Bachelor of Spatial Science Technology (BSST) - BSpScTech

QTAC code (Australian and New Zealand applicants): Unspecified (Toowoomba campus: 907802; Distance education: 907805); Surveying (Springfield campus: 927801)

CRICOS code (International applicants): 053512D

Program objectives

A student who successfully completes the Bachelor of Spatial Science Technology should be able to demonstrate:

- a broad knowledge of basic scientific and technical skills
- a level of computer literacy skills appropriate to their field of study
- appropriate written and oral communication skills
- the capacity to analyse technical problems and propose solutions
- an understanding of, and the ability to undertake, the processes required to collect, store, and manipulate a variety of spatial data
- a capacity to adapt to change and to master new technologies as they emerge
- an understanding of the natural, social, professional, industrial and technical environments in which they will practice
- the skills required to access information and an aptitude to undertake further learning and study
- a knowledge of surveying or spatial information systems of sufficient depth to gain employment, certification and, where appropriate, registration as a Graduate Surveyor or GIS Spatial Scientist.

Admission requirements

Applicants shall normally:

- have studied four semester units and achieved an exit assessment of 'Sound Achievement' or better in the Queensland Senior Secondary School subjects: English and Mathematics B.

or

- be able to demonstrate that they have achieved an equivalent standard in these subjects at another institution

and

- **Australian applicants:** have achieved a Queensland Overall Position (OP) band, or an equivalent Rank based on qualifications and previous work experience, at or above the specified cut-off level

Domestic and International Applicants from a non-English speaking background are required to satisfy English language requirements.

If you do not meet the English language requirements you may apply to study a University-approved English language program. On successful completion of the English language program, Applicants may be admitted to an Award Program.

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.

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called FEE-HELP provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for 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 Bachelor of Spatial Science Technology is a 24 unit program consisting of Academic Courses and Practice Courses.

Academic courses are one-unit courses and involve approximately 155 hours of student work per unit.

Practice courses are zero unit courses and each involves approximately 50 hours of student work.

Required time limits

Full-time students have a maximum of five years to complete this program. Part-time students have a maximum of eight years to complete this program.

A pro-rata adjustment of the maximum time period will apply for those students who transfer from one mode of study to another. A pro-rata reduction in the maximum time period will apply to students who are admitted to a program with advanced standing.

Elective courses

Elective courses are part of the Academic program and students should select Elective courses from the list of Elective choices provided. Students may undertake one appropriate level five or level eight course in the program or course from the Engineering, Spatial Science or Construction areas, with the approval of the Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences.

Practical experience

Work experience is desirable and encouraged but is not required for the completion of the Bachelor of Spatial Science Technology program. Students are encouraged to obtain work experience during vacation periods.

IT requirements

Access to an up-to-date computer is necessary. On-campus students can access appropriately equipped laboratories, but should consider acquisition of their own computer. External students should be able to access a computer with the following minimum standards as advised by the University. All students should have access to email and the Internet via a computer running the latest versions of Internet web browsers such as Internet Explorer or Firefox. The University has a wireless network for on-campus students' computers. In order to take advantage of this facility and further enhance their on-campus learning environment, students should consider purchasing a notebook/laptop computer with wireless connectivity. Specialist software is required for some courses.

Residential schools

Students are required to undertake practical and professional activities relevant to their program through enrolment in a series of **Practice courses** in the program. Practice courses are zero unit courses that may be undertaken in either on-campus or external mode and the final grades available are Pass (P)/Fail (F) only. They are a compulsory part of the program and do not attract a student contribution charge for Australian residents or a tuition fee for international students. The recommended enrolment schedule for Practice courses is shown in the Recommended Enrolment P

equipment is compulsory in many engineering, construction and spatial science laboratories, students should confirm the requirements before attending residential schools for Practice courses.

Students who enrol in on-campus mode for Practice courses normally undertake a series of weekly activities and/or attend a compulsory residential school.

Articulation

Students can articulate into the Bachelor of Spatial Science (Honours) program.

Exit points

Students who, for whatever reason, are unable to complete the Bachelor of Spatial Science Technology and who satisfy all of the requirements of either the Associate Degree of Spatial Science or Diploma of Engineering Studies may be permitted to exit with that award.

Credit

Exemptions/credit will be assessed based on the USQ Credit and Exemption Procedure.

Geographic Information Systems Major recommended enrolment pattern

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

To satisfy the requirements of the program students must complete all of the Academic and Practice Courses in the following table that shows the recommended enrolment patterns for on-campus and external students. Students following a non-standard enrolment pattern should consult the course synopses section of this Handbook to ascertain if a course is offered in another term.

Major study: Geographic Information Systems (Major Study Code: 15405)							
Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied					Residential school (compulsory /optional)	Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
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Major study: Surveying (Major Study Code: 15406)								
Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Residential school (compulsory /optional)	Enrolment requirements
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