

Associate Degree of Commerce

QTAC code (Australian and New Zealand)

CRICOS code (International applications)

Start:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)
Campus:	Springfield
Fees:	Commonwealth Domestic full-time International full-time
Standard duration:	2 years full-time
Program articulation:	To: Bachelor of Commerce

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- apply building principles and methods;
- prepare documentation for building development and construction;
- liaise with other members of the building team, clients and other external stakeholders;
- apply relevant legislation and technical standards at the appropriate level in building construction;
- accept a level of responsibility for the practical and logistical aspects of the human relations, resources, scheduling, quality control, environmental factors and social impacts involved in a building project.

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 06. Graduates at this level will have broad knowledge and skills for paraprofessional/highly skilled work and/or further learning.

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

Program Information Set

View USQ's admission criteria, student profiles and a summary of all offers made under [Course Admission Information Set](#) via the QTAC website.

the courses undertaken. Students 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. Students 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. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Program structure

The Associate Degree of Construction is a 16 unit program consisting of Academic courses and Practice courses comprising a core major study component and a minor study. The Associate Degree of Construction comprises either two years of full-time study or four years of part-time study.

The components of the program are shown in the following table:

Program Component	Academic Courses		Practice Courses	
	Number of Courses	Units	Number of Courses	Units
Core Major Study	12	12	3	0
Minor Study	4	4		
Total	16	16	3	0

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 6 years to complete this program.

Core courses

The courses that comprise the core major study program are listed in the following table:

Courses	Units
Academic Courses	
ENG1002 Introduction to Engineering and Built Environment Applications	1
ENM1500 Introductory Engineering Mathematics	1
CMG1001 Introduction to Construction Management and the Built Environment	1
ENG1100 Introduction to Engineering Design	1
ENG1003 Problem Solving in Engineering and the Built Environment	1
CMG1002 Residential Construction: Methods, Materials and Management	1
CMG2001 Job Organisation	1

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 Pattern for the program in this Handbook.

External students must attend a number of residential schools during their program to obtain experience in practical and professional activities appropriate to the program. The residential schools are included in Practice courses which are conducted in Semester 3 or during the recess periods. The dates for each residential school Practice course are shown in the [Residential School Schedule](#) in this Handbook and external students should ensure they are able to attend the residential school prior to enrolling in a Practice course. Personal protective 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 articulate into the [Bachelor of Construction \(Honours\)](#) program.

Exit points

Students who, for whatever reason, are unable to complete the Associate Degree of Construction, and who satisfy all of the requirements of the [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](#).

Work Experience

Work and industrial experience that has not been formally assessed, does not normally qualify for course credit in the Associate Degree of Construction program. Existing work experience may be used to satisfy the practical/work experience requirements when completing the [ENG2909 Work Experience - Associate](#) practice course.

Honours

Honours will not be awarded in this program.

Other information

Full-time, on-campus students may, with the permission of the Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences, undertake courses by external study. This may be desirable if students wish to extend the range of courses open to them in the Approved course areas.

In exceptional cases, the Faculty may permit a student to enrol in an approved course other than those specified for the accredited program, provided the course is drawn from another accredited associate degree program in the area of Engineering and Built Environment. **Students who wish to enrol in courses other than those listed, must obtain written approval prior to enrolling in the course.**

To satisfy the requirements of the program students must complete all of the Academic courses and the Practice courses in the following tables that show the recommended enrolment patterns for on-campus and external students. Students following a non-standard enrolment pattern should consult the [course specification](#) to ascertain if a course is offered in another term

Transdisciplinary Minor 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.

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Students undertaking a Transdisciplinary minor should choose four (4) courses from the other two minors, subject to any requisite requirements:

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Choose a course from the other two minors	2	2				
Choose a course from the other two minors	1	1				
Choose a course from the other two minors	1	1				
Choose a course from the other two minors	2	2				