



MASTER OF INDIGENOUS BUSINESS LEADERSHIP

Designed by Indigenous people for Indigenous people

FAST FACTS

Bunurong, Naarm (Caulfield, Melbourne)



2 years (part time)



Intensive/block mode structure



May course start date



Master of Indigenous Business Leadership



COURSE CODE: B6024

This transformational, award winning leadership program has been designed to strengthen and add capacity to the Indigenous professional workforce in both the public and private sector in Australia.

Step into a world of opportunity with our Master of Indigenous Business Leadership program. Crafted for Indigenous Australians seeking to shape the future, this immersive journey combines traditional wisdom with contemporary business strategies.

Led by respected Gooreng Gooreng woman, Katrina Johnson, our program honours Indigenous perspectives, empowering you to lead with confidence. Dive into intensive study blocks and collaborative projects, guided by industry leaders across diverse fields.

Join our community of changemakers and unlock your potential to drive positive impact in Indigenous communities and beyond. Enrol now and embark on a transformational learning experience tailored to you, including the chance to embark on an international leadership study tour.

Course delivery

The course delivery is tailored to suit the needs of professionals. It is run on a part time basis. Units are delivered in six day blocks to form intensive periods of class time.

The course is Indigenous-led, with all units co-delivered by Indigenous leaders and Monash Business School and William Cooper Institute.



Students collaboratively explore the **different cultural, political and economic contexts** in which business is experienced by Indigenous communities.



A cross-disciplinary program with **units in business, law and design**



Empower students to **explore their own personal leadership journey, network with peers and build lasting relationships** with local community elders and business leaders.



Delivered in **intensive block mode**.



Students interact and collaborate on how to **best steer change as emerging Indigenous leaders** and reflect on the future direction of Indigenous communities and businesses.



Endorsed by Elders and the Indigenous business community.



“This course has helped me drive my organisation in terms of its governance structures and our strategic direction. It’s also enabled me to bring the board and staff along for the journey.”

KARL BRISCOE
Chief Executive Officer, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker Association



“The great thing about this Master of Indigenous Business Leadership, is that it incorporates our values and our traditions in a way that still encourages our cultural connections... our strong connections to Country, so that we don’t lose sight of our purpose in our community.”

MARIA LOVISON
Assistant Director, Indigenous and Remote Operations, NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission

Course structure

The Master of Indigenous Business Leadership is taught over 2 years and covers leadership essentials and the integration of theoretical knowledge to the business environment through the practical application of your studies, including guest lectures and case studies with Indigenous owned businesses. In your second year, you will have an opportunity to undertake an industry research project or an international leadership study program.

<p>Part A. Indigenous business leadership essentials <i>(36 credit points)</i></p>	<p>Part B. Indigenous business leadership advanced theory and practice <i>(12 credit points)</i></p>
<p>You must complete the following six units:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – ADA5222 Indigenous design thinking and relationality – BEX5501 Leadership: People and performance – BEX5502 Leadership: Organisational strategy and performance – BEX5503 Business environment – BEX5506 Accounting and finance for business leaders – LAW5348 Indigenous rights and international law 	<p>You must complete one of the following units:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – BEX5504 Indigenous business leadership study program – BEX5505 Industry research project

Eligibility

This masters program is offered exclusively to Indigenous Australians.

To qualify for the course, the following entrance requirements must be satisfied:

- Aboriginality and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage
- minimum English language proficiency requirements, normally demonstrated through a combination of previous study and work experience
- completion of an Australian bachelor degree or equivalent in a cognate discipline; and
- a minimum of three years work experience with at least one year of professional/managerial experience.
- applicants who do not hold a bachelor degree may be considered for admission under alternative entry arrangements.

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands on which we live and work and pay respects to Elders past, present and future. ‘Pathways’ artwork by Leah Cummins.

Course fees and financial assistance

Commonwealth supported places (CSP) are available.

The average annual student contribution amount for 2025 is \$16,992 for 48 credit points (48 credit points is one year of full time study - the fee for study undertaken part-time is charged accordingly). This rate is subject to annual review by the Commonwealth Government. The student contribution amount for 2026 is yet to be confirmed.

Other costs: Accommodation costs are covered by the Monash Business School. Costs relating to travel, meals and incidentals are not included in your course fee.

Financial assistance: Students may be eligible for financial support for some travel related expenses.

Student accommodation is twin share (single supplement available) at serviced apartments opposite the Caulfield campus.

Scholarships are available. Scan here for further details.

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Location

Face-to-face classes are taught from the Monash Caulfield campus in Melbourne.

Monash is committed to teaching in an environment that allows students to interact, collaborate and share experiences.

Contact us

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