Sustainable Practice

- MC153 Master of Sustainable Practice
- GD161 Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Practice
- GC121 Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Practice

School of Civil, Environmental and Chemical Engineering

Sustainable Practice at RMIT

Do you have questions about sustainability and climate change in your life, in your work or in the way you work?

This program brings together people with similar questions to work together to find a way forward in the ambiguity of sustainability. These problems are articulated as projects.

By working together on similar projects, for example, water usage, energy, food, liveable cities, waste management, climate management or risk management, RMIT provides the opportunity to explore the complexities of sustainability problems with people who have similar interests but come from a range of discipline backgrounds, as well as the opportunity for action learning in student’s work or personal context.

This program extends student’s view of sustainability and sustainable practice by:

- exploring individuals views of sustainability, what it means for them, what it might mean for their employer and their project and getting students into action around change.
- recognising the Long Now1: that the precise moment individuals are in, grows out of the past and is a seed for the future;
- recognising that as humans we can create realities by first imagining them;
- recognising that being here includes more than work and home; that the Big Here1 could be the wider local community, Australia, the world; and
- developing sustainable practice as a process of continual change based on reflective practice.

Mode and duration

Masters: one and a half years full-time or three years part-time. This duration incorporates: Graduate Diploma—one year full-time or two years part-time; and Graduate Certificate—six months full-time or one year part-time.

Classes are held in intensive mode—normally five full days per semester (mostly Saturdays). Elective courses may run as evening classes. Students are also supported via online resources and discussion forums between classes.

Career outlook

Graduates will be able to lead change in sustainability issues within an organisation, as they will have an expanded view of sustainability and how this can be practiced, through their projects, case studies and critical evaluation of their experience in this area.

Program structure

The Masters program consists of 144 credit points. This incorporates the Graduate Diploma (96 credit points) and the Graduate Certificate (48 credit points).

The following is an example of courses offered.

Graduate Certificate—Semester one

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Graduate Diploma—Semester two

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Masters—Semester three

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For further program information visit: [www.rmit.edu.au/programs/mc153](http://www.rmit.edu.au/programs/mc153)

Program features

The program intersperses Sustainability Project courses with Sustainability Body of Practice courses.

The Sustainability Project courses are in the form of a workshop series that supports students through structured inquiry, providing the opportunity to share their learning with other participants.

The Sustainability Body of Practice courses explore a range of different practices from different disciplines that can be used to move through the problem-solving/managing cycle. These courses are built around case studies and are also delivered in intensive mode.

Students may also select electives from an extensive range across RMIT University—from renewable energy technology through to environment and planning courses. An exegesis or critical interpretation of the project and program is required for the Masters program.

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1 Ideas developed from Brian Eno’s “The Big Here and Long Now” at: [www.longnow.org/views/essays/articles/BrianEnoLongNow.php](http://www.longnow.org/views/essays/articles/BrianEnoLongNow.php)
Entrance requirements

Regular entry
An appropriate first degree and at least three years of relevant professional or additional academic experience.

Special admissions
Applicants not possessing the recognised academic qualifications may be considered for entry if they produce evidence or experience which satisfies the relevant program leader and head of school that they have developed a knowledge of the field of study sufficient to undertake the program.

Application procedures
Timely applications for postgraduate coursework programs are due by:
10 November each year (Semester 1)*
31 May each year (Semester 2/Midyear entry)*

* Applications will continue to be accepted until all places have been filled. You are encouraged to lodge your application early.

Future students may enquire through Info Corner (formerly the Office for Prospective Students) at any time.

Apply via: RMIT Direct Application Form
www.rmit.edu.au/programs/applications/forms
Info Corner (formerly the Office for Prospective Students)
Tel. +61 3 9925 2260
Email: study@rmit.edu.au

Applicants are requested to contact the Program Coordinator prior to submitting a program application form to express their interest.

Fees
Tuition fees are subject to annual adjustment and are not fixed for the duration of study. Changes to fees are applied from 1 January each year. For up-to-date fee information please visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees

Fees for 2008
Masters: $21,960. This incorporates the Graduate Diploma: $14,640 and Graduate Certificate: $7,320.

Commonwealth Supported Equity Places
RMIT has a limited number of government subsidised Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) in full-fee postgraduate coursework programs for applicants who meet entrance and equity criteria. Instead of paying full-fees either upfront or with a FEE-HELP loan, the CSP Equity place allows students to complete their program as a Commonwealth supported student in a subsidised place with a choice of up-front, partial up-front or deferred payment options. Places will be awarded on the basis of academic merit, work experience, and demonstrated equity criteria.

For further information: www.rmit.edu.au/equity

FEE-HELP can make studying affordable
The FEE-HELP (FEE-Higher Education Loan Program) scheme enables eligible fee paying students to obtain an interest-free loan up to a maximum value of $80,000 from the Commonwealth Government to pay all or part of their tuition fees.

For further information: www.goingtouni.gov.au

Record spend on RMIT scholarships
RMIT University will spend more than $60 million on student scholarships over the next five years. RMIT has many scholarships and funding opportunities to offer students. Further information is available at www.rmit.edu.au/students/scholarships

Capabilities
Consistent with RMIT University’s approach, the Master of Sustainable Practice program develops capabilities to enable more sustainable practice by:
• communicating coherently across disciplines and with the broader community;
• identifying and defining sustainability problems;
• researching;
• developing proposals;
• leading, managing and participating effectively in change processes;
• evaluating activities undertaken for efficacy; and
• being aware of self, others and processes used.