



UniSA

DBBF – Bachelor of Applied Finance
(single degree)

DBCBC – Bachelor of Commerce / Applied Finance
(double degree)

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Why select Applied Finance?

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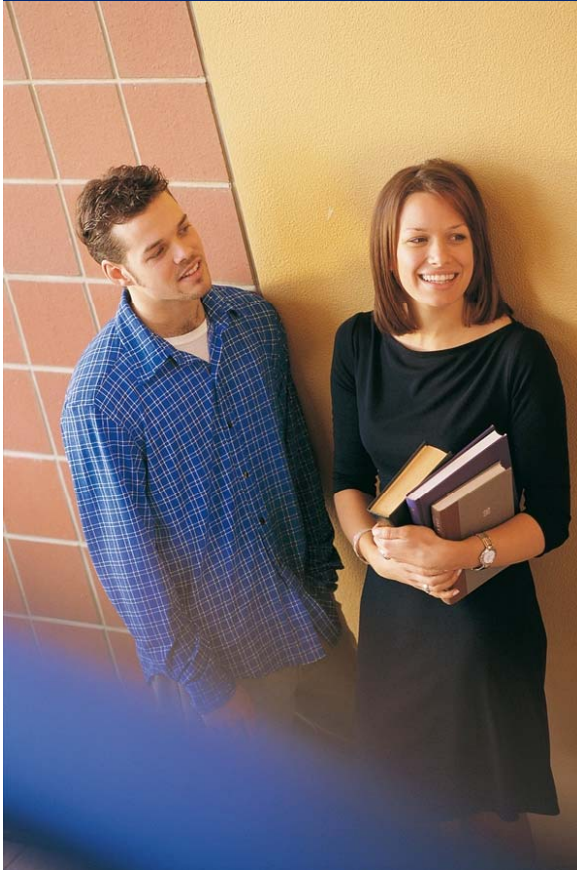


- Solid introduction to all key areas of finance
- Practical applied element differentiates UniSA program from other local Universities
- Global qualification that can be transferred into any environment
- Shortage of quality finance professionals in Australia and globally
- Partial financial planning licensing accreditation via ASIC (see RG146 requirements)



Combination with Commerce?

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- Accounting is a long established, well developed, respected global profession.
- Employment opportunities in Australia and globally are extremely good (employment success rate for graduates from UniSA > 85%)
- Accredited by professional accounting bodies (CPA Australia and the ICAA) with qualifications and memberships transferable globally



General Program Structure

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- Single Degree – for example; Applied Finance (DBBF) = 24 courses in total
- Double Degree – for example; Commerce / Applied Finance (DBCB) = 32 courses in total
 - 8 Division Core Courses
 - +8 Major sequence courses for each program (16 in total for DBCB)
 - +8 Electives



General Program Structure Cont.

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- Note : 7 of the 8 electives preferably should be taken from courses offered in the Division of Business (Schools of Commerce / Management / Marketing).
- However students may substitute non-business courses where relevant to their program.
- The final elective is a 'free' choice and can be a business or non-business course.



Choosing Courses in your Program

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- Major – comprises a sequence of 8 courses specified by a business discipline area (for example; Applied Finance / Commerce).
- Minor – comprises a sequence of 4 courses specified by a business discipline area (for example; Small Enterprise, Property).



Choosing Courses in your Program. cont.

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- Professional Sequence – comprise a series of courses that are seen to provide complementary skills to the major program(s) undertaken, or are courses required to be completed by professional bodies for membership (for example; CPA Australia, ICAA)
- Note that a minor / professional sequence forms part of the elective component of a program and are not compulsory.



Prerequisites: How Are They Applied?

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Prerequisites / assumed knowledge – courses that students should have successfully completed (or obtained credit for) prior to undertaking specified course (for example; Portfolio and Fund Management [a 3rd year Applied Finance course] has Business Finance [a 2nd year Applied Finance course] as a prerequisite).



Prerequisites: How Are They Applied? cont.

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Note that students in the double degree (DBCB) will have prerequisites enforced due to this being a requirement in the Commerce major.



Teaching & Learning Arrangements

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- Course Information Booklets provide details of administrative course related information including text details and assessment requirements/grading etc.
- Study Guide / Readings Booklets / e-Readers provide for directed study.
- Most course related information including relevant booklets for enrolled students are now included on the course website accessible from the Uni home page:
<http://www.unisanet.unisa.edu.au/Courses>



- Lectures are typically conducted on a weekly basis and provide an overview of the content of the specific topic
- Conducted in lecture theatres which may accommodate up to 500 students
- Students are encouraged to read ahead to ensure understanding of lecture content
- Lecture notes are often posted to the course website for students to access



- Tutorials are typically conducted in small classes (class size 20 to 30)
- Encourage students to interact with the tutor to clarify topic or course related issues
- May incorporate some form of assessment either on individual/group basis (for example; presentations/class tests)
- Often students will be encouraged assigned to groups in order to complete class tasks



- Course coordinator / course staff generally provide information to students via face to face sessions (lectures / tutorials)
- Most courses also provide a discussion forum for student contact with colleagues and course staff
- Information provided to students via email / course website forms part of assessable materials for each course



- Courses will include a minimum of 3 assessment components with one assessment item typically within the first 1/3 of the study period
- Assessment for most common core and major courses in DBBF and DBCB include a final exam – typically weighted > 50%.
- For many courses students will be required / encouraged to submit assessment items in a group and be assessed on this basis.
- All assessment is generally required to be submitted using the University's *AssignIT* software program that provides for online assessment submission and feedback.



Student Grades

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Student grades are assessed at the end of each study period.
Note that, in general for non-major courses, a pass grade in an individual course may also arise from the calculation of a student's overall performance in a study period (assessed as a Terminating / Conceded pass) . For DBCB students, instead a supplementary exam may be available.



Student Requirements / Expectations

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- Enrol soon if have not done so already – may have already seen that classes fill up quickly
- Be organised to attend all classes (lectures and tutorials) particularly if assessment falls due in these classes
- Assessment – be aware of requirements including formatting, work consistently, meet deadlines, take the pressure off final exam times
- Many courses offer a Help Desk – such as with most of the Applied Finance courses – your course coordinator will provide details of this
- Seek assistance from the Course Coordinator / Program Director at the earliest possible time if difficulties are being experienced

Links to Employment. cont.

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- Students in DBBF and DBCB typically have had excellent success rates in securing suitable employment
- Employers visit the campus each year typically in March / April
- An annual Careers Expo is held in the early part of each year
- Practical application of courses available in the form of work placements / practicum
- Courses have practitioners involved in taking lectures / tutorials
- Careers Services have assisted in the design of some courses to ensure their practical application



Career Services

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Linking education to employment

- > Career Development Tool
- > Employment and Careers Expo
- > Online jobs board
- > Work Placement Scheme
- > Workshops and Seminars

www.unisa.edu.au/careers





Career Services

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- Career Management Skills in courses
- Student Appointments
- Weekly Resume Writing Service
- Weekly Targeted Emails (by school)
- MyCareerPlan website
- Career Development Tool
- Careers and Employment Expo
- International Careers Day (twice per year)
- Volunteer and Work Experience Fair
- Work Placement Scheme
- Employer Presentations on campus
- Industry / Employer Liaison



Orientation Program

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Thursday 24 February 2011

- Welcome to new students
- Program Information Sessions
- Campus Tour
- Lunch activities
- Preparing for Study
- Online@UniSA
- Enrolment and Credit - Student ID Cards

Friday 25 February 2011

- Being a Successful Student
- Academic writing session





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