



# MMBA8160

## Data and Business Analytics

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*Department of Actuarial Studies and Business Analytics*

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## General Information

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Credit points  
10

Prerequisites  
Admission to MBA or PGDipMgt or GradDipMgt or MSocEntre or GradCertSocEntre or GradCertDigFin

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description  
This unit provides quantitative/statistical research tools, data analysis and computer modelling necessary to help the modern business manager with strategic planning, tactical decision-making, and resolving business problems. It also covers the efficient use of all resources to enhance management effectiveness. The overall aim is to improve the reliability of decisions made and to develop better strategy through the use of scientific method.

## Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

**ULO1:** Evaluate disparate data and information using appropriate quantitative tools to evidence and formulate well-informed and robust strategic business decisions.

**ULO2:** Use appropriate quantitative research tools, evaluate and synthesise quantitative data to help assess the implications of strategic decisions from a whole of entity perspective, and across a wide spectrum of stakeholders.

**ULO3:** Critically assess and integrate ethical, social and environmental factors into business decision-making and management practices that are also commercially viable

from a quantitative point of view.

**ULO4:** Apply a range of research tools and models of business performance and productivity to measure and track sustainable value creation across organisational processes and projects.

## Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<u>Individual Assignment</u>	30%	No	Week 5
<u>Class participation</u>	10%	No	NA
<u>Final project</u>	40%	No	Week 10
<u>In-Class Test</u>	20%	No	Week 10

### Individual Assignment

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Programming Task

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 15 hours

Due: **Week 5**

Weighting: **30%**

Students will be required to practice what they have learned by completing the assignment.

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- Critically assess and integrate ethical, social and environmental factors into business decision-making and management practices that are also commercially viable from a quantitative point of view.
- Apply a range of research tools and models of business performance and productivity to measure and track sustainable value creation across organisational processes and projects.

## Class participation

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Participatory task

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 20 hours

Due: **NA**

Weighting: **10%**

Weekly assessment of class participation in learning activities

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- Critically assess and integrate ethical, social and environmental factors into business decision-making and management practices that are also commercially viable from a quantitative point of view.
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## Final project

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Project

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 20 hours

Due: **Week 10**

Weighting: **40%**

The final week. Comprised of a 30% project report and 10% individual presentation.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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and across a wide spectrum of stakeholders.

- Critically assess and integrate ethical, social and environmental factors into business decision-making and management practices that are also commercially viable from a quantitative point of view.
- Apply a range of research tools and models of business performance and productivity to measure and track sustainable value creation across organisational processes and projects.

## In-Class Test

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 15 hours

Due: **Week 10**

Weighting: **20%**

A one hour open book test will be held in class.

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- Critically assess and integrate ethical, social and environmental factors into business decision-making and management practices that are also commercially viable from a quantitative point of view.
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<sup>1</sup> If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

<sup>2</sup> Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment

task and is subject to individual variation

## Delivery and Resources

Recommended books include:

The text book can be purchased from the following links:

**Print Book (ISBN: 9781260287844)**

<https://www.mheducation.com.au/ise-business-statistics-and-analytics-in-practice-9781260287844-aus> (Discount code only valid for the print book purchased at McGraw Hill's website: 2023ST)

**eBook (ISBN: 9781260289626)**

<https://www.vitalsource.com/en-au/products/ise-business-statistics-in-practice-using-data-bruce-bowerman-v9781260289626?term=9781260287844>

Technology to be used include:

1. Microsoft Excel
2. Tableau

## Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://policies.s.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.s.mq.edu.au). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Assessment Procedure](#)
- [Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit [Student Policies \(https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies\)](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the [search tool](#).

## Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of

Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct>

## Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au) or if you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto:globalmba.support@mq.edu.au)

## Academic Integrity

At Macquarie, we believe [academic integrity](#) – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free [online writing and maths support](#), [academic skills development](#) and [wellbeing consultations](#).

## Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

## The Writing Centre

[The Writing Centre](#) provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- [Workshops](#)
- [Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader](#)
- [Access StudyWISE](#)
- [Upload an assignment to Studiosity](#)
- [Complete the Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

## Student Services and Support

Macquarie University offers a range of [Student Support Services](#) including:

- [IT Support](#)
- [Accessibility and disability support](#) with study
- Mental health [support](#)
- [Safety support](#) to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual

assault

- [Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues](#)
- [Student Advocacy](#) provides independent advice on MQ policies, procedures, and processes

## Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via [AskMQ](#), or contact [Service Connect](#).

## IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit [http://www.mq.edu.au/about\\_us/offices\\_and\\_units/information\\_technology/help/](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/).

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.