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The Master of Science in Business at Dalhousie's [Faculty of Management](#) is a research-oriented graduate thesis program. It is a rigorous program that runs for four full-time semesters and provides you with enhanced opportunities to enter a PhD program in business administration or boost your career in industry with skills in

academic research. Students develop their skills through courses in their area of specialization and by writing a thesis.

Structure

The first two terms comprise coursework including mandatory and elective courses. If necessary, your admission committee may add one or two specific elective courses to your degree requirement. Near the end of Term 2 (before Term 3 begins), you will be matched with a supervisor who will work with you for the rest of the program. In Term 3, with the help of your supervisor, you will choose a research topic for your thesis and work on a field study for your research topic to meet the thesis requirement. In Term 4, you are expected to complete and successfully defend a publishable thesis to be considered for graduation with the degree of Master of Science in Business. If necessary, you may register for additional full-time thesis semesters (up to 8) to revise and improve your thesis.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Sep–Dec, Year 1	Jan–Apr, Year 2	May–Aug, Year 2	Sep–Dec, Year 2
Full-time coursework	Full-time coursework	Thesis research	Thesis research
Explore research topics and profs in your area	Supervisor and thesis committee decided	Ongoing thesis research	Completion of thesis research and defence

Why pursue an MSc Business at Dal?

- Our MScB program is accredited by AACSB International. Only 6% of the world's business schools hold this distinction.
- The Faculty of Management is well integrated with regional, national and international businesses, providing unique research opportunities.
- Our program is competitive. We admit only a select number of applicants per year. This gives ample time for you to have one-on-one mentoring with your thesis supervisor and other faculty, provides a small cohort of graduate students for you to interact with and learn from, and ensures an environment in which you can focus on your research skills and goals.
- You apply to a specialized area of our program, allowing you to take focused course offerings which directly relate to your thesis and scholarly interests. Choose from Finance, Management, Information Systems or Marketing. For more information on specialties of Faculty accepting students, see the list of our [faculty members](#).
- You will have access to scholars who are experts in a wide range of theories and research methodologies, and who are committed to helping you gain in-depth research experience.
- During Terms 3 and 4, you will be mentored throughout the research process, from conceptualization to data collection, analysis and writing of results for scholarly publication.
- The MSc curriculum provides a strong academic foundation in your area of specialization (see our concentrations below for a sample course plan).

Concentrations

All students must complete the following, with the required courses for each concentration:

- BUSS 7101: Research Workshop (0 credit hours) every term of the first year

- BUSS 7100: Master's Thesis (0 credit hours) every term when a student works on the thesis (typically the 3rd or 4th semesters)
 - One elective course at the graduate level (5000 or above) or the senior undergraduate level (4000) if necessary. The elective course should help improve the student's knowledge and/or skill to write their master's thesis. Please consult with your (potential) supervisor(s) about which elective course to take.
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+ Finance

+ Management

+ Marketing

+ Management Information Systems

Tuition

Please see the [tuition calculator](#) on Dalhousie University's [Money Matters](#) site.