

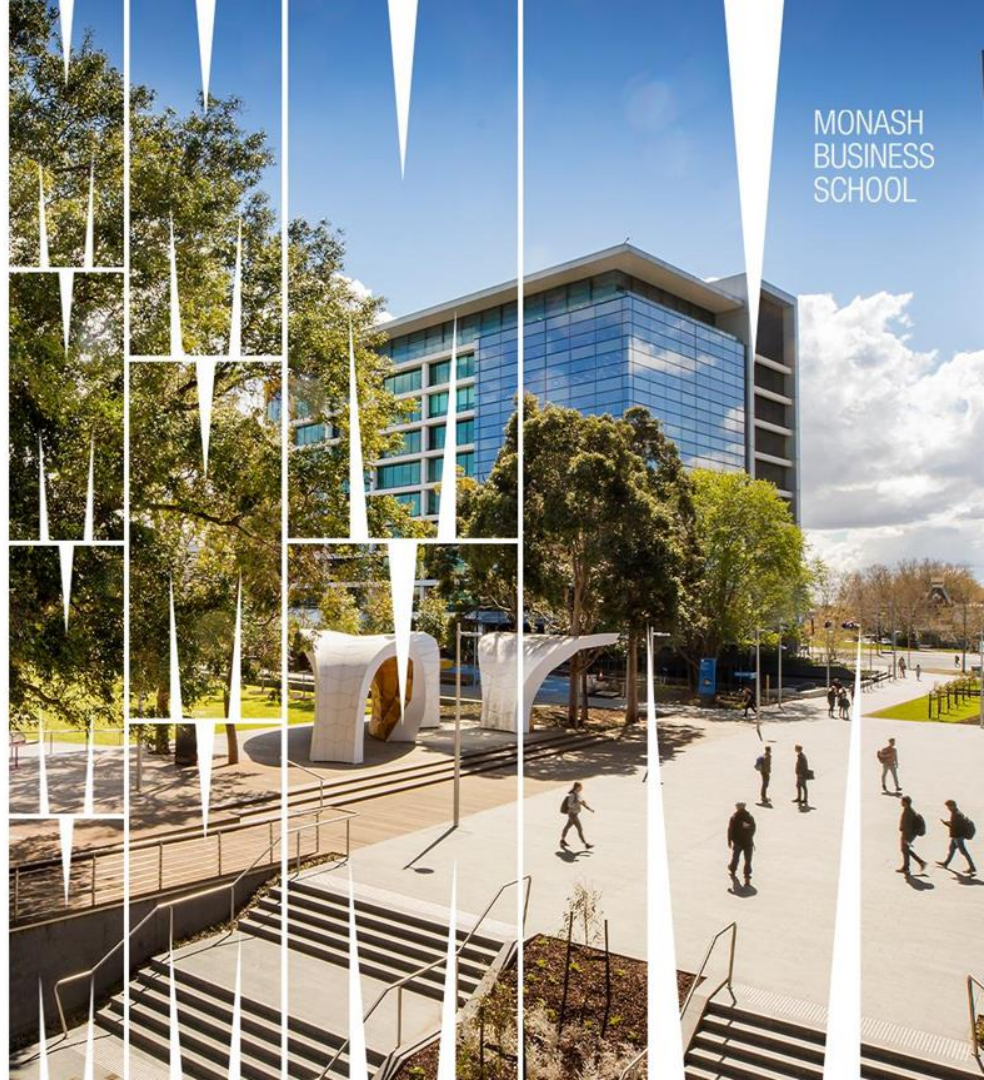
Department of Accounting



Honours, Research Pathway, & MCom information session

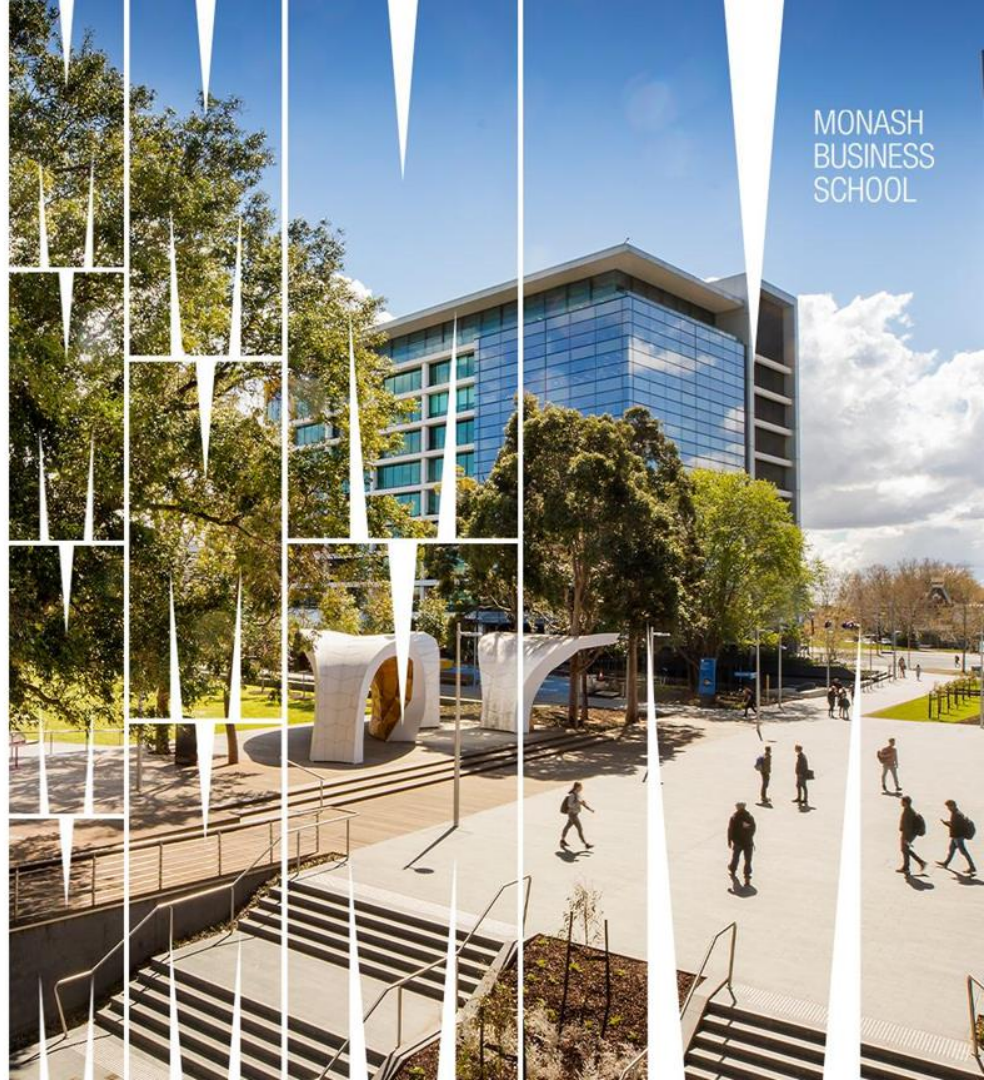
Session Schedule

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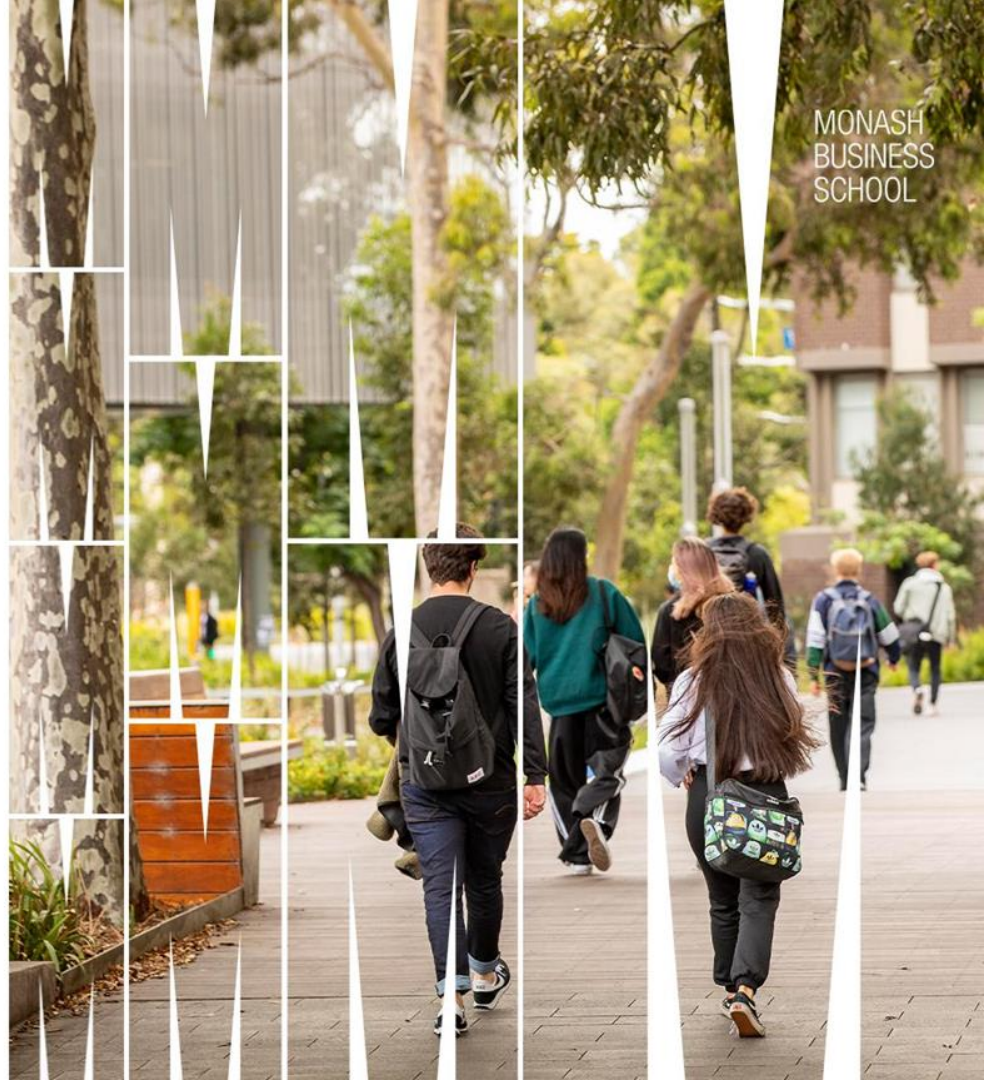
Welcome and Introductions

Professor Michaela Rankin



Research in Accounting

Associate Professor Gladys Lee
Director of Research (Dept of Accounting)





- Creation and discovery of new knowledge
- Finding answers to questions.



Research

Research is a systematic inquiry to describe, explain, or predict what happens in the world.

By engaging in research, **you can create knowledge** that informs practice, regulation, and policy making



What are our 2025 students working on?

- Nithi Mohan - Auditors' core values and professional scepticism: A qualitative study.
- Putri Vidhiyanty - The impact of auditor dismissals on audit partners' new client acquisition: A reputation and regulatory perspective.
- Zihui Shen - Knowledge sharing versus talent retention: The effect of IDD on audit quality.
- Novita Royhanatushalihah - The impact of geopolitical risk in the supply chain on firms' management earnings forecasts.
- Xirui Chen - The effects of financial KPI disclosures on investor judgments.
- Jingxi Qian - How do investors respond differently to ESG forecasts generated by AI versus human analysts?

How did they conduct their research?

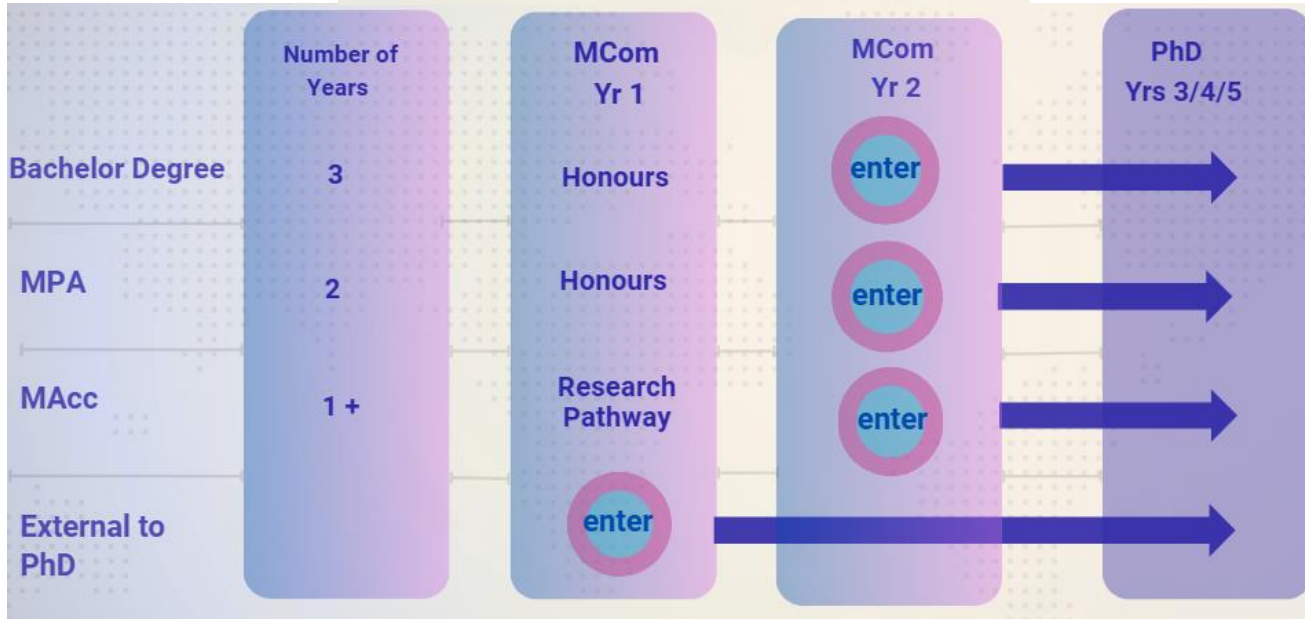


Overview of the programs

Dr. Mehdi Khedmati



INTEGRATED PHD PROGRAM ENTRY PATHWAY



Why do honours?

- Advanced knowledge of higher-level accounting issues
- Develop a variety of skills: Problem-solving and analytical; Communication; Research and empirical; and Project management
- Critically evaluate research with lecturers and fellow students
- Conduct a research project supervised by members of academic staff
- Become a part of the department, working closely with academic staff
- Cap off your studies
- Enhance future career opportunities in industry, practice and academia
- Opportunity to pursue a MCom or PhD



Honours degree / Entry requirements

- Completed a bachelor's degree, with a major in accounting, and have achieved an average equivalent to at least 70% in accounting-specific third-year units:
 - Advanced financial accounting
 - Auditing and assurance
 - Management accounting
 - Accounting information systems



The structure of the Honours degree

Semester 1

- ACX4000 Research methods (6 points)
- ACX4070 Issues in financial accounting and auditing (6 points)
- ACX4090 Issues in management accounting and systems (6 points)
- An elective unit from Level 5, Master of Accounting (MAcc) (6 points)

Semester 2

- ACX4019 Honours research project 1 (12 points)
- ACX4020 Honours research project 2 (12 points)



Research Pathway / Entry requirements

- Only available for **Entry Level 1 students**
 - These are students enrolled in the **1.5-year course that commerce in Semester Two, 2025**
 - Entry Level 2 students (1-year course) are **not eligible**
- 💡 This ensures that students have a full year to complete the required research training units, providing adequate preparation before progressing to a PhD.



Research Pathway

☑ Completion of the following four units:

- **ACF5100** Strategic Management Accounting
- **ACF5120** Forensic Accounting and Fraud Examination
- **ACF5150** Financial Reporting Issues
- **ACF5330** Integrated Systems for Business Enterprises

📊 Minimum academic performance:

- **Overall WAM ≥ 70**
- **No unit below 60%**



Master of Commerce

- *De facto* entry to the PhD program
- Duration: up to two years
- First year is equivalent to Honours
- Second year focuses on advanced research-based projects
- Must maintain a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) above 83 to guarantee a PhD place
- Competitive scholarship allocation is based on academic performance, institutional quality, research potential, discipline-specific achievements, and equity considerations
- Typical PhD duration: up to three and a half years after Master of Commerce



Where are our past students working?

Deloitte.



Bachelor Commerce (Honours) B3701 - 2025 Intake

- Applications are open now and close on **30 November 2025**
- International and Domestic applications are made online through the following link:
- <https://www.monash.edu/business/future-students/undergraduate-study-options/honours>
- Make sure you complete the [Honours Supplementary Form](#) with your application.
- **Our commitment to you** – you will find out if you're eligible no later than **Christmas/New Year season**.
- **Did you know?** - Monash offers a Sir John Monash Scholarship for Distinction of up to \$6,000. Read more about it and see if you're eligible at: <https://www.monash.edu/study/fees-scholarships/scholarships/find-a-scholarship/accounting-honours-scholarship-5585A>



Industry demand for honours degree

A wide-angle photograph of a modern university campus. In the background, a large, multi-story building with a blue glass facade stands under a clear blue sky with some light clouds. The foreground is dominated by a paved plaza where several people are walking. To the left, there are lush green trees and a large, abstract sculpture made of white, curved panels. In the immediate foreground, a large, bright blue and yellow structure, possibly part of a building or a sculpture, is visible. The overall scene is bright and sunny, suggesting a clear day.

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QUESTIONS?

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