

‘The degree looks at logistics from a global perspective. The main focus is on the “behind the scenes” area of business—getting stock to the desired location while working within time, cost and environmental constraints.’

Brittany Scott, *Bachelor of Business (Logistics and Supply Chain Management)-Applied*

GET A **MOVE ON**

Understanding the complex world of international trade and the exchange and transport of goods and services is challenging.

The logistics, supply chain and trade industries are becoming increasingly specialised, with strong world-wide demand for graduates who are business savvy, sensitive to different cultures, and who have strong project management and negotiation skills.

Excellent opportunities exist both in Australia and overseas for well-trained professionals. According to Graduate Careers Australia, employment statistics for recent RMIT logistics graduates have been consistently high.

RMIT’s logistics degrees provide graduates with an understanding of supply chain management specialisations with a strong emphasis on general business.

You will gain knowledge and skills to enable you to immediately contribute to organisational objectives at an entry level.

Logistics and supply chain management involve purchasing, materials management, inventory control, warehousing, transport and distribution to provide the market with access to products and effectively manage end-user stakeholder expectations.



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BP255 Bachelor of Business (Logistics and Supply Chain Management)

Duration: 3 yrs FT or 6 yrs PT

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BP143 Bachelor of Business (Logistics and Supply Chain Management)—Applied

Duration: 4 yrs FT incorporating 96-credit-point work-integrated learning component

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Learning by doing

In the third year, students enrolled in the applied degree have the opportunity to integrate work with learning activities by undertaking a paid work placement, commonly called cooperative education. Alternatively, if a suitable placement is not available, you can complete the work-integrated learning requirements by enrolling in a combination of recommended courses and the professional skills program. Please refer to the back of this brochure for more information about 'learning by doing' in business programs and work-integrated learning requirements.

What you will study

The *Bachelor of Business (Logistics and Supply Chain Management)* degrees consist of a major stream and an elective stream selected from accounting, marketing, business management, and business information systems or operations management.

The provision of the elective stream enables you to study a second business area in depth and to develop skills, overall marketability and allow greater flexibility to choose alternative career paths as needs and opportunities change.

First year

The first year is common to all elective streams and provides an introduction to the basic knowledge and skills required. Business studies including economics, accounting, quantitative methods, law, administration, information and communication technology are covered.

Second year

In the second year more emphasis is placed on logistics and supply chain management courses while further studies in general business courses are completed.

Third year

Applied students only: in the third year, and subject to meeting certain academic criteria, students enrolled in the applied degree will undertake a one-year cooperative education placement.

Final year

The final year builds on major and elective stream studies at a more advanced level.

Career outlook

Logistics and supply chain managers are employed in all aspects of logistics and supply chain management operations. You will be responsible for the effective and efficient integration of all logistics activities supported by the application of relevant IT and e-business practices. Graduates will also work closely with other functional company managers in areas such as marketing, manufacturing and engineering.

As a result of strong support given to the degree by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Australia, the Logistics Association of Australia, and the transport and logistics industry, graduates have excellent prospects of gaining employment. Most graduates pursue management/administrative careers in companies that operate in various transport modes, such as air, sea, road and rail, and in companies that specialise in purchasing, supply chain management, contract distribution, manufacturing and retailing.

Professional recognition

On completing the program, graduates will be eligible for graduate membership of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Australia (CILTA). CILTA provides strong and active support for the program. CILTA is also part of a worldwide network, and the prestige associated with being a member of CILTA opens many more doors locally, nationally and internationally.

Another important industry association supporting the program is the logistics Association of Australia. Many of the members of these associations provide employment opportunities for students during cooperative education.

If students complete the accounting elective stream, they will be eligible for associate membership of CPA Australia after the completion of additional courses.

Global advantage

You can gain credit towards your studies by doing a two-week study tour, a semester- or year-long exchange, or an international work placement.

Study tours depart during the Australian summer or winter vacations and can be credited towards your degree. Destinations include Canada, China, France, Germany, Italy, Thailand, USA and Vietnam. Refer to the back of this brochure for more information about the advantages of studying abroad.

Applications and entrance procedures

Application procedure

VTAC application

Entrance requirements

Current Year 12
2010 ENTER/ATAR: 65.35, 70.30 (applied) Prerequisite: units 3 and 4—English (any).
Non-Year 12
Prerequisite: none. Please refer to page 37 for more details.

Extra requirements

Non-Year 12 applicants must complete and submit a VTAC Pi form, available online at www.vtac.edu.au, if they wish other information to be considered.

Employer statement: Applicants wishing their employment to be considered must also submit a one-page letter of support from their current or most recent employer to the Selection Officer by 11 December 2010.

Please refer to the 2011 *VTAC Guide* for full details on extra requirements.

Pathway

Graduates of the following programs may be eligible to apply for exemptions:

- » *Diploma/Advanced Diploma of Business (International Business)*
- » *Diploma of Logistics*

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**Bachelor of Business
(Logistics and Supply Chain Management)**
Duration: 10 yrs PT (maximum)

Online

www.open.edu.au

This degree, offered through Open Universities Australia, has a strong emphasis on general business knowledge while allowing you to explore logistics and supply chain specialisations. Core studies in business such as economics, accounting, quantitative methods, law, administration, and information and communication technology are incorporated in the degree.

What you will study

In the first year you will be introduced to broad business studies in accounting, marketing, IT, microeconomics and macroeconomics, logistics and supply chain management, organisational behaviour, business mathematics and statistics.

In the second year, you will study business law, human resource management and business planning, combined with more specialised units in logistics, and general electives.

In the final year, you will concentrate on your specialist core units within logistics management—procurement, production, servicing, strategic and supply chain—and supplement this with the study of three core electives and one general elective.

The choice of core electives includes Geography in Distribution Systems, International Trade Operations, Transport Economics, Tourism Logistics, E-Supply Chain Management and Management Accounting.

The majority of level two, level three and core elective units are offered by RMIT University. Other units studied are offered by other Open Universities Australia (OUA) partners.

Career outlook

As a result of the strong support given to the degree by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Australia, the Logistics Association of Australia and the logistics industry in Australia generally, graduates found it easy to gain employment. Most graduates pursue careers in general logistics or specialise in areas such as air, road, rail or sea transport, purchasing, inventory control and warehousing, distribution in manufacturing, retail or contract logistics organisations.

Excellent opportunities exist for logistics and supply chain management graduates, both in Australia and overseas.

Professional recognition

On completing this degree, graduates will be eligible to apply for graduate membership of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Australia (CILTA). CILTA is part of a worldwide network and the prestige associated with being a member of CILTA opens many more doors locally, nationally and internationally.

If students complete the required number of accounting units, they will be eligible for associate membership of CPA Australia after the completion of additional courses.

Application and entrance procedures

To register for the degree, students will have to pay an initial degree registration fee of \$50. To be eligible to graduate, students who will be completing their final units in study period 1 need to notify the Open Universities Australia Administrator at RMIT by the end of May. A general administration and graduation fee of \$150 is applicable.

RMIT University on-campus students

Students who are enrolled on campus at RMIT University must first seek approval from their degree coordinator before enrolling in Open Universities Australia units.

Pathway

You may be able to receive credit for previous study conducted at other institutions within the last ten years. A fee of \$50 is applicable to have your exemptions assessed. To find out your eligibility, please contact the OUA logistics and supply chain management administrator at RMIT.

If you're a university student and want to use OUA units towards a qualification, you will need written approval from your home university. Find out your eligibility and make sure you have written approval from your home university before you enrol with OUA.

