Master of Business (Research) (Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies) (BS92)

Year offered: 2011
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 - 2011: $9,750 per semester (indicative)
International Fees (indicative): 2011: $11,750 (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: Prof Myles McGregor-Lowndes
Campus: Gardens Point

Why choose this course?
The QUT Business School 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
A Master of Business (Research) typically involves one year of coursework or research skill development units before embarking on a year-long research program that culminates in the submission of a thesis.

It 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 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.

The Master of Business (Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies) can be tailored to meet the particular interests of students with opportunities to pursue practical work related projects and research.

The program 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 the QUT Business School’s triple international accreditation.

Abbreviation
MBus(Research)

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 students with opportunities to pursue practical work related to study and progress and demonstrate a continuing commitment to the postgraduate program.

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).

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

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

Prerequisite requirements for the following units are deemed to have been satisfied upon admission to this course, except for those specifically identified in brackets and italics. Where option (elective) units may be undertaken, students should check prerequisite requirements in the unit synopsis section of the QUT Handbook and obtain approval from the School Research Coordinator prior to enrolment.

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Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies
Students must complete prescribed units (48 credit points) and a thesis (96 credit points).

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
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

UNIT SYNOPSES

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, factor analysis, 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.

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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

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**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