Centre for Customs & Excise Studies

The Centre for Customs and Excise Studies (CCES) is the world's leading provider of training and education in the highly specialised area of customs and border management. CCES has established a global reputation for its work in strengthening the organisational capability of customs and other border management agencies. Recognised by the World Customs Organization (WCO) and its peers as international leaders in the field of customs education, CCES plays an active role in establishing and maintaining the WCO Professional Standards.

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CCES forms part of Charles Sturt University's Faculty of Business, Justice and Behavioural Sciences which focuses on excellence in education for the professions, strategic and applied research, and flexible delivery of teaching and learning. Working closely with the Australian Graduate School of Policing and Security and the School of Policing Studies, CCES contributes to CSU's reputation as the world's largest provider of university education in law, enforcement, counter-terrorism, emergency management, customs and border security.

CCES Courses

CCES courses are accredited by the WCO. The Bachelor of Border Management, Graduate Certificate in Customs Administration, Graduate Diploma of Customs Administration and Master of Customs Administration all have an international focus, making them suitable for professionals from all around the world. These courses have been designed for those engaged in government employment as well as those members of the international trading community who are required to meet cross-border regulatory requirements.

Postgraduate Degrees

Graduate Certificate in Customs Administration

The Graduate Certificate in Customs Administration is designed for those who wish to formalise, update or enhance their qualifications in the area of customs administration, customs law and trade facilitation. Completion of this course provides a clear pathway for further learning, with graduates earning credit towards the first two units of the Master of Customs Administration.



The Graduate Diploma of Customs Administration aims to qualify individuals from a variety of backgrounds, including customs and other public sector agencies and businesses involved in cross-border trade, to apply advanced knowledge and skills in a range of professional customs administration contexts. This course integrates technical skills with specialised customs administration theory and practice, and serves as a pathway to further learning.

Master of Customs Administration

The Master of Customs Administration addresses the demand for qualified professionals in the field of customs and border management. Students will study the roles and policy objectives of customs administrations, including key aspects of customs policy and practice, and different approaches to managing regulatory compliance. Students will gain knowledge in international customs law, key conventions and international best practice as promoted by the WCO.

Research Degrees

CCES is committed to excellence in research and strives to undertake nationally and internationally competitive research projects. It has attained a reputation for high-quality research in the areas of Customs, international trade and border management where it has particular depth and strength of academic and research capability, and offers PhD opportunities to candidates wanting to conduct research in these areas.









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Undergraduate Degrees

Bachelor of Border Management

The Bachelor of Border Management provides students with the fundamental knowledge and skills required to work in the field of customs and border management. The course is practical and draws heavily on case studies and examples to familiarise students with the international trading environment, regulation, trade facilitation and related policies and practices. Students can tailor their degree by choosing electives that are relevant to their particular career goals and industry needs.

Certificate in Border Security

The Undergraduate Certificate in Border Security has been designed to meet the demands of working professionals persuing a flexible, short, entry level qualification with basic knowldege and skills of border sercurity.

Core Subjects:

- CUS101 Border Agencies and Principles of Border Management (16)
- CUS203 Maritime Regulation and Enforcement (8)
- CUS205 Border Security (8)

Certificate in International Customs Law

The Undergraduate Certificate in International Cutsoms Law will provide individuals wishing to upskill with basic knowldge and skills of international customs law.

Core Subjects:

- CUS101 Border Agencies and Principles of Border Management (16)
- CUS201 International Trade Treaties and Conventions (16)

Certificate in Trade and Customs

The Undergraduate Certificate in Trade and Customs has been designed for industry professionals wanting to upskill employment opportunities provding basic knowledge in trade and customs.

Core Subjects:

- CUS101 Border Agencies and Principles of Border Management (16)
- CUS104 International Trade Terms and Documentation (16)

Certificate in International Trade

The Undergraduate Certificate in International Trade has been designed to provide graduates with basic skills and knowldege of international trade.

Core Subjects:

- CUS104 Trade Terms and Documentation (16)
- CUS105 Introduction to Tariff Classification (8)
- CUS106 Introduction to Customs Valuation (8)

World Customs Journal

The World Customs Journal is published by CSU and the University of Münster, Germany in association with the INCU and WCO. It is a peer-reviewed journal which provides a forum for customs professionals, academics, industry researchers, and research students to contribute items of interest and share research and experiences to enhance its readers' understanding of all aspects of the roles and responsibilities of Customs. The Journal is published electronically and in print twice a year.

International Network of Customs Universities

CCES houses the Secretariat for the International Network of Customs Universities (INCU), an international non-profit organisation which promotes the academic standing of the customs profession and provides international organisations with a single point of contact with universities and research institutes that are active in the field of customs research, education and training. INCU is currently supporting the work of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Committee on Trade Facilitation through its research activities.





















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