BACHELOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(BUSINESS SERVICES)
INTERVIEW CRITERIA

General information

The Bachelor of Information Technology (Business Services) degree offers students an accredited Information Technology degree as well as integrated industry placement with a partner company.

Applicants for the degree will be required to provide an additional application form in addition to completing the normal enrolment forms, and submit these by the due date (typically in November each year). Applicants will also undertake an interview with representatives of Charles Sturt University and partner organisations.

The interview will assess the applicant’s suitability for a position in the degree by considering issues such as those listed below. It should be noted that this is not a list of expected requirements. The list is provided to help applicants see what the interview panel might be interested in.

Academic performance and potential

The interview panel will be interested in an applicant’s previous academic study and that may include any of the following:

- An applicant’s academic performance in their high school study, using their ATAR ranking
- The nature, difficulty and relevance and marks or grades of subjects studied at school. Study of the high school Computing Studies subjects is not required, but is seen as useful; studies in higher levels of Mathematics and English are also not required but are considered advantageous
- Any academic studies undertaken in other institutions such as TAFE colleges or Community colleges. Results of any such studies should be made available on request

Personal communication skills and citizenship

Employment and teamwork in a professional setting requires reasonable communication and interactive skills. The panel may be interested in any of the following:

- The applicant’s ability to speak and write clearly and sensibly, and to maintain, concentrate on, and contribute to a topic of conversation
- The ability to make decisions, answer questions, express opinions and form sensible arguments
- The presence of any personal references or recommendations from sporting bodies, volunteer organisations or community groups, mentors etc
- A presentable appearance and prompt attendance
- The ability to state any ambitions, goals and preferences for the future

Awareness of the degree and partner operations

Applicants are not expected to study in detail the degree itself or any of the partner companies but a general awareness of these would be favourable. Applicants may wish to consider:

- An awareness of the names of the partner companies and the nature of their operations.
- Where companies are situated.
- An awareness of the nature of the Bachelor of Information Technology (Business Services) degree, its
aims, length, and structure.

- Applicants are encouraged to express an opinion or a preference about which of the partner organisations they may wish to align with in their industry placement.

**Willingness to study and work in Bathurst**

The Bachelor of Information Technology (Business Services) includes work placement within partner organisations during the teaching session. Also, one of the expectations of these organisations is that students may become full time employees on graduation. For these reasons, some of the following may be important:

- The applicant’s willingness to do on-campus full-time study in Bathurst
- The applicant’s willingness to be part of Business Services activities such as meetings, visits, tours etc
- The applicant’s willingness to meet and work with representatives from the partner organisations
- The possibility that the applicant may be interested in future full-time work with one of the partner organisations

The above information is presented as a guide to applicants. If more information is required, applicants should contact the Course Director for the Bachelor of Information Technology (Business Services).

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