



POSTGRADUATE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE COURSES

> **Why study CSU's postgraduate sustainable agriculture courses?**

Charles Sturt University's (CSU's) flexible postgraduate courses in Sustainable Agriculture are designed to meet the needs of industry by developing professionals with the necessary skills to balance the natural resource, human and economic factors that affect agricultural sustainability.

CSU's courses in sustainable agriculture are ideal for professional development, or for retraining professionals to redirect or enhance their existing capabilities for a career in the agricultural or agribusiness sectors. You will develop creative and critical perspectives on sustainability, and investigate innovative ways to enhance agriculture for the medium to long-term future.

> **About the courses**

CSU offers four courses in sustainable agriculture: a Graduate Certificate, a Graduate Diploma, a Master's degree and a Doctoral degree.

All are available full-time at CSU's Orange Campus or part-time by online education, and each bring together studies in agricultural and natural systems, agribusiness and the rural social sciences. They combine core subjects with elective streams so that you can explore areas of particular interest to you, including agribusiness, cropping systems and extension / capacity building and irrigation / water resources management.

Students can choose to exit the Master of Sustainable Agriculture with a Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Agriculture or a Graduate Diploma of Sustainable Agriculture. Successful completion of the Master's degree provides a pathway to further study and in-depth research via CSU's Doctor of Sustainable Agriculture.

Some reasons for studying Sustainable Agriculture at CSU:

Graduates are equipped to provide leadership in a wide range of industry contexts.

Studying online allows students to choose where and when they complete their studies.

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Completing CSU's Master of Sustainable Agriculture has been an education in itself.

As a manager of several rural properties, learning the theory behind managing for healthy communities, profits and the environment has been invaluable.

Basic business education only gives one side of farming, whereas learning the more complex area of managing for sustainability provides an avenue for Australian agriculture to move forward.

I would encourage people from production to extension staff to consider CSU's Master of Sustainable Agriculture as a path to understanding new options in these challenging times.

Ben Watts

Master of Sustainable Agriculture graduate

About CSU

CSU is a national university focusing on excellence in education for the professions, strategic and applied research, and flexible delivery of learning and teaching. We work in close association with industry, professions and government to ensure our courses meet and support industry needs, resulting in high graduate employment levels and starting salaries. We attract more than 40,000 students from Australia and around the world and are well-known for our innovative approach to education, offering practical, hands-on courses, supported online to provide our students with accessible, world class education.

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Career opportunities

Graduates are equipped to provide leadership in policy, research and strategic management relevant to a wide range of industry contexts.

Graduates find careers in advisory and policy / advocacy roles, executive management, agriculture and agribusiness consultancy, the agricultural finance sector, Landcare and catchment management agency roles, natural resource management, agricultural education and training, and as rural counsellors.

Admission requirements

Doctor of Sustainable Agriculture

Applicants must have completed a Class 1 or Class 2 (Division 1) Honours degree in a related field, a Master's with a Credit average or a Master of Philosophy, and have at least three years' relevant professional experience.

Master of Sustainable Agriculture

Applicants must have completed a Bachelor degree in a related field or the Graduate Diploma of Sustainable Agriculture (or equivalent). Relevant professional experience is desirable.

Graduate Diploma of Sustainable Agriculture

Applicants must have completed a Bachelor degree in a related field or CSU's Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Agriculture (or equivalent). Relevant professional experience is desirable.

Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Agriculture

Applicants are required to hold a Bachelor degree in a related field. Alternative entry is possible if you can provide evidence of substantive and appropriate work-related experience and academic capabilities.

Studying on campus

CSU's Orange Campus has state-of-the-art facilities with a large vineyard and farm, a range of accommodation options and social activities including student bars and cafés; childcare centre; and sports, religious, cultural and study clubs.

Situated on 498ha, the campus farm is principally a grazing property managed using a holistic approach involving cell and rotational grazing strategies. The major livestock enterprises are specialist lamb production, Angus stud and commercial production, while extensive revegetation with native species promotes the restoration and conservation of natural habitats and native species.

Studying online

Studying online with CSU provides real flexibility, allowing you the freedom to choose when and where you complete your degree. With dedicated channels for communication with academics and fellow students; outreach services; and CSU's extensive range of online learning, research and support tools, you can study your own way, in your own time.

For more information or to apply, visit:

csu.edu.au/courses/master-of-sustainable-agriculture

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