

Master of Spatial Science Technology . (MSST) - MSpScTech

CRICOS code (International applicants): 062730G

This program is offered only to continuing students. No new admissions will be accepted. Students who are interested in this study area should consider the [Master of Spatial Science Technology](#).

	On-campus	External
Semester intake:	No new admissions	No new admissions
Campus:	Toowoomba	-
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	1.5 years full-time, 3 years part-time. International students should complete this program within the CRICOS duration which is 1.5 years.	
Program articulation:	From: Graduate Diploma of Spatial Science Technology ; Graduate Certificate of Spatial Science Technology ;	

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Professional accreditation

The [Master of Spatial Science Technology](#) . is not accredited by any professional bodies other than the University of Southern Queensland.

Program objectives

The [Master of Spatial Science Technology](#) . is a graduate level program in the fields of geographic information systems (GIS) and surveying. A coursework component (8 units) is augmented by a research project component (4 units). This allows students to enhance and extend their knowledge of a particular GIS or surveying discipline area. Since spatial science is inherently a confluence of knowledge from various disciplines, a candidate from a non-spatial science background, such as biological and physical sciences, engineering, information technology, agriculture and forestry, arts, and business, can apply to this program.

Students who successfully complete the [Master of Spatial Science Technology](#) . will be able to demonstrate an ability to:

- critically evaluate knowledge from the literature and other information sources relevant to spatial science fields;
- analyse technological trends, and current and advanced technologies in the spatial science area and related disciplines, such as sustainable development, information systems, and technology management;
- apply knowledge and skills in spatial science;
- undertake research into spatial science issues and applications.

Admission requirements

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

posses a three or four-year undergraduate degree, or equivalent, in an approved discipline. Overseas candidates must possess a degree in an approved discipline recognised by the National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (NOOSR) as awarding degrees that are comparable to the education level of an Australian bachelor degree. Candidates for admission must have demonstrated a high level of academic performance.

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

Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of a students' higher education and students pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on 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 [Master of Spatial Science Technology](#) . is comprised of 12 units of study as indicated in the following tables. It involves a minimum of either three (3) terms of full-time study or six (6) terms of part-time study.

A student can choose from one of the two major fields of study: GIS or surveying. The program is flexible, and depending on their previous undergraduate degree and current interests, allows a student to choose courses from a) GIS and surveying courses, and b) related disciplines and application areas, such as sustainable development, information systems, and technology management. All students must complete a four unit research project and a pre-requisite course on research methods.

Major studies objectives

The major study provides students with knowledge and skills in a specific discipline. The two major study areas in the Master of Spatial Science Technology are:

- Geographic Information Systems
- Surveying.

A Transdisciplinary Engineering option is also available for students wishing to enhance their knowledge across a range of engineering disciplines.

IT requirements

Access to an up-to-date computer is necessary. On-campus students can access appropriately equipped laboratories, but should consider acquisition of their own computer. External students should be able to access a computer with the following [minimum standards](#) as advised by the University. All students should have access to email and the Internet via a computer running the latest versions of Internet web browsers such as Internet Explorer or Firefox. The University has a wireless network for on-campus students' computers. In order to take advantage of this facility and further enhance their on-campus learning environment, students should consider purchasing a notebook/laptop computer with wireless connectivity. A notebook/laptop may be required for some courses.

Credit

Exemptions/credit will be assessed based on the [USQ Credit and Exemption Procedure](#).

Enrolment

The Master of Spatial Science Technology consists of 12 units of study as indicated in the following recommended enrolment patterns for each major study area. Each candidate must follow a specific schedule based on the candidate's major study (i.e. GIS or surveying).

The recommended enrolment pattern below is designed to cover a four-semester period for on-campus students. However, the program may be completed within three semesters.

Each student must complete the following:

- Four (4) courses from Schedule A (GIS and Surveying courses)
- Three (3) courses from Schedule B (related disciplines and application areas)
- all courses in Schedule C (research methods and project dissertation).

A student with previous undergraduate degree in the spatial sciences may opt to select fewer courses in Group A than required and thus will need to complete more courses from Group B, with the approval of the Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences. All students in this program must select or formulate a research dissertation topic that focuses on spatial sciences (i.e. GIS, remote sensing, surveying, GPS, spatial science education, etc.) and/or their applications.

Geographic Information Systems Major 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.

Major study: Geographic Information Systems (Major study Code: 15926)							
Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied					Enrolment requirements	Comments
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year		
Schedule A: Students must complete four courses **							
SVY3202 Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing		1		1			
GIS3407 GIS Programming and Visualisation		1		1			Pre-requisite: GIS1402 and CSC1401 or Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: GDST or MSST or GCST or MENS or MSPT
GIS1402 Geographic Information Systems		1		1,3			
GIS3405 Spatial Analysis and Modelling		2		2			

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GIS3406 Remote Sensing and Image Processing		2		2				
GIS4407 Web Based Geographic Information System		2		2			Pre-requisite: GIS1402 or Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: GCST or GDST or MSST or MSPT or GCNS or GDNS or MENS	
SVY1110 Introduction to Global Positioning System		2		2				
Schedule B: Students must complete three courses								
ENG8104 Asset Management in an Engineering Environment		1		1				
ENG8101 Technological Impact and its Management		1		1				
ENV4204 Environmental Technology		1		1			Pre-requisite: ENV2105 or Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: PDEV or GCEN or METC or MEPR or GCNS or GDNS or MENS	
SVY4309 Practice Management for Spatial Scientists		1		1				
SVY3200 Land Administration		2		2				
URP3201 Sustainable Urban Design and Development		2		2				
CIS8010 Information Systems Project Management		2		2				
LAW2107 Environmental Law [^]		1				1	Co-requisite: LAW1101 or LAW1500 or ENG2002 or REN1201 or (Students enrolled in BEDU (Legal Studies) or BLAW or LLBP or BALW or BBLA or BCLA or BCLW & Co-requisite LAW1201 or LAW1111) or (Students enrolled in DJUR & Co-requisite LAW5501 or LAW5111)	
CIS8000 Global Information Systems Strategy		1		1				
ENG8103 Management of Technological Risk		2		2				
Schedule C: Students must complete both courses								
ENG8001 Engineering Research Methods [*]	1	1, 2		1, 2		1, 2		
ENG8414 Masters Engineering Research Project D ^{^^}	1	1,2				1,2	Pre-requisite: ENG8411 4 units	

Footnotes

** A student with previous undergraduate degree in the spatial sciences may to opt to select fewer courses in Group A than required (and thus will need more courses from Group B), upon approval by the Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences.

[^] Springfield campus only

^{*} Best enrolled in Semester 1 of first year to satisfy ENG8002 Project and Dissertation pre-requisite.

^{^^} Permission to enrol in this course must be obtained from the Program Coordinator.

Surveying Major 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.

Major study: Surveying (Major Study Code: 15927)							Enrolment requirements	Comments
Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied							
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
Schedule A: Students must complete four courses**								
SVY3304 Cadastral Surveying (Queensland)		2		2			Pre-requisite: (SVY1102 and SVY1104) or Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: GCNS or GCST or GDNS or GDST or MSST or MSPT or MENS	
SVY3202 Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing		1		1				
SVY1104 Survey Computations A		2		2		2	Pre-requisite: SVY1102 or SVY1500 or Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: GCST or GDST or MSPT	
SVY1110 Introduction to Global Positioning System		2		2				
SVY2106 Geodetic Surveying A		1		1			Pre-requisite: SVY1110 and SVY1102 or Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: GCNS or GCST or GDNS or GDST or MSST or MSPT or MENS	
SVY2105 Survey Computations B		1				1	Pre-requisite: ENM1600 and SVY2106 or Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: GCNS or GCST or GDNS or GDST or MSST or MENS	
SVY3107 Geodetic Surveying B		2		2			Pre-requisite: SVY1110 or Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: GCNS or GCST or GDNS or GDST or MSST or MSPT or MENS	
Schedule B: Students must complete three courses								
SVY3200 Land Administration		2		2				
SVY4304 Land and Cadastral Law		2		2				
ENG8104 Asset Management in an Engineering Environment		1		1				
ENG8101 Technological Impact and its Management		1		1				
URP3201 Sustainable Urban Design and Development		2		2				
SVY4309 Practice Management for Spatial Scientists		1		1				
ENG8103 Management of Technological Risk		2		2				
ECO8012 Methods for Sustainable Development				2		2		

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	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
Schedule C: Students must complete both courses								
ENG8001 Engineering Research Methods [*]	1	1, 2		1, 2		1, 2		
ENG8414 Masters Engineering Research Project D ^{^^}	1	1,2				1,2	Pre-requisite: ENG8411	4 units

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