Logan Campus
Griffith University

The Logan Campus of Griffith University is being planned to open in 1998.

The first 500 students will begin their degrees in February 1998. In 1999 enrolments will rise to 1200 students.

By the year 2001, there should be over 2000 students studying at the Logan Campus.

The Logan Campus will serve the rapidly growing populations of Logan City, the Beaudesert and Redland Shires and the Beenleigh district. It will also make a positive contribution to Queensland, Australia and the international community.

The population of the region is already 325,000. It will reach 400,000 by the year 2001 and the half-million mark 10 years later.

About 3,500 residents of the region are currently enrolled in Griffith University and have to travel to the Brisbane or Gold Coast campuses to undertake their degrees.

With no university in the region, participation rates in higher education in the mid Brisbane-Gold Coast corridor are below average. The Logan Campus will improve opportunities for the people of Logan, Beaudesert, Redlands and Beenleigh to gain university qualifications and pursue challenging and rewarding careers in the twenty-first century.
Logan – A Distinctive Campus
Griffith University is committed to excellence in teaching, research and community service. The University is also committed to innovation, equity and social justice, skills development for change and lifelong learning. These characteristics of Griffith University will help it to make a valuable contribution to the region.

The University plans to offer courses of significance to the region and to provide a range of major courses to meet the dominant regional demand patterns.

A university degree is a life transforming experience. At the Logan Campus, emphasis will be given to developing:

• sophisticated skills in the use and application of technology
• the capacity to solve problems and to confront new issues and approaches
• the range of skills in communication, research, analysis and presentation needed for the challenges of contemporary careers and for maximising life’s opportunities
• practical employment experience, including work with real cases and projects in courses
• courses which involve practising professionals in university teaching, especially in case studies and projects
• skills and knowledge needed for the work environment as it is now and as it will emerge and continue to change
• services to provide training and assistance in preparing for employment and gaining a career start
• strong links with industry, business and government services for effective employment outcomes for graduates
• graduates with the skills to go well beyond existing careers - to excel, to deal with change and to achieve in the future environment.

Opportunities will be provided for learning about job generation, enterprise creation, innovation, entrepreneurship and organisational development. In order to provide a breadth of study opportunities, and to expand access opportunities to those who are unable to attend the campus regularly, the University will provide some subjects at Logan through flexible modes of delivery. These may include distance education, resource-based learning and Internet access to some study materials and resources.

Built Environment
Planning of the campus layout is well advanced. Site works for roads and services have to start in mid year and construction of the first buildings have to follow soon afterwards for the campus to be ready for the 1998 opening. The first stage buildings will include a community building, information services centre (modern library), academic buildings and teaching facilities.

Funding of $35 million is needed from State and Commonwealth Governments to develop the first stage of the campus.
Courses

The University is consulting widely in the development of courses to be offered at Logan. The planning taskforce includes representation from the Logan City Council, the Beaudesert and Redland Shires and the City of Gold Coast Council. The taskforce also includes senior academic staff and members from the Logan Hospital and the Logan Institute of TAFE.

A major survey of the interests and needs of Years 11 and 12 students in the region is being undertaken in March and April this year. Courses to be offered will not be finalised until the survey results are available.

Course proposals under consideration for a possible 1998 start include:

- Child and Family Studies
- Human Services, including disability services
- Nursing
- Arts, including a range of specialised options
- Communication
- Science
- Food Technology
- Communications Technology
- Information Technology
- Business, including accounting, marketing and management
- Business Communications
- Enterprise Management, including small business management, services management and new business development

Other proposals being investigated include degree courses or specialisations in health management, horticulture, urban management, oral health, commercial photography and community drama.

The University plans to develop areas of strength at the new campus. These focus areas or Schools will embody a critical mass of staff, expertise, facilities and specialisation, and will offer major courses or groups of interrelated courses. Schools will also offer postgraduate education and, where appropriate, embody research centres and consultancy services.

Campus Location

The site selected for the campus is at Meadowbrook, Logan City, near the Logan Hospital and the Logan Institute of TAFE.

The large 56ha site borders a golf course, the Logan Motorway and Slacks Creek. It stretches along both sides of Elleslie Road, Meadowbrook. The site was once a dairy farm and has been cleared of native trees and vegetation.

The proposed campus is close to the Loganlea Station on the Brisbane-Gold Coast railway line and is not far from the Pacific Highway to the east. Frequent bus services from the railway and major regional centres will be developed.
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Griffith University was established in 1971. 1996 is the University's 25th Anniversary year.