



Welcome to your Business Journey at CDU



Welcome to Charles Darwin University and to the beginning of an exciting path in business. Business is constantly evolving, shaped by new technologies, changing industries and the people who lead them. Our programs are grounded in real-world knowledge and practice, informed by research, and shaped by the needs of businesses and communities in Australia and beyond.

Business skills can take you almost anywhere, from tourism, health and the creative sector to mining, government and community organisations. You'll learn from experienced academics, researchers and industry professionals who are genuinely invested in your success, while developing skills across areas such as management, marketing, entrepreneurship, finance and digital enterprise.

Of course, everyone comes to business education through a different path. Some of you may be beginning university for the first time, while others may be returning with years of professional experience to build new skills, move into leadership or take their career in a new direction. This diversity of experiences, motivations and backgrounds is one of the greatest strengths of our business programs.

Throughout your studies, you'll be supported by dedicated teams across the university who understand the demands of studying and balancing work, family and life. We look forward to seeing you grow in confidence, build new connections and take what you learn into your career and community.

Wherever you can, get involved, share your voice and take every opportunity to contribute, because YOU make CDU.

Professor Maneka Jayasinghe, Dean of Business and Accounting

Your Business Academic Support Team and Key Contact Details

Course Coordinator		Business Courses	
	Dr Ulrike Kachel Course Coordinator, Undergraduate Business Courses ulrike.kachel@cdu.edu.au	Click below/scan to find more info about your course and your study plan. ▪ Bachelor of Business ▪ Bachelor of Digital Enterprise ▪ Diploma of Digital Enterprise	
	Dr Debajyoti Chakrabarty Course Coordinator, Postgraduate Business Courses debajyoti.chakrabarty@cdu.edu.au	Click below/scan to find more info about your course and your study plan. ▪ Graduate Certificate of Business ▪ Master of Business Administration (MBA) ▪ MBA (Professional Practice) ▪ MBA (Executive)	
CDU Student Central		Life, health and wellbeing	
From enrolling and timetables to exams and graduations, this is your single point of call for all things admin as a current student. Contact Student Central		We're committed to giving you the support you need to help you stay happy, healthy and achieve your study goals. Find out about further support	

Your Path to Success – Common Questions from Commencing Business Students

How do I stay up to date?

👉 Check your CDU student email each week via the CDU Student Portal (Outlook app).

What is my study plan?

👉 Use the links on previous page to view the full-time or part-time study plan for your course. It is important to follow the recommended study plan as this ensures prerequisites and placements line up correctly so you can successfully complete your course on time.

👉 Contact your Course Coordinator for advice before making changes to the study plan. If you fail a unit at any time in your degree, you will need to discuss this with your Course Coordinator and ask for an updated study plan. Please see this document for their contact details.

👉 Some courses have specific Major and Minor electives. Check the course structure carefully, and, if in doubt, contact your Course Coordinator.

👉 Australian (domestic) students: Start with 2 units if you work or have family commitments. Contact your Course Coordinator for advice on study load.

👉 International students: Maintain enrolment as per your student visa requirements. Contact International.compliance@cdu.edu.au for advice.

👉 Check unit availability in Summer Semester – it is a great way to fast-track your studies!

Will I have placements as a part of my degree?

👉 MBA (Professional Practice - WIB601, WIB602 and WIB603) has a professional placement component. Check the course study plan carefully, and, if in doubt, contact your Course Coordinator.

As a student you will also get to network with other companies through Careers Centre Events, keep an eye out on the CDU Portal and go to the Careers Centre tile to find out more information.

Hear from your Peers: Words of Wisdom for new students

Bachelor of Business (Marketing) student and PASS Leader Zoe chats about what she wishes she'd known.

Zoe is a Darwin Local student who joined uni straight after high school. She had to spend time adjusting from teacher-led learning to self-led uni study and used support services to make the most out of her study. [Hear the full conversation.](#)



Bachelor of Accounting student Gyanu shares about experience as an International Student.

Gyanu is an international student from Nepal who learnt to balance part-time work with full-time study, navigated referencing, procrastination and found great support services at CDU to support him through his study. [Hear the full conversation.](#)



Bachelor of Education student Daniel shares about his experience studying as a mature aged student who's recently changed careers.

Daniel is a domestic student who has transitioned from Hospitality/Music to teaching. He shares about how he balanced work and studies, used Access & Inclusion, figured out better time management strategies and assessment prioritization. [Hear the full conversation.](#)

