



Master of Sustainable Development

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Create solutions for a better tomorrow with CQUniversity.

Step into a career where your ideas can shape a more sustainable world. Our Master of Sustainable Development prepares you to lead change and solve real global challenges.

You'll gain practical skills in sustainable development encompassing environmental, social and economic dimensions. These skills are in high demand across industries such as environmental management, disaster management, corporate sustainability, climate change mitigation and public health.

This course also includes a practical residential school, giving you the chance to connect with peers and industry experts in person. It's a valuable opportunity to apply your learning in real-world settings, build networks, and gain insights into sustainability practices across different sectors.

With a strong focus on innovation and impact, this course prepares you to work with organisations that are driving positive change locally and globally. Whether you're looking to influence policy, lead sustainability projects, or support communities through development initiatives, you'll graduate ready to make a difference.

CQUniversity offers a supportive learning environment and international scholarships to help you succeed.

Start your journey today and become a leader in building a better tomorrow.

¹ QILT Graduate Outcome Survey – Longitudinal (3 years after graduation) 2024.

² The Good Universities Guide 2025.



Course overview

MASTER OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

COURSE CODE: CM82

DURATION: 2 years full-time

INTAKES: Term 1, Term 2, Term 3

AVAILABILITY: Melbourne

ANNUAL FEE: A\$36 840 (A\$18 600 per term)

CRICOS CODE: 117526J

Course structure

You will complete a total of 15 units.

Compulsory units are:

- › Research for Emergency and Disaster Management
- › Foundations of Emergency and Disaster Management
- › Building Adaptive Capacity with Communities
- › Climate Change: Risk and Assessments
- › Innovation and Sustainable Business Development
- › Business Ethics and Sustainability
- › Sustainability in Practice
- › First Nations Perspectives in Sustainability
- › Systems Thinking in Public Health
- › Global Public Health
- › Project Management Concepts
- › Rethinking Waste
- › Water Resource Management
- › Sustainability Issues and Solutions.

Complete one unit from the following electives:

- › Community Safety and Education
- › Volunteerism and the Community.

Assessment

Course assessment will be graded via assignments, written reports, presentations and examination.

Career

With a Master of Sustainable Development, you will be ready for leadership and senior advisory roles in sustainability. You will be positioned for careers as a sustainability manager, policy advisor or strategic planner, working in sectors like environmental management, disaster management, corporate sustainability, climate change mitigation and public health. You'll be equipped to influence policy, lead development projects and drive systemic change across industries.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Academic

Successful completion of a three-year bachelor degree.

English

Minimum academic IELTS (or equivalent) of 6.0 with no individual band score of less than 5.5.

English entry requirements can be met by showing an approved English language test, such as the IELTS or equivalent.

CQUniversity also offers English language pathways to help you meet entry requirements.

Visit: cqu.edu.au/englishreq

SCHOLARSHIPS

A range of scholarships is available for the duration of your studies, provided you meet the eligibility criteria. This includes the International Merit Scholarship, which offers up to 25 per cent off your tuition fees.

Visit: cqu.edu.au/internationalscholarships



2026 KEY DATES

CQUniversity offers three terms per year for higher education, giving you the flexibility to start your studies at the beginning, middle, or end of the year, depending on your course.

Term 3 is optional and provides another opportunity to begin your studies at a time that suits you. It's also a great option if you want to fast-track your studies and graduate sooner—helping you get into the workforce more quickly.

Each term runs for approximately 12 weeks, with scheduled university breaks in between.

For specific start and end dates, view our Academic Calendar at cqu.edu.au/internationalkeydates.

You can apply at any time throughout the year, our international admissions team is always ready to assist you.

Visit: cqu.edu.au/international-apply

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Orientation week	2 – 6 March	6 – 10 July	2 – 6 November
Classes	9 March – 5 June	13 July – 9 October	9 November – 12 February 2027
Exam period	8 – 16 June	12 – 20 October	15 – 19 February 2027
University vacation	17 June – 10 July	21 October – 6 November	22 February – 5 March 2027

Local and national holidays do not form part of this calendar. These dates are subject to change, please check the [Academic Calendar](#) for the most up-to-date information.

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