The Diploma of Commerce provides the basis for further study in areas such as accounting, finance, actuarial studies, commercial law, international business, economics, marketing and human resources. Students specialise in their preferred area when they begin their second year studies.

Five reasons to study Commerce at Macquarie

1. The Macquarie University Department of Accounting and Finance is one of the largest Accounting schools in Australia.

2. CPA Australia, the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, and the National Institute of Accountants have accepted Macquarie University as an approved tertiary institution for the purpose of their membership qualifications.

3. Graduates of Business programs at Macquarie have record employment levels and starting salaries well above the average for all Australian business schools.

4. Gain valuable on-the-job experience with business internships that count towards your degree.

5. Learn critical business communication skills through the Academic Communication unit – a standard part of every Business and Economics degree.

Career opportunities

Accountancy, stockbroking, banking, management, insurance, finance, economics, marketing, human resource management and international business.

Average starting salaries

According to Graduate Careers Australia 2009, in NSW the average graduate starting salary is:

- Accounting: $56,780
- Economics: $45,446
- Marketing: $41,416
- Finance: $52,346

Second year Macquarie University

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Commerce GPA 1.5 ‡ (majors in Accounting, Applied Econometrics, Business Demographics ‡, Commercial Law, Economics, Finance, Human Resources, International Business, Marketing)
- Bachelor of Economics ‡
- Bachelor of Commerce – Professional Accounting GPA 1.5 ‡
- Bachelor of Applied Finance GPA 2.25 ‡
- Bachelor of Actuarial Studies GPA 3.0 plus MATH135 (high distinction) and ACST101 (credit) ‡ ‡
- Bachelor of Business Administration GPA 2.0 ‡

Additional notes:

† Prescribed units – specific units must be studied for progression into these degrees. Please see an SIBT Academic Adviser for further information.
‡ Additional first year units will be required to be completed at Macquarie University. Please see an SIBT Academic Adviser for further information.
‡ ‡ Students have the option to study these degree programs at Macquarie City Campus.
Course length (SIBT + MQ) will be longer than 3 years. Students must see an Academic Adviser for details.