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Dear B Finance combined degree student,

**RE: B Finance**

You may be aware that in 2007 all of the undergraduate business programs were reviewed as part of the University's regular review cycle. Consequently, there have been some changes to programs and courses for students **commencing in 2008**. As a current student you will complete under the rules of the program when you started, however the details of the 2008 changes to each program have been included below for your information.

Program	What is staying the same?	What is new?
<u>B.Business</u>	<p><b>Majors-</b> International Business, Human Resource Management, Management &amp; Marketing</p> <p><b>Courses-</b> Many courses remain substantially the same but may have a new code and title. Students must not repeat courses that they have already successfully completed, even if they have a new name and code.</p>	<p><b>Majors-</b> A major in Tourism has been added. eBusiness is being revised to become a major in Operations &amp; Information Technology to commence in 2009. The courses in this Major do not affect first year.</p> <p><b>Courses-</b> Some additional compulsory courses have been added so that the program now has a Core of 110 units: 60 at first year, 40 at second year and 10 at third year. There is a new course at third year which enables high performing students to complete a professional placement.</p> <p><b>Location-</b> This program will also be taught at the Central Coast with Majors in HRM, Management and Marketing.</p>
<u>B.Commerce</u>	<p><b>Majors-</b> Finance.</p> <p><b>Courses-</b> Many courses remain substantially the same but may have a new code and title. Students must not repeat courses that they have already successfully completed, even if they have a new name and code.</p> <p><b>Accreditation-</b> The program will maintain its current accreditation.</p>	<p><b>Majors-</b> A major in Economics has been added. The Management Accounting and Financial Accounting Majors have now merged to become a major in Accounting.</p> <p><b>Courses-</b> Some additional compulsory courses have been added so that the program now has a Core of 110 units: 60 at first year, 40 at second year and 10 at third year.</p> <p><b>Location-</b> This program will also be taught at the Central Coast with a Major in Accounting.</p>

The Bachelor of Economics, Bachelor of Finance and Bachelor of Management will no longer be offered to commencing students.

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The Faculty is introducing its new Business and Commerce programs gradually, to cause as little disruption to current students as possible. In 2008, you will notice that many of the 1000 level (first year) course codes and names have changed. To check for equivalences you should refer to the 2008 Course Equivalences sheet included with this letter. If you have successfully completed a course in the pre-2008 list you must not complete its equivalent in the 2008 list as it will not be counted towards your program. If you have not yet completed, or have failed a course from the pre-2008 list you should enrol in its equivalent.

Student Hubs staff for the Faculty will work with students individually who require additional assistance to complete their programs. As a general plan, in order to optimise your choices, the Faculty recommends the following pattern of enrolment for fulltime B. Finance students who have already completed Year 1 of their program:

	<b>Business Finance Major</b>	<b>Quantitative Finance Major</b>
<b>Semester 1</b>	ACFI2070 Business Finance (P) ECON2390 Business Economics (P) 10 unit elective (eg ACFI2010) (E) 10 unit elective (eg ACFI2030 or LEGL2002) (E)	ACFI2070 Business Finance (P) ECON2390 Business Economics (P) MATH2310 Calculus of Science & Engineering (P) STAT2000 (replaces STAT2020) (P)
<b>Semester 2</b>	ACFI2080 Corporate Finance (P) 10 unit elective (eg ACFI2020) (E) 10 unit elective (eg ACFI2040) (E) 10 unit elective (eg ACFI2200) (E)	ACFI2080 Corporate Finance (P) 10 unit elective (eg ACFI2020) (E) 10 unit elective (eg ACFI2040) (E) 10 unit elective (eg ACFI2200) (E)

'P' in the above table represents Prescribed and means that this course is required for your program. 'E' represents Elective. Some of these courses may be required for accreditation purposes. Part-time students are encouraged to focus on completing the courses which are shaded in 2008.

Re-enrolling students will notice that ECON3230 Financial Economics is no longer available. The Faculty has given approval for B.Finance students who require ECON3230 Financial Economics for their major to replace this course with ACFI3190 Financial Institutions Risk Management. Also, students who have not yet completed ACFI1020 are strongly encouraged to enrol in this course in 2008.

The Faculty is conducting several student information forums in the week 26 - 30 November 2007 for students who have questions about the above information or their 2008 enrolment. Academic and student services staff will be present at the forums. The dates and times for the B.Finance student forums are as follows:

**10-11am on Monday 26 November in SRLT1**  
and repeated  
**1-2pm on Wednesday 28 November in SRLT1**

Should you require further information regarding your enrolment in 2008, please do not hesitate to contact Alison Farrar at [Alison.Farrar@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:Alison.Farrar@newcastle.edu.au) or phone (02) 498 54351 or the Student Hubs at [enquirycentre@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:enquirycentre@newcastle.edu.au) or phone (02) 492 15000.

Sincerely



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