

Electives in the Bachelor of Commerce DBCC

There are nine electives in the Bachelor of Commerce DBCC. *This excludes any credit/recognition of prior learning for electives that a student has been awarded.*

The nine electives includes the important future professional accounting body membership electives (please see below).

We stress the following with your elective choices

We strongly encourage students to study electives from the Business School offerings (this includes the Schools of Commerce, Management, Marketing and Law). You can study one elective from outside the Business School if you wish, however, this is optional.

Business School courses

- 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 includes sections for Course aim, Course content, and Teaching method. The Teaching method section contains a table with the following data:

Component	Duration
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

Additional information on the page includes Textbooks (Jackson, J & McIver, R 2011, Macroeconomics, 9th edition, McGraw Hill, Sydney; Bredon, G 2011, Study guide to accompany macroeconomics, 9th edition, McGraw Hill, Sydney), General enquiries (Telephone: 1300 UNINOW, Make an enquiry, School of Commerce), and Current students (Telephone: 1300 301 703, Email: campuscentral@unisa.edu.au). A note at the bottom states: "Note: These components may or may not be scheduled in every study period. Please refer to the timetable for further details."

- **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 selections (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

Business Experience 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

CPA Australia

To be eligible for future membership of CPA Australia by completing the CPA Program, the important elective to include in your degree is Companies and Partnership Law (this course used to be called Corporations and Partnership Law. They are the same course. Please do not study Companies and Partnership Law if you've passed or have credit for previous study for Corporations and Partnership Law). Taxation Law 1 and Auditing Theory and Practice are *not* required by CPA Australia. Replace Taxation Law 1 and Auditing Theory and Practice with two other electives.

Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand

Companies and Partnership Law (or its predecessor Corporations and Partnership Law), Taxation Law 1 and Auditing Theory and Practice ***are all required***. You need to pass all three courses to be eligible for future membership of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand by completing the Chartered Accountants Program. So, if you're positioning yourself to be a Chartered Accountant and/or work with a Chartered Accounting firm, these are vital courses in the second and final year of your degree.

IMPORTANT: If you choose this option, do not attempt Taxation Law 1 and Auditing Theory and Practice until your final year of study.