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# Welcome to the Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) Orientation S2 2025



# Session hosts



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# Acknowledgement of Country

The University of Queensland (UQ) acknowledges the Traditional Owners and their custodianship of the lands on which we meet.

We pay our respects to their Ancestors and their descendants, who continue cultural and spiritual connections to Country.

We recognise their valuable contributions to Australian and global society.

*The Brisbane River pattern from A Guidance Through Time*  
by Casey Coolwell and Kyra Mancktelow.



# Congratulations! Welcome to UQ



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# Getting started



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# Bachelor of Commerce



**24**  
courses

Choose from 2 pathways:

## Pathway 1

- 8 compulsory courses
- 8 1<sup>st</sup> major courses
- 8 2<sup>nd</sup> major courses

## Pathway 2

- 8 compulsory courses
- 8 major courses
- 8 elective courses



# What does a course look like?

At UQ, we call subjects 'courses'.

A course may consist of lectures, seminars, online modules, as well as tutorials and workshops. Lectures and seminars start in week 1, tutorials generally start in week 2.

This semester courses will mostly be delivered in person (on campus), but some may be delivered externally (online).

Struggling with class sign-on: [my.uq.edu.au/starting-at-uq](https://my.uq.edu.au/starting-at-uq).





# What is going to happen in a course?

All the details of what will happen in each course will be covered in the **Course Profile** (CP). Just search for the course code.

This guide will tell you what **learning resources** you need, what **activities** are scheduled for each week, and how you are going to be **assessed**.

Section 6. **Policies and Guidelines** has all the information and links you need for understanding academic integrity, extensions, feedback etc.



# What do you have to do?

We manage the scheduled activities and provide everything you need to study the course on the **course Blackboard**.

It is up to you to **prepare for class**, complete any online modules or reading required to participate, schedule time to complete assessments, and work with others in your class.

# What is class time for?

Class time is a time where you can think about the knowledge being presented. It is time for you to **ask questions**, gain an understanding of the course content, and get some experience in using the knowledge.

Knowledge and experience don't just happen – **you have to be an active learner.**



# How will you be assessed?

It depends on each course as to the best way to assess your learning. Be sure to check the CP for details of when and how you will be assessed.

## Written

- Essays
- Reports
- Case studies
- Exams

## Spoken

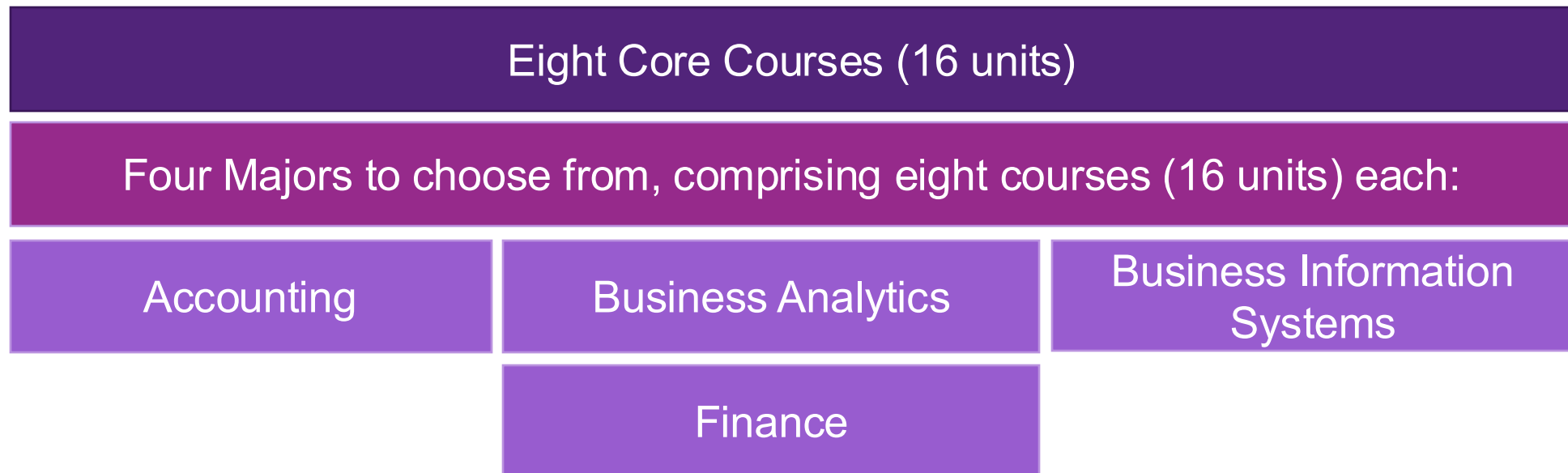
- Presentations
- Workshops

## Other

- Simulations
- Role play
- Group experiences

# What am I going to do in my degree?

You will complete 24 courses (or 48 units) to obtain your degree (if doing the single BCom program).



- Plus, eight courses (16 units) for a **Second Major** or **General Elective Courses** from the Bachelor of Commerce course list, or other undergraduate course lists at UQ.
- Dual degree options are also available, and the courses/units above will differ in a dual degree.



# Bachelor of Commerce (Honours)

Take your outstanding academic abilities and superior analytical skills to the next level in your chosen field of commerce.

This one-year program will teach you how to conduct research relevant to business or finance. Entry is based on your undergraduate grade point average.

- Prerequisites required



# Course choice and information

How do you know what courses to take?

Refer to your program plan at:

**[bel.uq.edu.au/for-students/program-course-advice](http://bel.uq.edu.au/for-students/program-course-advice)**

Student Administration Officers at the BEL Student Centre can help. You will meet your dedicated team shortly.





# What if you don't know what to do?

**Don't panic – ask!**

Your lecturers, tutors, student administration officers, and student committee are here to help.

Take it as a chance to upskill. There are resources available so please search the UQ Union, UQ Library and BEL Faculty websites.

# BEL Student Centre

Contact the BEL Student Administration  
Officers for help

Visit: Level 2 Colin Clark Building (39)

Email: [bel@uq.edu.au](mailto:bel@uq.edu.au)

Call: 3365 7111

[bel.uq.edu.au/for-students](https://bel.uq.edu.au/for-students)





# BEL Student Centre

*We're here to help you*



Plan your program/  
enrolment



Be aware of important dates  
affecting enrolment



Understand your program  
rules/requirements



Apply for credit



Change program



Make sure you're on  
track to graduate



Level 2, Colin Clark building (39)



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[bel@uq.edu.au](mailto:bel@uq.edu.au)

# Your support services

We've created an interactive e-learning module that covers the support services available at UQ.

BEL Student Newsletter will also be distributed fortnightly to all students. It's a great way for students to stay updated on faculty news, events, and opportunities.





Get the full  
experience





# Clubs and Societies

Join a club or society to make heaps of new friends, attend fun events and broaden your network.

There are more than 220 clubs and societies on campus, including:

- UQ Finance and Investments Network for Sustainability
- UQ Business Association
- UQ Economics Society
- Plus many more!



# Enrich your studies with global experiences



## Short-term experiences

*Summer / winter breaks (2-8 weeks)*

- Participate as for-credit or not-for-credit.
- 100+ supported opportunities around the world.

## Semester-based exchange

*Semester 1, semester 2, or full year*

- For-credit towards your degree.
- Study at 120+ host universities overseas.

**Scholarships, grants and loans available!**

**Start planning this year so you don't miss out!**

### Step 1: Check out the website



[employability.uq.edu.au/global-experiences](https://employability.uq.edu.au/global-experiences)

### Step 2: Contact the team



[exchange@bel.uq.edu.au](mailto:exchange@bel.uq.edu.au)



**Business, Economics and Law**

# Student Base

Level 1, Colin Clark Building

Your space to hang out, study and connect on campus!

The airconditioned study rooms, social courtyard and kitchenette are yours to enjoy.

Plus, keep an eye out for fun activities and giveaways happening in the space.

See you there!



# Get career ready

Your career starts now!

Explore career possibilities, develop employability skills, engage with industry, build your professional profile and much more with your dedicated Careers and Employability team.





# Health and wellbeing

UQ provides a range of programs and counselling services to help improve your overall physical and mental wellbeing, including:

- Mental Health Champions Network
- UQ Ally Network
- UQ Psychology Clinic
- health clinics
- counselling.





# Business School Student Program Committees

Represent your program, while making friends.

Joining your committee offers a unique opportunity to represent fellow students, enhance the student experience and develop skills in teamwork, advocacy and negotiation.





# UQ Commerce Student Committee

The Student Program Committee initiative aims to enhance transparency and collaboration between the School and the student body.

The committees give students an opportunity to represent their peers and have a positive impact on their degree. With one committee per Business School degree, members have an important role to play in providing a voice for their cohort. Such enthusiasm, ideas and expertise are invaluable to improving the student experience. The School encourages students to make the most of these opportunities. Be prepared, be innovative and be bold – this is a chance to make a difference!

**Consider joining your Student Program Committee!**

Email: [student.committee@business.uq.edu.au](mailto:student.committee@business.uq.edu.au)



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# GET SET

**A must do program for all new students**

- Connect with students in your faculty
- Learn tips from students who have done it all before
- Meet your group online & in person
- Get the support you need
- Settle into uni life
- Have fun!

[life.uq.edu.au/getset](https://life.uq.edu.au/getset)

Peer Mentoring





# BEL Buddies

BEL Buddies are here to help you settle in and have a great university experience.

Next semester, you will have the opportunity to volunteer as a BEL Buddy to help give back to the UQ community while gaining experience for your resume and broadening your networks.





# Start a business

UQ Ventures have supported over 230 start-up companies who have benefited from \$107 million in investments and grants.

BEL Faculty student Tom Bizzell (pictured right) former Chief Student Entrepreneur. Co-founder of Wakeshare and winner of multiple global startup awards.



# Learn to invest

Get real world investment experience while you study.

## Bloomberg Trading Lab

We work with Bloomberg to deliver a replica trading environment at UQ.

## Student Managed Investment Fund (SMIF)

SMIF provides students with the opportunity to manage a live equity portfolio.







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# Your Support Services

Start your university journey with confidence. Find out about the range of support services available to you at UQ.



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# 5 Q&A





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# Orientation Feedback

Have your say: Help shape the orientation experience for UQ students



Be in with a chance to win 1 of 5 exclusive BEL varsity jackets. T&Cs apply.





The background of the slide is a close-up photograph of purple cherry blossoms. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some showing five distinct petals and others as buds. The branches are dark and thin, creating a delicate web against the soft, out-of-focus background of more blossoms. The overall color palette is a range of purples, from deep violet to light lavender, with some hints of white where the petals are more open.

# International Undergraduate Students

Semester 2, 2025  
Bachelor of Commerce  
International Student Services  
Officer: Lorraine Chan



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# First Semester Advisers

Helen Lee & Lorraine Chan



Family name beginning with A-L; Helen



Book appointment



Family name beginning with M-Z; Lorraine



Book appointment

Contact us by email [international@bel.uq.edu.au](mailto:international@bel.uq.edu.au)  
Use your UQ student email to contact us



Business, Economics and Law

Meet your BEL  
undergraduate  
international  
first semester  
adviser

We're here  
to help you



Understand your program  
rules/requirements



Be aware of important dates  
affecting enrolment



Plan your program/enrolment



First semester at UQ queries



Credit transfer and study plan



Change program or major



# Key Semester Dates

Mark these 2025 dates

## Friday 25 July 2025

Due date for International Students | Enrol in at least one course in SI-net

## Friday 8 August

Last date to add or change courses | Due date for tuition fee payment

## Sunday 31 August

Last date to drop courses without financial liability | No changes can be made to your enrolment or credit transfer after Census Date





Each course is normally worth 2 units (#2)



The standard full-time study load per semester is 8 units (4 courses)



Students with no credit transfer normally require 3 years (6 semesters) to complete all 48 units

# Units and semesters

## Standard

- Semester 1 – commences February
- Semester 2 – commences July

## Optional

- Summer Semester – commences November



# For those without credit transfer

Follow the 3-year **Program Plan** if you do not have credit transfer (advanced standing)



<https://bel.uq.edu.au/for-students/program-course-advice>

For students enrolled in the **dual program**, refer to the **dual program planner**.





**ACCT1110**  
**BISM1201**  
**ECON1310**  
**LAWS1100**


**Course  
Enrolment  
Semester 2,  
2025**  
– for all majors





# mySI-net Enrolments


## mySI-net Enrolments

 Enrolment Summary

 Program Summary


 Plans

 Study Load

 View Grades


 Studies Report

 Enrolment Status Report

 Academic Standing

### Class sign-on has changed.

Access your timetable and preference your classes through My Timetable in [my.UQ](#).

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Add Course

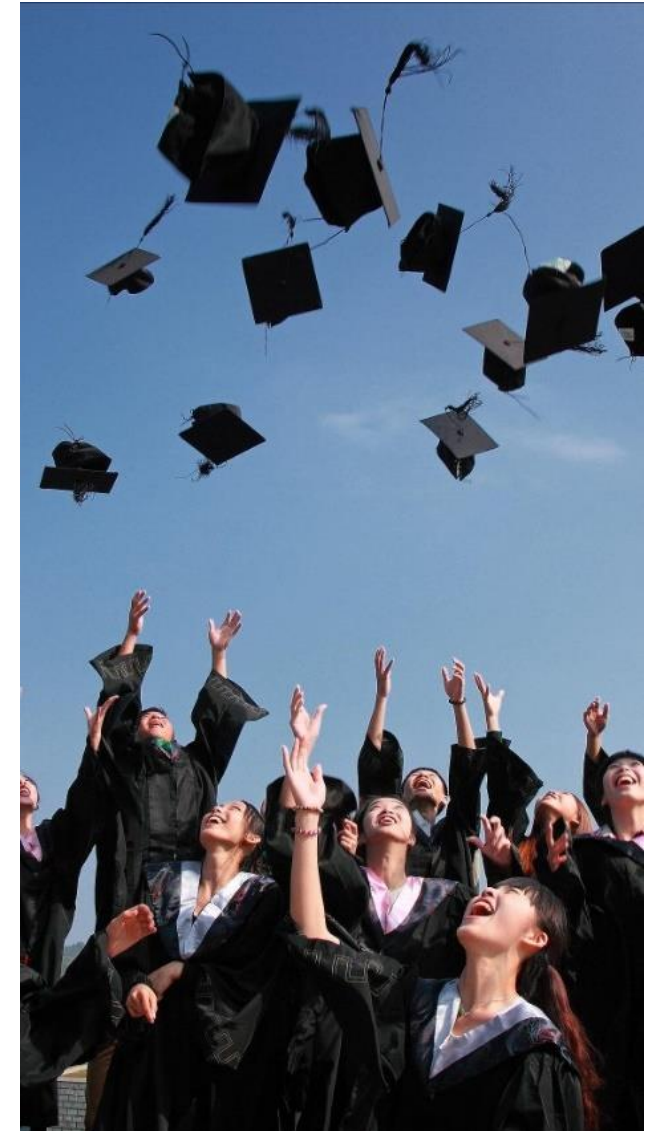
Course	Course Title	Units	Campus	Location	Mode	Session	Start	End	Census	Drop Course
ACCT1110	Financial Report Analysis	2	St Lucia	St Lucia	In Person	Regular	28/07/2025	22/11/2025	31/08/2025	<a href="#">Drop Course</a>
BISM1201	Info Sys Transforming Business	2	St Lucia	St Lucia	In Person	Regular	28/07/2025	22/11/2025	31/08/2025	<a href="#">Drop Course</a>
ECON1310	Introductory Stats for SocSc	2	St Lucia	St Lucia	In Person	Regular	28/07/2025	22/11/2025	31/08/2025	<a href="#">Drop Course</a>
LAWS1100	Business Law	2	St Lucia	St Lucia	In Person	Regular	28/07/2025	22/11/2025	31/08/2025	<a href="#">Drop Course</a>

# Study Plan

## Acknowledgement

Respond by reply email to let us know you have received this email with your Study Plan.

If you do not intend to follow the study plan, please state your reasons and we can check and advise on your Study Plan.





# Already received credit transfer?

*Important! BEL Faculty Credit Transfer – Semester 2, 2025 – Reply Required*

Respond to your credit transfer email in August

General elective courses - you will NOT be able to complete two majors

Program change - contact your first semester adviser  
[international@bel.uq.edu.au](mailto:international@bel.uq.edu.au)



# Program Structure – one major

## Dual programs will differ

Your program of 48 units/24 courses is divided into three types of courses

8 COURSES (16 units)

## CORE

- All courses listed in Year One on the program plan

8 COURSES (16 units)

## MAJOR

- Accounting
- Business Information Systems
- Business Analytics
- Finance

8 COURSES (16 units)

## GENERAL ELECTIVES

- Selected courses must include at most 24 units at level 1, including core courses.
- Selected courses must include at least 8 units at level 3.



# Program Structure – two majors

## Dual programs will differ

Your program of 48 units/24 courses is divided into three types of courses

8 COURSES (16 units)

## CORE

- All courses listed in Year One on the program plan

8 COURSES (16 units)

## FIRST MAJOR

- Accounting
- Business Information Systems
- Business Analytics
- Finance

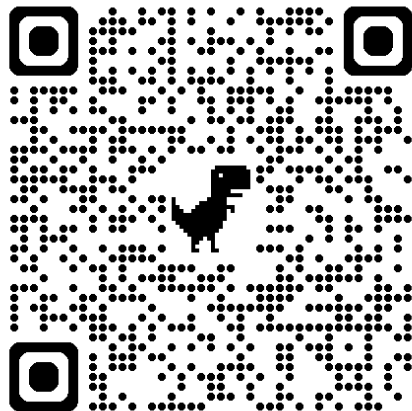
8 COURSES (16 units)

## SECOND MAJOR

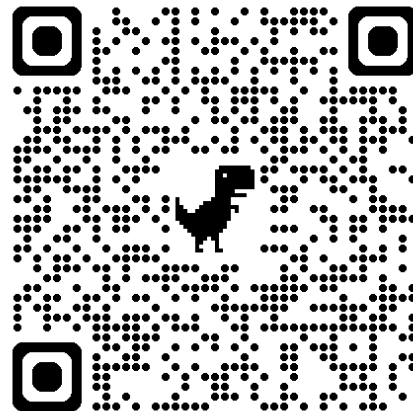
- Accounting
- Business Information Systems
- Business Analytics
- Finance



Ms Helen Lee  
Family names **A-L**



Ms Lorraine Chan  
Family names **M-Z**



# Booking Appointments

Book via QR Code using the first letter of your family name

30 min appointments available  
online or in person

[bel.uq.edu.au/international-undergraduate](https://bel.uq.edu.au/international-undergraduate)

[international@bel.uq.edu.au](mailto:international@bel.uq.edu.au)



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