

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

# CO-OPERATIVES MANAGEMENT AND ORGANISATION

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THE UNIVERSITY OF  
NEWCASTLE  
AUSTRALIA

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Eight in 10 Australians are members of at least one co-operatively owned enterprise\*. Equip yourself with the knowledge and tools to be part of the world's largest and fastest growing social business movement with an estimated 1.2 billion member owners^\*. The Graduate Certificate in Co-operatives Management and Organisation introduces you to co-operative solutions to contemporary business, economic, social and environmental problems.

## COURSE STRUCTURE

The Graduate Certificate includes four courses of which you must study the following three core courses:

- GSBS6411 Introduction to Co-operative Organisation and Management: the Co-operative Advantage
- LEGL6005 Co-operative Law and Governance
- GSBS6412 Social Enterprises and Co-operative Innovation

In addition, you will need to choose one directed course from a wide range of electives; either courses providing general management skills, courses with business skills relevant in the digital economy or courses to further strengthen the social and environmental benefits of the 'for purpose' business model.

You can also use your graduate certificate to transition into the Master of Business Administration (specialising in Co-operatives and Social Enterprises Management) or the Master of Environmental Law if you wish to take your postgraduate studies further. You can also apply to take an individual core course as a non-award course.

## WHY STUDY WITH US?

- **Lead the way** - co-operatives, mutuals and social enterprises are leading the way globally in the promotion of sustainable and ethical business practices, the provision of public services and building stronger communities.
- **Study anywhere, anytime** - the Graduate Certificate comprises four online courses, making it an ideal program for those who require flexible and part time study options.
- **AACSB Accreditation** - The University of Newcastle's Business School (NBS) has received AACSB Accreditation, earned by fewer than 5% of the world's business programs.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in pursuing a career in a sector that puts people before profit, the Graduate Certificate in Co-operatives Management and Organisation will give you a head start. This program will help you to leverage your existing professional experience with new skills and knowledge, to boost your career prospects. The knowledge you acquire will enhance your value as a manager in a co-operative, mutual or social enterprise or as a specialist adviser to this sector in a mainstream accounting, financial or legal organisation.

## TESTIMONIALS

"The Graduate Certificate in Co-operatives Management and Organisation has lead me into farming, community engagement and co-operatives. The program has helped me enormously with running a co-op, setting up protocols and board functions. It has instilled the need to maintain the 7 principles of the Co-op and how valuable they are to our venture.

The program introduced me to some wonderful people. As an online student I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know students and lecturers across the country and their passion for co-ops."

*Gail Stubber, Graduate Certificate in Cooperative Management and Organisation student*

"I genuinely believe [postgraduate study] widens skills and aptitude, and there is always something that I should know more about or haven't considered.

The ability to understand in greater depth the strengths, weaknesses and future developments of the mutual industry was invaluable and certainly helped my own thinking and understanding."

*Matthew Wedmaier, Graduate Certificate in Co-operatives Management and Organisation student*

"To survive in the new era of accountability and ethics demanded by the conscious consumer, business leaders need to inform themselves about new organisational forms that provides more equitable and balanced solutions in the sharing economy – education and training on the co-operative business model has never been more important for the leaders of today and tomorrow,"

*CEO Melina Morrison, Business Council of Co-operatives and Mutuals, Australia.*



**DURATION:**  
1 YEAR PART-TIME



**MODE:**  
ONLINE



**INTAKE:**  
TRIMESTER 1, 2019

**NEW DOESN'T JUST HAPPEN, IT NEEDS THE RIGHT PEOPLE TO CHASE IT. MAYBE THAT'S YOU?**

For more detailed course information and admission requirements visit:  
[newcastle.edu.au/degrees/graduate-certificate-co-operatives-management-organisation](http://newcastle.edu.au/degrees/graduate-certificate-co-operatives-management-organisation)



\*BCCM (2017) National Mutual Economy Report 2017. ^Eurisce/ICA (2017) World Co-operative Monitor 2017.