Postgraduate Study Guide

Law and business









Executive Dean's welcome

Graduates from the Faculty of Law and Business are unique. They have investigated the role of business as ethical and social leaders. They understand that the decisions they make will affect people and communities. And they are ready with business strategies and frameworks to tackle ethical problems. For ACU graduates, it's business, but not as usual. We're a young university, but we are making our mark. ACU is ranked in the top 50 of Generation Y universities worldwide¹ and in the top 10 Catholic universities². We've got more than 200 partners on six continents and a campus in Rome, Italy.

The faculty is deeply engaged with industry, government, and the community. Our curriculum is developed and refined in conjunction with business and law leaders to ensure it reflects local and international trends, changes to the commercial environment, and advances in student learning. The Graduate Diploma in Australian Migration Law and Practice, for example, is designed to equip students with the practical knowledge, understanding and skills they need to practice as a migration agent in Australia. The course combines cuttingedge teaching with experiential learning to deliver a professionally recognised award. In the latest Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) assessment, our research in the areas of law and management was rated world class³.

We understand that many students face time constraints juggling work and family responsibilities. That's why we offer a flexible learning approach including online units, mixed mode offerings, and varied class times to make learning more accessible. If you're thinking about furthering your career and don't have an undergraduate degree, we take professional development and work-related experience into consideration.

At ACU, it's education, but with a bigger purpose. We're a university committed to standing up for people in need and causes that matter. If you've got the desire to make an impact, we'll give you the skills to change the world.

I look forward to welcoming you to our university.

Professor Therese Joiner

Executive Dean, Faculty of Law and Business



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Think you know ACU?

You're just getting started. It's education, but not as you know it.



Meaningful education, not mass production

At ACU, it's education, but with a bigger purpose. We're a university committed to standing up for people in need and causes that matter. If you've got the desire to make an impact, we'll give you the skills to change the world. And if you want to start making an impact now – you can. Research within our faculties and institutes tackles enduring and pressing issues in society, in Australia, and around the world.



We see the whole person

Everyone is welcome at ACU. We're inclusive and supportive of everyone, every day, and our students feel it – giving us five stars for overall experience, learner engagement, skills development and full-time employment.* We'll get to know you, and we will make sure you get the most out of your uni experience.

* Good Universities Guide 2019



Flexible study

Study needs to be flexible. We get that life changes fast, and you need to find the right balance of family, work and study. Many of our courses offer part-time and full-time options, as well as online learning, travel opportunities, intensive units, and flexible start dates.



Whether it's figuring out how to enrol, or finding the best coffee on campus, we'll help you out in person, online, by phone, live chat, or even SMS. And if you need support with your studies, career advice, or counselling services, we've got that covered too. acu.edu.au/askacu



Connections that count

Our partnerships around Australia and overseas provide rich learning experiences for our students. These relationships enhance student learning and provide opportunities for practical work experience and collaborative research.



The world is our campus

We're young, but we are making our mark. We're ranked in the top 50 of Generation Y universities worldwide* and in the top 10 Catholic universities** - alongside Georgetown University and Boston College in the US. We've got more than 200 partners on six continents, community engagement opportunities around the globe, and a campus in Rome, Italy.



We know that balancing the cost of living and study can be tricky. So we offer nearly 400 scholarship opportunities which recognise academic achievement, community participation, and help out students from a range of backgrounds. See page 8.

^{*} Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2018 **Times Higher Education World University Rankings 18/19, IFCU members

Our neighbourhoods

We've got seven campuses around Australia, and a campus in Rome, Italy. Each one is unique, but they're all dynamic, inviting and great places to learn.

Head to acu.edu.au/locations to take a virtual tour of your campus.

BALLARAT

Our Ballarat Campus is located in the centre of Ballarat. Situated amid historical gardens, beautiful old buildings, and a block from Lake Wendouree, it has a lot to offer. Explore the grounds, enjoy a home-cooked meal at the canteen, and soak up the community vibe.

- Central location
- · Free parking
- · Situated amid historical gardens and beautiful old buildings

BRISBANE

Whether you want to get involved in campus life, create a professional network, or just find a quiet place to study — our Brisbane Campus has you covered. Set on 40 hectares of parklands, it offers many places to relax, like cafes and a swimming pool.

- Shuttle bus connections to public transport
- · Ample free parking
- Modern learning facilities

CANBERRA

Just five kilometres from the city centre, our Canberra Campus has a lot on offer. With a campus lounge and swimming pool, you'll have plenty to keep you busy between classes.

- · Free parking and accessible by light rail and bus
- · Beautiful landscaped gardens
- · Modern library and 300-seat lecture theatre

MELBOURNE

Our Melbourne Campus is right next to the cafes, art galleries and live music venues of Brunswick Street. Kick back with a coffee on our rooftop garden or hang out with friends in one of our cafes.

- Close to six tram routes, bus routes and Parliament Railway Station
- Award-winning library
- · Art gallery

NORTH SYDNEY

Just across the Harbour Bridge from the city centre, our North Sydney Campus is a great place to study and relax.

- Close to North Sydney train station and many bus connections
- State-of-the-art learning facilities
- Cafes and dining options close to campus

STRATHFIELD

Our Strathfield Campus is set amid beautiful landscaped grounds and historical buildings, with excellent transport links. Whether you want to have a friendly match on our rugby and soccer ovals or take in a show at our art gallery, there's always something going on.

- Free parking
- · Popular art gallery
- · Shuttle bus from Strathfield train station

ADELAIDE

Our Adelaide Campus is one of our newest additions, and primarily offers postgraduate courses in theology.

ROME

Our Rome Campus is located on Janiculum Hill, a site that has a rich history dating back to the 3rd century. It sits on a sprawling property that boasts extensive gardens and terraces to enjoy beautiful views of the city.

- Close to the Vatican and popular tourist sites
- Modern, onsite residential accommodation
- · Community engagement opportunities

Committed to community







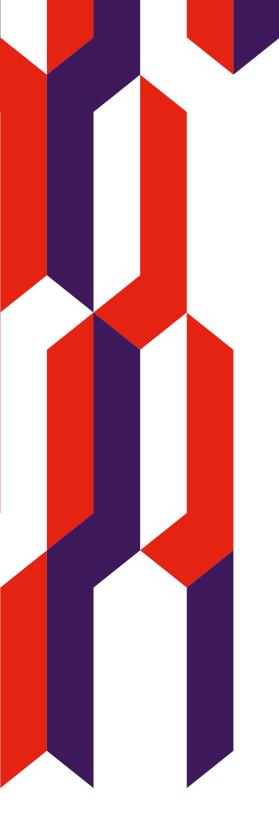














IN AUSTRALIA

5 stars

FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT, OVERALL EXPERIENCE, LEARNER ENGAGEMENT AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT



Good Universities Guide 2019

94%

BUSINESS STUDENTS ARE EMPLOYED WITHIN FOUR MONTHS OF GRADUATING



2018 QILT Graduate Outcomes Survey, domestic postgraduate overall employment



Top 3%

UNIVERSITIES

Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2018/2019*



IN THE WORLD

Top 50

GENERATION Y UNIVERSITIES

Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2018



Top 80

UNIVERSITIES IN ASIA-PACIFIC

Times Higher Education Asia-Pacific University Rankings 2019



Top 10

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES

Times Higher Education World University Rankings, IFCU members 2018/2019





RESEARCH

94%

RESEARCH AT OR ABOVE WORLD STANDARD

ERA 2015



Numbers that count

^{*}Percentage calculated as ACUs world rank as a proportion of the total number of universities in the world: International Handbook of Universities 2018, Palgrave MacMillan.

Postgraduate study pathways

In general, postgraduate study falls into two main categories: coursework and research.

Coursework

- Programs are generally six months to two years full-time (or equivalent part-time).
- You can expect classes (including online classes), units, and set assessments, similar to an undergraduate degree.
- To apply you usually need to have completed an undergraduate degree first. However, professional experience can also be taken into account.
- The graduate certificate, graduate diploma and masters degree are connected and can build on each other.
- If you're considering a masters degree but don't initially qualify, you may be accepted into the graduate certificate or diploma in the same area of study.
- If you choose to study a masters degree but your circumstances change, you may be able to exit the degree early with the relevant graduate certificate or graduate diploma.
- Coursework programs are ideal for gaining new skills and getting ahead in your career.

Research

- Programs are generally two to four years full-time (or equivalent part-time).
- You can expect independent research and exploration of original ideas under the guidance of a supervisor.
- To apply you usually need to have completed an undergraduate degree with honours or a masters.
- ACU offers supervised research at either masters or doctoral level.
- Research programs are ideal for making a new contribution to an academic field. They can be a pathway to research or an academic career, or help you get ahead at work.

Honours degrees are also available. They are a one-year degree for high-achieving students who have already completed a bachelor degree, and allow you to build upon your knowledge, develop research skills, and work closely with an academic expert. The main focus of the degree is to produce a research thesis under supervision from experienced academic staff.

Pathways through postgraduate study



If you're studying at another university and would like to switch to ACU, or you have relevant knowledge and skills acquired in the workplace, you may be able to get credit towards your degree.

acu.edu.au/priorlearning

Fees and scholarships

There are many options to help you manage the cost of study. Tuition fees depend on the course you enrol in, and there are two placement offer types: fee-paying place, and Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP).



FEE-PAYING PLACE

A fee-paying place is not subsidised by the government, so you pay the full cost of the course. As a domestic fee-paying student, you may be eligible to defer payment of your fees through the FEE-HELP government loan scheme. Repayment of the loan occurs through the tax system once your income exceeds the minimum threshold. Your employer may also consider assisting with the cost of study if the course is related to your current position. studyassist.gov.au



COMMONWEALTH SUPPORTED PLACE (CSP)

A small number of postgraduate courses at ACU offer CSPs, where the government pays a proportion of tuition costs. The remainder of the fees are paid by the student, but eligible students can defer their payment through the HECS-HELP government loan scheme. Repayment of the loan occurs through the tax system once your income exceeds the minimum threshold. studyassist.gov.au



RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM FEES OFFSET SCHOLARSHIPS

If you are enrolling in a masters by research or doctorate program at ACU, you may be exempt from paying tuition fees. Our Research Training Program Fees Offset Scholarships are for high-achieving domestic students whose research proposal aligns with our priority areas.

acu.edu.au/research-scholarships



FACULTY ALUMNI REBATE

If you're an ACU graduate, you may be eligible for a 10 per cent rebate on postgraduate fees. acu.edu.au/alumni-rebate



POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK SCHOLARSHIPS

We offer scholarships to help support you financially during your studies. Use our online scholarships portal to find the ones that are right for you. acu.edu.au/scholarships



RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM STIPEND SCHOLARSHIPS

We offer competitive scholarships with a stipend to help support you financially during your research, and to reward outstanding academic achievement. For international students, this includes a tuition fee waiver and an Overseas Health Care Policy.

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Got questions? We're waiting with the answers.

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Applying to ACU

Postgraduate coursework degrees

1.



Choose the course you would like to study by browsing this guide and visiting **acu.edu.au/courses** for more details.

2.



Check important dates and application requirements carefully – some courses also require supporting documentation.

3.



Check out the postgraduate scholarships available at acu.edu.au/scholarships

4.



Apply online direct to ACU at acu.edu.au/courses

5.



Accept your offer and enrol.

Postgraduate research degrees

Application to ACU higher degrees by research, including the Master of Philosophy and Doctor of Philosophy, is by direct application to Candidature Services at ACU.

1.



Visit acu.edu.au/research/apply

2.



Check the program requirements, application deadlines, and your eligibility.

3.



Complete an application for admission and provide your documents.

4.



Organise your two referee reports.

5.



Submit the completed application.

For more information on how to apply for postgraduate coursework degrees, visit

acu.edu.au/apply

For more information and to apply for postgraduate research degrees, visit acu.edu.au/ research/apply

If you still have questions or need help with your application, visit acu.edu.au/

The Peter Faber Business School

The Peter Faber Business School gives students in accounting, finance, marketing, human resource management, business administration, and information technology the skills, knowledge, and experience needed to pursue their career goals.

We deliver a comprehensive range of postgraduate business programs across three campuses in Australia – Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney – and more recently at our Rome Campus in Italy. We understand the challenges our students face when undertaking postgraduate study and have developed a range of MBAs to suit every situation, from fully online to face-to-face and specialist MBAs.

We are signatories of the United Nations Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME), and a strong emphasis on governance, ethical leadership, social responsibility, and sustainability is embedded in our programs.

We are staffed by a dedicated and internationally recognised team of academics whose teaching is supported by their active involvement in relevant industries, professional associations, and links to eminent international business schools. Many of our teaching staff have an established research record with a commitment to conducting innovative research in demand-driven areas.

We invite guest lecturers to present real-world business case studies to our students, and conduct international study tours to cities like Rome where students work directly with corporations. We also hold regular masterclasses and MBA experience evenings with industry leaders.

Our students come from a range of backgrounds and we value this diversity. You will enjoy tailored one-on-one support from your supervisor in an exciting and rigorous intellectual environment. You will be valued as an individual and teaching staff are directly involved with your academic development.

The academic scholars in the Peter Faber Business School conduct quality research in the areas of accounting, finance, marketing, human resource management and organisational behaviour.

We focus on leading-edge research that creates meaningful social impact, using the lens of cultural, social, psychological and ethical enquiry.

Closely aligned with ACU's Mission around the pursuit of knowledge, the dignity of the human person, and the common good, we contribute key insights into the human dimension of contemporary organisations.

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PROFESSOR SUSAN DANN AM

Professor Susan Dann is the National Head of the Peter Faber Business School. Previously, Professor Dann held academic appointments at Queensland University of Technology, Griffith University and the University of Queensland.

As a former State President and National Deputy President of the Australian Marketing Institute, Professor Dann's expertise and research interest is in the strategic application of marketing to non-commercial organisations, with a specific interest in social marketing. Using this expertise, Professor Dann has spanned the boundaries of academia and industry through consultancies and external appointments.

She has served as a director on a variety of governance boards, as well as being a member of two key government tribunals. Professor Dann has more than 60 academic publications, including eight books, two of which have been shortlisted for awards.



DR MD AKHTARUZZAMAN

Dr Akhtaruzzaman is a lecturer in finance and National Discipline Leader, Accounting, Finance and Economics in the Peter Faber Business School. He is also a Visiting Research Fellow at UCB Capital Management Limited, which is one of the leading investment banks in Bangladesh. Prior to joining ACU, he worked as a lecturer in finance at the University of Newcastle and a Curriculum Technical Advisor at Kaplan Professional Australia.

Dr Akhtaruzzaman's research interests include asset pricing, financial contagion, interest rate risk, corporate governance and Basel II/III. He has published articles in *Journal of International Financial Markets, Institutions & Money, Economic Modelling* and *Applied Economics*, among others.

Prior to working in academia, he worked as a managing director of SimArch Asia Pte Ltd, Singapore from 2007 to 2009. At SimArch, he worked as a risk management/resource consultant in South Africa, Vietnam, Cambodia, Nepal and Bangladesh. He led a number of projects, including a quantitative impact study for Basel II and III and Fund Transfer Pricing for IFIC Bank. He is a regular member of CFA Institute, USA and CFA Society of Sydney, Australia.

The Thomas More Law School

If you are ready for a change or a challenge, the Thomas More Law School will provide you with the specialist skills you need to take your career to the next level.

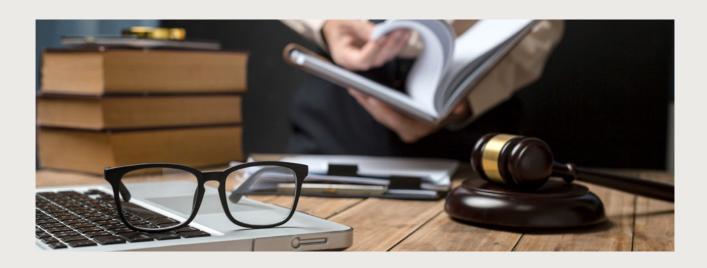
At the Thomas More Law School you can undertake postgraduate research at masters or PhD level. Alternatively, you can complete the accredited Graduate Diploma in Australian Migration Law and Practice.

You will work in a dynamic environment alongside leading scholars, and benefit from connections to research centres all over the world. You will participate in programs that are innovative and flexible. Most importantly, you will have the opportunity to make an impact in your field of work. The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) and Master of Laws (by thesis) can be undertaken in areas connected to the school's key research areas: human rights and social justice, international law, public law and constitutional law, and intellectual property.

We have campuses across the country, with access to a national and international network of renowned scholars.

Our Graduate Diploma in Australian Migration Law and Practice is accredited by the Department of Home Affairs to provide you with the knowledge and skills you need to practice as a migration agent. The program emphasises problem-based, real-life interactive learning experiences. You will be guided by a teaching team that includes the profession's leading practitioners. You will be part of a state-of-the-art program designed to challenge and inspire you, and provide you with the skills you need to make an impact.

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ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR CATHERINE RENSHAW

Dr Catherine Renshaw is Associate Professor and Deputy Head of the Thomas More Law School. She completed her PhD at the University of Sydney with an Australian Postgraduate Award and the James Kentley Memorial Scholarship.

Her research background includes three years as Research Fellow and Director of an Australian Research Council project based at the Australian Human Rights Centre at the University of New South Wales.

Dr Renshaw's current research focuses on human rights and democratisation in the Asia Pacific region, particularly on religious minorities and the operation of the rule of law in politically and ethnically divided societies. Her most recent book is *Human Rights and Participatory Politics in Southeast Asia* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2019). Her other books include *Experts, Networks and International Law* (Cambridge University Press, 2016) with Holly Cullen and Joanna Harrington. Her articles are published in journals such as the *Michigan Journal of International Law* and *Human Rights Quarterly*.

Dr Renshaw is a Senior Research Fellow at the University of New South Wales, where she contributes to the Australia Myanmar Constitutional Democracy Project, an externally funded research project which focuses on the rule of law and constitutionalism in Myanmar.



ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR MICHAEL LONGO

Dr Michael Longo is Associate Professor of Law in the Thomas More Law School. His current research interests include comparative constitutional systems, international law, human rights law and European Union (EU) law.

Dr Longo engages in conceptual research that responds to global challenges and advances knowledge of the increasing intersections between international and domestic law. His work typically employs interdisciplinary methodologies and comparative techniques to understand phenomena such as globalism and the complex challenges and dilemmas of EU law and integration.

Dr Longo has published in leading Australian and international journals such as the Federal Law Review, the University of New South Wales Law Journal and the Journal of Common Market Studies. His prize-winning research book, *Constitutionalising Europe: Processes and Practices* (Ashgate Publishing, 2006) examines the constitutional development of the EU and the pivotal roles of law and judicial politics in establishing the EU constitutional order. Dr Longo's recent book (with Philomena Murray), *Europe's Legitimacy Crisis: From Causes to Solutions* (Palgrave, 2015) examines the complex and interwoven issues raised by the EU's ongoing crisis of legitimacy as well as suggestions for their solution.

 $\rm Dr\; Longo\; has\; undertaken\; fellowships\; and\; visiting\; scholarships\; in\; Australian\; and\; European\; universities.$



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Online though Open Universities Australia



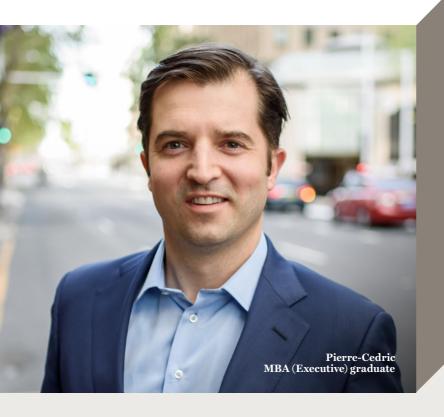
As part of a cohort in intensive mode (through ACU Executive Education)



"The intensive weekend study mode allowed me to balance work, life, and study effectively without compromising my learning outcomes."

Karen ACU MBA (Executive) graduate Chief Financial Officer, Opportunity International Australia

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Just as tomorrow's challenges will bear little resemblance to those of today, great leaders will look nothing like the models we've become familiar with.

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ACU Executive Education is about developing innovative leaders who are eager to redefine business, move forward effectively and are ready to make a real difference to their organisations and the world.

We do this through a range of exceptional masterclasses, short courses and executive

postgraduate qualifications uniquely created for today's busy professionals.

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We believe standing still is not an option. We want to encourage you to be curious as you pursue your journey of personal growth, and pave your own way through the complexity to make a difference.



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Management of not-for-profit organisations

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