Master of Business (Research) (Economics) (BS92)

Year offered: 2010  
Admissions: Yes  
CRICOS code: 054092M  
Course duration (full-time): 3 semesters or 2 semesters  
Course duration (part-time): 6 semesters or 4 semesters  
Domestic fees (indicative): Australia citizens or Permanent Residents will be awarded an RTS/RTA place or a QUT sponsorship for tuition fees. If you exceed the maximum time, you will be charged - 2010: $12,000 per semester (indicative)  
International Fees (indicative): 2010: $12,250 (indicative) per semester  
Total credit points: 144 credit points (for entry without an Honours degree) or 96 credit points (for entry with Honours and where no further coursework is prescribed at point of admission)  
Standard credit points per full-time semester: 48  
Standard credit points per part-time semester: 24  
Course coordinator: Assistant Dean (Research)  
Discipline coordinator: Professor Janice How

Why choose this course?  
The Faculty of Business offers a range of postgraduate research programs designed to develop skills to address a specific problem in the workplace or assist you to investigate an academic area of interest through researching and presenting findings to others in your field.

Overview  
The Master of Business (Research) is a three semester or 18 month program (full-time equivalent), usually involving one semester of coursework in research skills development, followed by a two semester research program culminating in the submission of a thesis of approximately 40-50,000 words. It is a Faculty-level program, completion of which may allow entry to the PhD.

The objective of the program is to train students in research methodology techniques and critical evaluation appropriate to their field of study through a specified program of research under academic supervision.

In addition, you are trained in analysing both the literature and debate in the substantive areas of the thesis topic at an advanced level. It may also provide an entry point to a PhD program.

Overview  
Students can pursue advanced studies within their discipline. Students will develop their capacity to conduct rigorous independent research, as well as undertaking advanced coursework that integrates conceptual and practical issues within their discipline.

Students can study within the following school areas: accountancy, advertising, banking and finance, economics, entrepreneurship and innovation, human resource management, international business, management, marketing and public relations.

Course design  
For entry without an Honours degree, students must complete four approved coursework units (48 credit points) and a dissertation (96 credit points) as per the programs of study described under the individual majors.

For entry with an Honours degree students must complete a dissertation (96 credit points).

Facilities  
Full-time students are provided with modern, well-appointed office space (which includes access to a desk, computer and telephone). There are break-out areas and meeting rooms where supervisors and industry partners can meet with their students. Discussion groups and small classes are also held in the meeting rooms. These premises offer new and continuing students a work environment conducive to study and progress and demonstrate a continuing commitment to the postgraduate program.

Supervision  
You will receive individual supervision by a highly qualified and experienced academic staff member who will guide you through your advanced study.

Entry requirements (domestic and international students)  
If applicants have an Honours degree (at level 2B or better) it must be relevant to the chosen discipline for the Master of Business (Research); or if applicants are entering from a pass degree, their undergraduate degree must include a major in an approved area, plus a grade point average of 5.5 or more on a 7 point scale; or applicants can present a case based on evidence of qualifications that demonstrates the applicants capacity to pursue the course of study.

In addition to assessing qualifications, the Faculty must also be satisfied that adequate supervision and resources are available to support the applicants proposed research.

Research Proposal - the application for admission to the Master of Business (Research) must include details of the proposed research project.
English language requirements (international students)
In addition to the above academic entry requirements, international students must meet the following English language proficiency levels for entry into the Faculty's postgraduate coursework courses:
- IELTS: overall score of 6.5 with no sub-band below 6.0;
- TOEFL: 575 (paper-based) or 230 (computerised) (if TOEFL permitted by visa requirements).

Mid-year entry students
Mid-year entry students should contact the Research Studies Office in the Faculty of Business on 3138 1320 or bus.research@qut.edu.au for enrolment advice and course progression details.

Abbreviation
MBus(Research)

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Economics
Students must complete three prescribed units (36 credit points), one elective unit (12 credit points), and a thesis (96 credit points) as follows:

- EFN508 Econometric Methods
- EFN500 Contemporary Macroeconomic Theory
- EFN502 Developments in Microeconomic Theories

Plus one Elective unit:
This elective unit may be taken from any approved 12 credit point postgraduate unit offered by the Faculty of Business, subject to the approval of the School Research Coordinator.

Plus thesis (parts 1-8):

BSN600-1 Thesis
BSN600-2 Thesis
BSN600-3 Thesis
BSN600-4 Thesis
BSN600-5 Thesis
BSN600-6 Thesis
BSN600-7 Thesis
BSN600-8 Thesis

Potential Careers:
Economist.
issue. Students are expected to present a seminar each semester on their progress to date and, in the final semester, on the outcomes of their study. The thesis is expected to have a sound conceptual and theoretical foundation for the exploration of a significant communication topic using primary research data. The thesis report should be approximately 50000 words.

**Credit points:** 12  
**Campus:** Gardens Point

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**BSN600 THESIS**

This is the major component of a research Masters and consists of a substantial study of an applied or theoretical issue. Students are expected to present a seminar each semester on their progress to date and, in the final semester, on the outcomes of their study. The thesis is expected to have a sound conceptual and theoretical foundation for the exploration of a significant communication topic using primary research data. The thesis report should be approximately 50000 words.

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**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.

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**Other requisites:** Unit Coordinator Approval and undergraduate degree with a major in Economics or Finance required to enrol  
**Credit points:** 12  
**Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1

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**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:** 2010 SEM-1

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**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  
**Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1