# Bachelor of Spatial Science Technology (BSST) - BSpScTech QTAC code (Australian and New Zealand applicants): Unspecifi

# **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.

# **Australian Qualifications Framework**

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a single national, comprehensive system of qualifications offered by higher education institutions (including universities), vocational education and training institutions and secondary schools. Each AQF qualification has a set of descriptors which define the type and complexity of knowledge, skills and application of knowledge and skills that a graduate who has been awarded that qualification has attained, and the typical volume of learning associated with that qualification type.

This program is at AQF Qualification Level 07. Graduates at this level will have broad and coherent knowledge and skills for professional work and/or further learning.

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting www.aqf.edu.au.

# 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

All students are required to satisfy the applicable 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, you 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.

# **Electives/Approved courses**

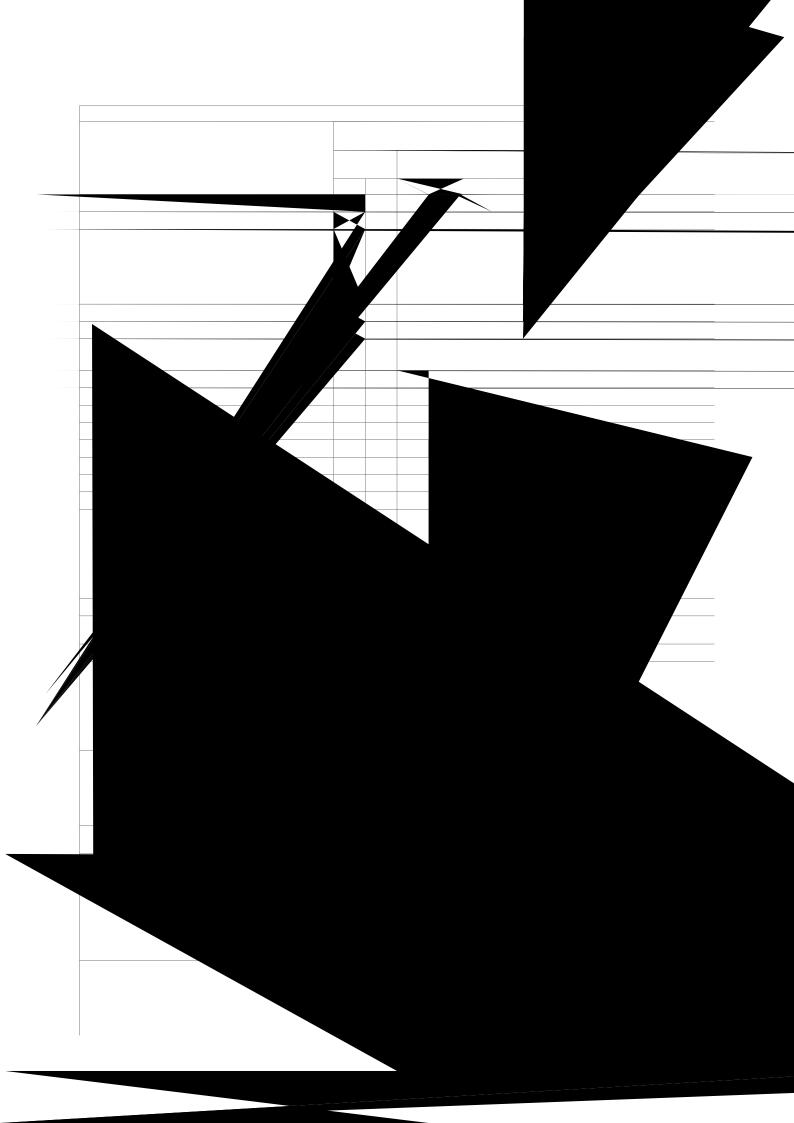
Elective courses are part of the Academic program and students should select Elective courses from the list of Elective choices provided. Students may undertake one appropriate level five or level eight course in the program or course from the Engineering, Spatial Science or Construction areas, with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

#### **Practical experience**

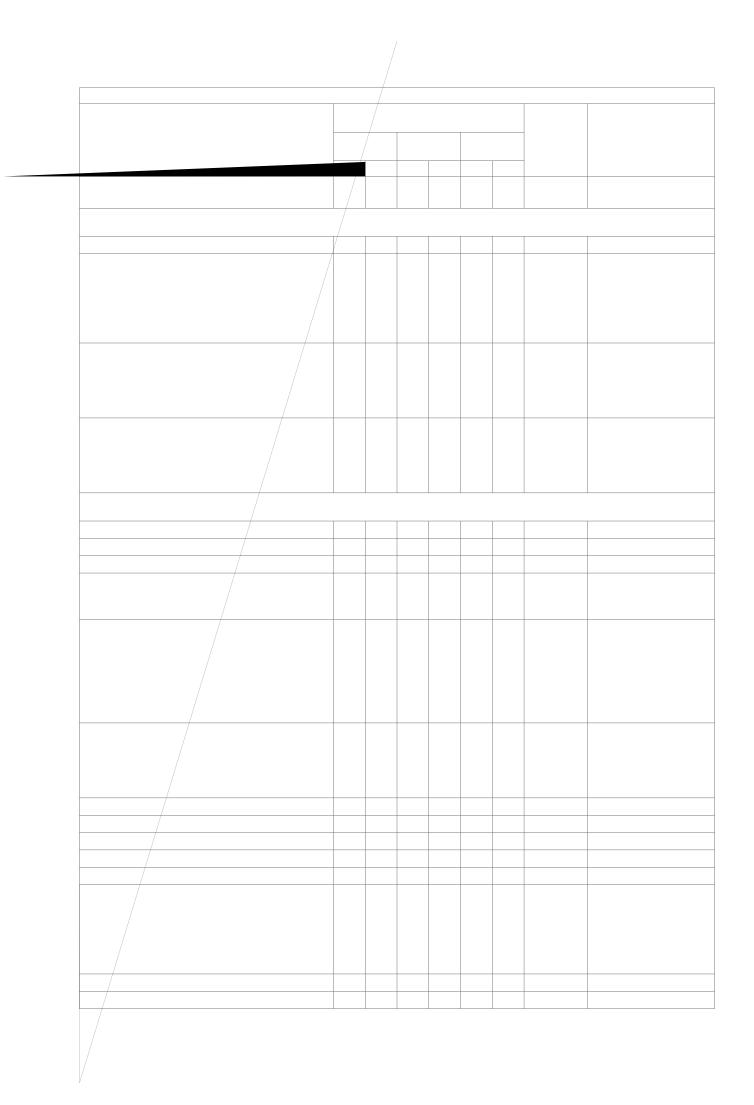
Work experience is desirable and encouraged but is not required for the completion of the Bachelor of Spatial Science Technology program. Students are encouraged to obtain work experience during vacation periods.

# **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.



Major study: Geographic Information Systems (Major Study Code: 15405)								
Course			normal	ly studi	ed	Residential school	Enrolment requireme55ts t	
	On-ca	On-campus		External (EXT)		line NL)	(compulsory /optional)	

Consult the Handbook on the Web at http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/current for any updates that may occur during the year. Bachelor of Spatial Science Technology (BSST) - BSpScTech (2016)

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

^ On-campus students should enrol in the external offering of this course.

\* This course will be introduced in 2017