

Graduate Diploma of Aviation (GDAV) - GradDipAv

	Online
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)
Fees:	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	2 semesters full-time, up to 4 years part-time
Program articulation:	From: Graduate Certificate of Aviation To: Master of Aviation

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Program aims

The Graduate Diploma of Aviation is a professionally oriented program. The program provides graduates with advanced knowledge of management and business principles, enabling them to critically examine, generate and communicate information relevant to aviation. The program will also provide opportunities to develop critical, evaluative knowledge and skills within the areas of aviation human factors and safety systems.

Program objectives

On successful completion of the Graduate Diploma of Aviation, students will be able to:

- (1) use an advanced, integrated and complex body of knowledge within the aviation industry to (do something)
- (2) solve a range of issues in a professional aviation context with highly developed application of initiative and judgement in planning, problem solving and ethical decision making
- (3) apply advanced aviation knowledge and highly developed skills for professional work and/or further learning
- (4) develop high level written and interpersonal communication skills appropriate to managerial positions within the complex socio-technical aviation system
- (5) engage with a range of professional ethical research skills and/or theoretical research methodologies appropriate to the aviation context
- (6) integrate relevant theory and practice related to a wide range of emergent, technological and human interface challenges within the aviation industry.

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 08. Graduates at this level will have advanced knowledge and skills for professional or 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.

Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- Completion of an Australian university Bachelor degree in the area of aviation, management and/or psychology, or equivalent.
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 3.

For candidates who have a Bachelor degree or equivalent (AQF level 7) from a recognised institution outside the areas stated above, USQ's [Graduate Certificate of Aviation](#) provides an articulation pathway into the Graduate Diploma of Aviation.

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [English language requirements](#).

If students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, students 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. 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 Graduate Diploma of Aviation is comprised of eight units of postgraduate courses, comprising five core courses and three specialisation approved courses.

Required time limits

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

Core courses

Course	Semester of offer Distance/Online
Aviation Human Factors specialisation core courses:	
AVN5102 Safety Management and Human Factors in Aviation	1
AVN5105 Introduction to Aviation Research	1

AVN8103 Managing a Safety Culture in Aviation	2
AVN8102 Applied Human Factors in Aviation	2
MGT8037 Leading Teams to Success	2
Aviation Management specialisation core courses:	
AVN5102 Safety Management and Human Factors in Aviation	1
AVN5105 Introduction to Aviation Research	1
AVN5101 Aviation Management	2
AVN8103 Managing a Safety Culture in Aviation	2
MGT8037 Leading Teams to Success	2

Aviation Human Factors

Course	Semester of offer Distance/Online
Select three courses from the following Aviation Human Factors specialisation approved courses:	
AVN8101 Managing Operations in Aviation	1
AVN5104 International Aviation Systems	1
MGT5000 Managing Organisational Behaviour	1, 3
ACC5502 Accounting and Financial Management	1, 3
MGT8033 Leading Organisational Change	1, 2
AVN5101 Aviation Management	2
AVN5106 Commercial Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Operations	2
ECO5000 Economics for Managers	1, 2

Aviation Management

Course	Semester of offer Distance/Online
Select three courses from the following Aviation Management specialisation approved courses:	
AVN8101 Managing Operations in Aviation	1
AVN5104 International Aviation Systems	1
MGT5000 Managing Organisational Behaviour	1, 3
ACC5502 Accounting and Financial Management	1, 3
MGT8033 Leading Organisational Change	1, 2
MGT8022 Project-Based Management	2, 3
AVN5106 Commercial Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Operations	2
AVN8102 Applied Human Factors in Aviation	2
MKT5000 Marketing Management	2, 3
ECO5000 Economics for Managers	1, 2

IT requirements

For information technology requirements please refer to the [minimum computing standards](#).

Other program requirements

Students must maintain good standing in this program. Please refer to the [Academic Standing, Progression and Exclusion Procedure](#).

Exit points

A student who chooses not to complete or who does not maintain good standing in the Graduate Diploma of Aviation may be permitted to exit with a lesser qualification as set out below, provided that they have met the requirements of that program:

- A student who successfully completes four units may, upon application, exit with a [Graduate Certificate of Aviation](#) (GCAV), provided the student has successfully completed all the requirements of at least one specialisation.

Credit

Claims for credit for previous study should be submitted prior to or at the time of enrolment in a program. Each claim will be assessed on individual merit in line with USQ policy. Credit approved in this program will not automatically apply to other programs offered by USQ.

Credit may be granted on the basis of equivalent courses undertaken at postgraduate level. In order for credit to be granted, the claim must meet the following specific requirements:

- the course passed was taken at least at Masters or equivalent level
- the course was passed within five years prior to the application (courses up to 10 years old may be considered if evidence is provided that the applicant has been employed in that field)
- the course passed is equivalent in objectives, content and weightings to a course prescribed in the Graduate Diploma of Aviation
- where the student has taken out an award from a recognised tertiary institution and is claiming credit on the basis of courses completed to meet the requirements of that program, the maximum credit on the basis of such courses shall be no greater than four courses for the Graduate Diploma of Aviation
- credit approved in this program will not automatically apply to other programs offered by the University of Southern Queensland

Note: Where credit is granted, maximum and minimum duration will be adjusted in the same proportion as the credit, for example, where the maximum of 50 percent credit is granted, maximum and minimum duration will be reduced by one-half.

Aviation Human Factors specialisation 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.

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
AVN5102 Safety Management and Human Factors in Aviation					1	1	
Aviation Human Factors specialisation approved course					1	1	
AVN8102 Applied Human Factors in Aviation					1	2	
AVN8103 Managing a Safety Culture in Aviation					1	2	
AVN5105 Introduction to Aviation Research					2	1	
Aviation Human Factors specialisation approved course					2	1	

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
MGT8037 Leading Teams to Success					2	2	
Aviation Human Factors specialisation approved course					2	2	

Aviation Management specialisation recommended enrolment pattern

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Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
AVN5102 Safety Management and Human Factors in Aviation					1	1	
Aviation Management specialisation approved course					1	1	
AVN5101 Aviation Management					1	2	
AVN8103 Managing a Safety Culture in Aviation					1	2	
AVN5105 Introduction to Aviation Research					2	1	
Aviation Management specialisation approved course					2	1	
Aviation Management specialisation approved course					2	2	
MGT8037 Leading Teams to Success					2	2	