

# MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION/MASTER OF APPLIED FINANCE (2782)

**Approved Abbreviation:** MBusAdm/MAppFin  
**Western Sydney University Program Code:** 2782  
**AQF Level:** 9

**CRICOS Code:** 084780E

This program applies to students who commenced in 2017 or later.

Students should follow the program structure for the session start date relevant to the year they commenced.

Commencement Year 2015 and 2016 - 2782.1 - Master of Business Administration/Master of Applied Finance (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=2782.1>)

This double degree is unique in that it equips graduates with the skills and knowledge to engage with contemporary business environments, and in particular executive careers in finance, banking and investment sectors. It provides students with the opportunity to acquire technical knowledge necessary to function in an evolving and increasingly sophisticated financial environment with an emphasis on the practical application of these techniques. The design of the degree reflects consultation with a range of stakeholders including industry and professional associations; the applied finance components have been developed by individuals who are actively involved in the financial sector. The design comprises business foundation and core subjects which provide students with key skills such as business communication and analysis, as well as a general knowledge of the basics of business e.g., Accounting, Economics, and Statistics. Students complete: four foundation subjects, twelve core subjects, 20 credit points from an alternate pool of subjects and a 20 credit point capstone subject, for a total of 200 credit points. This program has multiple intakes each year and is suitable for graduates holding a bachelor degree in any discipline from a recognised university. Applicants will find having a background in Business or Commerce advantageous.

## Early Exits

Students may exit this program on completion of 40 credit points with a 2765 Graduate Certificate in Business (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2021-2022/programs/graduate-certificate-business/>) or on completion of 160 credit points with a 2761 Master of Business Administration (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2021-2022/programs/master-business-administration/>) or a 2759 Master of Applied Finance (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2021-2022/programs/master-applied-finance/>)

## Study Mode

Two and a half years full-time or five years part time.

## Program Advice

Dr Walid Bakry (<https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/12178/>)

Prospective students should visit the following websites for general enquiries about this program.

Enquire about this program (<https://enquiry.westernsydney.edu.au/courseenquiry/>) | Local Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/>

future/) | International Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/>) |

## Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Parramatta City Campus- Macquarie Street	Full Time	Internal	See above
Parramatta City Campus- Macquarie Street	Part Time	Internal	See above

## Accreditation

The Master of Business Administration / Master of Applied Finance fulfils the educational requirements for admission as a Senior Associate (SA Fin) of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia (Finsia). Senior Associate membership with Finsia also requires at least five years career experience in the financial services industry. The Master of Business Administration / Master of Applied Finance also satisfies the education requirements for professional membership of the Finance and Treasury Association (FTA).

## Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)

This program is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

## Admission

Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree, or higher, in any discipline.

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas may be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) or directly through the Western Portal. Use the links below to apply via UAC or Western Sydney University. Applications made directly to Western Sydney do not have an application fee.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>  
<https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/>

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to the University should also use the information provided on the UAC website.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>

All other International applicants must apply directly to the University via the International Office.

International students applying to the University through the International Office can find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on their website.

International Office (<http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/>)

Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International - National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and Western Sydney University.

## Program Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 200 credit points. This includes four foundation subjects, twelve core

subjects, 20 credit points of alternate subjects and a 20 credit point capstone subject, as per the structure below:

Subject	Title	Credit Points
<b>Foundation Subjects</b>		
BUSM 7007	Business Communication Skills	10
BUSM 7050	Integrated Business Experience 1	10
BUSM 7099	Understanding Contemporary Organisations	10
Select one of the following:		10
MKTG 7019	Marketing Systems	
BUSM 7094	The Contemporary Business Environment	
<b>Core Subjects</b>		
MATH 7003	Applied Business Statistics	10
BUSM 7018	Contemporary People Management	10
ACCT 7012	Corporate Finance	10
ECON 7001	Economics	10
BUSM 7031	Financial Institution Management	10
BUSM 7032	Financial Institutions and Markets (MAF)	10
FINC 7006	Financial Modelling	10
ACCT 7015	Financial Reports for Decision Making	10
BUSM 7035	Funds Management and Portfolio Selection	10
BUSM 7051	Integrated Business Experience 2	10
BUSM 7053	International Finance	10
BUSM 7083	Security Analysis and Portfolio Theory	10
<b>Alternate Subjects</b>		
Select one of the following groups:		20
<b>Alternate Group 1:</b>		
FINC 7022	Applied Project (Finance and Property)	10
Select one of the following:		
BUSM 7021	Credit and Lending Decisions	
BUSM 7022	Derivatives	
<b>Alternate Group 2:</b>		
FINC 7017	Property Investment Analysis	
MKTG 7024	Property Portfolio Analysis	
<b>Capstone Subject</b>		
Select one of the following:		20
BUSM 7012	Business Project	
BUSM 7055	Internship	
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>210</b>

## Early Exit – Graduate Certificate in Business

Students who have completed 40 credit points of subjects as specified below may exit with 2765 Graduate Certificate in Business. Students are expected to complete 20 credit points of study before undertaking the BUSM 7050 Integrated Business Experience 1 subject.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
BUSM 7007	Business Communication Skills	10
BUSM 7050	Integrated Business Experience 1	10
BUSM 7099	Understanding Contemporary Organisations	10
Select one of the following:		10
MKTG 7019	Marketing Systems	
BUSM 7094	The Contemporary Business Environment	
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>

Alternatively, students may complete 40 credit points of subjects (excluding capstone subjects) from any postgraduate business

subjects. This requires approval from the Director of Academic Program.

## Early Exit – Master of Business Administration

Students in the Master of Business Administration/Master of Applied Finance who have completed 160 credit points of Postgraduate subjects as specified below may exit with 2761 Master of Business Administration.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
<b>Foundation Subjects</b>		
BUSM 7007	Business Communication Skills	10
BUSM 7050	Integrated Business Experience 1	10
BUSM 7099	Understanding Contemporary Organisations	10
Select one of the following:		10
MKTG 7019	Marketing Systems	
BUSM 7094	The Contemporary Business Environment	
<b>Core Subjects</b>		
BUSM 7018	Contemporary People Management	10
ECON 7001	Economics	10
ACCT 7015	Financial Reports for Decision Making	10
BUSM 7051	Integrated Business Experience 2	10
<b>Major/Non-major</b>		
Select one of the following:		60
Finance and Investment, Major (link below)		
Non-major: A total of 60cp from any postgraduate business subjects.		
<b>Capstone Subjects</b>		
Select one of the following:		20
BUSM 7012	Business Project	
BUSM 7055	Internship	
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>160</b>

Finance and Investment, Major (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2021-2022/majors-minors/finance-investment-pg-major/#text>)

## Early Exit – Master of Applied Finance

Students in the Master of Business Administration/Master of Applied Finance who have completed 160 credit points of subjects as specified below may exit with 2759 Master of Applied Finance.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
<b>Foundation Subjects</b>		
BUSM 7007	Business Communication Skills	10
BUSM 7050	Integrated Business Experience 1	10
BUSM 7099	Understanding Contemporary Organisations	10
Select one of the following:		10
MKTG 7019	Marketing Systems	
BUSM 7094	The Contemporary Business Environment	
<b>Core Subjects</b>		
MATH 7003	Applied Business Statistics	10
ACCT 7012	Corporate Finance	10
ECON 7001	Economics	10
BUSM 7031	Financial Institution Management	10
BUSM 7032	Financial Institutions and Markets (MAF)	10
FINC 7006	Financial Modelling	10
ACCT 7015	Financial Reports for Decision Making	10

BUSM 7035	Funds Management and Portfolio Selection	10
BUSM 7053	International Finance	10
BUSM 7083	Security Analysis and Portfolio Theory	10

**Capstone Subject**

Select Capstone 1 or Capstone 2:		20
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**Capstone 1:**

Select one of the following:

BUSM 7012 Business Project

BUSM 7055 Internship

**Capstone 2:**

FINC 7022	Applied Project (Finance and Property)	10
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Select one of the following:

BUSM 7021 Credit and Lending Decisions

BUSM 7022 Derivatives

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<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>170</b>
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**Replaced Subject**

The subject listed below counts towards completion of this program for students who passed this subject in 2021 or earlier.

MKTG 7003 - Applied Project (Finance and Property),  
replaced by FINC 7022 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2021-2022/search/?P=FINC%207022>) Applied Project  
(Finance and Property)