

# Graduate Courses

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### COURSE INFORMATION

#### Can I talk to someone to obtain one-on-one course advice about your master's programs?

The Monash Business School course advice team are available to help. Currently, the sessions are being run via Zoom. Simply request a time that is convenient for you using our booking system.

Contact us [here](#).

#### Do all Monash Business School programs require work experience?

No. Some of our programs are 'pre-experience' which means they allow entry with no work experience at all. The Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and Master of Business programs are good examples of this.

#### How many years work experience is generally required?

Some programs require students to have relevant work experience. The amount of experience varies with the course and the unit credit you wish to apply for. It can vary from 6 months – 5 years.

#### How many contact hours can I expect each week?

Typically, each unit studied will require students to be on campus for 2 – 4 hours each week.

#### Will classes run during the day or evening?

Many units are offered during the day and evening.

#### Can I fast track my program?

Most graduate programs involve completion of 16 units – 2 years full time based on a maximum of 8 units per year. Some courses may be shortened with relevant work experience and/or an undergraduate qualification in a related field. There are also options to pick up units in the winter and summer semesters.

#### How can I fit study in with work and life commitments?

Most of our graduate courses are available either full or part-time. Full time is 4 units per semester. So you can manage the number of units you undertake and study between 1 – 4 units per semester.

International students will normally need to study 4 units per semester to meet the conditions of their student visa.

#### Can I underload?

Our Student Services team is able to assist with course progression. International students will need to apply to underload if compassionate or compelling circumstances exist.

#### How closely do you work with industry?

We regularly work with industry partners on research initiatives that impact business thinking and practices across the world. This engagement also extends into our teaching programs. Course content is informed by current and anticipated industry trends, along with insights provided by relevant professional and industry bodies. Our Course Advisory Committees include senior industry professionals working in Australia and overseas.

#### Will my course be accredited?

As a Monash Business School graduate, you could be eligible for accreditation, exemption or membership with one of the professional institutions or industry bodies. For a list of degrees, click [here](#).

#### Will my qualification be recognised globally?

Monash Business School is internationally recognised for excellence in research and education. We are among the top 1% of business schools worldwide to be awarded 'triple accreditation' by the major global business school accreditation bodies – AACSB, EQUIS and AMBA – and the only institution in Victoria to have achieved this. Your business degree will be recognised wherever you want to work in the world.

#### Are study tours offered?

International study tours are currently not running due to COVID-19. However, when things return to normal a range of domestic and international study tours will be offered. Some of our study tours are only provided at specific times of the year such as summer or winter. We can advise you of the dates once these programs recommence.

Visit the study tours [page](#).

#### Can I easily switch my graduate study area from the discipline/course I studied at undergraduate level?

Yes, the majority of programs allow you to switch the major or units you have studied at undergraduate level. However, switching programs may affect the amount of credit you are provided for previous studies.

#### What pathways are available if I don't meet entry requirements for a master's degree?

You can enrol in the Graduate Certificate or Diploma of Business program, or even undertake single units of study. The Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma of Business WAM requirements for 2021 are 55%.

## What is a typical class size?

This varies from unit to unit depending on teaching approach and delivery. Scheduled teaching activities may include lectures (these generally involve one academic staff member presenting to a large audience), and workshops and tutorials (which are typically smaller interactive sessions, facilitated by one or more academic staff members).

## Are there dedicated spaces and resources provided for graduate students?

Dedicated study and meeting spaces are available to graduate students at the Caulfield and Clayton campuses, with 24 hour access. The Business School also provides additional spaces to students studying an MBA, Master of Project Leadership or Master of Global Business program to access the staff lounge located in Building H – Caulfield Campus. Graduate students will have access to all of the facilities including the libraries at Monash University across all domestic campuses.

## What is the difference between a Master of Business and the MBA?

The Master of Business is designed for recent graduates and young professionals wanting to build practical skills and industry-based knowledge with the option to choose units to suit career goals. The Master of Business does not require work experience. Depending on prior qualifications and experience you may be eligible for entry credit, which reduces the duration of study.

The MBA is a post-experience program where students are required to have a minimum of three years work experience, as well as a Bachelors degree. The MBA program focuses on next-generation problems, together with management practice and leadership development in a global context. It's a cohort approach where students undertake units together and work closely throughout the course with classes structured in a block mode of teaching eg over a Friday and weekend.

[Master of Business](#)

[MBA](#)

## What is the difference between Master of Accounting and Master of Professional Accounting?

The Master of Accounting is designed for students who have an accounting background or have studied accounting at an undergraduate level.

The Master of Professional Accounting is designed for students without an accounting bachelors degree and/or desiring to gain professional accreditation as an accountant. Depending on your prior qualifications you may be eligible for credits, which reduces the duration of study.

[Master of Accounting](#)

[Master of Professional Accounting](#)

## What is the difference between a Graduate Certificate and a Graduate Diploma of Business?

Both degrees give you the chance to boost your skills or even take your career in a new direction. The degrees allows you to select your units from the wide range of Master's level units offered by Monash Business School.

The Graduate Certificate is 6 months duration full-time or 1 year part-time to complete 4 units while the Graduate Diploma is 12 months full-time or 2 years part-time to complete 8 units. Most units in the Graduate Certificate are offered outside business hours, off-campus or in block mode – so you can balance your work and study.

## What courses can I expect to go into following a Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma of Business?

The Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma of Business programs are each a standalone qualification, with 4 and 8 units respectively. You can also use the units as credit to continue your studies in a range of Master's level programs at the Business School.

## What is the assessment?

Assessment varies for each course and units. Please refer to unit outline in the handbook.

## Can I complete an internship or corporate project?

Most of our programs provide an opportunity to complete an internship or corporate project as part of the course (for credit). Monash Business School has connections with a large range of employers across all sectors to help provide you with a placement. Industry experience can run from 20 days to 12 weeks, and is available to both domestic and international students. Some restrictions apply.

More details can be found [here](#).

## How can I find an expert in research?

We welcome your interest in our graduate research program to undertake a PhD. Before being invited to apply you are required to complete a preliminary assessment. Details can be found [here](#).

Learn more about our research expertise [here](#).

## FEES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

### Will I have to pay fees upfront as a domestic student? Do you offer CSPs?

If you're a domestic student, you can get a FEE-HELP loan to pay all or part of your tuition fees for course approved at a university or an approved higher education provider.

A FEE-HELP loan does not cover costs like accommodation, laptops or text books. Visit [here](#) to find out more details on eligibility and how to apply.

### How do I find out what scholarships or financial assistance are available?

All of our courses come with fees, but you may be able to access a government loan so you won't need to pay upfront. We also offer over 200 scholarships, as well as study grants in certain circumstances.

Visit [here](#) for more details.

### How do I apply for a scholarship?

Visit [here](#) to find the right scholarship and how to apply.

### Can I defer my scholarship? Can I decide to underload?

All offers are subject to scholarship terms and conditions and require you to meet eligibility criteria, so these criteria must be checked for deferral or underload requests.

## HOW TO APPLY

### When is the deadline to apply?

### What if I haven't finished my studies yet?

We advise all students to apply to your preferred course as soon as possible. Places on some courses are limited. If you have not finished your studies you can still apply and obtain a 'Conditional Offer' letter. Once all conditions have been met you can pay your tuition fee deposit to reserve your place.

For international students all conditions must be met before lodging a visa application.

## GENERAL

### What is Monash University's global ranking?

Monash is ranked 64th globally in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2021.

For a full list of rankings; including subject specific rankings please visit [here](#).

### What are the benefits of studying at Monash Business School?

- Monash Business School is ranked in the world's top 100 universities.
- We are a member of the Group of Eight universities.
- We hold the prestigious triple accreditation from AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS.
- We offer choice and flexibility that comes with studying at Australia's largest university with more courses, study choices and more international study options.
- Our industry connections mean the skills sought by employers are integrated into the teaching of every degree.
- Monash University offers a truly global network.

### What are the benefits of triple accreditation?

Triple Accreditation means Monash Business School has been accredited by the three most prestigious international arbiters of quality: AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS. This accreditation reinforces our international reputation.

Monash Business School has been measured against the standards of the world's best schools and our teachers have met the highest professional standards. We are one of 100 business schools in the world – and the first institution within Victoria – to have achieved this accreditation from all three bodies:

- The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)
- The Association of MBAs (AMBA)
- The European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS)

### What support is available for students?

Monash Business School, together with support teams across the broader University, offer a wide range of services to support you during your studies. This includes services such as:

- Peer mentoring programs
- Peer assisted study sessions
- Academic skills advisers
- Counselling and health services
- Professional and academic English improvement services
- Course advice and study planning
- Graduate development and career connections
- Financial advisers
- Student rights advocates

### Can Monash help me find a job?

We cannot guarantee you will obtain a job after completing your course. However, Monash offers a host of opportunities and resources to ensure students maximise their employment prospects. Our Career Connect advisers will help you plan your career and offer career mentoring. This service is free for Monash alumni up to 12 months after course completion. We also offer the services of Monash Talent, a recruitment agency specialising in graduate level roles, exclusively for Monash graduates.

As part of your studies you can apply to undertake an industry internship in your final semester. The Business School works with over 500 local, national and international organisations where we actively place students for internships. Many companies will specifically seek Monash graduates for new jobs that become available.