Explore and extend your understanding of complex sustainability issues with RMIT’s Master of Sustainable Practice.

Working with like-minded people, you’ll collaborate on projects tackling problems in areas such as water usage, energy, food, liveable cities, waste management, climate change or risk management.

You’ll develop capabilities to achieve sustainable practice by:
- communicating coherently across disciplines and with the broader community
- identifying and defining sustainability problems by researching and developing proposals
- leading, managing and participating effectively in change processes
- evaluating activities undertaken for efficiency
- being aware of self, others and the processes used.

You’ll also extend your views of sustainability and sustainable practice by:
- exploring your views of sustainability and how it affects your employer, and encouraging yourself into action around change
- developing sustainable practice as a process of continual change based on reflective practice
- recognising the Long Now, and that this precise moment grows out of the past and is a seed for the future
- recognising that we can create realities by first imagining them
- recognising that being here includes more than work and home – that the Big Here could be the wider local community, Australia and the world.

Learning and teaching
Classes are held in intensive mode. This is normally three or four full days per semester (mostly Saturdays). Elective courses may be run in the evening. RMIT offers a variety of learning and teaching approaches including lectures, seminars, workshops, presentations, group discussions and syndicate work.

You will have access to online and digital resources through the myRMIT student portal. Ongoing assessment throughout the semester includes examinations, essays, reports, oral classes, presentations, group projects, research projects, laboratory projects and practical assignments.

You are also supported via online resources and discussion forums between classes.

Industry connections
This program receives input from many industry sectors, including EPA Victoria, Sustainability Victoria and specialist sustainability consultants, depending on which topic is being covered.

Career outlook
Graduates will be able to lead change in sustainability issues within an organisation. They will have an expanded view of sustainability and how this can be practised through projects, case studies and critical evaluation.

Program structure
The Master consists of 192 credit points.

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 you through structured inquiry, providing the opportunity to share your learning with other participants.

The sustainability body of practice courses explore a range of different practices from various 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.

You may also select electives from an extensive range across RMIT University. Electives range from renewable energy technology through to environment and planning courses.

An exegesis and critical interpretation of the project and program is required for the Master of Sustainable Practice.

After completing 96 credit points of study approved by the Program Manager, you may exit with a graduate diploma.

Year 1
Complete the following core courses:

Sustainability Project 1
You will explore a particular area of sustainability negotiated with your supervisor and develop a project report on that issue.
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Program structure (continued)

**Sustainability Body of Practice 1**
This course focuses on sustainability principles and content based on other people’s practice. It looks at a range of different practices from different disciplines that can be used to navigate progress through a particular problem solving or management cycle.

**Research Methods**
Introduction to research for coursework in master program in sustainability.

**Ethics and Sustainability**
This course introduces the moral frameworks upon which ethical decision making is based. Different perspectives taken from case studies of failure of natural, built and social systems will be analysed considering the duty of care of professional managers.

**Sustainability Project 2**
You will look at a range of practices from different disciplines that can be used to move through the problem solving or managing cycle. You will explore a particular area of sustainability negotiated with your supervisor and develop a project report on that issue.

**Sustainability Body of Practice 2**
The course will use case studies and your current project work to identify areas of controversy. You will learn how to decide what to look for and what is important in order to develop your ability to match tools and techniques to the nature of the problem to be solved.
And complete two university postgrad electives as approved by the Program Director.

**Year 2**
Complete the following core courses

**Sustainability Project 3**
In this course you will look at a selected sustainability topic or component of a larger issue or development and explore directions to complete the project.

**Sustainability Body of Practice 3**
This course focuses on using the sustainability body of practice in your work in the ‘community’—where community is extended to mean the employer organisation, government or the broader community or simulated environment.

**Sustainability Project 4**
During the course you will explore a particular sustainability issue negotiated with your supervisor and develop a project report on that issue highlighting options and solutions.

**Sustainability Research Project**
You will carry out a significant research project, either identified from a workplace scenario or similar context or select a topic that academic supervisors have negotiated with you.

**Sustainability Exegesis**
In this course you will perform a critical analysis of your studies throughout the program, drawing on your project work and experiences.
And complete two university postgraduate electives as approved by the Program Director.

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**How to apply**
Direct to RMIT University: rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/direct

- **Semester 1, 2017**
  - Applications open 14 August 2016
  - Timely applications close 10 November 2016

- **Semester 2, 2017**
  - Applications open 1 May 2017
  - Timely applications close 31 May 2017
  - Late applications will continue to be accepted after this date if places are still available.

**Entry requirements**
- An Australian bachelor degree in any discipline
  OR
- Evidence of experience that demonstrates you have developed a knowledge of the field of study sufficient to undertake the program.

International qualifications are assessed according to the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF).

**Credit and exemptions**
If you have a qualification in a relevant discipline at honours or postgraduate/ masters level (AQF level 8 or 9) you may be eligible for exemption of up to 48 credit points (equivalent to one semester of full-time study).

**Fees**

- **2017 indicative fees**
  - Commonwealth supported places (CSPs) range from AU$6,349 to AU$10,596
  - Full-fee: AU$29,760 per annum

How much you’ll pay will depend on whether you’re offered a Commonwealth supported place or a full-fee place. Entry for this program is primarily through CSPs. Government financial assistance is available to eligible students regardless of the type of place you enrol in.

Fees shown above apply to 2017 only and are based on an annual full-time study load of 96 credit points unless otherwise noted. A proportionate fee applies for more or less than the full-time study load. Tuition fees are adjusted on an annual basis and these fees should only be used as a guide.

For more information and to learn how to calculate your exact tuition fees see: rmit.edu.au/programs/fees/postgraduate

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