

# Postgraduate Certificate of Sustainability Science (PCSS) - PGCSustSci

This program is offered only to continuing students. No new admissions will be accepted. Students who are interested in this area should consider the [Graduate Certificate of Science \(Environment & Sustainability specialisation\)](#).

	External*
<b>Semester intake:</b>	No new admissions
<b>Fees:</b>	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
<b>Standard duration:</b>	1 year part-time
<b>Program articulation:</b>	To: <a href="#">Master of Science</a>

## Footnotes

\* Students who commenced the Postgraduate Certificate of Sustainability Science prior to Semester 2 2013 may articulate to the Master of Sustainability Science, with completion of further courses, as required by that program. The last intake for the Master of Sustainability Science was Semester 1 2013. Students who commenced the Postgraduate Certificate of Sustainability Science in Semester 2 2013 may articulate to the Master of Science (Environment and Sustainability), with completion of further courses, as required by that program.

## Contact us

Current students
<a href="#">Ask a question</a> Freecall (within Australia): 1800 007 252 Phone (from outside Australia): +61 7 4631 2285 Email: <a href="mailto:usq.support@usq.edu.au">usq.support@usq.edu.au</a>

## 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 Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences if they wish to be assessed for admission on this basis.

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**

### **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 the

Students must advise the Faculty in writing ([sciences.support@usq.edu.au](mailto:sciences.support@usq.edu.au)) of their intention to articulate and this must occur prior to graduation from the PCSS. If a student is articulating to the higher degree, they will apply to that higher degree and will only graduate from that higher degree.

### **Credit**

No exemptions will be granted towards this award.

### **Course transfers**

Transfer of credit for completed USQ courses from incomplete programs to the Postgraduate Certificate of Sustainability Science program will be allowed in accordance with USQ regulations provided the courses in question are compatible with the requirements for the Postgraduate Certificate of Sustainability Science.

### **Recommended enrolment pattern - Part-time**

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.

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