Graduate Diploma in Business (Research) (Finance) (BS69)

Year offered: 2013
Admissions: Yes
CRICOS code: 072979M
Course duration (full-time): 1 year
Course duration (part-time): 2 years
Domestic Fees (indicative): 2013: $10,200 (indicative) per 48 credit points
Student Services and Amenities Fee
You’ll need to pay the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) as part of your course costs. More information on the SSAF - http://www.student.qut.edu.au/fees-and-finances/study-costs/fee-schedule/table-l-student-services-and-amenities-fee
Start month: February
Deferment allowed: No
Total credit points: 96
Standard credit points per full-time semester: 48
Standard credit points per part-time semester: 24
Discipline coordinator: Professor Janice How
Campus: Gardens Point
Attendance: Full-time
Additional Requirements:

Entry 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 possess 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 faculty 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 QUT Business School website;

2. Complete the Expression of Interest to Apply for a Research Degree form, and email this to the QUT Business School HDR Admissions Officer. 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 HDR Admissions Officer may ask for further information to assist with your enquiry. The information will be passed onto the nominated school or supervisor.

Course highlights
- Alternative pathway for PhD candidates who require necessary research training and experience.
- Study discipline coursework and research methods, before completing a supervised research dissertation.
- Complete in 2 semesters full-time or 4 semesters part-time.

Details:
The purpose of this course is to provide the basic research training for potential PhD candidates who do not possess the necessary research experience to gain entry into the PhD. It is offered as an alternative pathway, giving you the opportunity to pursue a research career.

Structures and Units
Students must complete four coursework units (48 credit points) and a dissertation (48 credit points), as per the program of study.
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 Discipline Coordinator prior to enrolment.
Please note: Part-time study is not available for study within the Finance major due to unit availability.

Course Structure (full-time)

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| Year 1, Semester 2 |
BSN501-1 Dissertation
BSN501-2 Dissertation
BSN501-3 Dissertation
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:
Financial Advisor/Analyst.

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

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Credit points: 12  Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2013 SEM-1 and 2013 SEM-2

Antirequisites: BSN506  Other requisites: Unit Coordinator Approval and undergraduate degree with a major in Economics or Finance required to enrol  Credit points: 12  Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2013 SEM-1

EFN511 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

EFN513 CORPORATE FINANCE
This is an advanced unit in Corporate Finance. The primary purpose of this unit is to expose and familiarise students to the major literature and recent developments in the theory of corporate finance. This unit has a strong focus on research and covers a number of major subject areas in corporate finance, including capital raising, capital structure, payout policy, mergers and acquisitions, and corporate governance.

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

EFN508 ECONOMETRIC METHODS
This unit provides a comprehensive grounding in the econometric methods necessary for conducting research using such methods. Recent contributions to the econometric literature are studied.