

Project Management (Assets and Facilities)

- + Masters Degree
- + Graduate Diploma
- + Graduate Certificate

Experience. The Difference.



As organisations strive to make more effective use of existing assets and seek more sustainable solutions, the demand for properly educated and qualified Assets and Facilities Managers will continue to increase.

Why study Assets and Facilities Management?

Postgraduate programs in Project Management (Assets and Facilities) embrace a relatively new and emerging discipline aimed at ensuring that the assets and facilities of an organisation are aligned with the organisation's business objectives. Assets and Facilities Managers are employed in both the public and private sectors. Their activities can range from high level strategic decision making through to the operational management of facilities. They have the stimulating challenge of coordinating physical and human resources to provide the most effective service delivery.

Virtually all organisations with infrastructure and property assets of any scale have an Assets and/or Facilities Management Department. Informed estimates indicate that there are between 12,000 and 15,000 persons in Assets and Facilities Management positions in Australia alone. As organisations strive to make more effective use of existing assets and seek more sustainable solutions to new assets, then the demand for properly educated and qualified Assets and Facilities Managers will increase.

What does it take?

Professionals seeking careers in assets management can have a variety of backgrounds including finance, business, property, architecture, design, engineering and construction. Undertaking a program in Assets and Facilities Management will provide these people with the additional knowledge required for engaging at a senior professional level.

In addition, there are existing facilities managers who have acquired their knowledge through many years of experience and who would benefit from enhancing their skills in the area of higher level strategic management and recent developments.

Why study at UniSA?

Postgraduate programs in Assets and Facilities Management at the University of South Australia provide strategic asset management skills as well as advanced operational knowledge. All courses are delivered by experts in the field, many of whom are practising professionals with a wide variety of experience. The courses draw upon case studies and workshops and the exchange of information between students will be encouraged.

Options are available for those students wishing to specialise in a particular area. Masters students will undertake a research project which can be based on a real workplace problem or issue to be solved or investigated.

Industry

The development of this program was driven by the demand from the Assets and Facilities Management industry. It was developed with input from both the public and private sectors and is a joint program between the disciplines of Construction, Architecture and Commerce at the University. This makes it highly relevant to professionals responsible for managing assets across the spectrum of commercial, government and non-government activities.



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The program offers a professionally accepted method of developing a base of knowledge and skills of real benefit to me in practice, giving me a sense of confidence for future opportunities.

The coursework has emphasised the importance of recognising the present and future needs of an organisation. Acknowledging this in the context of my work allows for creative thought, based firmly in the reality of our clients' endeavours. The aim is to balance the operational requirements of their assets and facilities in an effort to achieve their organisation's long-term objectives.



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Further Information

UniSA Program Code:

Master - IMPJ

Graduate Diploma – IGBP

Graduate Certificate – ICPM

Location:

City East Campus

In association with the School of Commerce and the Louis Laybourne Smith School of Architecture and Design

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Domestic students must apply through SATAC
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Graduate Certificate in Project Management (Assets and Facilities)

The Graduate Certificate provides the opportunity to undertake studies in the development and implementation of assets and facilities policies. The program consists of 4 courses, totalling 18 units. Students will normally hold a related undergraduate degree or have a minimum of six years relevant experience. Students who successfully complete the courses in the Graduate Certificate will be considered for enrolment in the Graduate Diploma program.

Graduate Diploma in Project Management (Assets and Facilities)

This program provides the opportunity to undertake studies in assets and facilities management policies and practices as they relate to a variety of projects, complex buildings and other non-current assets. The program consists of 7 core courses and one elective, totalling 36 units. Students will normally hold a three year degree or recognised equivalent qualification and professional experience. Students who successfully complete the courses in the Graduate Diploma will be considered for enrolment in the Masters program.

Master of Project Management (Assets and Facilities)

Provides a program of advanced study for the efficient management of assets including facilities such as engineering structures and complex buildings, and the opportunity to develop and undertake an integrated research project. This program gives the student the opportunity to develop and undertake an integrated research project (totalling 54 units). For part-time students, this project might be related to a real problem or systems development within their employment. Students will normally hold an honours degree or four year degree.

Professional Accreditation and Recognition

Programs in Project Management (Assets and Facilities) are recognised by the Facilities Management Association of Australia (FMA). The FMA is one of three founding associations in the Global FM organisation (www.globalfm.org) along with the British Institute of Facilities Management (BIFM) and the International Facilities Management Association (IFMA).