

DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS AK1006 2026 PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND COURSES

Choose Your Diploma in Business Pathway

Each Pathway is 120 points over 1 year of full-time study or part-time equivalent
75 points must be at Levels 5-6

Pathway 1

Complete 8 courses

5 Courses at Level 5-6

3 Courses at any level

Pathway 2

Complete a Focus Area

complete 8 courses with
5 courses from one Focus Area (FA)

3 Courses at Level 5-6

5 Focus Area Courses
with 3 at Level 7

Step 1: Choose your Pathway. **Step 2:** Choose your Courses. **Step 3:** [Enrol](#)
View the **Course Descriptors and Timetables** by entering the Course Code into the [AUT Course Search](#)

Levels 5-6 are recommended for your first semester

Focus Areas

Focus areas offer you the opportunity to choose from a suite of courses centred around a specific theme.
Students completing a focus area will have it specified on their transcript.

Accounting

Economics

Finance

**Human Resource Management
and Employment Relations**

Information Systems

International Business and Strategy

Management and Leadership

Marketing

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Focus Areas

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Complete 120 points of courses with 75 points from one focus area including 45 points at level 7
The remaining 45 points can be any L5 or L6 course shown below or shown in the full list of courses

Semester 1	15 points LEVEL 5-6	15 points LEVEL 5-6	15 points LEVEL 5-6	15 points LEVEL 5-6
Semester 2	15 points LEVEL 5-6	15 points LEVEL 7	15 points LEVEL 7	15 points LEVEL 7

Please check timetables carefully as there may not be enough level 7 courses on offer to complete a focus area in 2026

ACCOUNTING

Only available to students studying part-time due to pre-requisites

ACCT502	Accounting Essentials	L5
ACCT602	Financial Accounting ^{ACCT502}	L6
ACCT603	Management Accounting ^{ACCT502}	L6
ACCT604	Taxation ^{ACCT502 or LAWS541}	L6
ACCT608	Accounting for Social Impact ^{ACCT502}	L6
ACCT702	Advanced Financial Accounting ^{ACCT602}	L7
ACCT703	Advanced Management Accounting ^{ACCT603}	L7
ACCT704	Auditing ^{ACCT602}	L7

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

BSYS501	Business Information Systems	L5
BSYS601	Business Process Management ^{BSYS501 (CO)}	L6
BSYS602	Business Data Management ^{BSYS501 (CO)}	L6
BSYS603	Project Management	L6
BSYS701	Enterprise Information Systems ^{BSYS601 or BSYS602}	L7
BSYS702	Cyber-Security and Risk Management ^{BSYS601 or BSYS602}	L7
BSYS705	Digital Transformation and Social Impact	L7
BSYS706	Designing Systems for Contemporary Enterprises ^{BSYS601 or BSYS602}	L7

ECONOMICS **

Only available to students studying part-time due to pre-requisites

ECON522	Economics for Social Impact OR ECON520	L5
ECON523	Money, Banking, and Global Financial Markets OR ECON521	L5
ECON623	Behavioural Economics OR ECON620 / ECON621	L6
ECON624	Strategy and Competition OR ECON620 / ECON621	L6
ECON625	Data, Deception, and Decisions OR ECON622	L6
ECON722	Applied Econometrics ^{ECON625 OR ECON622}	L7
ECON723	Microeconomics ^{ECON522} RESTRICTION ECON620	L7
ECON724	Macroeconomics ^{ECON523} RESTRICTION ECON621	L7

** students underway with an Economics focus area in 2025 – please seek urgent course advice regarding L7 transition courses

FINANCE

Only available to students studying part-time due to pre-requisites

FINA501	Introduction to Finance	L5
FINA503	Financial Analysis	L5
FINA601	Corporate Finance ^{FINA501}	L6
FINA602	Investment and Portfolio Analysis ^{FINA501}	L6
FINA608	Social Impact for Finance	L6
FINA701	International Corporate Finance ^{FINA601 or FINA602}	L7
FINA702	Financial Risk Management ^{FINA602}	L7
FINA706	Financial Institutions and Markets ^{FINA501 or FINA605}	L7

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS

MGMT501	Managing and Organising	L5
EMPL601	Employment Relations	L6
HRMG601	Human Resource Management	L6
HRMG602	Learning and Development	L6
EMPL702	Workplace Health and Safety	L7
EMPL704	The Dynamics of Employment Regulations	L7
HRMG701	Workforce Strategies for Social Impact	L7
HRMG703	Global Mobility	L7

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND STRATEGY

INTB501	Business and Strategy in a Changing World	L5
INTB603	Dynamic Environments	L6
INTB604	International Business Management	L6
INTB605	Business Strategy	L6
INTB706	Global Social Impact ^{INTB603 (CO), INTB604 (CO)}	L7
INTB707	Strategy in Uncertain Times ^{INTB605}	L7
INTB708	Innovation and Technology Strategy	L7
INTB709	Strategic Design	L7

MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

MGMT501	Managing and Organising	L5
HRMG601	Human Resource Management	L6
INTB605	Business Strategy	L6
MGMT602	Small and Medium Enterprise Management	L6
MGMT603	Leadership for Change	L6
MGMT704	Management for Social Impact	L7
MGMT705	Stress and Resilience at Work	L7
MGMT708	Organising for the Future of Work	L7

MARKETING

Only available to students studying part-time due to pre-requisites

MKTG501	Marketing Insights	L5
MKTG601	Marketing Research ^{MKTG501}	L6
MKTG602	Marketing Relationships ^{MKTG501}	L6
MKTG603	Consumer Behaviour ^{MKTG501}	L6
MKTG701	Strategic Marketing ^{30 points MKTG L6}	L7
MKTG702	Integrated Marketing Communications ^{30 points MKTG L6}	L7
MKTG703	Digital, Social Media and Mobile Marketing ^{30 points MKTG L6}	L7
MKTG704	Marketing for Social Impact ^{MKTG501}	L7

Full List of Courses

If you're not taking a focus area and you're unsure what eight courses to choose, consider taking:

- our [four BBus first-semester courses](#) which offer a great foundation for business ** [see below](#) **and/or**
- consider these [groups of courses](#) which are centred around a theme

Both the above options can help you transition easily to our Bachelor of Business should you choose to in the future

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Not all courses are being offered in 2026

Course Descriptors and Timetables can be found by entering the Course Code into the [AUT Course Search](#)

[How to Enrol](#)

	Course Code	Course Name	Points	Pre/Co-Requisite/s
LEVEL 5	ACCT502	Accounting Essentials RESTRICTION ACCT601	15	-
	ACCT503	Accounting Systems and Analytics	15	ACCT502 (Co)
	BSYS501	Business Information Systems	15	-
	BUSS505	**Consumer and Organisational Behaviour	15	-
	BUSS507	**Financial Decision Making and Information Systems	15	-
	BUSS508	**Economics and International Business	15	-
	BUSS509	**Ethics, Responsibility and Sustainability	15	-
	BUSS511	Introduction to Programming for Business Analytics	15	-
	ECON505	Business Economics and Data Analysis	15	-
	ECON522	Economics for Social Impact RESTRICTION ECON520	15	-
	ECON523	Money, Banking, and Global Financial Markets RESTRICTION ECON521	15	-
	ENTR501	Introduction to Entrepreneurship and Innovation	15	-
	FINA501	Introduction to Finance	15	-
	FINA503	Financial Analysis RESTRICTION FINA607/FINA704	15	-
	INTB501	Business and Strategy in a Changing World RESTRICTION BUSS506	15	-
	LAWS541	Law for New Zealand Business	15	-
	MGMT501	Managing and Organising	15	-
	MKTG501	Marketing Insights RESTRICTION MARS501	15	-
	SUSE501	Sustainability Leadership	15	-
LEVEL 6	ACCT602	Financial Accounting	15	ACCT502
	ACCT603	Management Accounting	15	ACCT502
	ACCT604	Taxation RESTRICTION ACCT707	15	ACCT502 or LAWS541
	ACCT605	Accounting Legal and Regulatory Framework	15	-
	ACCT606	Financial Management for Accountants	15	ACCT502, ACCT503
	ACCT608	Accounting for Social Impact	15	ACCT502
	BSYS601	Business Process Management	15	BSYS501 (Co)
	BSYS602	Business Data Management	15	BSYS501 (Co)
	BSYS603	Project Management	15	-
	BSYS604	Operations Management	15	-
	BSYS605	Goods and Services Procurement	15	-
	BUSS613	Managing Business Data for Analytics	15	-
	ECON623	Behavioural Economics RESTRICTION ECON712	15	-
	ECON624	Strategy and Competition	15	-
	ECON625	Data, Deception, and Decisions	15	-
	EMPL601	Employment Relations	15	-
	ENTR601	Māori Indigenous Entrepreneurship and Social Innovation	15	-

Semester 1	15 points LEVEL 5-6	15 points LEVEL 5-6	15 points LEVEL 5-6	15 points LEVEL 5-6
Semester 2	15 points LEVEL 5-6	15 points LEVEL 5-7	15 points LEVEL 5-7	15 points LEVEL 5-7

2026 AK1006 DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS STUDIES: STANDARD PATHWAY

Course Code	Course Name	Points	Pre/Co-Requisite/s
FINA601	Corporate Finance	15	FINA501
FINA602	Investment and Portfolio Analysis	15	FINA501
FINA605	Building Financial Capability and Wellbeing	15	-
FINA606	Data Analysis for Business	15	BUSS511
FINA608	Social Impact for Finance	15	-
HRMG601	Human Resource Management	15	-
HRMG602	Learning and Development	15	-
INTB603	Dynamic Environments	15	-
INTB604	International Business Management RESTRICTION INTB704	15	-
INTB605	Business Strategy	15	-
LAWS641	Law of Business Organisations	15	LAWS541
MGMT602	Small and Medium Enterprise Management	15	-
MGMT603	Leadership for Change	15	-
MKTG601	Marketing Research RESTRICTION MARS601	15	MKTG501
MKTG602	Marketing Relationships RESTRICTION MARS602	15	MKTG501
MKTG603	Consumer Behaviour RESTRICTION MARS604/MARS701	15	MKTG501
SUSE602	Managing Environmental Issues in Business	15	-
ACCT702	Advanced Financial Accounting	15	ACCT602
ACCT703	Advanced Management Accounting	15	ACCT603
ACCT704	Auditing	15	ACCT602
BSYS701	Enterprise Information Systems	15	BSYS601 or BSYS602
BSYS702	Cyber-Security and Risk Management	15	BSYS601 or BSYS602
BSYS704	Logistics and Supply Chain Management	15	-
BSYS705	Digital Transformation and Social Impact	15	-
BSYS706	Designing Systems for Contemporary Enterprises	15	BSYS601 or BSYS602
BUSS719	Data Strategy	15	BUSS613 or FINA606
ECON720	Microeconomics: Competition, Risk and Strategy RESTRICTION ECON701	15	ECON620
ECON721	Applied Macroeconometrics	15	ECON621, ECON622
ECON722	Applied Econometrics	15	ECON625 or ECON622
ECON723	Microeconomics RESTRICTION ECON620	15	ECON522
ECON724	Macroeconomics RESTRICTION ECON621	15	ECON523
EMPL702	Workplace Health and Safety	15	-
EMPL704	The Dynamics of Employment Regulations	15	-
ENTR701	Social Entrepreneurship: Inspiring Innovation and Impact	15	-
FINA701	International Corporate Finance	15	FINA601 or FINA602
FINA702	Financial Risk Management	15	FINA602
FINA706	Financial Institutions and Markets RESTRICTION FINA603	15	FINA501 or FINA605
HRMG701	Workforce Strategies for Social Impact	15	-
HRMG703	Global Mobility	15	-
INTB706	Global Social Impact	15	INTB603 (Co), INTB604 (Co)
INTB707	Strategy in Uncertain Times	15	INTB605
INTB708	Innovation and Technology Strategy	15	-
INTB709	Strategic Design	15	-
MGMT704	Management for Social Impact	15	-
MGMT705	Stress and Resilience at Work	15	-
MGMT708	Organising for the Future of Work	15	-
MKTG701	Strategic Marketing RESTRICTION MARS703	15	30pts from MKTG601/602/603
MKTG702	Integrated Marketing Communications RESTRICTION MARS603/MARS707	15	30pts from MKTG601/602/603
MKTG703	Digital, Social Media and Mobile Marketing RESTRICTION MARS708	15	30pts from MKTG601/602/603
MKTG704	Marketing for Social Impact	15	MKTG501

Semester 1

15 points
LEVEL 5-6

15 points
LEVEL 5-6

15 points
LEVEL 5-6

15 points
LEVEL 5-6

Semester 2

15 points
LEVEL 5-6

15 points
LEVEL 5-7

15 points
LEVEL 5-7

15 points
LEVEL 5-7

Themes

If you're not taking a focus area and you're unsure which courses to choose, consider one or two of the themes below – please note that these are not specified on your transcript

Level 5-6 courses are recommended in your first semester

BUSINESS LAW

Complete 4 courses including LAWS541 and one level 7 course

LAWS541	Law for New Zealand Business
ACCT604	Taxation ACCT502 or LAWS541
LAWS641	Law of Business Organisations LAWS541
EMPL704	The Dynamics of Employment Regulations

DATA ANALYTICS FOR BUSINESS

Complete 4 courses including one level 7 course

BUSS511	Introduction to Programming for Business Analytics
BUSS613	Managing Business Data for Analytics
FINA606	Data Analysis for Business BUSS511
BUSS719	Data Strategy BUSS613 or FINA606

ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION

Complete 4 courses including ENTR501 and one level 7 course

ENTR501	Introduction to Entrepreneurship and Innovation
INTB501	Business and Strategy in a Changing World
ENTR601	Māori Indigenous Entrepreneurship and Social Innovation
MGMT602	Small and Medium Enterprise Management
ENTR701	Social Entrepreneurship: Inspiring Innovation and Impact
INTB708	Innovation and Technology Strategy

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

Complete 4 courses including BSYS604 and BSYS704

BSYS604	Operations Management
ENTR501	Introduction to Entrepreneurship and Innovation
BSYS601	Business Process Management BSYS501(Co)
BSYS605	Goods and Services Procurement
BUSS613	Managing Business Data for Analytics
SUSE602	Managing Environmental Issues in Business
BSYS704	Logistics and Supply Chain Management

SUSTAINABLE ENTERPRISE

Complete 4 courses including at least one level 7

SUSE501	Sustainability Leadership
SUSE602	Managing Environmental Issues in Business
ENTR701	Social Entrepreneurship: Inspiring Innovation and Impact
MGMT704	Management for Social Impact

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Semester 1

15 points
LEVEL 5-6

15 points
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15 points
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Semester 2

15 points
LEVEL 5-6

15 points
LEVEL 5-7

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LEVEL 5-7

15 points
LEVEL 5-7

Overview of Key Points

Your Study	The DipBus is 120 points, equivalent to 1 year of full-time study / part-time equivalent • Courses are normally 15 points. Four 15-point courses per semester are the equivalent of full-time study • Each course requires around 10 hours of individual study per week in addition to its lectures/workshops • Attending your lectures/workshops and submitting all assessments are key to your success
Full-time Study	4 courses 60 points per semester or 8 courses 120 points per year <i>For StudyLink purposes, 0.8fte is considered full-time study (7 courses per year)</i>
Part-time Study	Students who want to study part-time can do so, but there are time limits for completion and specific rules to consider for student loans and allowances. There are limited evening classes, and you may want to attend a course advice session to discuss the part-time options available for you
Time Limits	The total time from first enrolment until the successful completion of all requirements must not normally exceed two years
DipBus Requirements	120 points 8 courses including at least 75 points at Levels 5-6 You can choose to complete a focus area as part of your DipBus requirements or choose any eight courses. Level 5-6 courses are recommended in your first semester
Focus Area	75 points 5 courses including 45 points at Level 7. A focus area will be specified on your transcript The remaining 45 points required for your DipBus can be any Level 5-6 courses
Enrolment	You can enrol prior to the semester commencing. In Weeks 1-2 you will need to contact us
Class occurrences	Every course has a code and an occurrence number, eg. BUSS505/W101, BUSS505/M205 W: City Campus; M: South Campus; A: North Campus; N: online W1/M1/N1: Semester 1 occurrence; W2/M2/N2: Semester 2 occurrence You can change occurrences via MyAUT until the end of Week 1 (subject to availability)
Pre-requisites & Co-requisites	A pre-requisite is a specific course that must be successfully completed <u>before</u> studying another course A co-requisite is a course that must either be studied <u>before or with</u> another course
Progression	It is important to reach out early if you are struggling with any of your courses, and there are many resources and services available to help you get back on track. We encourage you to contact our Course Advice team who can advise on your situation and refer you as appropriate. Student progression is monitored and students who fail a core course or more than half of their enrolment will be referred to support services. Students who do not pass a course on the second attempt, or who fail more than half of their enrolment for a second consecutive semester, will need to apply for approval to continue
Completion	When you've completed all your requirements and 120 points overall you'll be recommended for graduation and your parchment will be posted to you. Your qualification will also be made available through My eEquals
Progression to the Bachelor of Business	If you enjoy your business study and would like to move on to our Bachelor of Business degree, you will be able to have some of your DipBus courses credited over to the BBus. Please contact us for more information