



ADMISSION CRITERIA

Undergraduate

For details on undergraduate domestic and international admissions, please visit sydney.edu.au/study.

Postgraduate coursework

Master's degrees

Admissions criteria vary from program to program, but at a minimum, entry into a master's degree at the University of Sydney Business School requires the completion of the equivalent of an Australian bachelor's degree, or graduate diploma/graduate certificate from a recognised tertiary institution with a minimum credit (65 percent) average.

Qualifications awarded outside Australia can also be used for admission but equivalencies and admission criteria are determined based on the country, institution and qualification. For a guideline of the most common international admission criteria, please refer to the table 'Application requirements for international students' below.

A statement of motivation and interview is required for admission to the Master of Business Administration and Master of Management. The Master of Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations and the Master of International Business require a statement of motivation and a copy of your CV.

Some specialist programs require your undergraduate degree to be in the same field as the master's program you are applying for.

For English language requirements, please refer to sydney.edu.au/study/admissions/apply/admission-criteria/english-language-requirements.html

Graduate Diplomas

Graduate diplomas and certificates generally include units of study from the master's programs, and provide an exit point after fewer units of study.

For entry into a graduate diploma, students must have the equivalent of an Australian bachelor's degree or higher-level qualification from a recognised tertiary institution with a minimum 60 percent average.

Upgrading to a Master's degree

Students may apply to upgrade from a graduate diploma to the relevant master's degree within the embedded sequence upon completion of at least four units of study. A minimum credit (65 percent) average is required across all units of study attempted in order for upgrade applications to be considered. Upgrades are competitive and subject to places available.

Graduate Certificates

For entry into a graduate certificate, students must have the equivalent of an Australian bachelor's degree or higher-level qualification OR at least three years' relevant work experience.

Graduate certificates are not available to students on an International Student Visa.

Upgrading to a Master's degree or a Graduate Diploma

Students may apply to upgrade from a graduate certificate to the relevant master's degree or graduate diploma within the embedded sequence upon completion of at least four units of study. A minimum credit (65 percent) average is required across all units of study attempted in order for upgrade applications to be considered. Upgrades are competitive and subject to places available.

Application requirements for international students

Academic qualifications guidelines by country for entry to masters and graduate diploma qualifications in the University of Sydney Business School

For international students, it is advisable to contact us at sydney.edu.au/ask for more information on how your degree average grade equates to average grade for Australian universities.

The following table outlines the scores that the Business School has determined to be equivalent to a 65 percent and 60 percent grade average for those countries from which many of our international students come. For countries with different tiers of institutions, the table lists a range of scores and the relevant score will depend on the issuing institution.

The Business School also assesses whether a particular qualification in a country is equivalent to an Australian bachelor's degree. A final decision on whether a particular qualification is sufficient for entry into a degree program at the Business School will be made upon application.

Country	Results Required for entry into Masters qualification (i.e. 65% equivalent)	Results Required for entry into Graduate Diploma qualification (i.e. 60% equivalent)
China (211 Universities)	75%	72%
China (non-211 Universities)	87%	84%
China (C9 Universities)	65%	60%
Hong Kong	Second Class (Div One), GPA of 3 or B Average	Second Class (Div Two), GPA of 2.5 or B-Average
Indonesia	GPA of 3 or B Average	GPA of 2.5 or C+ Average
Malaysia	GPA of 3 or Second Class (Upper Division)	GPA of 2.7 or Second Class (Lower Division)
New Zealand	GPA of 5, B to B+ Average	GPA of 4.5, B- to B Average
Singapore	CAP of 3 in a scale 0-5 2.7 in a scale 0-4 or 0-4.3	CAP of 2.5 in a scale 0-5 2.3 in a scale 0-4 or 0-4.3
South Korea	GPA of 3.5 or B+ Average	GPA of 3 or B Average
Thailand	GPA of 2.8 to 3.5	GPA of 2.5 to 3
United Kingdom	55%	45%
USA	2.7 or B- Average	2.3 or C+ Average

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Degree	IELTS*	TOEFL (IBT)**
Standard requirement	7 (6.0)	96 (17/19)

* IELTS - the number in brackets is the minimum score for all bands.

** TOEFL (IBT) – the second number in brackets: written exam, the first number in brackets: all other scores.

Note: Please check the latest admission criteria at sydney.edu.au/study/admissions/apply/admission-criteria.html before applying.

Recognition of prior learning

Master of Commerce

Recognition of prior learning and work experience can mean a reduction in the number of units required to complete a Master of Commerce Degree. You could save up to a year of full-time study, and complete your degree in just 12 months.

Applicants who wish to be considered for recognition of prior learning need to submit a CV and references to cover minimum 3 years' work experience with their application for admission.

Please refer to the table below for a full list of RPL options for the Master of Commerce program. A maximum reduction of two semesters/one year may be granted for the below qualifications/experience.

Qualifications/Experience	RPL
Completed Bachelor's degree (pass) or Graduate Certificate in Business/Commerce discipline	24 credit points / one semester reduction
Completed Bachelor's degree in Non-Business/Commerce discipline	0 credit points
Completed Bachelor's degree (honours), higher degree in research, Coursework Master's degree or Graduate Diploma in Business/Commerce discipline	48 credit points / two semesters reduction
Completed Bachelor's degree (honours), higher degree in research, Coursework Master's degree, Graduate Diploma or Graduate Certificate in Non-Business/Commerce discipline	24 credit points / one semester reduction
Incomplete Coursework Master's degree, Graduate Diploma or Graduate Certificate in Business/Commerce discipline	Maximum 48 credit points / two semesters reduction
Incomplete Coursework Master's degree or Graduate Diploma in Non-Business/Commerce discipline	0 credit points
Certified professional work experience of at least 3 years' duration (full-time equivalent) in business/commerce and deemed by the Business School to have conferred a depth of learning equivalent to that of a Graduate Certificate in Business/Commerce	24 credit points / one semester reduction

Note, the information in this table is to be used as a guide only.

Master of Professional Accounting

Recognition of prior learning and work experience can mean a reduction in number of units required to complete the Master of Professional Accounting.

Applicants who wish to be considered for recognition of prior learning need to submit a CV and references to cover a minimum 3 years' work experience with their application for admission to the program.

A maximum reduction of 48 credit points may be granted for the below qualifications/experience.

Qualifications/Experience	RPL
Completed Bachelor's degree (pass) or Graduate Certificate in Business/Commerce discipline	12 credit points*
Completed Bachelor's degree in Non-Business/Commerce discipline	0 credit points

Completed Bachelor's degree (honours), higher degree in research, Coursework Master's degree or Graduate Diploma in Business/Commerce discipline	12 credit points*
Completed Bachelor's degree (honours), higher degree in research, Coursework Master's degree, Graduate Diploma or Graduate Certificate in Non-Business/Commerce discipline	12 credit points
Incomplete Coursework Master's degree, Graduate Diploma or Graduate Certificate in Business/Commerce discipline	Maximum 48 credit points (depending on number of relevant units completed)
Incomplete Coursework Master's degree or Graduate Diploma in Non-Business/Commerce discipline	0 credit points
Certified professional work experience of at least 3 years' duration (full-time equivalent) in business/commerce and deemed by the Business School to have conferred a depth of learning equivalent to that of a Graduate Certificate in Business/Commerce	12 credit points

**Additional credit may be available to students who have completed units recognised by CPA Australia.*

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Postgraduate research

For more information on the Doctor of Philosophy or the Master of Philosophy, please visit sydney.edu.au/business/study/research.