



Learn about the
environment through
exploration and
adventure

Diploma in Outdoor Environmental Studies

This diploma equips you with the skills, knowledge and experience to contribute to the leadership of transformative outdoor environmental experiences in natural settings as a guide and scientific interpreter. You'll participate in fieldwork on Fraser Island and other locations on the Sunshine Coast, learn how to navigate diverse terrain using non-motorised modes of travel, develop an understanding of environmental management objectives, and learn about unique terrestrial and marine ecosystems and the organisms that inhabit them.

Courses that involve field trips may require a degree of physical fitness and mobility. Some items of personal equipment will need to be provided/purchased by the students.

Students will complete 20-40 days of supervised outdoor environmental studies fieldwork (depending on elective choices) in local natural environments and the Fraser Island World Heritage Area.

The University will meet most costs of the field trips, but students will be required to pay for their own food. Students may also elect to participate in some additional private trips to refine their skills, knowledge and experience.

Recommended prior study

English and at least one of the sciences.

Additional entry information

International students who have completed studies relevant to the program are eligible for

up to four courses credit based on the previous completed studies.

Applicants from a non-English speaking background must attain an IELTS (Academic) overall score of 6.0 with minimum of 5.5 in each subtest.

Career opportunities

Graduates will be suited to pursue careers as leaders in outdoor education, outdoor environmental studies, and/or entry-level environmental management positions.

Membership

Upon completion students may be eligible for partial/full registration with the National Outdoor Recreation Leadership Scheme administered by the Outdoor Council of Australia, depending on courses completed.

MORE INFORMATION

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PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Required courses (8) 96 units

Select 4 required courses (48 units) from:

ANM102 Endangered Animals and their Conservation
ANM104 Marine Vertebrates: Sharks, Seabirds, Fish, Turtles and Whales
ENS120 Introduction to Environmental Management
OES100 Outdoor Living and Travel Skills
OES101 Foundations of Outdoor Environmental Studies
OES104 Learning in Australian Landscapes
OES215 Marine Science Education Fieldwork
OES240 Leading Groups in Outdoor Environments
SUS202 Communicating Sustainability

PLUS select 4 recommended courses (48 units) from:

ANM103 Animal Form, Function and Evolution
ENS103 Earth's Surface Processes
ENS223 Environmental Impact Assessment
ENS282 Coastal and Marine Ecology
GEO100 Changing Planet Earth
GEO201 Hydrology and Geomorphology
SCI102 Biodiversity and Ecology
SUS101 Foundations of Sustainability
SUS201 Measuring Sustainability

OR select 4 elective courses (48 units) from the undergraduate elective course options.

Note: Semester of offer is subject to change, not all courses will be available each semester.

Note: Program structures are subject to change. Not all USC courses are available on every USC campus.

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