



Bachelor of Commerce (International students)

Program code

1286

Commencing in

For Continuing Students Only

Available at

Duration

3 years full-time

Credit points

240

Important Notes

From 2021, commencing students are referred to the **Bachelor of Business (1632)**.

About this program

You will gain the technical skills and knowledge to pursue a career in accounting, behavioural science, financial planning, finance or economics. In your first year, you will explore the core skills and concepts of commerce including accounting, economics, business statistics, and management. In your second and third years, you will build on this knowledge with your chosen major.

You can choose a single major, which will give you specialist skills in one profession, or expand your expertise with a second commerce major, or additional major including management, marketing politics and public policy and international business.

If you are not sure which majors to choose just yet, that is okay. Once you enrol you can try some different courses before you choose the combination that is right for you.

Hands-on learning

Students at the Gold Coast and Nathan campuses are taught in financial trading rooms featuring state-of-the-art desktops equipped with the Bloomberg Professional Service. Bloomberg LP is a global leader in business and financial information and the Bloomberg Professional Service is a software platform that provides trusted real-time and historical data, and market news and analytics to help business and financial professionals make better informed investment decisions. You will have access to the exciting world of the stock market and be able to put theory into practice from the start of your degree.

Commerce majors

You will complete one of the following majors:

- Accounting (Gold Coast, Nathan)
- Behavioural Science (Gold Coast, Nathan)
- Economics (Gold Coast, Nathan)
- Finance (Gold Coast, Nathan)
- Financial Planning (Gold Coast, Nathan)

You can also choose to complete a Tax minor which is recognised by the Tax Practitioners Board.

Additional majors

- Asian Business (Gold Coast, Nathan)
- Employment Relations (Nathan)
- Event Management (Gold Coast, Nathan)
- Human Resource Management (Gold Coast, Nathan, Online)
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship (Gold Coast, Nathan, Online, South Bank)
- International Business (Gold Coast, Nathan)
- Logistics and Supply Chain Management (Gold Coast, Nathan)
- Management (Gold Coast, Nathan, Online)
- Marketing (Gold Coast, Nathan)
- Politics and Public Policy (Gold Coast, Nathan)

- Real Estate and Property Development (Gold Coast, Nathan)
- Sport Management (Gold Coast, Nathan)
- Sustainable Business (Nathan)
- Tourism Management (Gold Coast, Nathan)

Honours is available for this degree through an additional year of study.

My attendance during the program

Attendance information

This program is offered full-time on the Nathan and Gold Coast campuses. You may choose to study courses at other campuses where the program structure allows.

As a full-time student, you will generally attend 12-16 hours of scheduled classes per week throughout the trimester.

Classes may be scheduled during the day and evening throughout the week.

If you are an International student on a student visa, you must ensure that you enrol in a way that will allow you to complete your enrolment within the expected program duration as stated on your Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE).

Work-integrated learning

Students will have the opportunity to undertake work integrated learning experiences as part of their program.

Please note that specific criteria apply for entry to these courses and students will need to contact the Course Convenor for further information.

Students who are not eligible to enrol in the Commerce Work-integrated learning (WIL) course may apply to enrol in internships offered by Griffith Business School and other areas of the University. More information is available [here](#).

My career opportunities

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Accounting

You will be equipped for a career in a range of private, public sector or not-for-profit organisations where you could work in areas such as accounting, administration, auditing, business management, commercial and taxation law, managerial accounting, and taxation. Opportunities exist for exciting and challenging careers locally, nationally and internationally, and aren't limited to accounting firms.

Behavioural Science

You could find career opportunities in government, private enterprise and not-for-profit organisations across various disciplines including marketing and advertising, human services, healthcare, economics, policy development, research and evaluation of programs and services.

Economics

You will be prepared for work in the banking and finance industry as an analyst or advisor, in property development or real estate; in government policy in fields such as the environment, health, education and transport; or in large mining companies analysing markets and investment opportunities. You may also find career opportunities in major international organisations such as the World Bank, the United Nations, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the Asian Development Bank.

Finance

You will be prepared for work as a financial advisor or controller, financial planner, or stockbroker. You may also find opportunities in insurance and superannuation, futures, options and foreign exchange trading.

Financial Planning

You will be equipped for a career as a financial planner, financial advisor or controller, or stockbroker. You may also find opportunities in insurance and superannuation, futures, options and foreign exchange trading.

Program accreditation

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Depending on the courses you complete you can graduate with a degree accredited by:

- *Accounting*: **Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CA ANZ)** and **CPA Australia**.
- *Financial Planning*: **Financial Adviser Standards (FAS)**.

Professional recognition

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Professional recognition will vary depending upon the courses you complete.

- *Accounting major:* Completion of the Bachelor of Commerce, along with completion of the courses required for Accounting accreditation, provides exemptions from the **ACCA** Foundation Level Exams F1-F9.
- *Financial Planning major:* Graduates will be eligible for admission to the **Financial Planning Association (FPA)** of Australia's CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER® Certification Program.
- *Finance major:* The Bachelor of Commerce (Finance) has been accepted into the **CFA Institute** University Affiliation Program. This status is granted to institutions whose degree program incorporates at least 70% of the CFA Program **Candidate Body of Knowledge (CBOK)**, which provide students with a solid grounding in the CBOK and positions them well to site for the CFA exams.
- *Taxation minor:* Graduates who complete the Taxation Minor meet the education requirements for registration as a Tax Agent with the Tax Practitioners Board.

What are the fees?

International students

An International student is one who is not:

- an Australian or New Zealand citizen or
- a Pacific Engagement visa holder or
- a person who has Australian permanent resident status.

Indicative annual tuition fee

The indicative annual tuition fee is calculated based on a standard full-time study load which is usually 80 credit points (two full-time trimesters).

The indicative annual tuition fee is based on current conditions and available data and should only be used as a guide. These fees are reviewed annually and are subject to change.

Tuition fees

- An International student pays tuition fees.
- Students are liable for tuition fees for the courses they are enrolled in as at the census date.
- The tuition fee for students who commence their program prior to 2014 is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student commenced the program.
- The tuition fee for students who commence their program from 2014 onwards is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student is enrolled.

Program fees for the Bachelor of Commerce (1286)

Fees for this program can be found on the Programs and Courses website in the "Overview and fees" section. Select your commencing year to view your fees.

Changing programs

If an International student changes to a different program they will be subject to the approved program fee for the trimester in which they are enrolled.

Permanent resident status

If an **undergraduate student** obtains permanent resident status in Australia after commencing study in a program, and the student can provide evidence of permanent resident status prior to the census date (of the trimester in which they are enrolled), the student will be provided with a domestic fee-paying place.

The student may then apply for a Commonwealth supported place at the next admission period provided that the student satisfies the conditions for transfer from a domestic fee-paying place to a Commonwealth supported place as set out in the **Undergraduate Programs Admission Policy**.

If a **postgraduate student** obtains permanent resident status in Australia after commencing study in a program, and the student can provide evidence of permanent resident status prior to the census date (of the trimester in which they are enrolled), the student will automatically be considered for a Commonwealth supported place (subject to availability) or a domestic fee-paying place as applicable for the program.

If a **research student** obtains permanent resident status in Australia after commencing study in a program, and the student can provide evidence of permanent resident status prior to the census date (of the trimester in which they are enrolled), the student will automatically be considered for a Commonwealth Government Research Training Program (RTP) Fee Offset or a domestic fee-paying place as applicable for the program.

Further information

- **Fees and Charges Procedure**

- 3.6 - Fees for International Students
- 3.9 - Administrative and Miscellaneous Charges
- Fees and Charges Schedules
- Cost of studying in Australia