

Advice about choosing electives to assist with your study planning

There are nine electives in the single Commerce degree.

Prerequisites

You need to have met any prerequisites for electives you study. They will be set out (where they exist) on the course home page and they are enforced. For instance, Management Control Systems and Cost Management Systems cannot be studied until the prerequisite Management Accounting has been passed or you have credit/recognition of prior learning for Management Accounting.

We stress the following with your elective choices

You can choose any course that UniSA offers as an elective in the Commerce degree (assuming prerequisites are met). We do this so that students can sub-specialise in areas they think will add value to their studies. However, always consider how good (or otherwise) the electives you choose will look on your final transcript and how desirable they'll be in the employment market. What will your choices add to your degree? Employers want to see evidence of planning and good decision making as to why you chose the electives you chose. How will you market your choices? How will you explain away any soft choices?

If you're in doubt, imagine an employer is looking over your shoulder and asking, "what's that got to do with business?"

Please use the numbering in course codes as a guide to when an elective course should be studied in your degree. For example, XYZZ 1000 is designed for first year, XYZZ 2000 is designed for second year and so on. This isn't a strict rule. Instead, use it as a guide.

Minors

When planning your electives, it's worth looking at UniSA's minors. The list is useful becoming it summarises courses into themes. You'll find it at "Programs & courses" under "Study at UniSA" on the Uni's internet site.

Applied Finance, Administrative Management, e-business, Management courses and the Small Business Minor courses are all quality selections in a Commerce degree (not an exhaustive list).

The following courses must not be studied as electives in the single Commerce degree. They are core courses

- Accounting for Business (replaces the previous core course Accounting, Decisions and Accountability).
- Principles of Economics (replaces the previous core course Microeconomics and its predecessor Economic Principles).
- Management Principles (replaces the previous core course Introduction to Management).
- Foundations of Business Law (replaces the previous core course Introduction to Law).
- Companies and Partnership Law (replaces the previous elective Corporations and Partnership Law).

- Business Finance (this is almost identical to the core course Finance and Investment).

Future professional accounting body membership

Most of you will want this.

For CPA Australia

The important elective to include in your degree is Companies and Partnership Law (this course used to be called Corporations and Partnership Law. They are the same course. Please do not study Companies and Partnership Law if you've passed or have credit for previous study for Corporations and Partnership Law). Taxation Law 1 and Auditing Theory and Practice are *not* required. If you don't study Tax and Auditing in your degree, replace them with two other electives.

For The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia/Chartered Accountancy career options

Companies and Partnership Law (or its predecessor Corporations and Partnership Law), Taxation Law 1 and Auditing Theory and Practice *are all required*. You need to pass all three courses to be eligible for future membership of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia by completing the Chartered Accountants Program. So, if you're positioning yourself to be a Chartered Accountant and/or work with a Chartered Accounting firm, these are vital courses in the second and final year of your degree.

We strongly suggest that you pass Financial Accounting 2 before attempting Auditing Theory and Practice and Companies and Partnership Law (or Corporations and Partnership Law) before you study Taxation Law 1. Thus, please do not attempt Taxation Law 1 and Auditing Theory and Practice until study period 2 of your final year of study.

The BUGE is no longer compulsory

You can still study an elective from outside our Division of Business if you like. That is what the BUGE was meant to be. However, if you'd prefer to study all business electives, you can now do so.

If you decide to choose a course from outside our Division of Business please look to make it reasonably relevant to your degree. For example (not an exhaustive list), e-business, Public Relations and Web Development courses look good. Global Experience Professional Development is a quality course and comes highly recommended. Languages? Possibly, depending on why you're studying them and how you'll market them.

Important - previous BUGE's, either passed at UniSA or credited to your degree as a result of prior study, count. So students who have previously included a BUGE in their degree will not miss out and will not have to study an additional course. The degree remains 24 courses, including any credit/recognition of prior learning.