

## Postgraduate Certificate in Sustainability Science (PCSS) - PGCSustSci

	Distance education
<b>Semester intake:</b>	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)
<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 Sustainability Science</a>

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### Program focus

Modern environment and natural resource management requires the integration of social, environmental and economic research within an interdisciplinary planning and policy framework. It also requires a capacity to handle complexity and uncertainty and the application of different methods of analysis and different approaches to governance and community engagement. This postgraduate program addresses these needs by providing environmental and resource managers and other professionals with core studies to enhance their skills and knowledge in the emerging discipline of sustainability science.

### 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 Program Coordinator if they wish to be assessed for admission on this basis.

## International Applicants

International applicants must have met the [University's English language](#) requirements or have completed the [University's ELICOS/EAP programs](#).

## How to apply

### Domestic students

[Application for postgraduate programs](#) may be made directly to USQ.

### International students

This program is offered to international students. An international student is a person who is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen and not an Australian permanent resident. Please refer to [USQ International](#) for information about entry requirements, visa arrangements and how to apply.

## 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](#).

Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who reside outside Australia pay full tuition fees.

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [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 Postgraduate Certificate in Sustainability Science program contains four compulsory Level 8 courses of one unit each. With the approval of the Program Coordinator, students may apply to vary their program on the basis of prior study.

To qualify for the award of Postgraduate Certificate in Sustainability Science, a candidate must complete the following Level 8 courses within three years of first admission to the program: [REN8101 Environment, Society and Sustainability](#); [POL8013 Environmental Politics and Policy](#); [REN8202 Conservation for Sustainable Futures](#) and [ECO8012 Tools and Techniques for Sustainable Development](#).

The Program Coordinator's approval must be obtained before any courses not listed above may be credited towards the program.

## Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 3 years to complete this program.

## IT requirements

Students should visit the USQ [Recommended Hardware](#) and [Recommended Software](#) sites to check that their computers are capable of running the appropriate software and versions of Internet web browsers and to check the minimum and recommended standards for software. **Note that students in this program will require internet access.**

## Articulation

Holders of the Postgraduate Certificate in Sustainability Science may articulate to the Master of Sustainability Science with further completion of four courses, as required by that program.

## Exemptions

No exemptions will be granted towards this award.

## Course transfers

Transfer of credit for completed USQ courses from incomplete programs to the Postgraduate Certificate in 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 in Sustainability Science.

## Recommended enrolment pattern - Part-time

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (WEB)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
<a href="#">REN8101 Environment, Society and Sustainability</a>			1	1			
<a href="#">POL8013 Environmental Politics and Policy</a>			1	1	1	1	
<a href="#">REN8202 Conservation for Sustainable Futures</a>			1	2			
<a href="#">ECO8012 Tools and Techniques for Sustainable Development</a>			1	2	1	2	