



Master of Climate Change Adaptation (Domestic students)

Program code	Admission requirements	Commencing in
5743	Any Bachelor degree (4.5 GPA) or higher.	Trimester 1 and Trimester 2
Available at		Next start date
Online	(more)	Trimester 1, 2025 (more)
Duration		Applications close
2 years full-time 4 years part-time		Monday, 10 February 2025 Apply Now
Credit points		
160		
Indicative fee		
\$30,500.00* per year (more)		
* 2024 indicative annual fee		

Degree requirements: Students who started Trimester 1 - 2025

To be eligible for the award of *Master of Climate Change Adaptation (MClimChgAdapt)*, a student must acquire 160 credit points as prescribed below:

- **Standard pathway**
 - gain 60 credit points for core courses;
 - gain 40 credit points for a major **OR**
 - if you elect to not complete a major, you will complete 40 credit points from the specified list;
 - gain 60 credit points for listed electives **OR**
 - 40 credit points for a second major and 20 credit points for listed electives.
- **Professional pathway**
 - gain 60 credit points for core courses;
 - gain 40 credit points for a major **OR**
 - if you elect to not complete a major, you will complete 40 credit points from the specified list;
 - gain 40 credit points for work-integrated learning courses;
 - gain 20 credit points for listed electives.
- **Dissertation pathway**
 - gain 60 credit points for core courses;
 - gain 40 credit points for a major **OR**
 - if you elect to not complete a major, you will complete 40 credit points from the specified list;
 - gain 40 credit points for dissertation courses;
 - gain 20 credit points of listed electives.

To be eligible for the award of *Master of Climate Change Adaptation (MClimChgAdapt)*, a student admitted **with 40 credit points of advanced standing** must acquire 120 credit points as prescribed below:

- **Standard pathway**
 - gain 40 credit points for core courses;
 - gain 40 credit points for a major **OR**
 - if you elect to not complete a major, you will complete 40 credit points from the specified list;
 - gain 40 credit points for listed electives **OR**
 - gain 40 credit points for a second major.
- **Professional pathway**
 - gain 40 credit points for core courses;
 - gain 40 credit points for a major **OR**
 - if you elect to not complete a major, you will complete 40 credit points from the specified list;
 - gain 40 credit points for work-integrated learning courses.
- **Dissertation pathway**
 - gain 40 credit points for core courses;
 - gain 40 credit points for a major **OR**
 - if you elect to not complete a major, you will complete 40 credit points from the specified list;
 - gain 40 credit points for dissertation courses.

This degree may be awarded **with Distinction** where a student achieves a minimum program GPA of 6.5 with no failed courses. The words "This award was achieved with Distinction" will be recorded on the testamur.

Exit point

To be eligible to exit the Master of Climate Change Adaptation program with the Graduate Certificate in Climate Change Adaptation award, a student must acquire 40 credit points from the core courses.

To exit, a student should apply for a program transfer.

Note: The Graduate Certificate exit point is not available to students admitted to the Masters program with advanced standing.

Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Level and Type

The **Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)** is the national policy for regulated qualifications in Australian education and training. This qualification is accredited as an AQF Level 9 - Masters Degree (Coursework).

Program learning outcomes

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Program Learning Outcomes communicate to the community the value of the Griffith educational experience as benchmarked against national qualification standards.

Program Learning Outcomes for this award describe the knowledge, skills and the application of knowledge and skills you will acquire through studying the Griffith program of your choice.

Course list: Students starting Trimester 1 - 2025

Course offering information in program structures is a guide only. Please check the actual offering information in the Course Catalogue.

Program options

Students must complete one of the following options:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1,2			Standard pathway	160
			OR	
Tri 1,2			Professional pathway	160
			OR	
Tri 1,2			Dissertation pathway	160

Students admitted with **advanced standing** must complete one of the following options:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1,2			Standard pathway with advanced standing	120
			OR	
Tri 1,2			Professional pathway with advanced standing	120
			OR	
Tri 1,2			Dissertation pathway with advanced standing	120

Majors (3 available)

Climate Change and Health

You must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	7422MED		Disaster Management and Resilience Building	10
Tri 1,3	7117MED		Climate Change and Public Health	10
Tri 2	7421ENV		Environmental Pollution	10
Tri 3	8038NRS		Emerging Issues in Disaster and Pandemic Planning, Response and Management	10

Climate Change and Leadership

You must complete 40 credit points from the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	7125LHS		Communication in Crises and Disasters	10
Tri 1,3	7121IBA		Leadership for Sustainable Business	10
Tri 1,2	7920IBA		Sustainability and Systems Thinking	10
Tri 1,2	7012EHR		Leading Policy and Organisational Change	10
Tri 1	7512IBA		Managing Organisational Transformation	10

Climate Change and Public Policy

You must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	7401ENV		Environmental Economics	10
Tri 1,3	7121IBA		Leadership for Sustainable Business	10
Tri 2	7109LHS		Media, Power and Decision-making	10
Tri 2	7407ENG		Environmental Management Systems	10

No Major Option (1 available)

Climate Change Adaptation (for students not completing a major)

You must complete 40 credit points from the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	7125LHS		Communication in Crises and Disasters	10
Tri 1	7401ENV		Environmental Economics	10
Tri 1,3	7121IBA		Leadership for Sustainable Business	10
Tri 1,2	7920IBA		Sustainability and Systems Thinking	10
Tri 2	7109LHS		Media, Power and Decision-making	10
Tri 1,2	7303AFE		Economics	10
Tri 2	7421ENV		Environmental Pollution	10
Tri 1,2	7012EHR		Leading Policy and Organisational Change	10
Tri 1	7512IBA		Managing Organisational Transformation	10
Tri 3	8038NRS		Emerging Issues in Disaster and Pandemic Planning, Response and Management	10

Pathways (6 available)

Dissertation

Students wishing to pursue doctoral research will need to complete the 40 credit Dissertation which will normally be taken in the final Trimester of Year 2 of the program. The Dissertation involves the design and implementation of a systematic research project and presentation of a written report for examination. Normally, the dissertation will be between 20,000 and 25,000 words in length depending on the nature of the problem and the specific field.

Students will normally only be admitted to the dissertation after completion of 7161ESC and the capstone course, 7181ESC

and after achieving a minimum GPA of 5.5 (using a 7.0 scale) over all courses in the program up to the point of entry to the Dissertation. Admission is also conditional upon a research project proposal being approved by the Program Director including nomination and consent of a supervisor.

You must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	7250ENV		Environmental Systems and Climate Change	10
Tri 1,3	7057ENV		Policymaking and Planning for Climate Change	10
Tri 2	7007ENV		Climate Change Adaptation (Not offered from 2022)	10
			OR	
Tri 2	7950ESC		Urban Futures: Delivering Water Sensitive Cities (from 2022)	10
Tri 2	7019ESC		Climate Adaptation Theory and Practice	10
Tri 1,2	7161ESC		Research Design and Methods	10
Tri 1,2	7181ESC		Exploring the Literature	10
Tri 1,2			Major	40
			OR	
Tri 1,2			Climate Change Adaptation (for students electing to not complete a major)	40
Tri 1,2	7159ESC_P1		Dissertation	20
Tri 1,2	7159ESC_P2		Dissertation	20
Tri 1,2,3			Listed electives	20

Exit point: Graduate Certificate in Climate Change Adaptation (3372). To exit (after completing 40 credit points from the core courses), you should apply for a program transfer.

Dissertation with Advanced Standing

Students wishing to pursue doctoral research will need to complete the 40 credit Dissertation which will normally be taken in the final Trimester of Year 2 of the program. The Dissertation involves the design and implementation of a systematic research project and presentation of a written report for examination. Normally, the dissertation will be between 20,000 and 25,000 words in length depending on the nature of the problem and the specific field.

Students will normally only be admitted to the dissertation after completion of 7161ESC and the capstone course, 7181ESC and after achieving a minimum GPA of 5.5 (using a 7.0 scale) over all courses in the program up to the point of entry to the Dissertation. Admission is also conditional upon a research project proposal being approved by the Program Director including nomination and consent of a supervisor.

You must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	7250ENV		Environmental Systems and Climate Change	10
Tri 2	7019ESC		Climate Adaptation Theory and Practice	10
Tri 1,2	7161ESC		Research Design and Methods	10
Tri 1,2	7181ESC		Exploring the Literature	10
Tri 1,2			Major	40
			OR	
Tri 1,2			Climate Change Adaptation (for students electing to not complete a major)	40
Tri 1,2	7159ESC_P1		Dissertation	20
Tri 1,2	7159ESC_P2		Dissertation	20

Professional

You must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	7250ENV		Environmental Systems and Climate Change	10
Tri 1,3	7057ENV		Policymaking and Planning for Climate Change	10
Tri 2	7007ENV		Climate Change Adaptation (not offered from 2022)	10
			OR	
Tri 2	7950ESC		Urban Futures: Delivering Water Sensitive Cities (from 2022)	10
Tri 2	7019ESC		Climate Adaptation Theory and Practice	10
Tri 1,2	7161ESC		Research Design and Methods	10
Tri 1,2	7181ESC		Exploring the Literature	10
Tri 1,2			Major	40
			OR	
Tri 1,2			Climate Change Adaptation (for students electing to not complete a major)	40
Tri 1,2 or 3	7105ESC_P1		Work Integrated Learning	20
Tri 1,2 or 3	7105ESC_P2		Work Integrated Learning	20
Tri 1,2 or 3			Listed electives	20

Exit point: Graduate Certificate in Climate Change Adaptation (3372): To exit (after completing 40 credit points from the core courses), you should apply for a program transfer.

Professional with Advanced Standing

You must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	7250ENV		Environmental Systems and Climate Change	10
Tri 2	7019ESC		Climate Adaptation Theory and Practice	10
Tri 1,2	7161ESC		Research Design and Methods	10
Tri 1,2	7181ESC		Exploring the Literature	10
Tri 1,2			Major	40
			OR	
Tri 1,2			Climate Change Adaptation (for students electing to not complete a major)	40
Tri 1,2 or 3	7105ESC_P1		Work Integrated Learning	20
Tri 1,2 or 3	7105ESC_P2		Work Integrated Learning	20

Standard

You must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	7250ENV		Environmental Systems and Climate Change	10
Tri 1,3	7057ENV		Policymaking and Planning for Climate Change	10
Tri 2	7007ENV		Climate Change Adaptation (Not offered from 2022)	10
			OR	
Tri 2	7950ESC		Urban Futures: Delivering Water Sensitive Cities (from 2022)	10
Tri 2	7019ESC		Climate Adaptation Theory and Practice	10
Tri 1,2	7161ESC		Research Design and Methods	10
Tri 1,2	7181ESC		Exploring the Literature	10
Tri 1,2			Major	40
			OR	
Tri 1,2			Climate Change Adaptation (for students electing to not complete a major)	40
Tri 1,2			Listed electives	60
			OR	
Tri 1,2			Second Major	40
			AND	
Tri 1,2			Listed electives	20

Exit point: Graduate Certificate in Climate Change Adaptation (3372). To exit (after completing 40 credit points from the core courses), you should apply for a program transfer.

Standard with Advanced Standing

You must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	7250ENV		Environmental Systems and Climate Change	10
Tri 2	7019ESC		Climate Adaptation Theory and Practice	10
Tri 1,2	7161ESC		Research Design and Methods	10
Tri 1,2	7181ESC		Exploring the Literature	10
Tri 1,2			Major	40
			OR	
Tri 1,2			Climate Change Adaptation	40
Tri 1,2			Listed electives	40
			OR	
Tri 1,2			Second Major	40

Electives (1 available)

Listed Electives

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	7401ENV		Environmental Economics	10
Tri 1	7461ENV		Environment and Development	10
Tri 1,2	7920IBA		Sustainability and Systems Thinking	10
Tri 1	7125LHS		Communication in Crises and Disasters	10
Tri 1	7067ENV		Geographic Information Systems	10
Tri 1	7416ENG		Environmental Microbiology and Ecology	10
Tri 2	7109LHS		Media, Power and Decision-making	10
Tri 1,2	7012EHR		Leading Policy and Organisational Change	10
Tri 2	7407ENG		Environmental Management Systems	10
Tri 2	7421ENV		Environmental Pollution	10
Tri 2	7950ESC		Urban Futures: Delivering Water Sensitive Cities	10
Tri 2	7951ESC		Urban Metabolism: Resource and Energy Recovery Systems (not offered from 2022)	10
Tri 2	7406ENG		Site Remediation and Rehabilitation (odd years only)	10
Tri 2,3	7112IBA		Globalisation and Corporate Social Responsibility	10
Tri 3	8038NRS		Emerging Issues in Disaster and Pandemic Planning, Response and Management	10
Tri 2	7960ESC		Water, Agricultural Landscapes and Food Security	10
Tri 1,2 or 3	7510LFC		Community Internship and Partnerships for SDGs	10
Tri 1,2 or 3	7911ESC		Work Integrated Learning Special Topic	10