

Graduate Diploma of Spatial Science Technology (GDST) - GradDipSpScTech

CRICOS code (International applicants): 072982E

	On-campus	Distance education
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)
Campus:	Toowoomba	-
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	2 semesters full-time or 4 semesters part-time or by distance learning	
Program articulation:	From: Graduate Certificate in Spatial Science Technology To: Master of Spatial Science Technology	

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Program focus

The program is intended to enable students who already hold an undergraduate qualification in another field to develop or extend their knowledge in either surveying or in geographic information systems. The Graduate Diploma program is designed for those wishing to build competencies across a broader discipline area, than the Graduate Certificate in Spatial Science Technology.

Professional accreditation

The [Graduate Diploma of Spatial Science Technology](#) is not accredited by any professional bodies other than the University of Southern Queensland.

Program objectives

Students who successfully complete the Graduate Diploma of Spatial Science Technology majoring in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) will be able to demonstrate:

- an understanding of the concept of spatial and geographic information systems
- familiarity with the analysis and management of spatial information
- an awareness of potential applications and limitations of geographic information systems
- an understanding of the capture, conversion and output of geographic information
- a knowledge of geographic information systems at an advanced level
- a professional standard of communication
- a knowledge of the professional journals and other information sources relevant to geographic information systems

Students who successfully complete the Graduate Diploma of Spatial Science Technology majoring in Surveying will be able to demonstrate:

- a capacity for the analysis, evaluation and synthesis of surveying related systems
- enhanced technical skills in surveying technology
- an awareness of the current surveying practices and methods
- a knowledge of surveying practice at an advanced level
- a professional standard of communication
- a knowledge of the professional journals and other information sources relevant to the specialised area of surveying and spatial sciences

Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission to the program candidates must possess a three or four year undergraduate degree, or equivalent, in an approved discipline. Overseas candidates must possess a degree in an approved discipline recognised by the National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (NOOSR) as awarding degrees that are comparable to the education level of an Australian bachelor degree. International applicants must also comply with the University requirements for competency in spoken and written English.

How to apply

Domestic students

[Application for postgraduate programs](#) may be made directly to USQ.

International students

This program is offered to international students. An international student is a person who is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen and not an Australian permanent resident. Please refer to [USQ International](#) for information about entry requirements, visa arrangements and how to apply.

Program fees

Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of your higher education and you as a student pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#). Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [HECS-HELP](#).

Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who reside outside Australia pay full tuition fees.

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#).

International full fee paying place

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Program structure

The Graduate Diploma of Spatial Science Technology consists of eight courses and is a one year full time on-campus program that may also be studied externally over two years. The maximum time for completion is two years for a full-time student and four years for a part-time external student.

Students may commence their studies at the beginning of either Semester 1 or Semester 2. Students may select one of the two majors in the program, either geographic information systems or surveying. The courses offered

