



Master of Design (International students)

Program code	Admission requirements	CRICOS code
5720	Bachelor degree or higher	096162K
Available at	Relevant work experience	Commencing in
Gold Coast Campus, South Bank Campus	(more)	Trimester 1 and Trimester 2
Duration		Apply Now
1 to 2 years full-time		
Credit points		
160		
Indicative fee		
\$38,500.00* per year (more)		
* 2024 indicative annual fee		

About this program

The Master of Design (MDes) is an exploration of 21st century creative practices suited to current or emerging designers who wish to complement their existing skills with concepts, strategies, and technologies to solve complex problems in business, government and communities.

It offers students the opportunity to advance their skills and knowledge on design context and processes in multiple areas including experience design, design thinking, emerging design futures and business and professional practice. These courses are complimented by a range of practical/making courses in the areas of visual communication, prototyping, still/moving image and interactive design. The program gives a broad range of disciplines (design and non-design) the opportunity to upskill and build upon contemporary practices relevant to all designers and equip them with the knowledge base to pursue a major design research project of their choice.

Students will utilise both collaborative and individual working contexts to expand their knowledge of contemporary design processes at professional industry level. They will gain research and critical thinking skills which will be deployed in a major design project in the second year of the program. Graduates will be prepared for practice-led work and/or design strategy and leadership in macro, micro and freelance scenarios.

Duration

The Master of Design offers a range of different durations depending on your previous studies:

You may be eligible to complete this program in 1.5 years full time, or part-time equivalent (with 40 credit points of advanced standing), if you have:

- Bachelor, related discipline **OR**
- Bachelor Honours, non-related discipline **OR**
- Graduate Certificate in Design

You may be eligible to complete this program in 1 year full-time, or part-time equivalent, (with 80 credit points of advanced standing) if you have:

- Bachelor Honours, related discipline **OR**
- Graduate Diploma of Design

Code	Program title	Campus	Intake
3344	Graduate Certificate in Design	Gold Coast, South Bank	Trimester 1 and Trimester 2
5720	Master of Design (this program)	Gold Coast, South Bank	Trimester 1 and Trimester 2
4192	Graduate Diploma of Design	Gold Coast, South Bank	Exit point only

My attendance during the program

Attendance information

This Masters program is offered full-time in on-campus mode at the South Bank and Gold Coast campuses.

If you are an International student on a student visa, you must ensure that you enrol in a way that will allow you to complete your enrolment within the expected program duration as stated on your Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE).

My career opportunities

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With a graduate portfolio demonstrating your innovative knowledge and skills, the Master of Design better prepares you for future jobs in a wide range of global industries and careers, including:

- Experience Design
- User Experience
- Service Design
- Graphic Communication Design
- Digital Visual Design
- Product and 3D Design
- Design Management
- Design Strategy
- Creative Technologist
- Design Research
- User Research

Pathways to further study

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The Master of Design enables qualifying students to pursue Higher Degree Research (HDR) studies such as the [Master of Visual Arts Research \(5052\)](#), [Doctor of Visual Arts \(6009\)](#) or [Doctor of Philosophy \(6001\)](#).

What are the fees?

International students

An International student is one who is not:

- an Australian or New Zealand citizen or
- a Pacific Engagement visa holder or
- a person who has Australian permanent resident status.

Indicative annual tuition fee

The indicative annual tuition fee is calculated based on a standard full-time study load which is usually 80 credit points (two full-time trimesters).

The indicative annual tuition fee is based on current conditions and available data and should only be used as a guide. These fees are reviewed annually and are subject to change.

Tuition fees

- An International student pays tuition fees.
- Students are liable for tuition fees for the courses they are enrolled in as at the census date.
- The tuition fee for students who commence their program prior to 2014 is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student commenced the program.
- The tuition fee for students who commence their program from 2014 onwards is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student is enrolled.

Program fees for the Master of Design (5720)

Fees for this program can be found on the Programs and Courses website in the "Overview and fees" section. Select your commencing year to view your fees.

Changing programs

If an International student changes to a different program they will be subject to the approved program fee for the trimester in which they are enrolled.

Permanent resident status

If an **undergraduate student** obtains permanent resident status in Australia after commencing study in a program, and the student can provide evidence of permanent resident status prior to the census date (of the trimester in which they are enrolled), the student will be provided with a domestic fee-paying place.

The student may then apply for a Commonwealth supported place at the next admission period provided that the student satisfies the conditions for transfer from a domestic fee-paying place to a Commonwealth supported place as set out in the [Undergraduate Programs Admission Policy](#).

If a **postgraduate student** obtains permanent resident status in Australia after commencing study in a program, and the student can provide evidence of permanent resident status prior to the census date (of the trimester in which they are enrolled), the student will automatically be considered for a Commonwealth supported place (subject to availability) or a domestic fee-paying place as applicable for the program.

If a **research student** obtains permanent resident status in Australia after commencing study in a program, and the student can provide evidence of permanent resident status prior to the census date (of the trimester in which they are enrolled), the student will automatically be considered for a Commonwealth Government Research Training Program (RTP) Fee Offset or a domestic fee-paying place as applicable for the program.

Further information

- [Fees and Charges Procedure](#)
 - 3.6 - Fees for International Students
 - 3.9 - Administrative and Miscellaneous Charges
 - [Fees and Charges Schedules](#)
- [Cost of studying in Australia](#)