Bachelor of Business  
(Business Information Systems)

Building better business using Information Technology

RMIT Code: BP138  
CRICOS Code: 002664K  
Location: Melbourne City Campus  
Duration: Four years full-time

Note: International students may only study full-time.

This program is designed to meet the growing needs of industry for a new type of Information Technology professional; in particular, graduates who possess a sound business background combined with the ability to develop and manage business information systems in a wide range of business, government and non-government settings.

Career prospects
Bachelor of Business (Business Information Systems) graduates are employed throughout industry, in Melbourne and also across South-East Asia and the world. Large, medium, small and specialist IT companies choose RMIT graduates because of their IT skills and business acumen. Recent employers of graduates include KPMG, Accenture, AAPT, SAP, Telstra, GE Financial Services, Microsoft, IBM, Hewlett Packard, NAB, ANZ, BHP Petroleum and various federal and state government agencies. Typical positions include business analyst; Internet service provider; database designer and administrator; systems operations manager; systems analyst; IT consultant; programmer/analyst; information centre manager; client server administrator; network administrator; object oriented systems developer; training officer in IT area; applications developer; software engineer; user liaison officer; computer marketing executive; and information systems manager. Ninety-three per cent of our 2006 graduates were working full-time within four months of graduating. The remainder had returned to full-time study.

Professional recognition
Subject to students undertaking an approved pattern of work, the program has been accredited at Professional Membership level by the Australian Computer Society. Additional Professional Memberships from other bodies may be applicable depending on the student’s selection of appropriate electives.

Practical work experience
Work Experience: Students undertake a compulsory work component during third year or fourth year. This requirement can be completed in Australia or in the student’s home country.

Additional costs
This program may incur extra costs for items such as textbooks, program notes, field trips, special equipment and materials. Please contact the School for details.

Stephanie Huynh
I chose RMIT because it would give me the opportunity to gain industry experience before the completion of my degree and because of its high graduate employment rate. I believe that this outstanding result is directly attributed to the Co-op work experience program. Student BB (BIS)

Fees
RMIT University reviews tuition fees annually. Tuition fees are subject to annual adjustments of no more than 7.5% per annum. Tuition fees are calculated on enrolled load per semester, and are based upon standard load and normal progression. Pro-rata fees apply to non-standard loads undertaken. Tuition fees do not include extra expenses such as student health cover, books, equipment, materials and excursions.

The following fees relate to 2008 and should only be used as a guide:
AUD $8,400 per semester.
AUD $16,800 per annum.
www.international.rmit.edu.au/info/programfees.asp

Global study tours
A strong feature of the program is the availability of study tours around the world. Each year the School conducts tours to the USA, China, Vietnam and Canada in partnership with several overseas universities. Students are provided with an opportunity to globalise their studies, have an international experience at a foreign location and complete a 24-credit point course in intensive mode. Study tours combine academic discipline with industry visits to for-profit and not-for profit organisations and cultural and historical tours.
For further information about study tours, please contact Paul Cerotti - paul.cerotti@rmit.edu.au

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Program Structure

The following is an example of study areas offered in the program:

**Year One**
Students undertake foundation courses in both business and information systems.

**Year Two**
The major focus of this year is on developing knowledge and skills in analysing and designing systems; developing applications; configuring networks and operating systems.

**Year Three - Work Integrated Learning (WIL)**
Students undertake a significant (WIL) experience in third year. WIL, alternatively, may be taken in Year Four. Students work in companies to strengthen their skills. Our graduates and employers consider WIL to be a major advantage of our degree.

**Year Four**
Advanced studies in systems implementation and IT project management are supported by Business Information Systems and General Business courses.

It is expected that upon completion of their final year, students working in multi-skilled teams will be able to analyse, design and build a sophisticated business information system and use state of the art methodologies, tools, hardware and software.

**Electives**
Elective courses fall into two categories: General Business courses and Business Information Systems courses. Students choose general electives from either a specialist sequence of studies in a particular business discipline (usually four courses) or from Business Information Systems electives.

**General Business Electives**
General Business electives serve to broaden a student's knowledge and skills in the disciplines of accounting, marketing, economics and finance, business law, administration and management, or information management and library studies.

**Business Information Systems Electives**
Students are required to take a minimum of one Business Information Systems elective course. Courses can be selected from: mainstream programming environments taken to an advanced level; the management of PCs and networks; decision support systems; enterprise information systems security; management of computing resources; usability, and e-commerce technology, among others. A full list of courses offered within this program is available at: www.rmit.edu.au/programs/bp138

Entrance requirements China

**Academic**

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<td>Senior Middle 3 (Gao San) - Best 4 subjects in Year 3</td>
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**English language**

All non-Australian residents and overseas full-fee paying students must provide evidence of one of the following:

- IELTS - 6.5+ (no band below 6.0)
- TOEFL Paper based - 580+ (TWE 4.5+)
- TOEFL Computer based - 237+ (TWE 4.5+)
- TOEFL Internet based (iBT) - Overall score 92, minimum 20 in all sections
- RMIT English Worldwide (REW) - English for Academic Purposes Advanced 2

Note: TOEFL or IELTS results are only recognised for a year from the test date.

Application closing dates and how to apply

- **Direct to RMIT University.**
  
  International students must apply through RMIT International Services:
  
  - Online: www.rmit.edu.au/international
  - Post: RMIT International Services, GPO Box 2476V, Melbourne VIC 3001, Australia
  - In person: Give your completed application to RMIT University staff visiting your region

- **Through an RMIT registered representative.**

  There are no specific application closing dates but we advise you to send your application as early as possible. Late applications will be accepted subject to places being available. Prospective students are encouraged to enquire about possible vacancies in the program at any time.

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However, RMIT reserves the right to alter any program, course, fee, admission requirement, administrative or other arrangement without prior notice. Postgraduate programs will be offered subject to commencing enrolment number viability. Applicants are advised to confirm any possible changes with the School before making an application.

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