

# Graduate Diploma in Spatial Information Science

*Note: There will be no intake into this program in 2012.*

These Program Rules should be read in conjunction with the University's policies (<http://www.adelaide.edu.au/policies>).

## 1 Duration of program

To qualify for the Graduate Diploma, a candidate shall satisfactorily complete one year of full-time study or not more than two years of part-time study.

## 2 Admission

2.1 An applicant for admission to the program of study for the Graduate Diploma in Spatial Information Science shall have qualified for a degree of the University or a degree of another institution accepted by the Faculty for the purpose as equivalent to a degree of the University. Selection into the program is based on previous academic achievement.

2.2 The Faculty may, subject to such conditions as it may see fit to impose in each case, accept as a candidate for the Graduate Diploma a person who does not satisfy the requirements of Rule 2.1 above but who has presented evidence satisfactory to the Faculty of fitness to undertake work for the Graduate Diploma.

### 2.3 Status, exemption and credit transfer

2.3.1 No candidate will be granted status for any course which he or she has completed for another award, except with special permission of the Faculty. Status will not be granted for any course completed for another award when the other award has been completed.

2.3.2 Such status as may be awarded in exceptional circumstances will only be awarded for graduate level studies.

2.3.3 In any case, no candidate will be awarded more than 6 units of status, except for those candidates who have completed the Graduate Certificate in Spatial Information Science (see Rule 2.4 below).

2.3.4 A candidate who fails a course and desires to repeat that course shall, unless exempted partially therefrom by the Executive Dean of Faculty, again complete the required work in the course to the satisfaction of the teaching staff concerned.

### 2.4 Articulation with other awards

2.4.1 A candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Spatial Information Science who does not complete the requirements for the Graduate Diploma but satisfies the requirements for the Graduate Certificate may be admitted to the Graduate Certificate.

2.4.2 A candidate who has been admitted to the Graduate Certificate in Spatial Information Science and who subsequently satisfies the requirements for the Graduate Diploma must surrender the Graduate Certificate before being admitted to the Graduate Diploma.

2.4.3 A candidate for the degree of Master of Spatial Information Science who does not complete the requirements of the degree, but who satisfies the requirements for the Graduate Diploma may be admitted to the Graduate Diploma.

## 3 Assessment and examinations

3.1 There shall be four classifications of pass in any course for the Graduate Diploma: Pass with High Distinction, Pass with Distinction, Pass with Credit and Pass.

3.2 a A candidate shall not be eligible to be assessed by examination or otherwise, unless the prescribed work has been completed to the satisfaction of the teaching staff concerned.

b For the purpose of this Rule, a candidate who is refused permission to be assessed by examination or otherwise shall be deemed to have failed the course.

3.3 A candidate who has failed a course twice may not re-enrol in that course except by special permission of the Faculty and then only under such conditions as may be prescribed.

## 4 Qualification requirements

### 4.1 Academic program

To qualify for the Graduate Diploma, a candidate shall satisfactorily complete courses to a total of 24 units, as follows:

#### 4.1.1 Core courses

GISC 5008 Introduction to Spatial Data Models .....	3
GISC 5009 Introduction to Spatial Information Systems .....	3
GISC 5011 Research Project SIS .....	6

GISC 5013 Introduction to Remote Sensing .....	3
GISC 5014 Advanced Geographical Information Systems .....	3
4.1.2 Elective courses	
6 units selected from the following	
GISC 5001 Advanced Remote Sensing .....	3
GISC 5006 Field Sampling Techniques .....	3
GISC 5010 New Technologies in GIS .....	3
GISC 5012 Social Applications in GIS .....	3
GISC 5015 Special Topic in Spatial Data Models.....	3
GISC 5016 Special Topic in Spatial Data Modelling and Analysis .....	3

Alternative courses may be made available as appropriate, depending on students' previous study or employment history.

4.2 Unacceptable combinations of courses

No candidate will be permitted to count towards an award any course, together with any other course, which, in the opinion of the Faculty concerned, contains a substantial amount of the same material; and no course or portion of a course may be counted twice towards an award.

4.3 Graduation

Subject to Chapter 89 of the Statutes, candidates who have satisfied the requirements for any award of the University shall be admitted to that award.

**5 Special circumstances**

When in the opinion of the relevant Faculty special circumstances exist, the Council, on the recommendation of the Faculty in each case, may vary any of the provisions of the Academic Program Rules for any particular award.