

Master of Business Research

Academic Program Rules

1 Duration of program

To qualify for the degree, a candidate shall satisfactorily complete a program of study comprising three semesters of full-time study or equivalent part-time. The maximum time permitted for completion of the program is six years.

2 Admission

2.1 An applicant for admission to the academic program for the degree of Master of Business Research shall have completed a Masters by coursework degree of the University of Adelaide in a business-related discipline, or a degree of another institution accepted by the Faculty for the purpose as equivalent, and obtained at least a credit average or other selection criteria as determined by the Faculty.

2.2 The Faculty may, subject to such conditions as it may see fit to impose in each case, accept as a candidate for the degree a person who does not satisfy the requirements of Rule 2.1 above but who has presented evidence satisfactory to the Faculty of fitness to undertake work for the degree.

2.3 Credit transfer

2.3.1 No candidate shall be granted credit for courses with a total value of more than 12 units on account of courses presented for any other award except with permission of the Executive Dean of the Faculty.

3 Assessment and examinations

3.1 There shall be four classifications of pass in any course for the Masters degree: Pass with High Distinction, Pass with Distinction, Pass with Credit and Pass.

3.2 (a) A candidate shall not be eligible to attend for examination unless the prescribed work has been completed to the satisfaction of the teaching staff concerned

(b) For the purpose of this Rule, a candidate who is refused permission to sit for examination shall be deemed to have failed the examination.

3.3 A candidate who fails a course and wishes to repeat that course shall, unless exempted partially therefrom by the Head of School of Commerce or nominee, again complete the required work in the course to the satisfaction of the teaching staff concerned.

4 Review of Academic Progress

4.1 The Faculty may prescribe rules for review of academic progress. Any student who meets the requirements for review will be asked to show cause as to why they should be permitted to continue their studies. Students who cannot adequately explain poor academic performance may have their enrolment cancelled or restricted, and/or be precluded from undertaking further studies toward their program.

4.2 A candidate who has failed a course twice may not re-enrol in that course except by special permission of the Faculty and then only under such conditions as may be prescribed.

5 Qualification requirements

To qualify for the degree of Master of Business Research, a candidate shall satisfactorily complete courses to the value of 36 units, as follows:

5.1 12 units selected from within one discipline from courses listed in the academic program rules for the Master of Commerce or Master of Business Administration, or a combination of courses approved by the Faculty.

5.2 In addition, the courses presented must include

COMMERCE 7107 Research Methodology in Business (M) (3 units)

COMMERCE 7106 Literature Review (M), (3 units), and

5.3 *either*

(for students seeking eligibility to enter the PhD program):

(i) 3 units chosen from:

COMMERCE 7100 Qualitative Methods (3 units)

COMMERCE 7033 Quantitative Methods (M) (3 units)

ECON 7204 Econometrics IV (3 units)

ECON 7001 Applied Econometrics (3 units)

ECON 7022 Econometrics IIID (3 units), and

(ii) 3 units chosen from:

CORPFIN 7102 Advanced Finance Theory (3 Units)

MARKETNG 7103 Advanced Marketing Theory (3 Units)

ACCTING 7101 Advanced Accounting Theory (3 Units)

COMMERCE 7104 Advanced Management Theory (3 Units), and

(iii) COMMERCE 7105 Dissertation (M) (12 units),

or

(For students seeking eligibility to enter the DBA):

(iv) The courses presented must include

COMMERCE 7100 Qualitative Methods (M) (3 units)

COMMERCE 7033 Quantitative Methods (3 units)

MANAGEMENT 7XXX DBA Research Proposal (M) (12 units)

6. Articulation

Graduates who achieve an equivalent of IIA honours or better in the Master of Business Research program may be eligible for entry into the DBA or PhD program. Entry will also be dependent on sufficient supervisory capacity within the relevant discipline area.