MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (2761)

Approved Abbreviation: MBA
Western Sydney University Program Code: 2761
AQF Level: 9

CRICOS Code: 079261D

This version applies to students whose commencement year in this course is 2019 or later.

Students should follow the program structure for the session start date relevant to the year they commenced.

For Commencement Year 2017 - 2018 - please refer to 2761.5 Master of Business Administration (http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=2761.5)

For Commencement Year 2016 (Q4) - please refer to 2761.4 Master of Business Administration (http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=2761.4)

For Commencement Year 2015 (Q1) to 2016 (Q3) - please refer to 2761.3 Master of Business Administration (http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=2761.3)

Handbook Summary 2019 - 2024

Through its research-driven and integrated focus, this degree equips graduates with the skills and knowledge to engage with contemporary business environments. This contemporary focus is evident in students engaging critically with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals through the evaluation of economic, social, and environmental enterprise and professional behaviour and the development of recommendations for sustainable professional or enterprise practice. The design of the degree reflects consultation with a range of stakeholders including industry and professional associations. The design comprises business foundation and core subjects which provide students with key skills such as business communication and analysis, as well as a general knowledge of the basics of business e.g., Accounting, Economics, and Statistics. Upon completion of the foundation and core, students complete 60 credit points in one of the following specialisations: Management, Finance and Investment, Human Resource Management, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Management, Marketing, Sustainable Business, Property, Information and Communications Technology, Digital Knowledge and Innovation, Business Analytics, and Policing, Public Safety and Security, and Finance. Students complete: four foundation (40 credit points), four core (40 credit points), and six major subjects (60 credit points) as well as a 20 credit point capstone subject, for a total of 160 credit points. Students may elect to complete a non-major where six subjects (60 credit points) can be chosen separately from any postgraduate business subjects. This program has multiple intakes each year and is suitable for graduates holding a bachelor degree in any discipline from a recognised university.

Handbook Summary 2025

The Master of Business Administration develops successful, thoughtful business leaders and managers who create value for their organisations and their communities. Through immersion in complex business projects, students learn to innovate, lead responsibly, and navigate change to build the capabilities needed for success in a disrupted future of business and society. The program foregrounds critical engagement with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and provides the knowledge and professional skills needed to evaluate economic, social, and environmental complexities to influence sustainable business operations. The program is co-created with diverse industry partners, ensuring the learning is relevant and applied to real-world challenges.

Early Exit

Students may exit this program on completion of 40 credit points with a 2765 Graduate Certificate in Business (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/graduate-certificate-business/)

Study Mode

160 credit point pathway - Two years full-time or four years part-time.
120 credit point pathway - One and a half years full time or three years part-time (this pathway is available from Quarter 1, 2025)

Program Advice

Dr Laurel Jackson (https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/email/sgsmclientservices@westernsydney.edu.au)

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	Laurel Jackson (https://directory.westernsydney.edu search/profile/8843/)
Parramatta City Campus-Macquarie Street	Part Time	Internal	Laurel Jackson (https://directory.westernsydney.edu search/profile/8843/)
Surabaya Campus, Indonesia (commences Sept 2025)	Full Time	Internal	See above
Sydney City Campus*	Full Time	Internal	Daniel Townsend (https://directory.westernsydney.edu search/profile/16103/)
Sydney City Campus*	Part Time	Internal	Daniel Townsend (https://directory.westernsydney.edu search/profile/16103/)
Vietnam Campus*	Full Time	Internal	See above
Vietnam Campus*	Part Time	Internal	See above

* Programs delivered through an agreement with another party

Accreditation

Graduates of the Master of Business Administration with the Human Resource Management Specialisation are eligible for professional accreditation with the Australian Human Resources Institute (AHRI).

Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)

This program is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

Inherent Requirements

There are inherent requirements for this program that you must meet in order to complete your program and graduate. Make sure you read and understand the requirements for this program online.

The inherent requirements articulated for this program are based on the existing inherent requirements for the Accounting programs.

Inherent Requirements (https:// www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent_requirements/ inherent_requirements_for_accounting_courses/)

Work Integrated Learning

Western Sydney University seeks to enhance student learning experiences by enabling students to engage in the culture, expectations and practices of their profession or discipline. This program includes a placement or other community-based unpaid practical experience.

There is an optional work component available in this program. Please contact the Program Advisor listed above for information.

International students should be aware that if an elective is a requirement of the program but the work itself was not registered with CRICOS, students can still complete these electives but it would be counted towards the work limitation. For more details, refer to the 'Work Integrated Learning (WIL) for international students' website.

Work Integrated Learning (WIL) for international students (https:// www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/ services_and_facilities/international_student_support/ working_in_australia/work_integrated_learning/)

Admission
Admission 2019 - 2024

Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree, or higher, in any discipline.

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.

Admission 2025

Master of Business Administration - 2 year Pathway (160 credit points)

Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree, or higher, in any discipline.

Master of Business Administration - 1.5 year Pathway (120 credit points)
Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree, or higher, in a business discipline.

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Program Structure Current

This structure applies to students who commenced in 2025 or later. If you commenced prior to 2025, please refer to the relevant Structure tab for details.

Master of Business Administration - 2 year pathway (160 credit points)

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 160 credit points (cps). This includes 40 credit points of business domain knowledge subjects, 40 credit points of applied integrative knowledge subjects, 40 credit points specialist knowledge subjects (major), 20 credits points of flexible subjects and 20 credit points capstone subjects.

Please note - students who complete the Human Resource Management major (0134) or Educational Leadership Testamur major (T134) will be required to complete 60cps from their major due to accreditation requirements. Students in the Advanced Business Research major (0361), Information and Communications Technology major (0232) or Business Analytics major (0220) will complete 60cps from their major due to technical/professional requirements. (the extra 20cps required will be in place of the 20cps of flexible subjects).

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Core (Business Domain Knowledge Subjects - 40cps)		
BUSM 7018	Contemporary People Management	10
ECON 7001	Economics	10
MKTG 7019	Marketing Systems	10
FINC 7023	Introduction to Finance	10
Students may exit after successfully completing the 40cps of Business Domain Knowledge subjects and graduate with the Graduate Certificate in Business.		
Core (Applied Integrative Knowledge Subjects - 40cps)		
ACCT 7015	Information for Decision Making	10
BUSM 7050	Integrated Business Experience	10
BUSM 7086	Strategic Business Management	10
BUSM 7113	Leading for Social Impact	10
Majors		**40**
Complete one of the Majors listed below, or the Non-Major option		
Flexible subjects (20cps)		**20**
Note - students who complete the Human Resource Management major (0134) or Educational Leadership Testamur major (T134) will be required to complete 60cps from their major due to accreditation requirements. Students in the Advanced Business Research major (0361), Information and Communications Technology major (0232) or Business Analytics major (0220) will complete 60cps from their major due to technical/professional requirements. (the extra 20cps required will be in place of the 20cps of flexible subjects).		
Capstone Subjects (20cps)		**20**
Students select two of the following:		
BUSM 7116	Business Project A	
BUSM 7117	Business Project B	
Or select two of the following:		
BUSM 7118	Internship A	
BUSM 7119	Internship B	
Total Credit Points		**160**

Majors

Advanced Business Research, Major (0361) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/advanced-business-research-major/)

Business Analytics, Major (0220) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/business-analytics-pg-major/)

Educational Leadership, Testamur Major (T134) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/educational-leadership-pg-testamur-major/)

Finance, Major (0226) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/finance-pg-major/)

Finance and Investment, Major (0228) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/finance-investment-pg-major/)

Human Resource Management, Major (0134) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/human-resource-management-pg-major/)

Information and Communications Technology, Major (0232) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/information-communications-technology-pg-major/)

Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Major (0038) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/innovation-entrepreneurship-pg-major/)

Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Major (0235) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/logistics-supply-chain-management-pg-major/)

Management, Major (0136) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/management-pg-major/)

Marketing, Major (0137) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/marketing-pg-major/)

Property, Major (0172) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/property-pg-major/)

Sustainable Tourism and Visitor Economies, Major (0320) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/sustainable-tourism-visitor-economies-major/)

Sustainable Business, Major (0249) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/sustainable-business-pg-major/)

Non Major
A total of 40 credit points from any postgraduate subjects.

Master of Business Administration - 1.5 year pathway (120 credit points)

Qualification for this award requires successful completion of 120 credit points (cps). This includes 40 credit points of applied integrative knowledge subjects, 40 credit points of specialist knowledge subjects (major), 20 credit points of flexible subjects and 20 credit points of capstone subjects.

Please note - students who complete the Human Resource Management major (0134) or Educational Leadership Testamur major (T134) will be required to complete 60cps from their major due to accreditation requirements. Students in the Advanced Business Research major (0361), Information and Communications Technology major (0232) or Business Analytics major (0220) will complete 60cps from their major due to technical/professional requirements. (the extra 20cps required will be in place of the 20cps of flexible subjects).

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Core (Applied Integrative Knowledge Subjects - 40cps)		
ACCT 7015	Information for Decision Making	10
BUSM 7050	Integrated Business Experience	10
BUSM 7086	Strategic Business Management	10
BUSM 7113	Leading for Social Impact	10
Majors		**40**
Complete one of the Majors listed below, or the Non-Major option		
Flexible subjects (20cps)		**20**

Note - students who complete the Human Resource Management major (0134) or Educational Leadership Testamur major (T134) will be required to complete 60cps from their major due to accreditation requirements. Students in the Advanced Business Research major (0361), Information and Communications Technology major (0232) or Business Analytics major (0220) will complete 60cps from their major due to technical/professional requirements. (the extra 20cps required will be in place of the 20cps of flexible subjects).

Capstone Subjects (20cps)		20
Students select two of the following:		
BUSM 7116	Business Project A	
BUSM 7117	Business Project B	
Or select two of the following:		
BUSM 7118	Internship A	
BUSM 7119	Internship B	
Total Credit Points		**120**

Majors

Advanced Business Research, Major (0361) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/advanced-business-research-major/)

Business Analytics, Major (0220) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/business-analytics-pg-major/)

Educational Leadership, Testamur Major (T134) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/educational-leadership-pg-testamur-major/)

Finance, Major (0226) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/finance-pg-major/)

Finance and Investment, Major (0228) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/finance-investment-pg-major/)

Human Resource Management, Major (0134) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/human-resource-management-pg-major/)

Information and Communications Technology, Major (0232) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/information-communications-technology-pg-major/)

Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Major (0038) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/innovation-entrepreneurship-pg-major/)

Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Major (0235) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/logistics-supply-chain-management-pg-major/)

Management, Major (0136) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/management-pg-major/)

Marketing, Major (0137) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/marketing-pg-major/)

Property, Major (0172) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/property-pg-major/)

Sustainable Tourism and Visitor Economies, Major (0320) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/sustainable-tourism-visitor-economies-major/)

Sustainable Business, Major (0249) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/sustainable-business-pg-major/)

Non Major

A total of 40 credit points from any postgraduate subjects.

Surabaya Campus, Indonesia - 2 year pathway (160 credit points)

This sequence is for Surabaya students ONLY and available from September 2025.

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 160 credit points (cps). This includes 40 credit points of business domain knowledge subjects, 40 credit points of applied integrative knowledge subjects, 60 credit points of selected core subjects and 20 credits points capstone subjects as per the sequence below.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Surabaya Semester 1		
BUSM 7018	Contemporary People Management	10
ECON 7001	Economics	10
MKTG 7019	Marketing Systems	10
FINC 7023	Introduction to Finance	10
Surabaya Semester 2		
ACCT 7015	Information for Decision Making	10
BUSM 7050	Integrated Business Experience	10
BUSM 7086	Strategic Business Management	10
BUSM 7113	Leading for Social Impact	10
Year 2		
Surabaya Semester 1		
BUSM 7105	Business Analytics in Practice	10
BUSM 7011	Business Operations and Logistics	10
BUSM 7116	Business Project A	10
MKTG 7035	Frontiers of Branding	10
Surabaya Semester 2		
MKTG 7034	Digital Marketing	10
BUSM 7040	Governance, Ethics and Social Entrepreneurship	10
BUSM 7078	Project Management	10
BUSM 7117	Business Project B	10
Total Credit Points		**160**

Surabaya Campus, Indonesia - 1.5 year pathway (120 credit points)

This sequence is for Surabaya students ONLY and available from September 2025.

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 120 credit points (cps). This includes 40 credit points of applied integrative knowledge subjects, 60 credit points of selected core subjects and 20 credits points capstone subjects as per the sequence below.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Surabaya Semester 1		
ACCT 7015	Information for Decision Making	10
BUSM 7050	Integrated Business Experience	10
BUSM 7086	Strategic Business Management	10
BUSM 7113	Leading for Social Impact	10
Surabaya Semester 2		
BUSM 7105	Business Analytics in Practice	10
BUSM 7011	Business Operations and Logistics	10
BUSM 7116	Business Project A	10
MKTG 7035	Frontiers of Branding	10

Year 2		
Surabaya Semester 1		
MKTG 7034	Digital Marketing	10
BUSM 7040	Governance, Ethics and Social Entrepreneurship	10
BUSM 7078	Project Management	10
BUSM 7117	Business Project B	10
Total Credit Points		**120**

Program Structure 2019-2024

This structure applies to students who commenced in 2019 - 2024. If you commenced in 2025 or later, please refer to the relevant Structure tab for details.

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 160 credit points. This includes 40 credit points general foundation subjects, 40 credit points core subjects, 60 credit points specialist knowledge subjects, and a 20 credit point capstone subject as per the structure below:

Parramatta City Campus

Please note:

When enrolling in the first session, please choose two subjects only; BUSM 7007 Business Communication Skills and either BUSM 7050 Integrated Business Experience or MKTG 7019 Marketing Systems unless advised otherwise.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
General Foundation Subjects		
BUSM 7007	Business Communication Skills	10
BUSM 7050	Integrated Business Experience	10
BUSM 7099	Understanding Contemporary Organisations	10
Select one of the following:		10
MKTG 7019	Marketing Systems	
BUSM 7094	The Contemporary Business Environment	
Core Subjects		
BUSM 7018	Contemporary People Management	10
ECON 7001	Economics	10
ACCT 7015	Information for Decision Making	10
BUSM 7113	Leading for Social Impact	10
Majors		
Complete one of the Majors listed below, or the Non-Major option		60
Capstone Subject		
Select one of the following:		20
BUSM 7012	Business Project	
From 2025 BUSM 7012 replaced by BUSM 7116 Business Project A & BUSM 7117 Business Project B.		
BUSM 7055	Internship	
From 2025 BUSM7055 replaced by BUSM 7118 Internship A and BUSM 7119 Internship B		
BUSM 7084	Start-up	
Total Credit Points		**160**

Sydney City Campus

Click here for the recommended sequence at Sydney City Campus (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/city/courses/postgraduate/master_of_business_administration/).

Majors

Business Analytics, Major (0220) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/business-analytics-pg-major/)

Digital Knowledge and Innovation, Major (0223) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/digital-knowledge-innovation-pg-major/)

Educational Leadership, Testamur Major (T134) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/educational-leadership-pg-testamur-major/)

Finance, Major (0226) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/finance-pg-major/)

Finance and Investment, Major (0228) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/finance-investment-pg-major/)

Human Resource Management, Major (0134) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/human-resource-management-pg-major/)

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Property, Major (0172) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/property-pg-major/)

Sustainable Business, Major (0249) (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/sustainable-business-pg-major/)

Note:

- Education Leadership, Testamur Major (T134) is a new specialisation commencing from Q2, 2022.
- Policing, Public Safety and Security, Testamur Major (T066) has been retired from the end of 2023.
- Digital Knowledge and Innovation, Major (0223) has been retired from the end of 2023.

Non Major

A total of 60 credit points from any postgraduate Business subjects.

Replaced Major
The following major counts towards completion of this program for students who enrolled in the major in 2019 or earlier.

SP2012 Human Resource Management (http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/specialisation.aspx?unitset=SP2012.1), replaced by SP2025 Human Resource Management, Major (0134) in 2020 (listed above).

Replaced Subjects

The subject listed below counts towards completion of this program for students who passed the subject in 2024 or earlier.

BUSM 7051 Integrated Business Experience 2, replaced by BUSM 7113 Leading for Social Impact from 2025.

The subjects listed below counts towards completion of this program for students who passed the subjects in Q1, 2025 or earlier.

BUSM 7012 Business Project (20cps), replaced by BUSM 7116 Business Project A (10cps) and BUSM 7117 Business Project B (10cps) from 2025.

BUSM 7055 Internship (20cps), replaced by BUSM 7118 Internship A (10cps) and BUSM 7119 Internship B (10cps) from 2025.