



Master of Design (Domestic students)

Program code 5720	Admission requirements Bachelor degree or higher Relevant work experience (more)	Commencing in Trimester 1 and Trimester 2
Available at Gold Coast Campus, South Bank Campus		Next start date Trimester 1, 2025 (more)
Duration 1 to 2 years full-time 4 years part-time		Applications close Monday, 10 February 2025 Apply Now
Credit points 160		
Indicative fee \$10,000.00* per year (more) * 2024 indicative annual CSP 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.

Student Income Support

To be classed as a full-time student, you are required to enrol in a minimum number of credit points each standard study period. The minimum credit points for full-time enrolment in this program is 30 credit points.

Trimester 1 and Trimester 2 are deemed standard study periods. As Trimester 3 is a non-standard study period, continuing students moving from one year to the next will not be required to study during this trimester to be eligible for student income support.

Domestic students who commence in Trimester 3 may be eligible for student income support from the onset of study provided they are enrolled full-time in this study period.

Please refer to the [Australian Government website](#) for more details.

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?

Commonwealth supported students

- The indicative fee represents the expected average fee for an annual full-time study load (80 credit points). This is based on average study patterns across courses and the Australian Government's broad discipline areas (student contribution bands). A student's actual annual fee may vary in accordance with his or her choice of majors and electives. The Australian Government sets student contribution amounts on an annual basis.
- [Find out more...](#)

Fee-paying postgraduate (domestic) students

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.

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

- A fee-paying postgraduate 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.
- [Find out more...](#)

Tuition fees for your degree program

- [Calculating tuition fees](#)

Changing programs

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

Further information

- [Calculating your EFTSL](#)
- [Fees and Charges Procedure](#)
 - [Fees and Charges Schedules](#)
- [Higher Education Loan Program \(HELP\)](#)
- [Financial help and support](#)

Additional fee information

This postgraduate program has Commonwealth Supported Places. If you are eligible, the Australian Government will contribute to the cost of this program but you will also be required to make a contribution. Quotas are applied for admission to the Commonwealth Supported Places. Where demand exceeds the number of available places and all places have been filled for the current admission period, applicants who meet minimum program entry requirements may be eligible for a Fee-Paying Postgraduate place if such places are available. Please note that deferrals are not permitted for programs with Commonwealth Supported Places.