

# Bachelor of Commerce

## Course Structure for Bachelor of Commerce

Each standard subject is worth 12.5 credit points. A standard **full-time study load** is four subjects (50 points) per half-year period. The **Bachelor of Commerce** requires the successful completion of **24 subjects (300 points)**.

*Please note: There are compulsory requirements at each level, a compulsory quantitative requirement, and requirements for majoring in a commerce discipline.*

Year 1	First half	ECON10004 - Introductory Microeconomics	ECON10005 - Quantitative Methods 1* (Compulsory Quantitative Requirement - Level 1)	ACCT10001 - Accounting Reports and Analysis	Breadth
	Second half	ECON10003 - Introductory Macroeconomics	FNCE10002 - Principles of Finance	Commerce Elective (Level 1/2)	Breadth
Year 2	First half	Compulsory Quantitative Requirement (Level 2)	MGMT20001 - Organisational Behaviour	Commerce Elective (Level 2)	Breadth
	Second half	Commerce Elective (Level 2)	Commerce Elective (Level 2)	Commerce Elective (Level 1/2/3)	Breadth
Year 3	First half	Major Subject (Level 3)	Major Subject (Level 3)	Commerce Elective (Level 3) <sup>^</sup>	Breadth OR Commerce Elective
	Second half	Major Subject (Level 3)	Commerce Elective (Level 3)	Commerce Elective (Level 3) <sup>^</sup>	Breadth OR Commerce Elective

### Major Subjects

To complete a major, you must complete three specified level 3 subjects, which would require you to have done the relevant level 1 and level 2 prerequisites.

### Core Subjects

All Commerce students are required to complete these subjects which are designed to provide a solid foundation in business.

### Compulsory Quantitative Requirement

\* There are two ways to satisfy the compulsory quantitative requirements of the course. Detailed information can be found in the University Handbook.

### Commerce Elective Subjects

You have a choice of subjects from the Commerce disciplines.

**Double major:** Using your elective subjects, it is possible to complete a double major if combining two from accounting, economics, finance, management and/or marketing.

<sup>^</sup>If the 75 points of level 3 requirement has already been met, these level 3 Commerce elective subjects can be taken at another level.

### Breadth Subjects

You must complete a minimum of four subjects from outside Commerce disciplines, including at least one at level 2 or 3.

## NOTES ABOUT THE BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

### A flexible structure

All courses have specific requirements students need to meet, however, there is flexibility to help you make the most of your degree. Some examples include:

- Finalising your choice of major in Year 2
- Completing a double major if combining two from accounting, economics, finance, management and/or marketing

### Course requirements

- Course progression rule:** Completion of at least four subjects (50 points) at each year level before being able to progress to the next year level

#### Level 1

- ACCT10001 Accounting Reports and Analysis (12.5 points)
- ECON10004 Introductory Microeconomics (12.5 points)
- ECON10003 Introductory Macroeconomics (12.5 points)
- ECON10005 Quantitative Methods 1\* (12.5 points)
- FNCE10002 Principles of Finance (12.5 points)
- Maximum of 37.5 points subjects of breadth at level 1
- Minimum of 87.5 points and maximum of 125 points taken at level 1

#### Level 2

- MGMT20001 Organisational Behaviour (12.5 points)
- Compulsory Quantitative Requirement\**
  - ECON20003 Quantitative Methods 2, or
  - ECOM20001 Econometrics 1, or
  - MGMT20005 Business Decision Analysis, or
  - MKTG20004 Market and Business Research
- Minimum of 62.5 points of level 2 Commerce must be completed. *Note: make sure these subjects meet the prerequisite for your major of choice*
- Minimum of 12.5 points of breadth at level 2 or 3

#### Level 3

- Minimum of 37.5 points toward your major  
*Note: you need to have met the prerequisites*
- Minimum of 50 points of Commerce electives at level 3 to be completed at the University of Melbourne
- Minimum of 75 points taken at level 3
- Minimum of 12.5 points of breadth at level 2 or 3

#### Considering a second major?

- Minimum of 37.5 points toward your second major at level 3. *Note: you need to have met the prerequisites*

*\*This is the Standard Path to satisfy the compulsory quantitative requirement of the course. Details for the other option, the Mathematics Path, can be found in the University Handbook. The mathematics subjects taken in the Mathematics Path option are counted as breadth.*

#### For more information:

Refer to the Handbook – [handbook.unimelb.edu.au](http://handbook.unimelb.edu.au)

Look at the Bachelor of Commerce website – [bcom.unimelb.edu.au](http://bcom.unimelb.edu.au)

## PLAN YOUR COURSE

### STEP 1: BUILD

**Add the core subjects to your Course Map first.**

**Core subjects** are compulsory subjects that must be completed in order to meet the requirements of your course.

These subjects are usually prerequisites for later subjects, which means you need to successfully pass these to be able to progress to the next subject.

### STEP 2: EXPLORE

**Select elective subjects which can complement a major pathway or allow you to pursue other areas of interest.**

These may or may not be prerequisites for majors or other options down the track.

**Elective subjects** (also referred to as optional subjects) are discipline subjects from your Faculty.

Courses that require completion of electives or optional subjects allow you to choose from a list which is available in the University Handbook.

### STEP 3: EXPAND

**You will usually need to complete at least four breadth subjects as part of your course.**

You can build coherent breadth tracks (approved sets of three or more subjects) or select single subjects of interest.

**Breadth subjects** are from disciplines outside your degree. Breadth subjects allow you to gain knowledge and understanding across a broader range of disciplines, enabling you to develop interests and opportunities in areas distinct from your core studies.

### STEP 4: SPECIALISE

**You might not need to decide on a major right away but many Year 2 and 3 subjects leading to a major have prerequisites that you should review.**

A **major** refers to a concentration of subjects that equips you with specialised knowledge in your chosen field of study.

Each course has **different requirements** for a major, minor or specialisation. For example, while some offer a selection of subjects to choose from, others have a fixed set of subjects.

### UNDECIDED?

If you are undecided about your major, you can start with the subjects that you are interested in and work forwards; what later level subjects and majors do these subjects lead to?

For most majors, you don't need to decide in Year 1, but understanding where your subjects can lead is important as you proceed through your course.

## PLAN YOUR COURSE (continued)

Use the blank course structure below as a guide to plan your course. It is easiest to plan your course while referring to your course-specific requirements and the University Handbook.

You do not have to plan your whole degree at this point but the subjects that you choose in Year 1 can impact on your choices in Year 2 and 3.

Remember to consult the University Handbook to find out more about course requirements and subject availability, as well as breadth and elective options: [handbook.unimelb.edu.au](http://handbook.unimelb.edu.au)

Year 1	First half				
	Second half				
Year 2	First half				
	Second half				
Year 3	First half				
	Second half				

### WHAT DO I DO NEXT? ENROL IN YOUR SUBJECTS (STUDY PLAN)

Once you have mapped your subjects you can add them to your Study Plan via [my.unimelb](http://my.unimelb) for the current year only.

For information about enrolling in subjects visit: [students.unimelb.edu.au/subject-enrolment](http://students.unimelb.edu.au/subject-enrolment)

*Please note: You normally have until the end of the second week of classes to change your subject selection for the semester.*

## HOW CAN STOP 1 HELP?

Stop 1 can connect you with the full range of student services to support your success while studying at the University including:

- administration
- course planning and enrolment
- health and wellbeing
- housing and financial aid
- equity and disability support
- careers and employability development
- academic skills and learning support
- overseas study

*Remember, our support services are not just for when things go wrong but also to extend and develop your skills and experience.*

Access these services and more:  
[services.unimelb.edu.au/finder](https://services.unimelb.edu.au/finder)

Find out the best way to manage your admin, study effectively, maximise your wellbeing and prepare for your future: [students.unimelb.edu.au](https://students.unimelb.edu.au)

**International student visa holders:** please note you must be enrolled in 50 credit points in each half-year period unless you have approval to reduce your study load.

## ENRICH YOUR STUDIES

### Overseas study

Participate in an overseas study program and gain experience as well as credit towards your course.

### Concurrent diploma

Complete an additional qualification in computing, music, mathematical sciences or languages alongside your bachelors degree.

### Enhance employability skills

Check your faculty's website for internships, work placements, research or volunteering options to put your knowledge and skills into practice.

There are other opportunities such as industry events, public lectures and professional skills workshops. You can also volunteer in your community, meet with an alumni mentor or join a student club.

## ACHIEVE YOUR ACADEMIC GOALS

### Academic and communication skills

Find resources and programs to help you develop the reading, writing and listening skills needed to succeed in your studies.

Take the Diagnostic English Language Test (DELA) to get personalised results and recommendations to develop your ability to communicate ideas clearly and fluently using academic English language.

### Notes: