Course Structure (full-time)

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BSN501-4  Dissertation
While enrolled in part one of the Dissertation (BSN501-1) students are required to present a seminar detailing their research proposal.

Potential Careers:
Banker, Banking and Finance Professional, Financial Advisor/Analyst, Financial Project Manager, Funds Manager, Stockbroker.

UNIT SYNOPSES

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: 2013 SEM-1 and 2013 SEM-2

BSN511 FINANCE THEORY
This unit provides an advanced coverage of the theory of finance, building on work done in the undergraduate course. Topics include: basic utility theory and risk aversion, investment decision, market equilibrium, the capital asset pricing model, arbitrage pricing theory, and multiperiod investment decisions. The unit provides a theoretical basis for further specialisation in this area.

Equivalents: EFN504  Credit points: 12  Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2013 SEM-1

EFN512 ASSET PRICING
This unit provides an advanced coverage of the empirical asset pricing literature, building on work done in Finance Theory and Econometric Methods. The unit will provide a broad coverage of key empirical work in a broad range of asset pricing and risk management, with topics including: understanding the distribution of financial returns, testing asset pricing models, stochastic discount factors, momentum, and aspects of financial risk management.

Prerequisites: EFN508 and EFN511  Credit points: 12  Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2013 SEM-1