Graduate Diploma in Business (Research) (Economics) (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-1-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 Discipline 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. 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 Economics major due to unit availability.

Course Structure (full-time)

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EFN509 Policy Economics and Evaluation

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:
Economist.

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

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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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

EFN500 CONTEMPORARY MACROECONOMIC THEORY
This unit introduces students to the latest theoretical developments in the field of macroeconomics using both qualitative and quantitative approaches. It places these theories in their historical, philosophical and societal contexts. This unit looks at New Classical, New Keynesian and other theoretical approaches to a range of issues. These include: theories of expectation formation, supply side economics, labour markets, monetary theory, real business cycle theory and growth theory.

Other requisites: Unit Coordinator Approval and undergraduate degree with a major in Economics or Finance required to enrol  Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 3 per week  Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2013 SEM-1

EFN502 DEVELOPMENTS IN MICROECONOMIC THEORIES
This unit involves the discussion and analysis of contemporary developments in microeconomic theory, such as game theory and its applications, consumer behaviour, problems of collective action, evolutionary economics, the economics of voting, externalities, public goods, and the market mechanism. It explores refinements in microeconomic theory which have been contemporaneously used in the development of government policies in areas such as the environment, energy, public enterprises and industrial development.

Other requisites: Unit Coordinator Approval and undergraduate degree with a major in Economics or Finance required to enrol  Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 3 per week  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.

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

EFN509 POLICY ECONOMICS AND EVALUATION
This Economics Honours unit lays emphasis on economic policy and evaluation. The primary purpose of this unit is to focus on the application of microeconomic and macroeconomic principles to informing contemporary commercial, economic and social policy in Australia, and the global economy. This unit has a strong focus and will illustrate in a practical manner how economic tools can be used to assess policy issues and to evaluate potential
solutions. The unit will complement theory with appropriate tools of analysis (inclusive of both analytical methods and model-based arguments).

**Prerequisites:** EFN500, EFN502 and EFN508  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Campus:** Gardens Point  
**Teaching period:** 2013 SEM-1