



Bachelor of Commerce (Financial Planning)

(MGB304.1)

Please note these are the 2019 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	NEW
Delivery mode	On campus
Location	Bruce, Canberra
Duration	3.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Business, Government & Law
Discipline	Canberra Business School
UAC code	361230
English language requirements	An IELTS Academic score of 6.0 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent).

[View IELTS equivalences](#)

International students

Academic entry requirements	To study at UC, you'll need to meet our academic entry requirements and any admission requirements specific to your course. Please read your course admission requirements below. To find out whether you meet UC's academic entry requirements, visit our academic entry requirements page.
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[View UC's academic entry requirements](#)

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Faculty Faculty of Business, Government & Law

Discipline Canberra Business School

CRICOS code 095929J

English language requirements An IELTS Academic score of 6.0 overall, with no band score below 6.0 (or equivalent).

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About this course

Spark your interest for financial planning

With a Bachelor of Commerce (Financial Planning) you'll gain a solid grounding of critical concepts and issues in commerce while studying the specifics of the financial planning industry. The course is delivered using a practical focus and you'll learn how to undertake a selection of real-world activities, including creating risk management strategies, preparing best-practice Statements of Advice, and helping individuals plan for retirement by developing essential strategies for wealth creation and protection.

You'll engage in a range of authentic, Work Integrated Learning (WIL) opportunities to help improve your professional practice and will graduate work-ready, with the skills and ambition to progress your career or study plans to the next level.

Study a Bachelor of Commerce (Financial Planning) at UC and you will:

- evaluate the concepts and theories acquired in financial planning
- exercise critical thinking skills when dealing with ambiguous and incomplete information
- identify and obtain relevant information for decision making and providing advice to stakeholders from a variety of backgrounds
- utilise discipline-specific technologies to analyse complex problems in a variety of contexts
- communicate a clear, coherent and independent exposition of knowledge and ideas to a variety of stakeholders, addressing a diverse range of business/commerce problems

- develop the capacity to exercise initiative and professional judgement in an ethically and socially responsible manner.

Work Integrated Learning

The Bachelor of Commerce (Financial Planning) sees academics and industry working together to develop a range of diverse WIL opportunities for students, including internships, work placements, industry projects, competitions, exhibitions, study tours, virtual real-world learning experiences and more.

Through the WIL experiences across the course, you'll acquire the necessary professional skills consistent with industry expectations for your future career in the worlds of commerce and financial planning. Previous Financial Planning students have undertaken internships with organisations including National Australia Bank, Legal Aid ACT, International IDEA, eChoice and the US Embassy.

The course culminates in a capstone project, which aims to integrate what you've learned across your degree and prepare you for the transition to either successful future employment or further studies.

Career opportunities

- Financial planner
- Client service officer
- Paraplanner
- Financial analyst
- Wealth manager
- Financial adviser
- Financial consultant

Course-specific information

Students should note the assumed knowledge requirements for individual majors and minors when choosing a program of study.

This course is accredited by the Financial Planning Association of Australia.

High-achieving students can enrol in the Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) program.

Professional accreditation

Accredited by the Financial Planning Association of Australia.

Admission requirements

Admission to this course is based on an entrance rank. A rank can be achieved by the following means:

- Year 12 ATAR
- other Australian Qualification
- work experience
- overseas qualification

We also offer a number of entry initiatives that give you the opportunity to gain entry to the University via alternate pathway programs and admissions schemes.

More information is available on our Alternative Entry page: <http://www.canberra.edu.au/future-students/applications/apply-now/alternative-entry>

Assumed knowledge

It is recommended that students have Mathematics T/Mathematic Applications (ACT) or Mathematics (NSW) and English (major) (ACT) or English Advanced (NSW), or their equivalents. International students need to meet the English language requirements of the University of Canberra. Students should note the assumed knowledge requirements for individual majors and minors when choosing a program of study.

Periods course is open for new admissions

This course is not open for new admissions.

Credit arrangements

There are currently no formal credit transfer arrangements for entry to this course. Any previous study or work experience will only be considered as part of the application process in accordance with current [course rules and university policy](#).

Course requirements

Bachelor of Commerce (Financial Planning) (MGB304) | 72 credit points

Open Electives - Must pass 24 credit points from the following

[Expand All](#) | [Collapse All](#)

- - Must pass 24 credit points from anywhere in the University, as a breadth major, a breadth minor and/or as individual units.

Required - Must pass 48 credit points as follows

Core Major in Commerce and Accounting (CM0005) | 24 credit points

Required - Must pass 18 credit points as follows

[Business Decision Making \(11009\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

[Professional Orientation \(Commerce\) \(11010\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

[Quantitative Methods in Commerce \(11165\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

[Professional Evidence \(Commerce\) \(11171\) | 3 credit points – Level 3](#)

[Introduction to Management \(11174\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

[Introduction to Economics \(11175\) | 3 credit points – Level 1](#)

Restricted Choice - Must pass 6 credit points from the following

Part A - Must pass at least 3 credit points from the following

Business, Government & Law Extended Internship (10158) | 6 credit points – Level 3

Business, Government & Law Professional Internship (10236) | 12 credit points – Level 3

BGL Internship (Commerce) (11166) | 3 credit points – Level 3

BGL Internship (Business and Management) (11167) | 3 credit points – Level 3

BGL Internship (Government and Policy) (11168) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Organisational Communications, Culture and Change (11169) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Accounting Internship Preparation (11572) | 3 credit points – Level 3

BGL Internship A (12046) | 3 credit points – Level 3

BGL Internship B (12047) | 3 credit points – Level 3

BGL Internship C (12048) | 6 credit points – Level 3

BGL Internship D (12049) | 12 credit points – Level 3

Note:

- - From 2024, units 10158, 10236, 11166, 11167 and 11168 have been replaced with new BGL Internship units.

Part B - May do up to 3 credit points from the following

International Business Study Tour (9628) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Business Communication (11170) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Social Enterprise (11379) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Note:

1. Students must pass a minimum of 1 unit from Part A. Two units may be chosen from Part A or one from Part A and one from Part B.
2. Students who undertook two units listed in the current Part B section prior to 2024 can still count the units towards their course. Students from 2024 need to select at least 1 unit from Part A.
3. Unit 11572 Accounting Internship Preparation is only available to students undertaking an Accounting major.

Note:

- Credit Points: Students who want to do more than 6 credit points from this list may count them towards Open Electives.
- International Exchange: Students may also choose to undertake units at an international institution, subject to approval by the Program Director.

Specialist Major in Financial Planning (SM0019) | 24 credit points

Required - Must pass 24 credit points as follows

Business Finance (11215) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Business Law (11220) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Revenue Law (11221) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Introduction to Personal Financial Planning (11228) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Superannuation, Retirement and Estate Planning (11229) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Investments and Portfolio Analysis (11230) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Financial Institutions and Markets (11326) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Financial Plans and Risk Management (11327) | 3 credit points – Level 3

Note:

- Students in a double degree with Law will do an Open Elective instead of 1120 Business Law.

In addition to course requirements, in order to successfully complete your course you must meet the inherent requirements. Please refer to the [inherent requirements statement](#) applicable to your course

Typical study pattern

UC - Canberra, Bruce

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

Business Decision Making (11009)

Financial Institutions and Markets (11326)

Professional Orientation (Commerce) (11010)

Quantitative Methods in Commerce (11165)

Semester 2

One Open Elective Unit

Introduction to Economics (11175)

Introduction to Management (11174)

Introduction to Personal Financial Planning (11228)

Year 2

Semester 1

Two Open Elective Units

[Business Finance \(11215\)](#)

[Business Law \(11220\)](#)

Semester 2

Professional Practice 1 Unit

Two Open Elective Units

[Investments and Portfolio Analysis \(11230\)](#)

Year 3

Semester 1

Professional Practice 2 Unit

[Revenue Law \(11221\)](#)

One Open Elective Unit

[Superannuation, Retirement and Estate Planning \(11229\)](#)

Semester 2

[Financial Plans and Risk Management \(11327\)](#)

[Professional Evidence \(Commerce\) \(11171\)](#)

Two Open Elective Units

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing with 24cps Unspecified Credit

Year 1

Semester 1

[Business Decision Making \(11009\)](#)

[Financial Institutions and Markets \(11326\)](#)

[Professional Orientation \(Commerce\) \(11010\)](#)

[Quantitative Methods in Commerce \(11165\)](#)

Semester 2

[Introduction to Personal Financial Planning \(11228\)](#)

Professional Practice 1 Unit

[Business Law \(11220\)](#)

Introduction to Economics (11175)

Year 2

Semester 1

Business Finance (11215)

Introduction to Management (11174)

Revenue Law (11221)

Superannuation, Retirement and Estate Planning (11229)

Semester 2

Professional Practice 2 Unit

Financial Plans and Risk Management (11327)

Investments and Portfolio Analysis (11230)

Professional Evidence (Commerce) (11171)

Standard Full Time, Semester 2 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 2

Business Decision Making (11009)

Introduction to Economics (11175)

Introduction to Management (11174)

Professional Orientation (Commerce) (11010)

Year 2

Semester 1

Two Open Elective Units

Financial Institutions and Markets (11326)

Quantitative Methods in Commerce (11165)

Semester 2

Two Open Elective Units

Business Finance (11215)

Introduction to Personal Financial Planning (11228)

Year 3

Semester 1

One Open Elective Unit

Professional Practice 1 Unit

[Business Law \(11220\)](#)

[Superannuation, Retirement and Estate Planning \(11229\)](#)

Semester 2

One Open Elective Unit

Professional Practice 1 Unit

[Financial Plans and Risk Management \(11327\)](#)

[Investments and Portfolio Analysis \(11230\)](#)

Year 4**Semester 1**

[Revenue Law \(11221\)](#)

Two Open Elective Units

[Professional Evidence \(Commerce\) \(11171\)](#)

Standard Full Time, Semester 2 Commencing with 24cps Unspecified Credit**Year 1****Semester 2**

[Business Decision Making \(11009\)](#)

[Introduction to Personal Financial Planning \(11228\)](#)

[Professional Orientation \(Commerce\) \(11010\)](#)

[Quantitative Methods in Commerce \(11165\)](#)

Year 2**Semester 1**

[Business Finance \(11215\)](#)

[Financial Institutions and Markets \(11326\)](#)

[Introduction to Economics \(11175\)](#)

[Superannuation, Retirement and Estate Planning \(11229\)](#)

Semester 2

[Business Law \(11220\)](#)

Professional Practice 1 Unit

[Financial Plans and Risk Management \(11327\)](#)

[Investments and Portfolio Analysis \(11230\)](#)

Year 3

Semester 1

Professional Practice 2 Unit

[Introduction to Management \(11174\)](#)

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[Revenue Law \(11221\)](#)

Course information

Course duration

Standard six semesters full-time or equivalent. Maximum twenty semesters.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
Communicate a clear, coherent and independent exposition of knowledge and ideas to a variety of stakeholders, addressing a diverse range of business/commerce problems.	1.2 UC graduates are professional: communicate effectively.
Identify and obtain relevant information for decision making and providing advice to stakeholders from a variety of backgrounds.	1.2 UC graduates are professional: communicate effectively; and 3.3 UC graduates are lifelong learners: adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas.
Develop the capacity to exercise initiative and professional judgement, in an ethically and socially responsible manner.	2.6 UC graduates are global citizens: behave ethically and sustainably in their professional and personal lives.

Evaluate and synthesize concepts and theories acquired in financial planning.	1.1 UC graduates are professional: employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills.
Exercise critical thinking skills when dealing with ambiguous and incomplete information.	1.3 UC graduates are professional: use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems.
Utilise discipline-specific technologies to analyse complex problems in a variety of contexts.	1.1 UC graduates are professional: employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills; and 2.5 UC graduates are global citizens: make creative use of technology in their learning and professional lives.
Engage in a range of authentic, work-integrated learning opportunities to reflect on and improve professional practice in areas of communication, judgement, cross-cultural teamwork.	3.1 UC graduates are lifelong learners: reflect on their own practice, updating and adapting their knowledge and skills for continual professional and academic development.

Majors

- [Core Major in Commerce and Accounting \(CM0005\)](#)
- [Specialist Major in Financial Planning \(SM0019\)](#)

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Bachelor of Commerce (Financial Planning)	BCom (FinPlan)

Honours

High performing students may be eligible to enrol in the Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) course.

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
Current and Commencing Students	In person, Student Centre Building 1 (take a BGL Faculty course advice ticket) or Email bglstudent@canberra.edu.au

Prospective International
Students:

Email international@canberra.edu.au or Phone +61 2 6201 5342

Prospective Domestic
Students:

Email study@canberra.edu.au or Phone 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)

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UC acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, traditional custodians of the lands where Bruce campus is situated. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of Canberra and the region. We also acknowledge all other First Nations Peoples on whose lands we gather.