We produce work ready graduates
Bachelor of Business (Business Information Systems)
Ensuring our students help build better businesses using IT

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

Note: International students may only study full-time.

Get professional experience while studying
The Co-operative Employment Program is an integral component of the Bachelor of Business (Business Information Systems) degree. All students, both local and international, get the opportunity to spend their third year in industry, applying their course knowledge whilst developing practical IT and business skills. We view this as the year when industry and academia come into partnership to help develop young IT professionals. The students are bright, enthusiastic and eager to apply the new technology they have learned.

This program has been running for over 20 years. It has included hundreds of firms from large corporations to small businesses. It provides outstanding benefits for employers and students alike, as evidenced by past students’ testimonials and its continued strong demand.

Examples of employment tasks
Our Business Information Systems students can be and have been employed to undertake a wide variety of projects. Some of the many examples include: provision of product, system support and consultancy to clients and end users; programming; designing, maintaining or extending GUI and database systems; help desk/customer service for IT systems; analysis, design and maintenance of computing systems (application or systems software); systems administration, support, or installation on PCs and networks (OS and NOS), web page design, creation of user documentation and help systems.

Placement calendar
There are two placement periods per year, each beginning after a semester’s examination period. During their year in industry, students work as normal, full-time (i.e. no study) salaried employees at a competitive rate. Towards the end they need to write a Professional Business Report on their learning experiences.

Fosters your employment
If the relationship works well, at the end of the Co-op year, employer and student can come to an agreement about continuing work (full or part-time) and studies (full or part-time), and/or an offer of work after graduation. Otherwise, the student returns to studies.

Getting an edge
A full year of industry experience provides you with a very competitive edge when seeking employment after graduating. It also gives you a feel for what life in your industry’s workforce is really like. However, full-time or part-time students with enough recent and relevant industry experience may choose to seek an exemption for all or part of the Co-operative Education program.

A sample of recent employers
The following organisations have recently employed RMIT BB (BIS) students during their year of industry employment.
Advance Vision Technology (AUST) Pty Ltd
Agilent Technologies
AirLiquide Australia Limited
Alfatron Pty Ltd
ANL CONTAINER LINE Pty Ltd
ANZ Banking Group Limited
Argyll Corporation
Australia Post
Australian Chinese News
Baulderstone & Hornibrook
BearingPoint Inc
BinaryThing.com Pty Ltd
BMW Group Financial Services
CA Computer Associates
Chi Fat International
Crisis Support Services Inc.
Ford Motor Company of Australia
Honda (Australia)
IBM
KPMG Chartered Accountants

Amy Hoch
I chose RMIT because of the compulsory Cooperative Year. RMIT also has a good reputation throughout the corporate world. RMIT prepares their students for life after university by allowing them to practically apply their learning and not solely focusing on theory. My recent work history includes:
• 2005 Full-time cooperative placement with GM Holden Ltd.
• 2006 Continued cooperative employment part-time/full-time with GM Holden Ltd throughout final year of Business Information Systems.
• 2007 Full-time Graduate position with Capgemini. BB (BIS) Graduate Cadet Capgemini

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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](http://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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**Jane O’Connor**
I commenced full time work in December 2004 at Vanguard Investments working as a Technical Support Administrator. Worked full time for the duration of 2005 as part of RMIT’s Co Operative education program and stayed on until November 2006 in a part time position. Commenced graduate work at PriceWaterhouseCoopers as a Business Assurance Consultant in March 2007.

I specifically chose to study at RMIT because I liked the sound of the Co-operative education program. I felt that it would benefit my career to be able to gain valuable work experience in the IT industry whilst still completing my degree.

Graduate BB (BIS)

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**Tan Le**
The Bachelor of Business (BIS) at RMIT has offered me one year Industry-Based Learning (IBL) that allows me to apply my study to the practical working world.

Fourth Year Student BB (BIS)

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**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 program.

Fourth Year Student BB (BIS)

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**Sunay Ruparelia**
Overall, participating in the Co-op year was the best out of the four years of the Business Information Systems program. It brightened my horizons to a successful future. I am very much grateful to RMIT University, and in particular, the Business Information Technology department for giving exceptional opportunities to students to work in the industry to boost their career ambitions. Congratulations RMIT!

Fourth Year Student BB (BIS)

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**Angelo Georgiades**
BIS incorporates into its degree a compulsory ‘working year’ in its third year where students get the opportunity to go out into the ‘real world’, apply for a real job and earn real money. Not only that, but once a student has completed this degree, they also have a years worth of experience to add to their resume.

I chose BIS because I am able to gain knowledge from areas in both Business and IT. This is what keeps the course really interesting whereas many other degrees only focus on one area.

Third Year Student BB (BIS)