



Geomatics Postgraduate & CPD Programme

Admission, study options and fees

Admission requirements & progress

Anyone with an undergraduate degree, or meeting the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors criteria for age and experience may apply. Normally this will be a good degree in a relevant field such as Civil Engineering, Earth or Environmental Science, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, or Planning, but others with some mathematical background will be considered. Those with a degree in Geomatics or closely related subject can use the programme as a route to professional qualification (RICS and/or ICES), or preparation for research degrees and may be given exemption from some elements of the programme, or undertake alternative study options.

For those with significant practical experience in related employment, or with technical qualifications in Geomatics (eg. HND) entry will be considered on an individual basis.

Those with the equivalent of a Second Class Honours degree in a cognate discipline from a UK university will be offered direct entry to the MSc programme. We use a recognised qualifications matching service to check the status of non UK degrees. For those with a degree below the level stated above, from a non-cognate discipline, or with technical qualifications (e.g. HND) plus appropriate employment experience we will consider offering admission to the PG Diploma or PG Certificate in the first instance with progress to the MSc possible if progress requirements are met.

Part-time study

The programme is design to give considerable flexibility in achieving the MSc, PG Diploma or PG Certificate over a period of up to 4 years. Some typical examples are set out below. Generally, due to visa constraints, part-time study is only available to UK and EU students.

- **MSc half-time over 2 full years:** typically requires attendance at university 2 days per week during the academic session (plus additional study time). The MSc Project will be carried out primarily during the two summer periods.
- **MSc over 3 academic sessions:** typically attendance 2 days per week during academic session; MSc project completed in 3rd year.
- **MSc over 3 years with block attendance:** attendance full time for semester 1, year 1; (12 months work experience;) full time attendance for semester 2 year 2; MSc project completed in 3rd year.
- **MSc over 4 years:** attendance 1 day per week in first 3 academic sessions; MSc project carried out in years 3 & 4 (while possible this is not a desirable programme).
- **PG Diploma over 2 academic sessions:** typically requires attendance at university 2 days per week during the academic session (plus additional study time).
- **PG Diploma over 3 academic sessions:** attendance 1 day per week.

The pattern of study for the **PG Certificate** will vary depending upon which six 10-credit courses are included. This need not be the six semester 1 courses, but can reflect and individual preferences and background. Many courses in the second part of semester 1 and those in semester 2 have pre-requisites. The programme of study will be agreed with the Programme Director at the start of the programme.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

All the courses are available without formal assessment, counting towards the CPD requirements of professional institutions. Only courses where assessment is completed at the appropriate time can count towards the award of a PGC, PGD or MSc.

Courses (credit bearing or not) can be run at other times and locations with some customisation, subject to negotiation. Please contact us for further information.

Fees for 2009/10 (revised 1/5/09, subject to change in future years)

Full-time study

MSc	Home/EU – £5,850*	Overseas - £12,950#
PG Diploma	Home/EU – £3,900	Overseas - £8,935
PG Certificate	Home/EU – £1,950	Overseas - £4,468

MSc & PGD fee includes cost of residential field course/GIS conference (as appropriate). All above fees include textbooks for 1st semester courses & necessary materials

Part-time study (Home/EU only)

£325 per 10 credits*

(PGC = 60 credits; PGD = 120 credits; MSc = 180 credits)

* Self funding Home & EU students intending MSc will be registered initially for the PGD. Those achieving a B grade average in the Diploma stage will be awarded a scholarship of £1150 towards the remaining part of the MSc fee; those achieving a C grade overall *may* be awarded a scholarship.

Overseas candidates of a high calibre may be eligible for a scholarship of £2590

CPD

Standard 10 credit course with or without assessment £350

5 credit sub-course (where available), no assessment £250

A University CPD Certificate will be awarded for each course completed.

Discount rates for multiple courses and multiple attendees from one organisation are negotiable.

Payment of fees

Full-time students normally pay the full fee at registration; MSc and PG Diploma fees may be paid in 3 instalments (September, January & March) for a small charge (currently 3%).

Part-time & CPD students pay the appropriate course fee at the start of the semester in which the course(s) run.

Scholarships & Awards

Several scholarships and awards are available for 2009/10 specifically for these programmes. Scholarships are intended to reward academic excellence and in most cases will be allocated to the best qualified applicants. Candidates may also be eligible for other scholarships and awards – more information is available on the University admissions website.

EPSRC Training Award: (1 award to EU resident)

MSc fees + living allowance (allowance value not yet determined)

SAAS PG award: (6 awards for 2009/10)

PGD fee for UK/EU students (+ living allowance for Scottish students only)
(students pay 'top-up' fee to progress MSc project)

Scottish Geomatics Scholarship: 5 awards (max) @ £1150

SAAS award holders or others admitted to PGC/D achieving B overall in PGD to cover top-up to MSc (students achieving C in PGD may continue to MSc, and may receive an award depending on academic merit and resources).

Scottish Geomatics International Scholarship: 10 awards (max) @ £2590

International students entering MSc with v. good qualifications (min 2.1 or equiv)

Scottish Geomatics North American Scholarship: 1 award @ £6,475 (50% of full fee)

Please note on your application form if you wish to be considered for a scholarship or award; we will contact you if further details are required. Except for the Scottish Geomatics Scholarships for the MSc project stage, all candidates who have accepted places on the programme, who are eligible for an award and who have indicated they are seeking support will be reviewed in May/June and allocations of awards prioritised at that time.