

704-CC Master of Agribusiness (Coursework)

Year and Campus:	2008																										
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees																										
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate																										
Duration & Credit Points:																											
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Course Overview:	<p>The study of agribusiness is the study of decision-making within the context of the food and fibre business, from input suppliers to primary producers to wholesalers, processors, retailers and consumers in a competitive, consumer-directed market under the influence of government.</p> <p>The course focuses on enhancing the specific skills required to make effective business decisions within the context of this unique and complex system.</p>																										
Objectives:	<p>The course will broaden the learners' understanding of the industry in which they operate and enhance the analytical skills they bring to bear on problems faced in the day-to-day work environment. Successful applicants will benefit from a focused learning environment involving international University partners, interacting regularly with other students, academic staff, and industry mentors and from active, extensive networking through the two annual residential programs and electronic assignments, tutorials and online discussions.</p>																										
Course Structure & Available Subjects:	<p>The Masters program consists of 150 credit points of study of which 100 points are offered at Master's level. The Graduate Certificate program (50 credit points) is nested within the Masters.</p> <p>The course will be offered during four study periods per annum and will commence with a one-week intensive residential program at the beginning of the first and second years. The program will be delivered to students as they work in their home or office primarily using online, web-based delivery augmented where necessary by print, CD-ROM, and other learning materials. Examination, if required, will be in the form of an open-book exam, which students will take at home. A team-based approach to problem solving will be fostered. The computer communication will incorporate three main components: subject learning and content; communications including email, online discussions/messaging openly shared by all members and access to remote web sites and databases such as library support.</p>																										
Subject Options:	<p>Master of Agribusiness program (part-time 3 years) Year One Study Period One</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subject</th> <th>Study Period Commencement:</th> <th>Credit Points:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>208-720 Leadership</td> <td>Semester 1</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Study Period Two</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subject</th> <th>Study Period Commencement:</th> <th>Credit Points:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>208-722 Financial Management for Agribusiness</td> <td>Semester 2</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Study Period Three</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subject</th> <th>Study Period Commencement:</th> <th>Credit Points:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>208-721 Agribusiness Management Economics</td> <td>Semester 1</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Study Period Four</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subject</th> <th>Study Period Commencement:</th> <th>Credit Points:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:	208-720 Leadership	Semester 1	12.50	Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:	208-722 Financial Management for Agribusiness	Semester 2	12.50	Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:	208-721 Agribusiness Management Economics	Semester 1	12.50	Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:			
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208-724 Managing Markets	Semester 2	12.50
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Year Two

Study Period One

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
208-725 Business Strategy	Semester 1	12.50

Study Period Two

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
208-723 Human Resource Management	Semester 1	12.50

Study Period Three

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
208-730 Project Management	Semester 2	12.50

Study Period Four

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
208-729 Operations and Decision Making	Semester 2	12.50

Year Three

Study Period One

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
208-727 Information Management	Not offered 2008	12.50

Study Period Two

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
208-728 Managing Risk	Semester 1	12.50

Study Period Three

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
208-731 Agribusiness Project	Semester 1, Semester 2	25

Study Period Four

Project (25 pts)

* Residential

Subjects offered at Graduate Certificate level are 208 720, 208 722, 208 721, 208 724.

Master of Agribusiness program (full-time 1.5 years)

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208-720 Leadership	Semester 1	12.50
208-727 Information Management	Not offered 2008	12.50

Study Period Two

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208-722 Financial Management for Agribusiness	Semester 2	12.50

	208-723 Human Resource Management	Semester 1	12.50
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	208-721 Agribusiness Management Economics	Semester 1	12.50
	208-730 Project Management	Semester 2	12.50
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	208-724 Managing Markets	Semester 2	12.50
	208-729 Operations and Decision Making	Semester 2	12.50
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	208-728 Managing Risk	Semester 1	12.50
Study calendar 2005 (Subject to change)			
Study Period One 1st Feb - 25th March (8 weeks)			
Residential - Week starting 14th February			
Break - 2 weeks			
Study Period Two 11th April - 3rd June (8 weeks)			
Break - 4 weeks			
Study Period Three 4th July - 26th Aug (8 weeks)			
Break - 4 weeks			
Study Period Four 26th Sep - 18th Nov (8 weeks)			
Entry Requirements:	<p>i. The Selection Committee will evaluate the applicant's ability to pursue successfully the course using the following criteria:</p> <p># Undergraduate degree with Honours or equivalent qualification, and at least two years documented, relevant professional or management experience</p> <p>ii The Selection Committee may conduct interviews and tests and call for referee reports and employer references to elucidate any of the matters referred to above.</p> <p>The Graduate Certificate in Agribusiness can articulate into the Master of Agribusiness.</p>		
Core Participation Requirements:	<p>It is the University policy to take all steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a students participation in the university's programs. This course requires all students to enrol in subjects where they must actively and safely contribute to laboratory activities and field trips. Students who feel their disability will impact on meeting this requirement are encouraged to discuss this matter with the Subject Coordinator and Disability Liason Unit.</p>		
Graduate Attributes:	<p>The Melbourne Experience enables our Graduates to become: Academically excellent Our Graduates will be expected to: Have strong sense of intellectual integrity and the ethics of scholarship Have in-depth knowledge of their specialist discipline(s) Reach a high level of achievement in writing, generic research activities, problem-solving and communication Be critical and creative thinkers, with an aptitude for continued self directed learning Be adept at learning in a range of ways, including through information and communication technologies Knowledgeable across disciplines Our graduates will be expected to: Examine critically,</p>		

	<p>synthesise and evaluate knowledge across a broad range of disciplines Expand their analytical and cognitive skills through learning experiences in diverse subjects Have the capacity to participate fully in collaborative learning and to confront unfamiliar problems Have a set of flexible and transferable skills for different types of employment. Leaders in communities Our graduates will be expected to: Initiate and implement constructive change in their communities, including professions and workplaces Have excellent interpersonal and decision-making skills, including an awareness of personal strengths and limitations mentor future generations of learners engage in meaningful public discourse, with a profound awareness of community needs Attuned to cultural diversity Our graduates will be expected to: Value different cultures Be well-informed citizens able to contribute to their communities wherever they choose to live and work Have an understanding of the social and cultural diversity in our community Respect Indigenous knowledge, cultures and values Active global citizens Our graduates will be expected to: Accept social and civic responsibilities Be advocates for improving the sustainability of the environment Have a broad global understanding, with a high regard for human rights, equality and ethics.</p>
<p>Generic Skills:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # A profound respect for truth, intellectual and professional integrity, and the ethics of scholarship # Capacity for independent critical thought, rational inquiry and self-directed learning and research # An ability to derive, interpret and analyse social, technical or economic information from primary and other sources # Awareness of and ability to utilise appropriate communication technology and methods for the storage, management and analysis of data # Capacity for creativity and innovation, through the application of skills and knowledge # Ability to integrate information across a relevant discipline to solve problems in applied situations # Highly developed computer - based skills to allow for effective on-line learning and communication. # Highly developed written communication skills to allow informed dialogue with individuals and groups from industry, government and the community # Highly developed oral communication skills to allow informed dialogue and liaison with individuals and groups from industry, government and the community. # Appreciation of social and cultural diversity from a regional to a global context # Ability to participate effectively as a member of a team # Ability to plan work, use time effectively and manage small projects
<p>Notes:</p>	<p>Articulation</p> <p>Students with an honours degree (or equivalent) from a cognate discipline may apply for credit in some or all of the subjects offered at Graduate Certificate level.</p> <p>International students</p> <p>The course is delivered online so students can study part-time from anywhere in the world while continuing to work full-time in the industry. Students are only required on campus for a one week residential teaching block each year. The Department of Immigration and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA) will allow students to attend the residential school with a Visitor's Visa.</p> <p>Computer equipment requirements</p> <p>Students must have a computer with the following minimum requirements:</p> <p>Equipment Minimum Requirements</p> <p>Computer *: Pentium with CD Rom and speakers</p> <p>Hard Drive: 10 Gigabyte</p> <p>RAM: 64 Megabyte</p> <p>Operating System: Windows 98, XP</p> <p>Printer: High Quality</p> <p>Modem: 56 kbps</p> <p>Internet Access: Local Internet Service Provider</p> <p>Software: Office 2000 Pro, Up-to-date Anti virus Software, Acrobat Reader, WinZip</p> <p>* (or MAC Equivalent)</p>