

Postgraduate Certificate in Sustainability Science (PCSS) - PGCSustSci

	Distance education
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)
Fees:	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	1 year part-time
Program articulation:	To: Master of Sustainability Science

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Program focus

Modern environment and natural resource management requires the integration of social, environmental and economic research within an interdisciplinary planning and policy framework. It also requires a capacity to handle complexity and uncertainty and the application of different methods of analysis and different approaches to governance and community engagement. This postgraduate program addresses these needs by providing environmental and resource managers and other professionals with core studies to enhance their skills and knowledge in the emerging discipline of sustainability science.

Program aims

This program aims to provide professionals in environmental and resource management and related fields, with appropriate formal instruction to enhance their skills and knowledge in the emerging discipline of sustainability science.

Program objectives

On completion of the program graduates will be able to:

- understand the principles and approaches of sustainability
- integrate the scientific foundations for sustainable development through environmental, social and economic disciplines
- critically analyse multi-disciplinary information and data to provide informed decision-making in relation to resource management
- critically assess the emerging approaches to policy development and institutional arrangements to support sustainability
- identify and apply effective methods of community engagement
- manage complex decision-making in the face of risk and uncertainty.

Admission requirements

To be considered for entry, applicants must hold a three-year Bachelor's degree from an Australian University or equivalent.

A formal process of Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL) will be used to assess applicants without Bachelor degrees, who wish to gain entry to the program on the basis of equivalent experience or qualifications.

Applicants should contact the Program Coordinator if they wish to be assessed for admission on this basis.

International Applicants

International applicants must have met the [University's English language](#) requirements or have completed the [University's ELICOS/EAP programs](#).

How to apply

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IT requirements

Students should visit the USQ [minimum computing standards](#)