

Electives in the Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) DBCA

There are five electives in the Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) DBCA. *This excludes any credit/recognition of prior learning for electives that you are awarded.*

Rules about electives in the Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) DBCA

- Four electives **must** be courses offered by the Business School. This is courses offered by the Schools of Commerce, Management, Marketing and Law. The School that offers a course will be identified on the course home page. For example, for Macroeconomics ECON 1007, the School (Commerce) is identified under ‘General enquiries:’ on the right-hand side.

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the course page for Macroeconomics ECON 1007 at the University of South Australia. The page is titled 'Nil' and contains the following sections:

- Course aim:** To familiarise students with fundamental macroeconomic principles and the Australian economy in an international economic setting.
- Course content:** Introduction to macroeconomics; the economy over time, fundamental relationships in the macroeconomy; the introduction of simple macroeconomic models; the simple aggregate demand/ aggregate supply model of the macroeconomy, money; the open economy, economic policy; contemporary economic issues.
- Teaching method:** A table with two columns: 'Component' and 'Duration'.

| Component | Duration |
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| Internal, City West | |
| Lecture | 2 hours x 13 weeks |
| Tutorial | 1 hour x 13 weeks |
| External, City West | |
| External | N/A x 13 weeks |
| Internal, Taylor's Business School, Offshore | |
| Lecture | 2 hours x 14 weeks |
| Tutorial | 2 hours x 13 weeks |

On the right-hand side of the page, there are sections for 'Textbooks', 'General enquiries:', 'Future students:', and 'Current students:'. The 'Textbooks' section lists two books: 'Macroeconomics, 9th edition, McGraw Hill, Sydney' by Jackson, J & McIver, R 2011, and 'Study guide to accompany macroeconomics, 9th edition, McGraw Hill, Sydney' by Bredon, G 2011. The 'General enquiries:' section includes 'Telephone: 1300 UNINOW', 'Make an enquiry', and 'School of Commerce'. The 'Future students:' section includes 'Telephone: 1300 301 703' and 'Email: campuscentral@unisa.edu.au'. The 'Current students:' section includes a note: '** Students studying outside of Australia - please contact your local administration office'.

- You can choose one ‘free’ elective from outside the Business School courses. However, this is not essential. Thus, you can choose Business School courses for all five electives in their program.
- Prerequisites must be met. Prerequisites will be set out (where they exist) on the course home page and they are enforced. For example, Management Control Systems ACCT 3008 **cannot** be studied until the prerequisite Management Accounting has been passed or you have credit/recognition of prior learning for Management Accounting.

Advice about choosing electives

Minors

When choosing electives, please look at UniSA’s minors. The list is useful because it summarises courses into themes

<http://programs.unisa.edu.au/public/pcms/Home/Majorssubmajorsminorsindex.aspx>

The list also shows the School that the elective is from. For example: Management: School of Management (right hand side of page).

Finance: School of Commerce (*right hand side of page*).

Management Accounting, Finance, Management, Human Resource Management, International Business, Marketing, Property and the Small Business Minor courses are all good choices (this is not an exhaustive list).

General guidance about electives

Always consider how good (or otherwise) electives will look on your final transcript and how desirable they will be in the employment market. What will your choices add to your program? Employers want to see evidence of planning and decision making about electives. How will you market your choices? How will you explain away any easy choices? *If you are in doubt, imagine an employer is looking over your shoulder and asking, “What’s that got to do with business?”*

Use the numbering in course codes as a guide to when a course should be studied. For example, “XYZZ 1000” is designed for first year, “XYZZ 2000” is designed for second year and so on. This is not a strict rule. Instead, use it as a guide.

The following are good electives

Experiential electives and Work Integrated Learning electives

The Business School Work Integrated Learning elective options are designed to give you career skills that build on the knowledge they gain in their study. For more information and contact details for the Coordinator: Work Integrated Learning, Sandy Barker, please go to

<https://lo.unisa.edu.au/course/view.php?id=4859>

Industry Project (BUSS 3010). This is a 9 unit course.

Business Decision Making Simulation (BUSS 3074).

Transition to Employment (BUSS 3079).

Business Practicum (BUSS 3080).

Business Research Project (BUSS 3077).

International Business Project (BUSS 2063).

Business Internship. This is an 18 unit course.

Some suggested electives

Strategic Management (BUSS 3023).

Studies in Small Enterprise (BUSS 3001).

Project Management: Principles and Strategies (INFS 2022).

Management Control Systems (ACCT 3008).

Community Service Learning Project (students will be emailed information about the project from time to time).

International Business Environment (BUSS 2067).

Taxation Law 2 (ACCT 3006). This course returns from study period 5, 2016. The prerequisite is Taxation Law 1.

Cost Management Systems (ACCT 2013). You will see in the program schedule in second year that you can study Cost Management Systems or an elective. This provides students with choice about the elective they study.

This is not an exhaustive list. Please ensure that you meet any prerequisites.

Future professional accounting body membership

- The important courses for future professional accounting body membership are Companies and Partnership Law, Taxation Law 1 and Auditing Theory and Practice. All three courses are compulsory/core courses in the Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) DBCA.
- Thus, students can be assured that the Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) DBCA satisfies the educational requirements for entry to Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand's professional program (the Chartered Accountants Program) and CPA Australia's professional program (the CPA Program).
- **IMPORTANT: Please do not attempt Taxation Law 1 and Auditing Theory and Practice until your final year of study.**