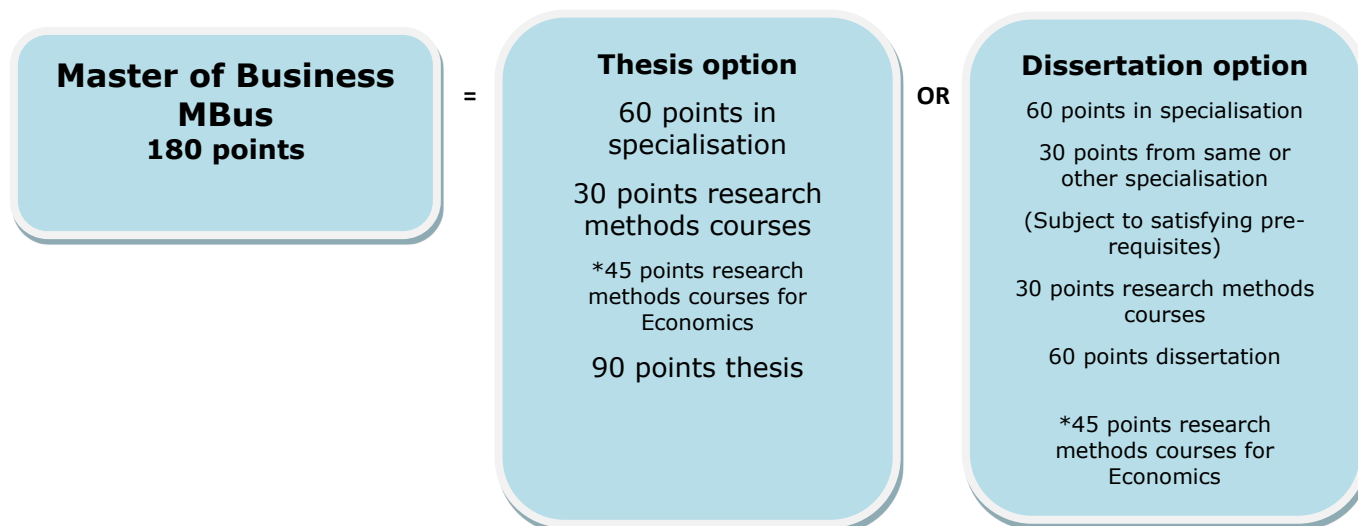


## MASTER OF BUSINESS (AK1060)

The Master of Business is a 180-point research master's degree, which develops critical and reflective graduates with highly developed research capabilities. This study is grounded in a rigorous understanding of a specialist field relevant to your professional and research interests. The MBus enhances knowledge, research and critical reflective capabilities increasingly sought after in complex and changing business environments.



**Duration:** 1.5 years full time  
3 years part time

**Level of Study:** Level 9

### Points

Coursework and research components carry 15, 30, 60 or 90 points. They are based upon proportions of an annual full-time student study load of 120 points. One point represents 10 hours of student learning. Accordingly, a 15-point course represents 150 hours of student learning or 12.5% of an annual full-time programme of study. On a weekly basis a 15-point course has an expectation of 10-12 hours of independent learning.

### Time Limit

The total time from first enrolment in the MBus until the completion of all requirements must not exceed four years. The MBus will normally be completed over one and a half years for full-time students or four years for part-time students. Please note that the thesis/dissertation examination period may take two-three months.

### Progress through the programme

The programme is made out of three components: advanced courses in your specialisation, research methods courses and an independent research component (thesis or dissertation). You may choose to undertake either a thesis or dissertation in your MBus. You may be able to include elective courses from outside your specialisation into your MBus, from the list of MBus courses on offer. Please seek course advice from the PGR Office.

### Research

Research processes and guidelines for MBus theses/dissertations are explained in the Faculty Research Processes Handbook. Full-time students completing a thesis are strongly recommended to spread the remaining 30-points of courses across two semesters.

### Minimum grade average for enrolling in a thesis or dissertation

Before any student can proceed to the thesis or dissertation, you must have a minimum B- (minus) average across your courses.

Acceptance onto the MBus programme is on the understanding that your thesis or dissertation be approved within the Faculty's postgraduate process. This is necessary to ensure there are supervisors with suitable expertise for your placement and research. The student is responsible to find a topic and supervisor in the semester prior to starting the thesis/dissertation, and submitting their research proposal by the deadlines provided by the Postgraduate Research Office.

### Taking leave from the programme

Where you are suffering from ill health, or there are exceptional circumstances, a leave of absence of up to one year may be approved. Please email [business.postgraduate@aut.ac.nz](mailto:business.postgraduate@aut.ac.nz) to request a leave of absence. Note: if you are enrolled in the thesis/dissertation component of MBus, a separate process for applying for leave of absence applies (PGR6 form).

### Unsatisfactory progress

If you fail a course twice, you cannot be re-enrolled in that course unless you are authorised by the Postgraduate Research Programmes Examination Board to do so. This requires an application from you.

### Course descriptors

All course descriptors offered in 2022 can be found via the specialisation checklist and the timetable on the Study Planning 2022 tab.

### Awards

Awards of the MBus are made with classes of honours in accordance with the University's regulations. The classes are based on Grade Point Average (GPA) as follows:

First Class	A- grade average or better
Second Class First Division (2:1)	B+ grade average
Second Class Second Division (2:2)	B - B grade average

### Tuition Fees

The 2022 tuition are shown on the AUT website here [www.aut.ac.nz/fees](http://www.aut.ac.nz/fees)  
Please refer to the AUT website for the updated fees structure.

### Programme advice

Students requiring programme advice can email [bpostgra@aut.ac.nz](mailto:bpostgra@aut.ac.nz).

### Enrolments

Access Arion through the link from Student Hub Online at <https://student.aut.ac.nz>

### Induction

Induction for the MBus programme is held the week prior to the start of semester. This half-day event welcomes you to the programme and provides you with introduction to research and the information you need about Business Postgraduate Research Programmes. Students will be contacted prior to induction with more details.

Click on the course to view the course descriptor.

MBus Accounting Checklist			
15 points:	<input type="checkbox"/> BUSS823 Qualitative Research Design and Analysis	15 points	
AND			
15 points:	<input type="checkbox"/> BUSS824 Quantitative Research Design and Analysis	15 points	
AND			
60 points from:	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCT805 Issues in Auditing	15 points	
	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCT808 Issues in Sustainability Accounting	15 points	
	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCT810 Issues in Taxation	15 points	
	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCT811 Issues in Financial Reporting	15 points	
	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCT812 Issues in Management Accounting	15 points	
AND This must be undertaken at the final stage of the degree			
90 points:	<input type="checkbox"/> BUSS998 Thesis 90 points	90 points	Prerequisite: BUSS823 and BUSS824
OR			
60 points:	<input type="checkbox"/> BUSS997 Dissertation 60 points <i>*Note: Students must complete an additional 30 points from Accounting or elective courses prior to start of dissertation</i>	60 points	Prerequisite: BUSS823 and BUSS824

Click on the course to view the course descriptor.

MBus Economics Checklist			
45 points of research methods courses:	<input type="checkbox"/> ECON802 Macroeconomic Theory and Policy	15 points	
	<input type="checkbox"/> ECON803 Econometric Theory and Applications	15 points	
	<input type="checkbox"/> ECON811 Foundations for Economic Research	15 points	
<b>AND</b>			
45 Points from:	<input type="checkbox"/> ECON801 Microeconomic Theory and Policy	15 points	*Highly recommended if considering PhD studies
	<input type="checkbox"/> ECON808 International Trade Theory and Policy	15 points	
	<input type="checkbox"/> FINA807 Financial Econometrics	15 points	
<b>AND</b> This must be undertaken at the final stage of the degree			
90 points:	<input type="checkbox"/> BUSS998 Thesis 90 points	90 points	Prerequisite: 45 points of Research Methods
<b>OR</b>			
60 points:	<input type="checkbox"/> BUSS997 Dissertation 60 points <i>*Note: Students must complete an additional 30 points from Economics or elective courses prior to start of dissertation</i>	60 points	Prerequisite: 45 points of Research Methods

Click on the course to view the course descriptor.

## MBus Finance Checklist

15 points:	<input type="checkbox"/> FINA801 Research Methods in Finance	15 points	
AND			
15 points:	<input type="checkbox"/> BUSS824 Quantitative Research Design and Analysis	15 points	
AND			
60 points:	<input type="checkbox"/> FINA803 Advanced Corporate Finance	15 points	
	<input type="checkbox"/> FINA804 Empirical Asset Pricing	15 points	
	<input type="checkbox"/> FINA807 Financial Econometrics	15 points	
	<input type="checkbox"/> FINA809 Current Issues in Corporate Governance	15 points	
AND This must be undertaken at the final stage of the degree			
90 points:	<input type="checkbox"/> BUSS998 Thesis 90 points	90 points	Prerequisite: FINA801 and BUSS824
OR			
60 points:	<input type="checkbox"/> BUSS997 Dissertation 60 points <i>*Note: Students must complete an additional 30 points from Finance or elective courses prior to start of dissertation</i>	60 points	Prerequisite: FINA801 and BUSS824

Click on the course to view the course descriptor.

MBus Information Systems Checklist			
15 points:	<input type="checkbox"/> BUSS823 Qualitative Research Design and Analysis	15 points	
AND			
15 points:	<input type="checkbox"/> BUSS824 Quantitative Research Design and Analysis	15 points	
AND			
60 points from:	<input type="checkbox"/> BSYS803 Managing Information Systems Risk and Cybersecurity	15 points	
	<input type="checkbox"/> BSYS804 Business Analytics	15 points	
	<input type="checkbox"/> BSYS805 Business Process Transformation	15 points	
	<input type="checkbox"/> BSYS808 Digital Technology: Theoretical Foundations and Implications	15 points	<i>*Highly recommended before thesis/dissertation</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> BSYS809 Advanced Project Management	15 points	
AND This must be undertaken at the final stage of the degree			
90 points from:	<input type="checkbox"/> BUSS998 Thesis 90 points	90 points	Prerequisite: BUSS823 and BUSS824
OR			
60 points from:	<input type="checkbox"/> BUSS997 Dissertation 60 points <i>*Note: Students must complete an additional 30 points from BIS or elective courses prior to start of dissertation</i>	60 points	Prerequisite: BUSS823 and BUSS824

Click on the course to view the course descriptor.

MBus International Business Checklist			
15 points:	<input type="checkbox"/> BUSS823 Qualitative Research Design and Analysis	15 points	
AND			
15 points:	<input type="checkbox"/> BUSS824 Quantitative Research Design and Analysis	15 points	
AND			
60 points from:	<input type="checkbox"/> INTB801 International Business Management	15 points	
	<input type="checkbox"/> INTB803 International Business and Large Emerging Markets	15 points	
	<input type="checkbox"/> INTB804 The International Business Environment (30pts)	30 points	
	<input type="checkbox"/> INTB806 Contemporary Challenges in International Business	15 points	
	<input type="checkbox"/> INTB807 Strategic Management	15 points	
AND This must be undertaken at the final stage of the degree			
90 points:	<input type="checkbox"/> BUSS998 Thesis 90 points	90 points	Prerequisite: BUSS823 and BUSS824
OR			
60 points:	<input type="checkbox"/> BUSS997 Dissertation 60 points <i>*Note: Students must complete an additional 30 points from IB or elective courses prior to start of dissertation</i>	60 points	Prerequisite: BUSS823 and BUSS824

Click on the course to view the course descriptor.

## MBus Management Checklist

15 points:	<input type="checkbox"/> BUSS823 Qualitative Research Design and Analysis	15 points	
AND			
15 points:	<input type="checkbox"/> BUSS824 Quantitative Research Design and Analysis	15 points	
AND			
60 points from:	<input type="checkbox"/> EMPL802 Global Employment	15 points	
	<input type="checkbox"/> EMPL803 Occupational Health and Safety	15 points	
	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTR801 Entrepreneurship	15 points	
	<input type="checkbox"/> INTB807 Strategic Management	15 points	
	<input type="checkbox"/> MGMT804 Organisational Change	15 points	
	<input type="checkbox"/> MGMT805 Diversity in Organisations	15 points	
	<input type="checkbox"/> MGMT807 Organisational Behaviour	15 points	
	<input type="checkbox"/> SUSE801 Leadership for Sustainable Organisations	15 points	
AND This must be undertaken at the final stage of the degree			
90 points:	<input type="checkbox"/> BUSS998 Thesis 90 points	90 points	Prerequisite: BUSS823 and BUSS824
OR			
60 points:	<input type="checkbox"/> BUSS997 Dissertation 60 points <i>*Note: Students must complete an additional 30 points from Management or elective courses prior to start of dissertation</i>	60 points	Prerequisite: BUSS823 and BUSS824



Click on the course to view the course descriptor.

MBus Marketing Checklist			
15 points:	<input type="checkbox"/> BUSS823 Qualitative Research Design and Analysis	15 points	
AND			
15 points:	<input type="checkbox"/> BUSS824 Quantitative Research Design and Analysis	15 points	
AND			
60 points from:	<input type="checkbox"/> MKTG804 Advances in Services Research	15 points	
	<input type="checkbox"/> MKTG806 Consumption and Consumer Behaviour	15 points	
	<input type="checkbox"/> MKTG808 Product Development and Brand Strategies	15 points	
	<input type="checkbox"/> MKTG810 Cotemporary Marketing theory and Practice	15 points	
	<input type="checkbox"/> RETL803 Shopping Environment Studies	15 points	
AND This must be undertaken at the final stage of the degree			
90 points:	<input type="checkbox"/> BUSS998 Thesis 90 points	90 points	Prerequisite: BUSS823 and BUSS824
OR			
60 points:	<input type="checkbox"/> BUSS997 Dissertation 60 points <i>*Note: Students must complete an additional 30 points from Marketing or elective courses prior to start of dissertation. Consult with the Head of Department should you wish to undertake the dissertation.</i>	60 points	Prerequisite: BUSS823 and BUSS824

Click on the course to view the course descriptor.

## MBus Sport Leadership and Management Checklist

15 points:	<input type="checkbox"/> BUSS823 Qualitative Research Design and Analysis	15 points	
AND			
15 points:	<input type="checkbox"/> BUSS824 Quantitative Research Design and Analysis	15 points	
AND			
60 points:	<input type="checkbox"/> SPMG801 Advanced Sport Development	15 points	
	<input type="checkbox"/> SPMG802 Advanced Sport Leadership and Management	15 points	
	<input type="checkbox"/> SPMG803 Advanced Sport Marketing	15 points	
	<input type="checkbox"/> SPMG804 Advanced Sports Event Management	15 points	
AND			
This must be undertaken at the final stage of the degree			
90 points:	<input type="checkbox"/> BUSS998 Thesis 90 points	90 points	Prerequisite: BUSS823 and BUSS824
OR			
60 points:	<input type="checkbox"/> BUSS997 Dissertation 60 points <i>*Note: Students must complete an additional 30 points from SLAM or elective courses prior to start of dissertation</i>	60 points	Prerequisite: BUSS823 and BUSS824