

Doctor of Sustainable Agriculture

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The Doctor of Sustainable Agriculture is a research degree that develops advanced inquiry skills and critical understanding in sustainable agriculture, particularly through a major piece of supervised research in an area of professional practice of the candidate's choice. It provides for the academic and professional development of applicants working in the broad area of the agriculture while allowing significant flexibility to accommodate individual student, industry and/or professional requirements. The course provides a structured learning environment enabling candidates to contribute in a significant way to the knowledge and practice in their profession. Candidates complete course-work and an applied research program that addresses an identified aspect of sustainable agriculture. The Doctor of Sustainable Agriculture is assessed by a range of assignments during the coursework phase and an externally examined thesis for the research component.

The course includes the following awards:

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Course Study Modes and Locations

Doctor of Sustainable Agriculture (4928SA)

Distance Education - Uni Wide

On Campus - Uni Wide

Availability is subject to change, please verify prior to enrolment.

Normal course duration

Doctor of Sustainable Agriculture

Full-time 3.0 years (6.0 sessions)

For normal candidature:

Full-time: 3 years minimum/4 years maximum

Part-time: 6 years minimum/8 years maximum

Normal course duration is the effective period of time taken to complete a course when studied Full-time (Full-time Equivalent: FTE). Students are advised to consult the Enrolment Pattern for the actual length of study. Not all courses are offered in Full-time mode.

Admission criteria

[CSU Admission Policy](#)

Basis of Approval for Admission to the Doctor of Sustainable Agriculture

The RAC shall base its decision on admission to a proposed Doctor of Sustainable Agriculture candidature upon the following evidence, that:

- the proposed program of study and research is at a level appropriate to the degree being sought;
- the proposed supervisors are sufficiently expert in the field of sustainable agriculture research, and have the time and commitment to be able to provide appropriate supervision, and that adequate physical resources are available;
- the applicant has the appropriate background and ability to undertake the proposed course (refer also to Entry Qualifications, below);
- the applicant has given the necessary commitment to work regularly on the approved program of study and research and maintain regular contact with the supervisor(s).

Entry Qualifications for Doctor of Sustainable Agriculture Degree

The entry qualifications required for admission to a Doctor of Sustainable Agriculture program are:

- qualified for the award of a Master by Research at an acceptable level; or
- an appropriate Bachelor degree with class 1 or class 2(i) honours from an Australian university or an equivalent overseas tertiary institution, taken over a minimum of four years (full-time equivalent); or
- qualified for the award of a coursework Master's degree with a research project and thesis/dissertation component. It is normally expected that a grade equivalent to the appropriate class of Honours will have been obtained; or
- some other appropriate combination of undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications (such as relevant graduate diplomas) and research experience that demonstrate capacity to undertake research at a Doctoral level.

Credit

[CSU Credit Policy](#)

No special arrangements apply

Graduation requirements

To graduate students must satisfactorily complete 192 points.

Course Structure

The Doctor of Sustainable Agriculture will consist of 192 credit points, of which 32 points will be coursework, 32 points will be a broad investigation of the research topic and proposal for applied investigation, and 128 points will be research thesis.

Coursework component (32 points)

[AGR722](#) Readings in Agriculture (8pts)

[AGR775](#) Sustainable Agriculture Issues and Viewpoints (8pts)

[AGR795](#) Managing Agro-Ecosystems (8pts)

[AGR580](#) Research Methods (8pts)

Broad investigation/proposal component (32 points)

[AGR712](#) Proposal for Applied Research/Investigation (32 points, 2 sessions)

Research Component

[AGR715](#) Sustainable Agriculture Thesis (Full-Time) (128 points), or

[AGR716](#) Sustainable Agriculture Thesis (Part-Time) (128 points)

Enrolment Pattern

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Full-time enrolment pattern

Session 1

[AGR722](#) Readings in Agriculture (8pts)

[AGR580](#) Research Methods (8pts)

[AGR712](#) Proposal for Applied Research/Investigation (32 points, commenced)

Session 2

[AGR775](#) Sustainable Agriculture Issues and Viewpoints (8pts)

[AGR795](#) Managing Agro-Ecosystems (8pts)

[AGR712](#) Proposal for Applied Research/Investigation (32 points, completed)

Session 3, 4, 5, 6

[AGR715](#) Sustainable Agriculture Thesis (Full-Time) (128 points)

Part-time enrolment pattern

Session 1

[AGR580](#) Research Methods (8pts)

[AGR722](#) Readings in Agriculture (8pts)

Session 2

[AGR775](#) Sustainable Agriculture Issues and Viewpoints (8pts)

[AGR795](#) Managing Agro-Ecosystems (8pts)

Session 3

[AGR712](#) Proposal for Applied Research/Investigation (32 points, commenced)

Session 4

[AGR712](#) Proposal for Applied Research/Investigation (32 points, completed)

Session 5-12

[AGR716](#) Sustainable Agriculture Thesis (Part-Time) (128 points)

Contact

For further information about Charles Sturt University, or this course offering, please contact info.csu on 1800 334 733 (free call within Australia) or email inquiry@csu.edu.au

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