

# BUSM 7079 PURCHASING AND MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 51259

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**Description** This subject introduces purchasing and materials management through a number of concepts, processes and methods across a number of industry sectors including manufacturing, service and public sector. It covers a range of topics including purchasing strategy, organisational structure and responsibilities, global supply management, supplier selection and evaluation, procurement process, price/cost analysis, purchasing contract arrangements and inventory management. Students will develop an appreciation of theoretical knowledge in purchasing and materials management and applications and systems currently adopted in organisations. The knowledge and skills developed through lectures, case analyses and hands-on exercises will prepare students to manage a range of purchasing and materials management functions in global organisations.

**School** Business

**Discipline** Organisation Management

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

**Restrictions**

Students must be enrolled in a postgraduate Business program.

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Describe the impact of effective supply management on overall business performance;
2. Explain the connections between supply management and an organisation's business strategy;
3. Analyse the underlying principles that support effective management of purchasing and materials management;
4. Describe procurement process and materials management functions;
5. Integrate the knowledge of sourcing and global supply management for selection and evaluation of potential suppliers;
6. Apply cost management principles and methods in purchasing and materials management.

## Subject Content

The Progression to Professional Supply Management  
 Supply Management: An Organisation-Spanning Activity  
 Global Supply Management  
 Outsourcing  
 Sourcing  
 Procurement Process

Total Cost of Ownership  
 Price and Cost Analysis  
 Methods of Compensation  
 Inventory Management

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Intra-session Exam	90 minutes	30	N	Individual	Y
Report	1500 words	30	N	Individual	Y
Final Exam	2 hours	40	N	Individual	Y

Prescribed Texts

- Burt, D.N., Petcavage, S.D. and Pinkerton, R.L. 2010, Supply Management, 8th Edition, McGraw-Hill/Irwin Companies, Inc.

Teaching Periods

## Quarter 1 (2025)

**Parramatta City - Macquarie St**

**On-site**

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