



## Bachelor of Commerce (Domestic students)

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### Program code

1286

### Commencing in

For Continuing Students Only

### Available at

### Duration

3 years full-time

6 years part-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 and part-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. As a part-time student, you will generally attend 6-8 hours of scheduled classes per week.

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

### Student Income Support

To be classed as a full-time student, you are required to enrol in a minimum number of credit points each standard study period. The minimum credit points for full-time enrolment in this program is 30 credit points.

Trimester 1 and Trimester 2 are deemed standard study periods. As Trimester 3 is a non-standard study period, continuing students moving from one year to the next will not be required to study during this trimester to be eligible for student income support.

Domestic students who commence in Trimester 3 may be eligible for student income support from the onset of study provided they are enrolled full-time in this study period.

Please refer to the [Australian Government website](#) for more details.

### 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?

### Fee-paying undergraduate (domestic) students

These fees are only applicable to domestic students who are not Commonwealth supported including:

- Full-fee paying domestic students who commenced their program prior to 2009.
- International students who have been approved to pay domestic tuition fees after obtaining Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency or a permanent humanitarian visa and who have not obtained a Commonwealth supported place.

#### Tuition fees

- A fee-paying undergraduate 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 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.

#### FEE-HELP

Eligible undergraduate fee-paying students may defer their tuition fees by taking out a FEE-HELP loan which is part of the Higher Education Loan Program (HELP). Payment of the loan is via the taxation system when income reaches a specified level.

- **Higher Education Loan Program (HELP)**

#### Further information

- **Calculating tuition fees**
- **Calculating your EFTSL**
- **Fees and Charges Procedure**
  - 3.2 - Fees for Undergraduate Students (Non-international)
  - **Fees and Charges Schedules**
- **Financial help and support**