Postgraduate Certificate in Sustainability Science (PCSS) - PGCSustSci

This program is offered only to continuing students. No new admissions will be accepted after the S2 2013 intake. Students who are interested in this area should consider the Graduate Certificate in Science (Environment & Sustainability specialisation).

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| **Semester intake:** | Semester 1 (February)  
Semester 2 (July) |
| **Fees:** | Domestic full fee paying place  
International full fee paying place |
| **Standard duration:** | 1 year part-time |
| **Program articulation:** | To: Master of Science |

Notes:
Students who commenced the Postgraduate Certificate in 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 commence the Postgraduate Certificate in 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.

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Phone (from outside Australia): +61 7 4631 2285  
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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.

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 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; POL3013 Sustainability and Politics; 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 minimum computing standards 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**
Students who commenced the Postgraduate Certificate in 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.

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Students must advise the Faculty in writing (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.

**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**

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