DBBF – Bachelor of Applied Finance
(single degree)

DBCB – 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
• 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 / 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 3\textsuperscript{rd} year Applied Finance course] has Business Finance [a 2\textsuperscript{nd} year Applied Finance course] as a prerequisite).
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
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- 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 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.
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
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- Welcome to new students
- Program Information Sessions
- Campus Tour
- Lunch activities
- Preparing for Study
- Online@UniSA
- Enrolment and Credit - Student ID Cards

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- Being a Successful Student
- Academic writing session
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