My Major: Bachelor of Commerce

Career Practitioners Seminar 2012
Accounting at Melbourne

Albie Brooks and Noel Boys
Department of Accounting
Faculty of Business and Economics

Australia's preeminent business and economics degree

- Highest ranked Australian university for Business and Economics (ARWU 2011)
- First in Asia-Pacific and 14th in the world for Accounting and Finance (QS 2011)
- Equal 1st in Asia-Pacific and 16th in the world for Economics and Econometrics (QS 2011)
- Only Victorian institution with AACSB accreditation for Business and Accounting
- Your only choice for Actuarial Studies in Victoria – only teaching unit fully accredited by IAAust
- Award-winning academics, outstanding students
- Strong international network of alumni and industry partners

Employer rankings
Employer reputation index, QS 2011

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The BCom: A flexible degree
- Explore Commerce disciplines before you make a choice
- Foundation business skills and specialist knowledge
- One or two majors?
- Numerous breadth options, including pathways to Engineering and Psychology
- One degree, endless career options

Bachelor of Commerce
3 years full time
24 subjects (8 per year)

Compulsory subjects to cover commerce fundamentals
Organisational Behaviour
Introductory Microeconomics
Introductory Macroeconomics
Quantitative Methods x 2

Core subjects to deepen knowledge in areas of commerce
Accounting, Actuarial Studies, Business Economics, Finance, Management, Marketing
Choose one or two majors e.g. accounting or management, Finance, marketing, economics

Breadth subjects to be taken from other disciplines
e.g. environments, IT engineering, psychology, languages, politics
maths, music, education

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Key attributes of the accounting program

- A focus on teaching
- World-class researchers and visitors to the department
- Executive-in-residence program
- Guest lecturers from a variety of industry and professional sources
- International travel opportunities, i.e., the international study program and student exchange
- Business Consulting and Global Business Consulting subjects
- Collaborative teaching environment and learning spaces
- Extra-curricular activities, providing access to industry networks, professional development and opportunities to tutor or teach

A focus on teaching:
Teaching fellows

- Designated teaching specialists
- Teach across all accounting disciplines
- Teach across all levels including postgraduate
- Have extensive teaching backgrounds, including secondary education
- Have pastoral experience and training to assist with specific first-year issues
- Collaborate with the profession and with industry
- Author major tertiary level texts
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A focus on teaching: Student support services

- Online tutoring
- One-on-one and group consultation sessions
- Academic skills workshops
- Services offered by the Faculty’s Teaching and Learning Unit, which include:
  - Transition to Commerce
  - Peer Assisted Study Scheme
  - First Year Peer Mentoring Program

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Michelle is a lecturer in Managerial Accounting. She graduated from the BCom (Hons) in Accounting in 2010, and is pursuing her PhD with the Department.

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Executive-in-residence program

- Executive interaction with students, inform academic research and enhance curriculum, share their own professional experience in the business community with staff and students
- Allows students and researchers to work closely with experts in their field
- Enhances awareness of important issues and current decisions facing accounting professionals
- Past executives-in-residence include:
  - Fiona Campbell – Partner, Ernst & Young
  - Dean Nealan – Partner, McGrathNicoll
  - Judith Downes – former CEO, Alumina Limited
  - Gunther Burgdorf – Finance Director, KPMG
  - Kevin Stevenson – Chairman and CEO, Australian Accounting Standards Board

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World-class research, visitors and collaborations

- Internationally recognised researchers: A and A* publications, international conferences, competitive grants
- Attracts highly regarded academicians, visitors and research collaborators
- Hosts research seminar program each semester featuring leading domestic and international researchers
- Important collaborations and long-standing relationships with the profession and industry

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Professor John Lyon is the Fitzgerald Professor of Accounting at the University of Melbourne, and is Head of the Department of Accounting.

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Scott North FCA is Head of Enterprise Operational Risk at GE Capital. He graduated from the BCom in 1996 with majors in accounting and economics. He was an executive-in-residence in 2011 and is currently a sessional lecturer in the faculty.

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Business Consulting subject

Rio Tinto-Alcan Weipa (RTAW) projects:

- Management of the bursary component, supervised by Albie Brooks
- Marketing and cultural project component, supervised by Dr Danielle Chmielewski-Raimondo
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Collaborative teaching spaces

Student opportunities

• Becky Tang
  Third year Bachelor of Commerce student
  President, Accounting Students Association

• Amanda Wong
  Third year Bachelor of Commerce student
  Tutor, First year accounting

Global opportunities

• Student exchange
• Study abroad
  325 student exchanges available

Community Leadership

• Student clubs and societies
• Peer Mentoring Program™
• InterCam Program™
• Student Ambassador Leadership Program (SALP)
• DREAM LARGE Knowledge Transfer Student Grants

Professional development

• Business Consulting™
• Global Consulting Project™
• International Study Program™
• Case study competitions™
• Professional memberships™
• Career Mentoring Program™
• First Year Leadership Forum™
• Future Leaders Forum™
• KickStart Your Career!

Academic development

• Teaching and Learning Unit™
• Academic Skills Tool (AStool)
• Diagnostic English Language Assessment (DELA)
• Support services

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Equips you for life
- Your first step
- Graduate study an option, but not required
- Useful skills in any industry
- Our graduates have gone on to become:
  - Business professionals, e.g. accountants, actuaries, economists
  - Entrepreneurs
  - Lawyers, politicians and diplomats
  - International aid and NGO workers
  - Academics

An investment in your future
- Australia’s most employable graduates – University ranked 4th in the world (THE 2010-11)
- Higher starting salaries: $50,000 compared to national average of $45,000 (GDS 2011)
- 4 out of 5 graduates working full-time within four months (GDS 2011)
- 100s employers recruit on campus
- International accreditation
- Various industries, countries

Scholarships available
- University scholarships:
  - Melbourne National Scholarships
  - International Undergraduate Scholarships
  - Melbourne Access Scholarships
  - Residential College Scholarships
- Commerce scholarships:
  - Commerce Opportunity Bursary
  - First in the Family Scholarships
  - Commerce at International House Scholarships
  - Commerce International Merit Scholarships
  - BCom-Global Scholarships
  - 50+ subject prizes for current students
Entry requirements

- Domestic students
  2013 minimum ATAR: 93.00
  2012 Clear Results: 93.45
- International students
  2013 guaranteed ATAR: 93.00
  2012 guaranteed IB score: 35
- VCE prerequisite subjects
  Study score of at least 25 in VCE English
  and Maths Methods; at least 10 in ESL.
- IB prerequisite subjects
  Grade 4 in SL or HL English and Maths
  Specialist Maths and Higher Level Maths
  strongly recommended for Actuarial Studies;
  required for Engineering sequences.