Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA)

As one of Australia's top ranked programs, QUT's Executive MBA is designed to take experienced managers to new levels as highly skilled leaders.

Our Executive MBA is ranked number two by the Australian Financial Review BOSS MBA Ranking in 2019 and has been awarded five stars by the Graduate Management Association of Australia in 2017.

Our unique Executive MBA program is now also available in Canberra.

QUT has been a power-broker in Canberra for years, with our Executive Masters creating effective leaders for the Department of Defence, the DMO, Taxation and others since 2008.

Why choose this course?

The concept of ‘knowing one’s self’ lies at the forefront of the program, facilitating the development of a deep understanding of personal goals and leadership traits.

In addition to self-realisation and leadership, the unique model for this Executive MBA program integrates fundamental units with more advanced elements that include organisational transformation, entrepreneurship, governance and corporate accountability. The program culminates in an international study tour to one of the world's best universities, MIT, or to Europe, undertaking a deep dive with some of the world's largest companies including Boeing and Amazon, and honing your abilities to meet the demands of a quickly changing globalised digital economy.

During the tours, participants will either provide learners with the ability to integrate emerging digital and engineering innovations (e.g. digital business models, autonomous technologies, data analytics) into their organisations while taking advantage of emerging opportunities and/or mitigating against disruptive elements (International Leadership Stream) or investigate the challenging and complex nature of leading global organizations such as Airbus, Pilatus and Amazon Web Services (Complex Program Leadership Stream).

You will also be assigned an individual leadership coach who will work with you to focus your efforts on achieving your life and career goals.

Kellie-Ann Robinson, QLD Regional Operations Manager, Greencap.

Real experiences

‘One of the highlights of my EMBA was the Chinese study tour. To go and to meet businesses and executives that are actually working and living there was an eye-opening experience. It was an incredible part of the course and a valuable part of doing my Executive MBA at QUT.’
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You have the choice of two distinct pathways:
- International leadership
- Complex program leadership and strategic procurement.

Entry requirements

Academic entry requirements
A completed recognised bachelor degree in any discipline with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 4.5 (on QUT’s 7-point scale); and

A minimum five years full-time post degree work experience with minimum of three years relevant professional work experience and two years minimum supervisory/management experience.

Additional entry requirements

Some applicants may be required to:
- Sit the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) (the worldwide standard in aptitude assessment for admission to postgraduate management programs), and achieve a minimum score of 550. GMAT details (PDF file, 271.8 KB).
- Attend an interview with the MBA Director to demonstrate relevant work experience

Referees

All applicants must nominate two referees as part of the application. At least one referee report should be from your current employer and we may contact your referees as part of the application process.

Referee Report proforma (DOCX file, 132.3 KB)

Work experience

Relevant work experience indicates applicants will be able to contribute to class discussion. A minimum of five years full-time equivalent professional or managerial work experience is required after the completion of an undergraduate degree. To enable us to assess your work experience, a current curriculum vitae providing details of your roles, responsibilities and achievements is required.

Pathways

Applicants without a Bachelor Degree may be admitted to the Graduate Certificate in Business Administration with a minimum of 9 years work experience (6 years minimum equivalent professional work experience plus 3 year minimum supervisory/management experience). Upon completion of the Graduate Certificate in Business Administration with a GPA 4.5 (or higher) students can articulate into the Executive Master of Business Administration.

Course structure

The EMBA is structured into four components:
1. The Building Foundations component provides foundation business knowledge and skills along with the opportunity to engage in personal leadership development.
2. The Multi-Disciplinary Decision Making component provides you with a broad spectrum of knowledge and skills on business disciplines to equip you to make holistic and multi-disciplinary decisions in complex environments.
3. In the third component of the EMBA program you are able to choose a concentration from: International Leadership and Complex Program Leadership or Strategic Procurement
4. The final component of the EMBA program is the completion of a Workplace Project.

Delivery and timing

The Executive MBA program commences in Brisbane in January of each year. Classes are scheduled once every four weeks over a long weekend from Friday to Sunday with the inclusion of a two-week international study tour.

The Executive MBA commences in Canberra in February. The delivery will focus on an eight week cycle, with class sessions taking place every eight weeks supported by on-line learning and facilitation for the remainder of the cycle.

These intensive sessions allow participants to schedule dedicated time to study with minimal interference to their business commitments.

Course components

Building Foundations
- Strategic Management
- Communicating to Influence
- Systems Thinking for Managers
- Economics in Business
- Problem Framing for Creative Action
- Accounting for Decision Making
- Personal Leadership and Change
- Data Analysis and Decision Making

Multi-Disciplinary Decision Making
- Marketing Strategically
- Understanding and Leading Others
- Business Law
- Financial Management
- Business Leadership Practicum
- Managing Technological Innovation
- Global Leadership and Complexity
- Negotiation Skills and Strategies
- Corporate Governance and Accountability

Concentration Options

1. International Leadership
   - Contemporary Human Resource Management Issues: Global Perspectives
   - Conducting Business Internationally
   - Advanced Strategy for Global Business
   - Strategic Decision Making: Beyond Digital and Big Data
   - Crisis Communication

2. Complex Program Leadership and Strategic Procurement
   - Sourcing and Contracting Strategies in a Global Environment
   - Strategic Leadership of Supplier Relationships
   - Strategically Managing Risk
   - Intellectual Property Strategy and Management
   - Complex Program Alignment and Implementation

Workplace Project

- Integrated Workplace Project

Fees

FEE-HELP
You may be eligible for FEE-HELP, a loan scheme to help you pay your course fees, if you are an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. For other conditions read the FEE-HELP information.

Student Services and Amenities Fee
You’ll need to pay the student services and amenities fee as part of your course costs. You may be eligible for SA-HELP, a loan scheme to help you pay your student services and amenities fee, if you are an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. For other conditions read the SA-HELP information.

This course includes a two-week international study tour. The cost is:
- $7,000 (approximate) for the international leadership study tour
- $10,000 (approximate) for the complex program leadership study tour

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This includes all in-country transportation, accommodation, company and site visits, and most meals.