

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PROJECT MANAGEMENT (3786)

Western Sydney University Program Code: 3786

AQF Level: 8

CRICOS Code: 105591K

Program Status: Current

This program applies to students who commenced in 2021 or later.

Handbook Summary 2021-2024

This program is aimed at preparing students for a future workforce by cultivating their competencies, knowledge and application of key project management concepts and practices in various related professions. It is expected that graduates from the program will be skilful in customising a domain specific project management life cycle and developing comprehensive project plans involving cost and quality control, managing risks and stakeholders in addition to developing efficient schedules while being able to act as effective communicators within a project team setting. Students have the option to graduate with core project management skills only (Graduate Certificate) or to continue to progress with a Masters degree.

Handbook Summary 2025

This program aims to prepare students for a future workforce in the dynamic and demanding field of project management by equipping them with essential knowledge, skills and competencies in key project management concepts and practices in various related professions.

Graduates will possess the capabilities to consider project management life cycles for specific domains, create project plans involving effective control on scope, time, cost and quality, manage resources, procurement, risks, stakeholders, and communications in project settings, and coordinate all elements of a project to seek project success with predefined goals being met.

Graduates of this program are suitable candidates for project management-oriented jobs within dynamic sectors such as engineering, construction, information technology, healthcare, and beyond.

Study Mode

Full-time - 1.5 years, Part-time - 3 years

Program Advice

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Prospective students should visit the following websites for general enquiries about this program.

Enquire about this program (<https://enquiry.westernsydney.edu.au/courseenquiry/>) | Local Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/>) | International Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/>) |

Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Parramatta City Campus- Macquarie Street	Full Time	Internal	See above

Parramatta City Campus- Macquarie Street	Part Time	Internal	See above
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Accreditation

This program has accreditation with Australian Institute of Project Management (AIPM).

Accreditation with Project Management Institute (PMI), Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), Australian Institute of Building (AIB), and Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) will be sought.

Minimum admission requirements to this course are

An undergraduate degree or higher in any discipline

Or

A Diploma or higher, in any discipline, plus at least three years' full-time equivalent work experience in project management.

This program has two streams (generic or specialisation) based on previous study.

Applicants seeking to specialise in the Construction, Engineering, Information Technology or Health specialisations must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree, or higher, in the specialisation area they wish to study, i.e. construction, engineering, information technology or health discipline areas. Studies in related areas will be assessed by the Director of Academic Program.

Additional information

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas may be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) or directly through the Western Portal. Use the links below to apply via UAC or Western Sydney University. Applications made directly to Western Sydney do not have an application fee.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>
<https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/>

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to the University should also use the information provided on the UAC website.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>

All other International applicants must apply directly to the University via the International Office.

International students applying to the University through the International Office can find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on their website.

International Office (<http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/>)

Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International - National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and Western Sydney University.

Program Structure 2021-2024

Students must complete six 10 credit point core subjects (total of 60 credit points)

Subject	Title	Credit Points
MGMT 7003	Financial Management of Projects	10
BUSM 7064	Managing Project Teams and Stakeholders	10
BLDG 7013	Project Procurement Systems	10
BUSM 7082	Risk Management and Decision Making	10
BUSM 7090	Strategic Project Management	10
BUSM 7097	Time and Quality Management	10

Students must have enrolled and completed one Major (total of 60 credit points)

Construction, Testamur Major (T034) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/majors-minors/construction-ug-pg-testamur-major/>)

Engineering, Testamur Major (T012) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/majors-minors/engineering-pg-testamur-major/>)

Health, Testamur Major (T140) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/majors-minors/health-pg-testamur-major/>)

Information Technology, Testamur Major (T011) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/majors-minors/information-technology-pg-testamur-major/>)

Project Management (Generic Program), Major (0063) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/majors-minors/project-management-generic-program-pg-major/>)

Equivalent Subjects

The subjects listed below count towards completion of this program for students who passed these subjects in 2021 or earlier.

BLDG 7009 Project Procurement Systems, replaced by BLDG 7013 Project Procurement Systems

Recommended Sequence 2021-2024

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 120 credit points as per the recommended sequence.

Start year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Autumn session		
BUSM 7064	Managing Project Teams and Stakeholders	10
MGMT 7003	Financial Management of Projects	10
BUSM 7097	Time and Quality Management	10
Major subject (from your Construction, Information Technology, Engineering or Health major) or Generic subject		
Credit Points		30
Spring session		
BUSM 7082	Risk Management and Decision Making	10
BUSM 7090	Strategic Project Management	10
BLDG 7013	Project Procurement Systems	10
Major subject (from your Construction, Information Technology, Engineering or Health major) or Generic subject		
Credit Points		30

Year 2

Autumn session

Four Specialisation subjects (from your Construction, Information Technology, Engineering Major) or Generic subjects

Credit Points	0
Total Credit Points	60

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Mid-year intake

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Year 1		
Spring session		
BUSM 7082	Risk Management and Decision Making	10
BUSM 7090	Strategic Project Management	10
BLDG 7013	Project Procurement Systems	10
Major subject (from your Construction, Information Technology, Engineering or Health major) or Generic subject		
Credit Points		30
Autumn session		
BUSM 7064	Managing Project Teams and Stakeholders	10
MGMT 7003	Financial Management of Projects	10
BUSM 7097	Time and Quality Management	10
Major subject (from your Construction, Information Technology, Engineering or Health major) or Generic subject		
Credit Points		30
Year 2		
Spring session		
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Program Structure 2025

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 120 credit points

Core subjects - 70 credit points

Pathway subjects - 50 credit points (40cps to complete the major plus an extra 10cps selected from the major or generic pools to complete the program)

Students must complete 70 credit points core subjects

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BUSM 7082	Risk Management and Decision Making	10
BUSM 7090	Strategic Project Management	10
BUSM 7097	Time and Quality Management	10
Select one of the following		10
Start year intake		
BUSM 7110	Project Controls and Integration	
Mid-year intake		
BUSM 7111	Project Management Frameworks and Methods	
Total Credit Points		70

Select 40 credit points from your enrolled Testamur major or Generic program

(plus an extra 10 credit points selected from the major or generic pools to complete the program)

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BUSM 7097	Time and Quality Management	10
Select one Major subject (from your Construction, Information Technology, Engineering or Health major) or one Generic subject		10
Credit Points		40

Spring session		
BUSM 7082	Risk Management and Decision Making	10
BUSM 7090	Strategic Project Management	10
BLDG 7013	Project Procurement Systems	10
Select one Major subject (from your Construction, Information Technology, Engineering or Health major) or one Generic subject		10
Credit Points		40

Year 2		
Autumn session		
BUSM7110	Project Controls and Integration	10
30 credit points from your Testamur major or Generic subjects		30
Credit Points		40
Total Credit Points		120

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Autumn session

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Year 2**Spring session**

30 credit points from your Testamur major or Generic subjects		30
BUSM 7111	Project Management Frameworks and Methods	10
Credit Points		40
Total Credit Points		120

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