

DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS AK1006
2025 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

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| <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; border-radius: 15px; padding: 15px; background-color: #f0f0f0;"> <p>Pathway 1</p> <p><u>Complete 8 courses</u></p> <div style="border: 1px solid #00a0e3; background-color: #00a0e3; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0; width: 80%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;">5 Courses at Level 5-6</div> <div style="border: 1px solid #004a87; background-color: #004a87; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0; width: 80%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;">3 Courses at any level</div> </div> | <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; border-radius: 15px; padding: 15px; background-color: #f0f0f0;"> <p>Pathway 2</p> <p><u>Complete a Focus Area</u> complete 8 courses with 5 courses from one Focus Area (FA)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #00a0e3; background-color: #00a0e3; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0; width: 80%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;">3 Courses at Level 5-6</div> <div style="border: 1px solid #76b82a; background-color: #76b82a; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0; width: 80%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;">5 Focus Area Courses with 3 at Level 7</div> </div> |
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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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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

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|------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 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 2025

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

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|---------|--|----|
| 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

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| | | |
|---------|---|----|
| ECON520 | Principles of Microeconomics | L5 |
| ECON521 | Principles of Macroeconomics | L5 |
| ECON620 | Microeconomics: Choice and Welfare ^{ECON520} | L6 |
| ECON621 | Macroeconomics: Models, Data and Policy ^{ECON521} | L6 |
| ECON622 | Introduction to Econometrics | L6 |
| ECON720 | Microeconomics: Competition, Risk & Strategy ^{ECON620} | L7 |
| ECON721 | Applied Macroeconometrics ^{ECON621, ECON622} | L7 |
| ECON722 | Applied Econometrics: Causal Inference for Social Impact ^{ECON622} | L7 |

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND STRATEGY

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| 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 |

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 |

MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

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|---------|--|----|
| 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 |

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS

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|---------|---|----|
| 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 | Diversity and Inclusion for Social Impact | L7 |
| HRMG703 | Global Mobility | 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 2025

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 <small>RESTRICTION ACCT601</small> | 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 | - |
| | ECON520 | Principles of Microeconomics <small>RESTRICTION ECON502</small> | 15 | - |
| | ECON521 | Principles of Macroeconomics <small>RESTRICTION ECON502/ECON602</small> | 15 | - |
| | ENTR501 | Introduction to Entrepreneurship and Innovation | 15 | - |
| | FINA501 | Introduction to Finance | 15 | - |
| | FINA503 | Financial Analysis <small>RESTRICTION FINA607/FINA704</small> | 15 | - |
| | FINA504 | Introduction to Financial Management for Māori Business | 15 | - |
| | INTB501 | Business and Strategy in a Changing World <small>RESTRICTION BUSS506</small> | 15 | - |
| | LAWS541 | Law for New Zealand Business | 15 | - |
| | MGMT501 | Managing and Organising | 15 | - |
| | MKTG501 | Marketing Insights <small>RESTRICTION MARS501</small> | 15 | - |
| SUSE501 | Sustainability Leadership | 15 | - | |
| LEVEL 6 | ACCT602 | Financial Accounting | 15 | ACCT502 |
| | ACCT603 | Management Accounting | 15 | ACCT502 |
| | ACCT604 | Taxation <small>RESTRICTION ACCT707</small> | 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 | - |
| | ECON620 | Microeconomics: Choice and Welfare <small>RESTRICTION ECON601</small> | 15 | ECON520 |
| | ECON621 | Macroeconomics: Models, Data and Policy <small>RESTRICTION ECON602</small> | 15 | ECON521 |
| | ECON622 | Introduction to Econometrics <small>RESTRICTION ECON603</small> | 15 | - |
| | EMPL601 | Employment Relations | 15 | - |
| | ENTR601 | Māori Indigenous Entrepreneurship and Social Innovation | 15 | - |

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| 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 |

2025 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 <small>RESTRICTION INTB704</small> | 15 | - |
| INTB605 | Business Strategy | 15 | - |
| LAWS641 | Law of Business Organisations | 15 | LAWS541 |
| MGMT602 | Small and Medium Enterprise Management | 15 | - |
| MGMT603 | Leadership for Change | 15 | - |
| MGMT604 | Māori Indigenous Management and Marketing | 15 | - |
| MKTG601 | Marketing Research <small>RESTRICTION MARS601</small> | 15 | MKTG501 |
| MKTG602 | Marketing Relationships <small>RESTRICTION MARS602</small> | 15 | MKTG501 |
| MKTG603 | Consumer Behaviour <small>RESTRICTION MARS604/MARS701</small> | 15 | MKTG501 |
| SUSE602 | Managing Environmental Issues in Business | 15 | - |
| LEVEL 7 | | | |
| 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 |
| BUSS730 | Māori Indigenous Business Project | 15 | ENTR601, MGMT604 |
| ECON720 | Microeconomics: Competition, Risk and Strategy <small>RESTRICTION ECON701</small> | 15 | ECON620 |
| ECON721 | Applied Macroeconometrics | 15 | ECON621, ECON622 |
| ECON722 | Applied Econometrics: Causal Inference for Social Impact | 15 | ECON622 |
| EMPL702 | Workplace Health and Safety | 15 | - |
| EMPL704 | The Dynamics of Employment Regulations | 15 | - |
| ENTR701 | Social Entrepreneurship: Inspiring Innovation and Impact | 15 | - |
| ENTR702 | Business Models for Commercialising Innovation | 15 | - |
| FINA701 | International Corporate Finance | 15 | FINA601 or FINA602 |
| FINA702 | Financial Risk Management | 15 | FINA602 |
| FINA706 | Financial Institutions and Markets <small>RESTRICTION FINA603</small> | 15 | FINA501 or FINA605 |
| HRMG701 | Diversity and Inclusion 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 | - |
| MGMT707 | Risk Management | 15 | - |
| MGMT708 | Organising for the Future of Work | 15 | - |
| MKTG701 | Strategic Marketing <small>RESTRICTION MARS703</small> | 15 | 30pts from MKTG601/602/603 |
| MKTG702 | Integrated Marketing Communications <small>RESTRICTION MARS603/MARS707</small> | 15 | 30pts from MKTG601/602/603 |
| MKTG703 | Digital, Social Media and Mobile Marketing <small>RESTRICTION MARS708</small> | 15 | 30pts from MKTG601/602/603 |
| MKTG704 | Marketing for Social Impact | 15 | MKTG501 |
| SUSE701 | Sustainability Consultant Project | 15 | SUSE602 or any L6 with approval |

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| 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 what 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 | |
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| 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 |
| MGMT707 | Risk Management |

| DATA ANALYTICS FOR BUSINESS | |
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| 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 | |
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| 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 | |
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| 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 |
| ACCT607 | Sustainability Accounting and Reporting |
| SUSE602 | Managing Environmental Issues in Business |
| ENTR701 | Social Entrepreneurship: Inspiring Innovation and Impact |
| MGMT704 | Management for Social Impact |
| SUSE701 | Sustainability Consultant Project ^{SUSE602 or any L6 with approval} |

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|------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 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 |

Overview of Key Points

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| Your Study | <p>The DipBus is 120 points, equivalent to 1 year of full-time study / part-time equivalent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 all lectures/workshops and submitting all assessments are key to your success |
| Full-time Study | <p>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></p> |
| Part-time Study | <p>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 wish to attend a course advice session to discuss the part-time options available for you</p> |
| Time Limits | <p>The total time from first enrolment until the successful completion of all requirements must not normally exceed two years</p> |
| DipBus Requirements | <p>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</p> |
| Focus Area | <p>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</p> |
| Enrolment | <p>You can enrol prior to the semester commencing. In Weeks 1-2 you will need to contact us</p> |
| Class occurrences | <p>Courses may have more than one class to choose from in a semester and they are distinguished by a course code/occurrence, 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</p> |
| Changing occurrences | <p>You can change occurrences via Arion/MyAUT until the end of Week 1. In Week 2 you will need to contact us</p> |
| Pre-requisites & Co-requisites | <p>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</p> |
| Progression | <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> |
| Completion | <p>When you've completed all your requirements and 120 points overall for the DipBus you'll be recommended for graduation and your parchment will be posted to you. Your qualification will also be made available through My eQuals</p> |
| Progression to the Bachelor of Business | <p>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</p> |