



COURSE OUTLINE

TPP111 Business Study Skills

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USC Moreton Bay
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ON CAMPUS

Most of your course is on campus but you may be able to do some components of this course online.

Online

ONLINE

You can do this course without coming onto campus.

Please go to the USC website for up to date information on the teaching sessions and campuses where this course is usually offered.

1. What is this course about?

1.1. Description

This course prepares you for the academic study of business through a range of business content, business language and tertiary business study skills. You are introduced to many key topics of general business study, developing skills in case study analysis, business report writing, and group oral presentations. The course covers introductory research and referencing skills including sourcing relevant information from printed sources and using research tools such as library databases. Business Study Skills provides you with strategies and competencies to undertake undergraduate courses in business.

1.2. How will this course be delivered?

ACTIVITY	HOURS	BEGINNING WEEK	FREQUENCY
ON CAMPUS			
Tutorial/Workshop 1	2hrs	Week 1	13 times
Lecture	1hr	Week 1	13 times
ONLINE 1			
Tutorial/Workshop 1 – Online	2hrs	Week 1	13 times

1.3. Course Topics

- 1: How we do business [at USC]
- 2: Project Management – how we can adopt and adapt it at uni
- 3: Entrepreneurship – the value of innovation
- 4: The nature of business [in Australia]
- 5: Management and Leadership [a comparison]
- 6: Marketing [an overview of some concepts]
- 7: Informatics [an overview of some concepts]
- 8: Accounting and Human Resource Management [HRM] [an overview of some concepts]
- 9: Economics [an overview of some concepts]
- 10: Business law and ethics [an overview of some concepts]
- 11: Presenting your work [for Task 3]
- 12: Strategy for Task 4 [the online quiz]
- 13: Online quiz and Toolkit for Success [for undergraduate studies]

2. What level is this course?

100 Level (Introductory)

Engaging with discipline knowledge and skills at foundational level, broad application of knowledge and skills in familiar contexts and with support. Limited or no prerequisites. Normally, associated with the first full-time study year of an undergraduate program.

3. What is the unit value of this course?

12 units

4. How does this course contribute to my learning?

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES	GRADUATE QUALITIES
On successful completion of this course, you should be able to...	Completing these tasks successfully will contribute to you becoming...
1 Demonstrate learning of course content during Weeks 1-3 through formative self-assessment	Empowered
2 Prepare and submit research, analysis and findings of an organisation using a business report structure, and business language.	Knowledgeable Empowered
3 Prepare and submit research, analysis and findings of an organisation using a PowerPoint slide deck with scripting for effective delivery, using business language.	Creative and critical thinker Empowered
4 Demonstrate acquisition of business knowledge and skills from different fields of business study.	Knowledgeable Empowered

5. Am I eligible to enrol in this course?

Refer to the [USC Glossary of terms](#) for definitions of “pre-requisites, co-requisites and anti-requisites”.

5.1. Pre-requisites

Students must be enrolled in TP000

5.2. Co-requisites

Not applicable

5.3. Anti-requisites

Not applicable

5.4. Specific assumed prior knowledge and skills (where applicable)

Nil

6. How am I going to be assessed?

6.1. Grading Scale

Standard Grading (GRD)

High Distinction (HD), Distinction (DN), Credit (CR), Pass (PS), Fail (FL).

6.2. Details of early feedback on progress

Weeks 1-3 course content is self-assessed through the completion of weekly online quizzes.

Feedback is immediate and multiple attempts are encouraged.

6.3. Assessment tasks

DELIVERY MODE	TASK NO.	ASSESSMENT PRODUCT	INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP	WEIGHTING %	WHAT IS THE DURATION / LENGTH?	WHEN SHOULD I SUBMIT?	WHERE SHOULD I SUBMIT IT?
All	1	Quiz/zes	Individual	0%	No time limit and multiple attempts encouraged.	Throughout teaching period (refer to Format)	Online Test (Quiz)
All	2	Report	Individual	35%	950-1000 words (MAX)	Week 8	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check
All	3	Written Piece	Individual	35%	Equivalent to ~1000-1200 words) plus slide development	Week 12	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check
All	4	Quiz/zes	Individual	30%	55 minutes	Week 13	Online Test (Quiz)

All - Assessment Task 1: Quizzes for confidence

GOAL:	To develop study and revision strategies	
PRODUCT:	Quiz/zes	
FORMAT:	<p>Weeks 1-3 course content is self-assessed through the completion of weekly online quizzes. Feedback is immediate and multiple attempts are supported.</p> <p>Online quiz for Week 1 'how we do business' Online quiz for Week 2 'Project Management' Online quiz for Week 3 'Entrepreneurship'</p> <p>Students are guided to attempt the quizzes until 80% or better score is achieved to develop revision strategies and content awareness.</p>	
CRITERIA:	<p>No.</p> <p>1 The three formative quizzes are completed online after each of the first three week's of classes. Students are encouraged to learn for mastery of lecture content and to aim for an 80% or better outcome.</p>	<p>Learning Outcome assessed</p> <p>1</p>

All - Assessment Task 2: The report

GOAL:	To demonstrate skills discussed during the course to date that support undergraduate business case study and report writing.	
PRODUCT:	Report	
FORMAT:	The business report will be 950-1000 words (MAX) and is to be presented in a format that reflects the template provided. This task encourages you to investigate, analyse and provide a report of a company and to develop your business analysis skills using topics discussed in weeks 4-7.	
CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed
	1	To generate a 950-1000-word business report using a provided structure. Based on lecture content and tutorial workshops, students are encouraged to investigate, analyse, and prepare the report for one of a choice of three ASX-listed companies. 2

All - Assessment Task 3: Slide deck presentation about a company

GOAL:	To demonstrate presentation skills through the research and analysis of a business organisation	
PRODUCT:	Written Piece	
FORMAT:	Individually, you will create a slide deck presentation using a template provided about a top 50 ASX-listed company. The presentation will be submitted in PowerPoint Notes form so that the presentation text is available for marking with the slides. The length of the presentation will equate to ~1000-1200 words. The presentation will use topics from weeks 8-11 to demonstrate research, analysis, and presentation development skills.	
CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Create a PowerPoint slide deck ready for presentation (with script) equating to ~1000-1200 words about an ASX-listed company, using lecture content, tutorial workshop activities, and independent study to develop. 3

All - Assessment Task 4: Online timed quiz

GOAL:	To demonstrate learning of course content based on lectures, tutorials, and SWAY information discussed throughout the semester	
PRODUCT:	Quiz/zes	
FORMAT:	This is a timed multiple-choice Blackboard test of 30 questions which is fifty-five (55) minutes duration. The quiz will be conducted in tutorial time. The test once started must be completed in the allocated time. More information about the test will be available on Blackboard in the Task 4 folder.	
CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed
	1	A timed, multiple choice quiz of 30 questions with 55 minutes to complete online. This is completed in the first hour of the tutorial. 4

7. Directed study hours

A 12-unit course will have total of 150 learning hours which will include directed study hours (including online if required), self-directed learning and completion of assessable tasks. Directed study hours may vary by location. Student workload is calculated at 12.5 learning hours per one unit.

7.1. Schedule

PERIOD AND TOPIC	ACTIVITIES
Module 1: Session 1 - How we do business	Video lecture/s, plus tutorial Leganto reading list and Library Guide
Module 1: Session 2 - Project management	Video lecture/s, plus tutorial Leganto reading list and Library Guide
Module 1: Session 3 - Entrepreneurship	Video lecture/s, plus tutorial Leganto reading list and Library Guide
Module 2: Session 1 - The nature of business (in Australia)	Video lecture/s, plus tutorial Leganto reading list and Library Guide
Module 2: Session 2 - Management and Leadership	Video lecture/s, plus tutorial Leganto reading list and Library Guide
Module 2: Session 3 - Marketing	Video lecture/s, plus tutorial Leganto reading list and Library Guide
Module 2: Session 4 - Informatics	Video lecture/s, plus tutorial Leganto reading list and Library Guide
Module 3: Session 1 - Accounting and HRM	Video lecture/s, plus tutorial Leganto reading list and Library Guide
Module 3: Session 2 - Economics	Video lecture/s, plus tutorial Leganto reading list and Library Guide
Module 3: Session 3 - Business law and Ethics	Video lecture/s, plus tutorial Leganto reading list and Library Guide
Module 3: Session 4 - Presenting your work	Video lecture/s, plus tutorial Leganto reading list and Library Guide
Module 4: Session 1 - Strategy for Task 4	Video lecture/s, plus tutorial
Module 4: Session 2 - Online quiz and Toolkit for Success	Video lecture/s, plus tutorial

8. What resources do I need to undertake this course?

Please note: Course information, including specific information of recommended readings, learning activities, resources, weekly readings, etc. are available on the course Blackboard site– Please log in as soon as possible.

8.1. Prescribed text(s) or course reader

There are no required/recommended resources for this course.

8.2. Specific requirements

It is your responsibility to read, print, and bring to class any support documentation provided in Blackboard's Learning Materials for this course each week. These documents form part of the tutorial activities. It is also recommended that you check the course announcements on Blackboard weekly, and check your student email account twice weekly for updates.

9. How are risks managed in this course?

Health and safety risks for this course have been assessed as low. It is your responsibility to review course material, search online, discuss with lecturers and peers and understand the health and safety risks associated with your specific course of study and to familiarise yourself with the University's general health and safety principles by reviewing the [online induction training for students](#), and following the instructions of the University staff.

10. What administrative information is relevant to this course?

10.1. Assessment: Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is the ethical standard of university participation. It ensures that students graduate as a result of proving they are competent in their discipline. This is integral in maintaining the value of academic qualifications. Each industry has expectations and standards of the skills and knowledge within that discipline and these are reflected in assessment.

Academic integrity means that you do not engage in any activity that is considered to be academic fraud; including plagiarism, collusion or outsourcing any part of any assessment item to any other person. You are expected to be honest and ethical by completing all work yourself and indicating in your work which ideas and information were developed by you and which were taken from others. You cannot provide your assessment work to others. You are also expected to provide evidence of wide and critical reading, usually by using appropriate academic references.

In order to minimise incidents of academic fraud, this course may require that some of its assessment tasks, when submitted to Blackboard, are electronically checked through SafeAssign. This software allows for text comparisons to be made between your submitted assessment item and all other work that SafeAssign has access to.

10.2. Assessment: Additional Requirements

Eligibility for Supplementary Assessment

Your eligibility for supplementary assessment in a course is dependent of the following conditions applying:

The final mark is in the percentage range 47% to 49.4%

The course is graded using the Standard Grading scale

You have not failed an assessment task in the course due to academic misconduct

10.3. Assessment: Submission penalties

Late submission of assessment tasks may be penalised at the following maximum rate:

- 5% (of the assessment task's identified value) per day for the first two days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task.

- 10% (of the assessment task's identified value) for the third day - 20% (of the assessment task's identified value) for the fourth day and subsequent days up to and including seven days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task.

- A result of zero is awarded for an assessment task submitted after seven days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task. Weekdays and weekends are included in the calculation of days late. To request an extension you must contact your course coordinator to negotiate an outcome.

10.4. Study help

For help with course-specific advice, for example what information to include in your assessment, you should first contact your tutor, then your course coordinator, if needed.

If you require additional assistance, the Learning Advisers are trained professionals who are ready to help you develop a wide range of academic skills. Visit the [Learning Advisers](#) web page for more information, or contact Student Central for further assistance: +61 7 5430 2890 or studentcentral@usc.edu.au.

10.5. Wellbeing Services

Student Wellbeing provide free and confidential counselling on a wide range of personal, academic, social and psychological matters, to foster positive mental health and wellbeing for your academic success.

To book a confidential appointment go to [Student Hub](#), email studentwellbeing@usc.edu.au or call 07 5430 1226.

10.6. AccessAbility Services

Ability Advisers ensure equal access to all aspects of university life. If your studies are affected by a disability, learning disorder mental health issue, , injury or illness, or you are a primary carer for someone with a disability or who is considered frail and aged, [AccessAbility Services](#) can provide access to appropriate reasonable adjustments and practical advice about the support and facilities available to you throughout the University.

To book a confidential appointment go to [Student Hub](#), email AccessAbility@usc.edu.au or call 07 5430 2890.

10.7. Links to relevant University policy and procedures

For more information on Academic Learning & Teaching categories including:

- Assessment: Courses and Coursework Programs
- Review of Assessment and Final Grades
- Supplementary Assessment
- Administration of Central Examinations
- Deferred Examinations
- Student Academic Misconduct
- Students with a Disability

Visit the USC website: <http://www.usc.edu.au/explore/policies-and-procedures#academic-learning-and-teaching>

10.8. General Enquiries

In person:

- **USC Sunshine Coast** - Student Central, Ground Floor, Building C, 90 Sippy Downs Drive, Sippy Downs
- **USC Moreton Bay** - Service Centre, Ground Floor, Foundation Building, Gympie Road, Petrie
- **USC SouthBank** - Student Central, Building A4 (SW1), 52 Merivale Street, South Brisbane
- **USC Gympie** - Student Central, 71 Cartwright Road, Gympie
- **USC Fraser Coast** - Student Central, Student Central, Building A, 161 Old Maryborough Rd, Hervey Bay
- **USC Caboolture** - Student Central, Level 1 Building J, Cnr Manley and Tallon Street, Caboolture

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