

GLOBAL EXECUTIVE MBA (DEFENCE AND SPACE)

An international, defence and space focused MBA

The global defence and space industries are rapidly evolving, with sophisticated technological innovation, globalisation and shifting power balances all changing the face of the sector.

A unique collaboration with experts in the UK and the US, the University of South Australia's (UniSA) Global Executive MBA (Defence and Space) meets the workforce development needs of an expanding industry.

This tailored MBA program is designed for senior leaders, personnel and public servants in the defence and space sectors who are shaping the future of these industries on an international scale.

Program structure

The 18-month program is delivered across three countries: Australia, the US and the UK. It comprises intensive in-country residentials delivered by local defence experts in these countries, interspersed with high quality online learning.

The curriculum is tailored to the defence and space industries, and features internationally recognised industry speakers and case studies.

The program covers industry-specific topics, including cybersecurity, space systems, and complex defence project management, along with core business topics in leadership, strategy and finance.

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Applicant profile

The Global Executive MBA (Defence and Space) is for experienced managers and senior enterprising leaders, including:

- Defence and space specialists transitioning to senior management/executive roles
- Senior managers in government who oversee defence and space-related portfolios
- Senior managers from adjacent industries working with, or transitioning to, the defence and space sector
- Serving and former defence personnel and veterans seeking to develop their careers.

Applicants who are citizens of any of the "Five Eyes" and other allied nations will be eligible to apply.





First intensive Adelaide, Australia 2 weeks	Online coursework 6 weeks for each course	Second intensive London &/or Exeter, United Kingdom 2 weeks	Online coursework 6 weeks for each course	Third intensive Washington D.C. & Pittsburgh, United States 2 weeks	Strategic industry project Synthesise knowledge gained throughout program
Topics include: • Enterprise leadership and managing global teams • Strategy in the age of digital disruption	Topics include: • Strategic finance and economics for defence • Cybersecurity and security systems	Topics include: Defence industry procurement, acquisition and lifecycle management Influence, negotiation and stakeholder management	Topics include: • Delivering complex programs • Space systems	Topics include: • Global security, geopolitics and defence cooperation • Innovation, growth and entrepreneurship	Capstone project: • a complex, major procurement project integrating all elements of the program, focused on the defence and space industry • Equivalent to 2 courses

Why UniSA's Global Executive MBA (Defence and Space)?

The defence and space industries are growing exponentially, with an unprecedented level of defence acquisition in Australia and internationally. Long term partnerships between Australia, the US and the UK, including the AUKUS partnership, have led to the need for greater collaboration, as well as a shared understanding of global supply chains, geopolitical dynamics and localised defence requirements.

UniSA has a reputation as one of Australia's leading defence research universities. With industry-informed teaching and more than 2,500 international partners, we work collaboratively to deliver positive outcomes on sector-related challenges.

The Global Executive MBA (Defence and Space) offers curriculum informed by input from world-leading defence policy institutes and thinktanks, who lead global debate on defence and space topics. Delivered by UniSA, the University of Exeter (UK), and Carnegie Mellon University (US), the program addresses the current market and emerging issues. It provides invaluable international networking opportunities with industry experts and peers.

Graduates of the program will be well-placed to excel as industry leaders at senior management level, with a comprehensive body of knowledge of defence and space sector developments, challenges and solutions.









