

# Graduate Diploma of Business (GDBZ) - GradDipBus

CRICOS code (International applicants): 089180M

**This program is currently undergoing internal reaccreditation. This may result in changes to the program for 2022.**


## Program objectives

The objectives of the Graduate Diploma of Business are to produce graduates who are able to:

- understand the concepts and essential theories and skills associated with a discipline area or areas related to business
- demonstrate cognitive skills to review, analyse, consolidate and synthesise business knowledge and identify and provide solutions to complex problems
- evaluate and communicate theoretical concepts to transfer business knowledge and ideas to a variety of audiences
- demonstrate advanced business knowledge and skills for professional work and/or further learning.

## Australian Qualifications Framework

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a single national, comprehensive system of qualifications offered by higher education institutions (including universities), vocational education and training institutions and secondary schools. Each AQF qualification has a set of descriptors which define the type and complexity of knowledge, skills and application of knowledge and skills that a graduate who has been awarded that qualification has attained, and the typical volume of learning associated with that qualification type.

This program is at AQF Qualification Level 08. Graduates at this level will have advanced knowledge and skills for professional or highly skilled work and/or further learning.

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting [www.aqf.edu.au](http://www.aqf.edu.au).

## Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- completion of an Australian university Bachelor degree in the area of business, or equivalent.
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 3.

For candidates who have a Bachelor degree (AQF level 7) or equivalent in a non-business related discipline from a recognised institution, USQ's [Graduate Certificate of Business](#) provides an articulation pathway into the Graduate Diploma of Business.

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [English language requirements](#).

If students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, students may be admitted to an award program.

## Program structure

The Graduate Diploma of Business is comprised of eight units of postgraduate courses as follows:

Specialisation
<p><b>Named specialisation and General specialisation:</b> The Business Administration specialisation, or a four-unit named specialisation from the <a href="#">Master of Business Administration</a>, <a href="#">Master of Project Management</a> or <a href="#">Master of Business</a></p> <p><b>plus</b> General specialisation of any four courses from the <a href="#">Master of Business Administration</a>, <a href="#">Master of Project Management</a>, <a href="#">Master of Business</a>, <a href="#">Master of Professional Accounting</a> or <a href="#">Master of Information Systems</a> or from other USQ postgraduate programs as approved by the Program Coordinator in the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts. Some courses may have pre-requisites.</p>
<p><b>Two named specialisations:</b> Students choose the Business Administration specialisation plus one four-unit named specialisation from the <a href="#">Master of Business Administration</a>, <a href="#">Master of Project Management</a> or <a href="#">Master of Business</a>; or choose two four-unit named specialisations from the <a href="#">Master of Business Administration</a>, <a href="#">Master of Project Management</a> or <a href="#">Master of Business</a>. Some courses may have pre-requisites.</p>

Students who have completed the Graduate Diploma of Business and do not have a minimum of two years' full-time relevant professional work experience in business are not eligible to apply for entry to the [Master of Business Administration](#) or [Master of Project Management](#) until they have satisfied this work experience

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## **Crisis Management specialisation**

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Diploma of Business. This is subject to the eight Graduate Diploma of Business courses being fully embedded within the relevant articulating program. If students enrol in a non-articulating program, or return to study after three years, the normal USQ credit rules will apply.

## Exit points

After successful completion of 4 units of study students may exit with the [Graduate Certificate of Business](#)(GCBU).

## Credit

Credit may be granted on the basis of equivalent courses undertaken at postgraduate level. In order for credit to be granted, the claim must meet the following specific requirements:

- the course passed was taken at least at Masters or equivalent level
- the course was passed within 5 years prior to the application (courses up to 10 years old may be considered if evidence is provided that the applicant has been employed in that field)
- the course passed is equivalent in objectives, content and weightings to a course prescribed in the Graduate Diploma of Business program, or alternatively, the course is suitable as an elective
- where the student has taken out an award from a recognised tertiary institution and is claiming credit on the basis of courses completed to meet the requirements of that program, the maximum credit on the basis of such courses shall be no greater than 4 courses for the Graduate Diploma of Business
- credit approved in this program will not automatically apply to other programs offered by the USQ.

**Note:** Where credit is granted, maximum and minimum duration will be adjusted in the same proportion as the credit, for example, where the maximum of 50 per cent credit is granted, maximum and minimum duration will be reduced by one-half.

## Recommended enrolment pattern

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

Please refer to the program structure. Students requiring assistance should contact the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts.