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

Year offered: 2013
Admissions: Yes
CRICOS code: 054092M
Course duration (full-time): 18 months
Course duration (part-time): 3 years
Domestic Fees (indicative): Aust citizens or PRs will be awarded an RTS/RTA place or a QUT sponsorship for tuition fees. If you exceed the max time, you may be charged - 2013: $10,800 (indicative) per 48 credit points
Start month: February, July
Deferment allowed: No
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
Campus: Gardens Point
Attendance: Part-time, Full-time
Additional Requirements:

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 Business School 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.

Course highlights
- Complete 1 semester of coursework in research skill development before undertaking a 12-month research program, culminating in a thesis of approximately 50,000 words.
- Opportunities to enter the PhD program.
- Complete in 2-3 semesters full-time or 4-6 semesters part-time.

Details:
The Master of Business (Research) trains 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.

Structures and Units
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 program of study for this major.

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

Mid-year entry students
Students wishing to enrol in July should contact the Research Studies Office in the QUT Business School on 3138 1407 or bus.research@qut.edu.au for enrolment advice and course progression details.

Enrolment
The QUT Research Student Centre enrols all research students. Any questions regarding enrolment can be directed to the Research Studies Office in the QUT Business School on 3138 1407 or bus.research@qut.edu.au

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Economics

Students must complete three prescribed units (36 credit points), one option (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 Option (Elective) unit:
This option (elective) unit may be taken from any approved 12 credit point postgraduate unit offered by the QUT Business School, subject to the approval of the School Research Coordinator.

Plus thesis units (96 credit points)
Potential Careers:
Economist.

UNIT SYNOPSES

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