# **Bachelor of Spatial Science (BSPS) - BSpSc**

QTAC code (Australian and New Zealand applicants): Unspecified (Toowoomba campus: 907222; External: 907225); Urban & Regional Planning (Toowoomba campus: 907232; External: 907235)

CRICOS code (International applicants): 053511E

This program is offered only to continuing students. No new admissions will be accepted. Students who are interested in this study area should consider the Bachelor of Spatial Science (Honours) which will be offered from S1 2014.

	On-campus	External  No new admissions				
Semester intake:	No new admissions					
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:	4 years full-time, 8 years part-time or exte	ernal				
Program articulation:	From: Associate Degree of Spatial Science	e; Bachelor of Spatial Science Technology				

In addition, students obtain knowledge of the natural, legal, commercial, industrial and social environments in which they will function as professionals. The program instils in students the need for continuing professional development and gives them the ability to adapt to change.

The program is designed to identify, and award honours to, students who have the capacity to undertake study at an advanced level and to make an original contribution to the fundamental science and practice of spatial science. The award of honours will be determined by academic performance and is normally based on a student's grade point average (GPA).

## **Program objectives**

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

- a broad knowledge of basic scientific and technical skills
- a high level of computer literacy skills appropriate to their field of study
- a high level of written and oral communication skills
- a capacity for analysis, evaluation and synthesis
- an understanding of, and ability to undertake, the processes required to collect, store, and manipulate a variety of spatial data
- a capacity to adapt to change and to apply innovation
- an understanding of the natural, social, professional, industrial and technical environments in which they will practice
- a knowledge of professional journals and other information sources related to the spatial science industry, the skills required to access information from those sources, and an aptitude to undertake further learning and study
- an ability to undertake applied research in a field of the spatial science discipline
- a knowledge of the financial and management principles and practices that are used to manage a professional office
- a knowledge of surveying, spatial information systems or urban and regional planning of sufficient depth to gain employment, certification and, where appropriate, registration as a Professional Surveyor, Spatial Scientist or Planner.

## **Admission requirements**

#### **Applicants shall normally:**

• Geographic Information Systems and Surveying majors: have studied four semester units and achieved an exit assessment of 'Sound Achievement' or better in each of the following Queensland Senior Secondary School subjects: English and Mathematics B. It is recommended that applicants should also hav

### **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 is a 32-unit program consisting of Academic courses and Practice courses.

Academic courses are normally 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. The only grades available for a Practice Course are Pass (P) and Fail (F). A Practice Course is designed to enable students to acquire specific competencies associated with their major study. The competencies range from specific practical and communication skills through to generic competencies relating to ethical and social responsibility, a, a

## **Practical experience**

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

## IT requirements

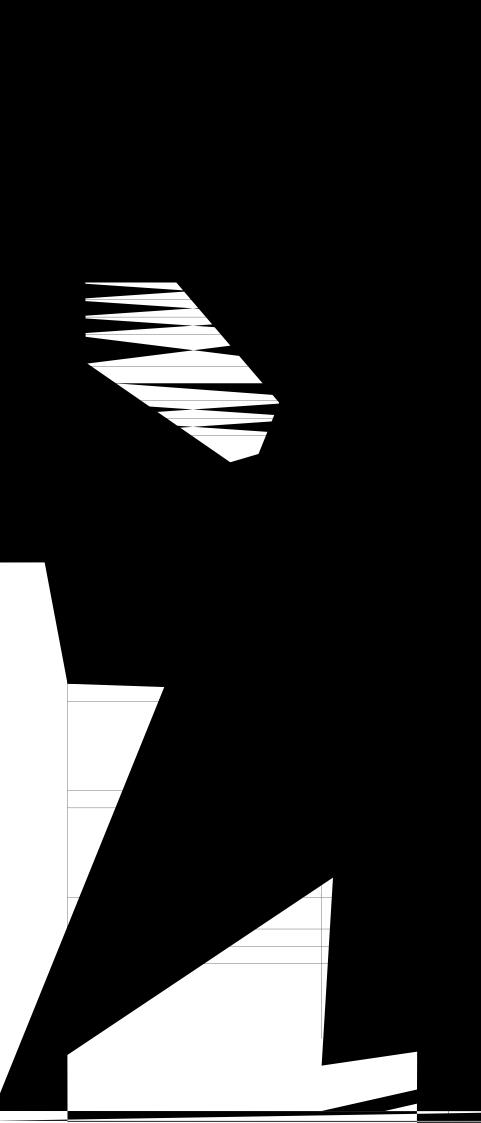
Access to an up-to-date computer is necessary. On-campus students can access appropriately equipped laboratories, but should consider acquisition of their own computer. External students should be able to access a computer with the following minimum standards as advised by the University. All students should have

The programs in Surveying, Geographic Information Systems and Urban and Regional Planning also articulate to and from each other and enable students to move between Surveying, Geographic Information Systems and Regional Planning degrees, whilst still retaining a significant amount of credit.

Prospective students who wish to upgrade an existing qualification should contact the Faculty to obtain information about likely exemptions and recommended enrolment patterns for their upgrade program.

## **Exit points**

Students who, for whatever reason, are unable to complete the Bachelor of Spatial Science and who satisfy all of the requirements of either the Bachelor of Spatial Science Technology, the Associate Degree of Spatial Science or the





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#### **Footnotes**

- It is recommended that these courses are undertaken in the same academic year.
- It is recommended that students in the Bachelor of Spatial Science should have completed ENG3902 prior to undertaking this course. It is recommended that students in the Bachelor of Spatial Science should also be enrolled in ENG4903 while undertaking this course. ++ #
- Students who have completed GIS2901 do not need to undertake SVY2902.
- Students who have completed GIS3901 do not need to undertake SVY2903.
- The semester 3 offering of this course is offered in odd numbered years only. Replaces MAT1502 in the pre

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