Bachelor of Design (Landscape Architecture)

In this course you will learn to combine landscape systems with urban design and environmental science to create outdoor spaces with positive cultural and environmental impact. Your degree will begin with introductory and shared impact lab units where, working with students from other disciplines, you’ll focus on problems and social issues and identify potential solutions connected to industry and community.

Your introductory studies will focus on foundational landscape design knowledge, skills and applications, covering a range of design principles, theories and processes which you will apply to real or simulated design scenarios. Building on these foundations you’ll then explore core units covering building materials, flora, ecology, landform and tectonics as well as the legislative environment governing landscape construction.

Later in your degree you will be able to transfer skills and knowledge to a workplace or professional context and gain practical work experience with work integrated learning.

Why choose this course?
The green and open spaces in our modern world are treasured. Not just for their aesthetic, but for the balance they bring. They create natural habitats. They shade hot city streets and create pleasant micro climates. They connect us with the natural environment. This is why landscape architecture is such an important part of planning and designing for a resilient and healthy future.

Real-world learning
You’ll work on real-world landscape design projects in practical studio settings such as recent projects involving the Brisbane Powerhouse and King Street redevelopments. Throughout the course you will have the opportunity to explore the world and gain international design experience through study tours, or be involved with the community through projects or hands-on design studies.

We have a 50-year history as one of Australia’s principal landscape educators and our graduates are leading practitioners employed around the world. Teaching staff are linked to professional practice to ensure you gain knowledge of emerging trends within industry.

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'My tutors at QUT have inspired me to no end, opening doors for me to achieve my goals and passions. Since graduating, I have worked on some major projects including the West Village Commons from start to finish. As a landscape architect, my work sits at the precipice of collaboration between the sciences and planning – the perfect realm to create positive change.'
Assumed knowledge
Before you start this course we assume you have sound knowledge in these areas:

- English, or Literature, or English and Literature Extension, or English as an Additional Language (Units 3 & 4, C)

We assume that you have knowledge equivalent to four semesters at high school level (Years 11 and 12) with sound achievement (4, SA).

Course structure
To meet the course requirements for the Bachelor of Design (Landscape Architecture), you must complete a total of 288 credit points, made up of:

- A design major (144 credit points), including four shared foundation units (48 credit points) and 96 credit points from the landscape architecture discipline
- Four school-wide impact lab units (48 credit points)
- Complementary studies, made up of both: design specialisation units (minimum 48 credit points), a minor, or a combination of design specialisation units and electives (unit options) (48 credit points).

Study overseas
Study overseas while earning credit towards your QUT creative industries degree with one of our worldwide exchange partners.

Overseas study can be for one or two semesters (or during the semester break) and the units you take can be in a creative or non-creative discipline area, depending on how they match with your QUT course.

Careers and outcomes
You will benefit from a 50-year history as one of Australia’s principal landscape educators with graduates who are leading practitioners employed around the world. Our graduates find careers independently, in small partnerships or as a member of large multidisciplinary teams with other professionals such as architects, engineers, urban designers and town planners in private practice or local, state and federal government.

Careers include pathways to being an accredited landscape architect, landscape designer, landscape technician or landscape construction technician. With international design experience many graduates enjoy work in overseas practices working to create a healthier and more resilient future.

Double degrees
Combine your degree with a second degree to gain a broader range of skills and knowledge, a competitive advantage and enhanced career flexibility. Choose a double degree with:

- Business to develop skills that can lead to diverse careers intersecting design with marketing, public relations, advertising, international business, economics, management and human resource management.
- Engineering to work in private practice or in government at all levels, in roles such as structural engineer, geotechnical engineer, landscape architect and environmental engineer.
- Science to develop your understanding of environmental impacts of mining, tourism and urban development, and be equipped to rehabilitate and reforest degraded sites, or design outdoor spaces that enhance the environment.
- Urban and regional planning to use your combined skills in careers with private developers, government bodies and communities to enhance established neighbourhoods, and shape new suburbs, cities and regions.

Fees

HECS-HELP
You may be eligible for HECS-HELP, a loan scheme to help you pay your course fees, if you are an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. For other conditions read the HECS-HELP information.

Student Services and Amenities Fee
You’ll need to pay the student services and amenities fee as part of your course costs. You may be eligible for SA-HELP, a loan scheme to help you pay your student services and amenities fee, if you are an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. For other conditions read the SA-HELP information.