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Graduate Certificate in Business Studies

**Your pathway to  
postgraduate business studies**



# Prepare for the career you're made for...



Here at Murdoch we believe in the power of education and want to give you the opportunity to fulfil your career aspirations.

If you're an international student aspiring to advance your career with a postgraduate qualification, we have the pathway you need to succeed.

This course is for international students whose academic qualifications do not meet Murdoch's standard entry requirements.

Our Graduate Certificate in Business Studies prepares you for postgraduate studies by teaching you the skills and knowledge you will need to go on and successfully complete postgraduate studies and secure your dream career.

When you apply for this course, you will apply for a 'packaged' course offering. This means that you will apply for the Graduate Certificate in Business Studies, plus, your choice of either the Master in Professional Accounting (MPA Advanced), Master Business Administration (MBA Global) or Master Human Resource Management (MHRM).

## About the course

As you explore various aspects of business communications along with accounting and finance principles, you will develop the skills and knowledge required to critically analyse complex business decisions. You will do this within a global context, gaining knowledge essential for a successful business career. In addition to strengthening academic literacy and numeracy skills, the Graduate Certificate in Business Studies will help you lay the foundations for continued success as a Murdoch postgraduate student.

Upon successful completion of the Graduate Certificate in Business Studies, you will qualify for entry into Murdoch's Master of Professional Accounting (MPA Advanced), Master of Business Administration (MBA Global) or Master of Human Resources Management (MHRM) with 12 points of advanced standing towards your chosen degree.

## How do I know if I am eligible?

### Entry Requirements

#### Course requirements:

The Graduate Certificate in Business Studies is a pathway designed for international students whose academic qualifications do not meet Murdoch University's standard entry requirements for the MPA (Advanced), MBA Global or MHRM postgraduate programs.

The standard entry requirements for these Master programs are at an AQF level 7. An AQF level 7 qualification typically relates to a Bachelor degree or equivalent, from a recognized university or institution of equivalent standing. The Graduate Certificate in Business Studies is a pathway available to international students who have completed a non-Australian higher education qualification which is not equivalent to an AQF level 7 qualification, therefore making you ineligible for direct entry into our postgraduate programs. The Graduate Certificate in Business Studies pathway course will allow you to build on your learnings from your qualification and upon successful completion of the course, you will be eligible for entry into our above mentioned postgraduate programs. If you are not sure whether your qualification is the equivalent of an AQF 7, please contact us.

### English requirements:

Applicants must meet Murdoch University's standard English entry requirements which is an overall band score of 6.0 with no band less than 6.0 in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or equivalent.

*We're welcoming you to Murdoch with scholarships worth up to \$AUD11,000. Talk to us to find out more.*

## Course details

Course:	Graduate Certificate in Business Studies
Cricos code:	097515D
Campus:	Murdoch University's Perth Campus
Entry:	February and July (semester based)
Duration:	One semester
Study mode:	Full time
Cost:	AUD\$16,000





## How it works: Graduate Certificate in Business Studies

For completion of the Graduate Certificate in Business Studies, you will need to complete the following four units for a total of 12 credit points:

### **MBS521: Academic Business Skills for Postgraduates (3 credit points)**

This unit introduces you to the complex environments within which business organisations operate and provides you with skills in gathering, analysing and using business information to make informed decisions in a range of enterprises, government, private and not-for-profit. It aims to equip students with competency in academic business skills in literacy, numeracy and information technology in the context of postgraduate studies.

### **TLC501: Communication Skills for Postgraduate Study (3 credit points)**

Designed for graduate coursework students from all schools from non-English Speaking Backgrounds (NESB), this unit will help you develop the communication skills necessary for research and study in an Australian academic context. In this unit you will: build confidence in cross-cultural contexts; improve your academic writing; develop analytical and critical skills; understand the importance of academic integrity and the appropriate use of research sources in your work; enhance your ability to communicate and discuss complex ideas with others.

### **MBS539: Accounting for Managers (3 credit points)**

While this unit provides an introduction to accounting issues relevant to both preparers and users of business reports, it predominantly explores the principles of financial and management accounting from a user perspective. The focus of the unit is on decision-making providing a practical knowledge of preparing basic financial statements and analysing information obtained from the accounting system to assist in management decision making.

### **MBS546: Business Finance (3 credit points)**

This unit provides you with understanding of the macro-economic setting in which corporate financial decisions are made. You will be exposed to finance theory and tools and techniques used in financial decision making. The conceptual framework and techniques covered in this unit will provide students who wish to progress to a practitioner role within the finance discipline with a foundation for further studies.

Upon successful completion of the above units you will then commence your chosen Masters.



#### **Master of Professional Accounting (Advanced) (MPA Advanced)**

Accredited by: CPA Australia and Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ)



#### **Career Opportunities:** **MPA (Advanced)**

Professional accountant, public practice accountant, auditor, finance analyst, business planning advisor, taxation advisor



#### **Master of Human Resources Management (MHRM)**

Accredited by: Australian Human Resource Institute (AHRI)



#### **Career Opportunities:** **MHRM**

Human professionals, assistants and generalists, HR managers, HR coordinator, remuneration specialist, HR director, manager learning and development



#### **Master of Business Administration (MBA Global)**

Specialise in: People Management, Sustainability, Non-profit and Health Management



#### **Career Opportunities:** **MBA (Global)**

Management analyst, top executive, entrepreneur/business owner, business operations manager, budget analyst, management consultant





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# How to apply

Applying for the Graduate Certificate in Business Studies is quick and easy, and depending on your home country, it can be done in a number of ways.

If you're a citizen of, and residing in, Bhutan, India, Iran, Lebanon, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Rwanda, Turkey, Vietnam or Zimbabwe, you must apply to Murdoch through an agent.

Applicants from all other countries, or citizens of the above countries who are currently living or studying in Australia, can choose to apply directly to Murdoch online or via an agent.

Please note that if you're a citizen of, and residing in, Bangladesh, China, Ghana, Kenya or Sri Lanka, you must complete and attach Genuine Student Evaluation Form and include it with your application.

## Important note

At the point of application for the Graduate Certificate in Business Studies, you will be assessed for admission into either the MPA (Advanced), MHRM or MBA (Global) and if successful will receive a packaged offer for the Graduate Certificate in Business Studies and the Master program of your choice. A standalone offer will not be granted for the Graduate Certificate.

\*Guaranteed entry is subject to an individual receiving an approved packaged offer prior to the commencement of their studies, in addition to the successful completion of the Graduate Certificate in Business Studies.

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