The University of Queensland, in conjunction with the Minerals Council of Australia, has developed a postgraduate program in Community Relations for the Resources Sector, offered for the first time in 2008. Although currently offered as a Graduate Certificate, the program may be expanded over time to include a Graduate Diploma and Masters, subject to sufficient enrolment.

To enable students currently employed in the industry or living in remote and regional Australia and overseas to undertake the Graduate Certificate, the program will be delivered primarily online, but with some intensive residential delivery, including a five day compulsory residential component at the commencement of the program. The program will draw upon expertise across the University of Queensland’s Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences and the Sustainable Minerals Institute, plus the Australian National University’s Research School of Asia and Pacific Studies.

The Graduate Certificate comprises four courses (subjects) specifically targeted at the resources sector. There are three core courses plus an industry preferred elective course delivered by ANU to be made available on a cross-institutional basis. The program structure is described overleaf.

**Enrolment requirements**

Applicants will normally be expected to have an undergraduate degree with two years relevant work experience. However, subject to University approval, people without formal tertiary qualifications may qualify for admission through recognition of prior learning, work experience or identified skill development. Such applications will need to be submitted with appropriate evidence to enable an assessment of ability to successfully complete the course. International applicants will be required to provide evidence of competency in written and spoken English.

**How do I apply for enrolment?**

All applicants should complete the University of Queensland enrolment form which can be found on the UQ website at: [http://www.uq.edu.au/study/forms/postgrad/ApplicPostgradCourse.pdf](http://www.uq.edu.au/study/forms/postgrad/ApplicPostgradCourse.pdf). All domestic and international students should use this form. Note that it requires certified copies of academic qualifications and other relevant documents to be submitted. Completed applications should be mailed to the Program Administrator at CSRM (contact details overleaf) - we will facilitate the subsequent approval through the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences. Once applications have been approved, you will be sent information including a student ID and login which will allow you to enrol in specific courses using the UQ web-based SI-Net system. The closing date for applications for entry in 2010 is 31st January 2010. There is a quota of 35 students and applications will be processed in the order received.

**The elective option**

The preferred elective is the ANU course on Mining Projects and Indigenous Peoples. Students will need to enrol separately at ANU to undertake this course on a non-award basis – UQ and ANU have agreed to accept UQ enrolment in the program as a basis for eligibility, so the process should be straightforward, and successful completion of the course will then be credited by UQ. If students wish to undertake an alternative elective from existing UQ courses, they should discuss the options available with the Program Co-ordinator.

**How are the online courses delivered?**

UQ uses a web-based online course delivery system called Blackboard, which will provide students with access to course material from any computer with access to the Internet. All UQ courses in the program will have their own Blackboard site, which will facilitate the delivery of some material, and also promote interaction with the course co-ordinators and other students. The ANU elective will also be delivered in a similar manner via their own on-line systems.

**Tuition Fees**

You will receive official notification of fees and charges payable following finalisation of your enrolment. As a guide in 2010 domestic students will be charged AUD$2,270 per UQ course. Tuition fees for international applicants are higher. Tuition fee charges are available upon request.
Program details

At present new students will only be accepted into the program at the start of Semester 1 each year. Students are strongly encouraged to commence with the foundation course MINE7052, which introduces the basic concepts which are further expanded and explored in the subsequent courses. This course will be delivered in intensive mode with a residential workshop at the beginning of semester one (15th – 19th Feb 2010).

The program can be completed in either one or two years - UQ guidelines for postgraduate coursework suggest that students should be able to allocate 10 hours per week to study for each course, including the reading required. Individual courses are as follows:

**MINE7052: Community Aspects of Minerals Resource Development (Semester 1)**

This core course will provide an introduction to the program and assist students to develop knowledge, skills and attitudes to identify and analyse community issues and formulate appropriate responses. Specifically, students will learn: the role of the community relations practitioner and how to manage the tensions inherent in the role; the changing nature of the global resources sector and the implications for community relations practice; the business case for companies investing time and resources in addressing community issues; and effective communication, presentation and influencing techniques.

The bulk of this course will be delivered in intensive mode during a five-day workshop held in Brisbane from 15th to the 19th February 2010. Students will be required to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. There will be a small additional fee to cover catering costs.

**MINE7023: Community Development for the Mining Industry (Semester 1)**

This core course introduces students to a framework for understanding how community development theory, methods and techniques can be used by community relations practitioners in the resources sector. The course includes four modules: understanding community; relating to the community; understanding change in communities; and community development roles and interventions.

**MINE7024: Community Engagement for the Mining Industry (Semester 2)**

This core course explores the tools and techniques associated with community engagement and the minerals industry. It focuses on the areas of community engagement and consultation, stakeholder analysis, building partnerships, understanding impact assessment and program and project management. The techniques and skills will be focussed around the sustainable development for communities and companies. The course links local and global development practice community relations frameworks, policies and practice in the minerals industry.

**Mining Projects and Indigenous Peoples (ANU) (Semester 2)**

This industry preferred elective course, to be delivered by the Australian National University, will examine the social, political and economic relationships between Indigenous peoples and other stakeholders involved in the development of large-scale mining projects. Consideration of these issues will be based on case study material primarily drawn from Australia, South Africa, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea. Students will develop an understanding of: the legal/policy and historical context for relationships between mining companies and Indigenous peoples; and the key debates and practical strategies to facilitate the engagement of Indigenous peoples with the minerals industry.

Some useful websites:


Fees calculator: [http://www.uq.edu.au/study/fees_wizard_start.html](http://www.uq.edu.au/study/fees_wizard_start.html)

Further questions?

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