Master of Information Systems and Master of Project Management (MIPM) - MIS and MPM
CRICOS code (International applicants): 085605A

This program is offered only to continuing students. No new admissions will be accepted. Students who are interested in this study area should contact us.

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<td><strong>Standard duration:</strong></td>
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Notes: There are limited courses available in semester 3.

Contact us

Current students
 Ask a question
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 Phone (from outside Australia): +61 7 4631 2285
 Email usq.support@usq.edu.au

Professional accreditation
USQ is registered with the Project Management Institute (PMI)® as a Global Registered Education Provider (R.E.P.). A study of project management at USQ earns professional development units towards certification with PMI including towards the Project Management Professional (PMP)®.

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Program aims
The Master of Information Systems and Master of Project Management encapsulates the aims of each program. The Master of Information Systems is a professionally-oriented program that provides university graduates with the opportunity to acquire an information systems qualification. The Master of Project Management aims to produce graduates who have the appropriate skills and knowledge to be capable of managing small, medium and large-sized projects as either a senior team leader, a project manager or project director.

Program objectives
The Master of Information Systems aims to produce graduates who are able to:

- demonstrate specific knowledge and skills in information technology which are relevant to their disciplines and careers
- demonstrate understanding of a broad range of topics in information technology
- design, manage and develop software systems in an effective manner
- lead discussions relating to the computing aspects of their work-place
- demonstrate skills in the analysis and determination of technological issues at management level
- identify, analyse and solve problems in one or more areas of technology by selecting and using either quantitative or qualitative techniques appropriate to the resolution of technological problems
- satisfy academic admission requirements for membership of relevant professional bodies
- identify, interpret and evaluate major issues in a range of contemporary business information technology areas
- apply acquired knowledge associated with the studies to work environments
- articulate the principal theories, concepts and applications associated with relevant information technology area(s)
- demonstrate ethical behaviour and act in accordance with the ethics of the profession.

The Master of Project Management aims to produce graduates who are able to:

- demonstrate knowledge of the theoretical structure of project management as defined by the Project Management Body of Knowledge
- demonstrate essential skills in relation to identification and analysis of sustainability management for projects, and integrate sustainability management across the lifecycle of the project
- apply the theoretical principles of project management to a project environment in relation to a range of project types:
  - scope and requirements management
  - scheduling and time management
  - cost management
  - quality management
  - human resources management
  - communications management
  - risk management
  - procurement management
  - integration management
  - stakeholder management
- demonstrate a comprehension of complex ethical dilemmas for various stakeholders within a project management environment.

**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 09. Graduates at this level will have specialised knowledge and skills for research, and/or professional practice and/or further learning.

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting [www.aqf.edu.au](http://www.aqf.edu.au).

**Admission requirements**

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

Entry into the Master of Information Systems and Master of Project Management requires a tertiary qualification at bachelor degree or equivalent (AQF level 7) in a business-related discipline from a recognised institution, and two years’ full-time relevant professional work experience in business.

For candidates who have a bachelor degree or equivalent (AQF level 7) in a non-related discipline from a recognised institution, with two years' full-time relevant professional work experience in business, USQ's **Graduate Certificate of Business** provides an articulation pathway into the Master of Information Systems.
and Master of Project Management. Upon completion and achievement of a minimum GPA of 4.0, they will be eligible for entry into the Master of Information Systems and Master of Project Management.

Candidates with a graduate certificate (AQF level 8) or higher qualification in any discipline, with two years’ full-time relevant professional work experience in business may apply for entry into the Master of Information Systems and Master of Project Management. Eligibility for entry will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

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 Master of Information Systems and the Master of Project Management double degree is made up of 20 courses:
- 12 courses from the Master of Information Systems
- 4 courses from the Master of Project Management (ends 2015)
- 4 elective courses.

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<td>CIS5302 Professional Skills for Business Analysis</td>
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<td>CIS8010</td>
<td>Information Systems Project Management</td>
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<td>CIS8011</td>
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<td>CIS8100</td>
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<td>CIS8500</td>
<td>Applied Research for Information System Professionals</td>
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<td>Applied Information Systems Research Project</td>
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<td>plus the following four project management courses:</td>
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<td>Project-Based Management</td>
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<td>MGT8024</td>
<td>Project Quality, Risk and Procurement Management</td>
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<td>MGT8025</td>
<td>Project Scope, Time and Cost Management</td>
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<td>MGT8027</td>
<td>Project Human Resources, Communications &amp; Integration Management</td>
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**Footnotes**

*Elective courses must be 5000 or 8000 level courses which may be chosen from any Business and Commerce coursework Masters program. It is recommended that students confirm their choice of elective courses with the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts.

**Required time limits**

Students have a maximum of eight years to complete the Master of Information Systems and Master of Project Management.

**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 Master of Information Systems and Master of Project Management will 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 all requirements for the Graduate Certificate of Business may, upon application, exit with that qualification.

A student who successfully completes eight units may, upon application, exit with a Graduate Diploma of Business.

A student who successfully completes 16 courses from the Master of Information Systems, may upon application, exit with that degree.

A student who successfully completes all 12 courses for the Master of Project Management (ends 2015), may upon application exit with that degree.

Credit

Credit may be granted on the basis of equivalent courses undertaken at postgraduate level. A double degree is required to meet the requirements of each degree studied with a maximum of 50% credit for each program studied individually.

The Master of Information Systems and Master of Project Management meets the requirements of the 16-unit Master of Information Systems and the 12-unit Master of Project Management (ends 2015). The Master of Information Systems and Master of Project Management requires 20 units to be completed with cross-credit of four units from the Master of Information Systems and four elective units from the Master of Project Management (ends 2015). 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 program, or alternatively, the course is suitable as an elective
- 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 one-half of the total courses for the program
- credit approved in this program will not automatically apply to other programs offered by the USQ.

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

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.

Please refer to the program structure. Students requiring assistance should contact the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts.