



SCHOOL OF BUSINESS - Advanced Standing (also called Recognition of Prior Learning, RPL)

Advanced standing reduces the overall duration of the degree.

At SGSM students may have their prior learning recognised. Advanced Standing in a program may be approved when the student shows they have sufficient knowledge of the topic. The student will then be credited with course credits and advised of any relevant exemptions from their program, thus reducing the overall length of the program. Through the process of Advanced Standing we determine the amount of credit that may be awarded towards units of study in an SGSM course, reducing the amount of learning (in months or years) required for completion.

In all cases Advanced Standing can only be given for up to 50% of a program at the School's discretion, and will only be given under two conditions:

About Advanced Standing

1. SGSM can help lessen the number of units you need to study to be awarded your qualification. If you have completed another tertiary qualification, or even part of a qualification or units within a course at an approved university you may be eligible to apply for Advanced Standing. This is sometimes referred to as credit or recognition of prior learning.
2. If you believe you have prior learning relevant to one or more units (subjects) within a SGSM course, you are able to be assessed for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) by providing documentary evidence demonstrating the level of knowledge, skills and expertise you have previously acquired, via our advanced standing process.

On what basis can you apply for advanced standing?

Depending on SGSM course requirements you may apply for advanced standing on the basis of:

- Recognition of formal and non-formal learning
- Credit may be awarded to a student for formal learning (gained through full or partial achievement of an accredited qualification or course) or non-formal learning (that takes place through a non-accredited course or program of learning) completed at Western Sydney University or in other learning settings in Australia and/or overseas;

An application for advanced standing must be submitted to be able to assess your prior learning. Credit in the form of credit points is the value SGSM assigns for the recognition of equivalence in content and learning outcomes.