

BUSM 2041 WORKING IN PROFESSIONS

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 200914

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Description Working in Professions focuses on developing career understandings and appreciating the personal attributes required for employability in the 'real world' of accounting, banking, economics, finance and property. This is a professional subject in the Bachelor of Business, but is also open to participants with an interest in examining and developing their knowledge of employability in these career areas. The subject involves examination of the evolving nature of work in a dynamic globalised context; applied labour market and industry structure analysis; and an exploration of employability attributes, capacities and opportunities across a range of career paths. Successful completion of the subject allows participants to gauge employer expectations, and to identify and reflect on career opportunities in their chosen fields.

School Business

Discipline Business and Management, Not Elsewhere Classified.

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

Check your fees via the Fees (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/fees/) page.

Level Undergraduate Level 2 subject

Equivalent Subjects BUSM 2030 - Managing and Developing Careers
BUSM 2040 - The Service Enterprise

Restrictions

Successful completion of 60 credit points of Business subjects.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Apply labour market analysis to identify a range of career opportunities in accounting, banking, economics, finance and property.
2. Explain how career prospects in business will evolve over time.
3. Identify employee skills and attributes relevant to their chosen career.
4. Identify the role of professional bodies for the modern business professional.
5. Explain the role of ethics in the modern business world.
6. Research and reflect on opportunities for individual employability.

Subject Content

1. The meaning of work and the global labour environment.
2. Communication and the workforce in relation to small, medium and large enterprises.
3. Employability skills and attributes required by business professionals.
4. The professions:
 - Diversity of the accounting profession
 - The finance professional

- Property profession
- Financial advice profession
- Diversity and change in economics professions

5. Use of technology in the professions.
6. Legislative requirements and the role of professional bodies.
7. Professional ethics in business.
8. Organising work life balance.
9. Evaluating and assessing career options.

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Professional Task	Part 1: Summary 1,200 words (20%). Part 2: Presentation 15 minutes (10%)	30	N	Group	Y
Portfolio	2,000 words equivalency	40	N	Individual	Y
Reflection	1,000 words	30	N	Individual	Y

Prescribed Texts

- Working in Professions – 3e (Customised) compiled by Krishan Prasad, Western Sydney University, McGraw-Hill Education 2022

Teaching Periods

WSU Online TRI-1 (2025)

Wsu Online

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Autumn (2025)

Parramatta City - Macquarie St

On-site

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Sydney City Campus - Term 1 (2025)

Sydney City

On-site

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Vietnam Session 2 (2025)

Vietnam

On-site

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Spring (2025)

Parramatta City - Macquarie St

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Surabaya Semester 1 (2025)

Surabaya

On-site

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WSU Online TRI-3 (2025)

Wsu Online

Online

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