



COURSE OUTLINE

BCI301 Work Integrated Learning Placement

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USC Sunshine Coast
USC Moreton Bay

**BLENDED
LEARNING**

Most of your course is on campus but you may be able to do some components of this course online.

Online

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You can do this course without coming onto campus.

Please go to the USC website for up to date information on the teaching sessions and campuses where this course is usually offered.

1. What is this course about?

1.1. Description

This Work Integrated Learning (WIL) course provides an opportunity to experience the workplace and involves completion of a set of work activities under the guidance and supervision of an academic supervisor at the University of the Sunshine Coast and an industry supervisor from the partner organisation. You should apply knowledge and skills gained throughout your university studies into the industry and/or profession. You must perform satisfactorily in all assessment tasks and complete a minimum 96 hours of vocational placement to pass this course.

1.2. How will this course be delivered?

ACTIVITY	HOURS	BEGINNING WEEK	FREQUENCY
BLENDED LEARNING			
Placement – Weekly (one day) placement with an industry host business ordinarily. Can be negotiated between host and USC.	96hrs	Week 2	Once Only
ONLINE			
Placement – Weekly (one day) placement with an industry host business ordinarily. Can be negotiated between host and USC.	96hrs	Not applicable	Once Only

1.3. Course Topics

- 96 hours of placement with an industry host business.
- Industry feedback on objectives and learning.
- Progress report from industry workplace supervisor to student.

2. What level is this course?

300 Level (Graduate)

Demonstrating coherence and breadth or depth of knowledge and skills. Independent application of knowledge and skills in unfamiliar contexts. Meeting professional requirements and AQF descriptors for the degree. May require pre-requisites where discipline specific introductory or developing knowledge or skills is necessary. Normally undertaken in the third or fourth full-time study year of an undergraduate program.

3. What is the unit value of this course?

12 units

4. How does this course contribute to my learning?

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES	GRADUATE QUALITIES MAPPING	PROFESSIONAL STANDARD MAPPING
On successful completion of this course, you should be able to...	Completing these tasks successfully will contribute to you becoming...	Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business
1 Apply theoretical knowledge to practical and professional situations.	Knowledgeable	PC6 - Career-ready
2 Participate and reflect on the culture and professional expectations of the workplace and industry.	Ethical	PC3 - Creative and Critical Thinking PC6.1 - Self-management
3 Reflect on the relationship between the internship and your growth as a professional practitioner and develop improvement strategies.	Creative and critical thinker	PC3 - Creative and Critical Thinking PC6 - Career-ready
4 Collaborate with responsibility and accountability with an industry partner to design, coordinate and implement a project or complete work activities.	Engaged	PC2 - Collaboration PC6 - Career-ready
5 Demonstrate effective communication skills in project management, problem solving, and presentation.	Engaged	PC1 - Communication

5. Am I eligible to enrol in this course?

Refer to the [USC Glossary of terms](#) for definitions of “pre-requisites, co-requisites and anti-requisites”.

5.1. Pre-requisites

Not applicable

5.2. Co-requisites

Not applicable

5.3. Anti-requisites

BUS331, CMN312, ENT311, CMN316 and CMN313

5.4. Specific assumed prior knowledge and skills (where applicable)

Not applicable

6. How am I going to be assessed?

6.1. Grading Scale

Limited Grading (PNP)

Pass (PU), Fail (UF). All assessment tasks are required to be passed for successful completion of the course.

6.2. Details of early feedback on progress

Early feedback will be provided within Task 1

6.3. Assessment tasks

DELIVERY MODE	TASK NO.	ASSESSMENT PRODUCT	INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP	WHAT IS THE DURATION / LENGTH?	WHEN SHOULD I SUBMIT?	WHERE SHOULD I SUBMIT IT?
All	1	Written Piece	Individual	1500 words	Week 4	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check
All	2	Journal	Individual	1,000 words (4 x 250 word entries)	Week 10	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check
All	3	Artefact - Professional, and Written Piece	Individual	10 minute video presentations	Week 13	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check
All	4	Code of Conduct	Individual	Throughout placement	Refer to Format	To Supervisor

All - Assessment Task 1: Placement Plan

GOAL:	In the assessment task, you will submit a placement plan to outline your placements goals and objectives as well as an account of your responsibilities and expectations.																			
PRODUCT:	Written Piece																			
FORMAT:	Develop a proposal for your Placement that is structured to allow for the successful achievement of both your goals and those of the host organisation within the available 96 hours of the placement. This is a written plan outlining the responsibilities, expectations and evaluation mechanisms associated with your placement using appropriate academic citation where required.																			
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All - Assessment Task 2: Weekly reflective e-journal log

GOAL:	In this assessment you will reflect on your placement experience to measure your progress on your placement plan, and compare theories with the empirical practice.
PRODUCT:	Journal
FORMAT:	To write four journal entries at roughly equivalent intervals within the placement process. Each journal entry should be 250 words (max) and should be dated. Upon the due date, all entries will be submitted as one document.

CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Reflecting on the scope and tasks of the internship placement 3
	2	Participating in workplace or industry and demonstrating personal and professional responsibility for own learning and work outcomes 2 5
	3	Evaluating contemporary management and/or professional issues relevant to an organisation and its work 2 4
	4	Applying theoretical knowledge to practical and professional situations 1

All - Assessment Task 3: Placement Outcome Video

GOAL:	In this assessment task, you will present an overview of the the outcomes gained from your placement experience. You compare the outcomes achieves with your earlier expectations and plans.	
PRODUCT:	Artefact - Professional, and Written Piece	
FORMAT:	Produce a digital video presentation reflecting on the actual placement experience and detailing the outcomes of your placement with discussion of connections or differences between theory and practice.	
CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Reflecting on the internship project or activities within the context in which the internship was undertaken 2 5
	2	Applying theoretical knowledge in reporting on project/activities implementation and outcomes 1
	3	Applying theoretical knowledge to achieve project/activity deliverables and tangible outcomes 1
	4	Self-evaluating on achievement of both professional and personal objectives and outcomes 2 3

All - Assessment Task 4: Placement Performance

GOAL:	This task enables you to become familiar with the code of conduct for your discipline and work within its guidelines during a work integrated learning (WIL) experience.	
PRODUCT:	Code of Conduct	
FORMAT:	During your WIL experience you are required to complete 96 hours of work experience (the equivalent of 12 x 8-hour days). To be eligible to pass, you are required to complete the placement satisfactorily. See Canvas for your discipline specific Code of Conduct.	
CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Demonstrating behaviour that adheres to the discipline code of conduct, 2 3
	2	Completing the required 96 hours 4

7. Directed study hours

A 12-unit course will have total of 150 learning hours which will include directed study hours (including online if required), self-directed learning and completion of assessable tasks. Directed study hours may vary by location. Student workload is calculated at 12.5 learning hours per one unit.

8. What resources do I need to undertake this course?

Please note: Course information, including specific information of recommended readings, learning activities, resources, weekly readings, etc. are available on the course Canvas site– Please log in as soon as possible.

8.1. Prescribed text(s) or course reader

There are no required/recommended resources for this course.

8.2. Specific requirements

May vary depending on the nature of the industry placement

Placement proposal negotiation and discussion prior to week 1

Students must register and attend one of the pre-placement workshops held in weeks one and two

9. How are risks managed in this course?

Risk assessments have been performed for all field activities and a low level of health and safety risk exists. Some risks concerns may include working in an unknown environment as well as slip and trip hazards. It is your responsibility to review course material, search online, discuss with lecturers and peers and understand the health and safety risks associated with your specific course of study and to familiarise yourself with the University's general health and safety principles by reviewing the [online induction training for students](#), and following the instructions of the University staff.

10. What administrative information is relevant to this course?

10.1. Assessment: Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is the ethical standard of university participation. It ensures that students graduate as a result of proving they are competent in their discipline. This is integral in maintaining the value of academic qualifications. Each industry has expectations and standards of the skills and knowledge within that discipline and these are reflected in assessment.

Academic integrity means that you do not engage in any activity that is considered to be academic fraud; including plagiarism, collusion or outsourcing any part of any assessment item to any other person. You are expected to be honest and ethical by completing all work yourself and indicating in your work which ideas and information were developed by you and which were taken from others. You cannot provide your assessment work to others. You are also expected to provide evidence of wide and critical reading, usually by using appropriate academic references.

In order to minimise incidents of academic fraud, this course may require that some of its assessment tasks, when submitted to Canvas, are electronically checked through Turnitin. This software allows for text comparisons to be made between your submitted assessment item and all other work to which Turnitin has access.

10.2. Assessment: Additional Requirements

10.3. Assessment: Submission penalties

You must contact your Course Coordinator and provide the required documentation if you require an extension or alternate assessment.

10.4. SafeUSC

USC is committed to a culture of respect and providing a safe and supportive environment for all members of our community. For immediate assistance on campus contact SafeUSC by phone: [07 5430 1168](tel:0754301168) or using the [SafeZone](#) app. For general enquires contact the SafeUSC team by phone [07 5456 3864](tel:0754563864) or email safe@usc.edu.au.

The SafeUSC Specialist Service is a Student Wellbeing service that provides free and confidential support to students who may have experienced or observed behaviour that could cause fear, offence or trauma. To contact the service call [07 5430 1226](tel:0754301226) or email studentwellbeing@usc.edu.au.

10.5. Study help

For help with course-specific advice, for example what information to include in your assessment, you should first contact your tutor, then your course coordinator, if needed.

If you require additional assistance, the Learning Advisers are trained professionals who are ready to help you develop a wide range of academic skills. Visit the [Learning Advisers](#) web page for more information, or contact Student Central for further assistance: +61 7 5430 2890 or studentcentral@usc.edu.au.

10.6. Wellbeing Services

Student Wellbeing provide free and confidential counselling on a wide range of personal, academic, social and psychological matters, to foster positive mental health and wellbeing for your academic success.

To book a confidential appointment go to [Student Hub](#), email studentwellbeing@usc.edu.au or call 07 5430 1226.

10.7. AccessAbility Services

Ability Advisers ensure equal access to all aspects of university life. If your studies are affected by a disability, learning disorder mental health issue, injury or illness, or you are a primary carer for someone with a disability or who is considered frail and aged, [AccessAbility Services](#) can provide access to appropriate reasonable adjustments and practical advice about the support and facilities available to you throughout the University.

To book a confidential appointment go to [Student Hub](#), email AccessAbility@usc.edu.au or call 07 5430 2890.

10.8. Links to relevant University policy and procedures

For more information on Academic Learning & Teaching categories including:

- Assessment: Courses and Coursework Programs
- Review of Assessment and Final Grades
- Supplementary Assessment
- Administration of Central Examinations
- Deferred Examinations
- Student Academic Misconduct
- Students with a Disability

Visit the USC website: <https://www.usc.edu.au/explore/policies-and-procedures#academic-learning-and-teaching>

10.9. Student Charter

USC is committed to excellence in teaching, research and engagement in an environment that is inclusive, inspiring, safe and respectful. The [Student Charter](#) sets out what students can expect from the University, and what in turn is expected of students, to achieve these outcomes.

10.10. General Enquiries

In person:

- **USC Sunshine Coast** - Student Central, Ground Floor, Building C, 90 Sippy Downs Drive, Sippy Downs
- **USC Moreton Bay** - Service Centre, Ground Floor, Foundation Building, Gympie Road, Petrie
- **USC SouthBank** - Student Central, Building A4 (SW1), 52 Merivale Street, South Brisbane
- **USC Gympie** - Student Central, 71 Cartwright Road, Gympie
- **USC Fraser Coast** - Student Central, Student Central, Building A, 161 Old Maryborough Rd, Hervey Bay
- **USC Caboolture** - Student Central, Level 1 Building J, Cnr Manley and Tallon Street, Caboolture

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