



Natural Resources and Indigenous Livelihoods Course

UNIT CODES

ENV317
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UNIT TITLE

Natural Resources and Indigenous Livelihoods

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SEMESTER

Semester 3

DATES

Intensive period:
16-20 September 2019

NUMBERS

20 places available

COURSE OVERVIEW

This intensive unit explores the connections between natural resource-based enterprise development and local and Indigenous livelihoods, and features a 5-day intensive based in Darwin and an overnight field trip to Kakadu National Park. The intensive may be taken as a 5-day short-course on a fee basis by those already working in a related sector. Theory is integrated with Australian and international examples with an emphasis on issues pertinent to desert and tropical Australia (including coastal environments). This course will link theory and applied topics, through a combination of lectures, discussions and field-based observation during the 5-day intensive. For Masters or final year Bachelor students, the intensive is part of a fully accredited unit at CDU.

FIELD INTENSIVE

The 5-day intensive features two days of field trips that will take place in outer Darwin region and in Kakadu National Park.

The field trips will involve introduction to natural resource-based enterprises which will be later critiqued to determine the critical issues affecting their establishment, operation and sustainability. The 2 days of field trips will be integrated with 3 days of lectures, guest speakers and group discussion sessions.

NATURAL RESOURCES AND INDIGENOUS LIVELIHOODS COVERS SIX THEMES:

1. Indigenous livelihoods and diversification in the context of plant and animal products, land and sea management and marine enterprises
2. Sustainable harvests and commercial use of natural resources
3. Economics, markets and value-chains
4. Governance, business models and policy issues
5. Communication and marketing approaches
6. Community engagement and participation processes and tools

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course and field intensive is targeted at practitioners working with local, Territory, state and national governments, NGOs and community groups in natural resource management. This unit is an accredited specialist elective of the Masters of Environmental Management (MEM) and elective in the third year of the Bachelor Environmental Science and Bachelor of Science. Cross-institutional enrolments from other universities are very welcome.

COURSE COORDINATOR/PRESENTERS

Natasha Stacey, (Associate Professor, Communities and Livelihoods, Research Institute for the Environment and Livelihoods, CDU) has worked in this field for 10 years and is the unit coordinator. The unit will also feature several leading researchers and practitioners who will explore the links between natural resource use and sustainability, Indigenous livelihoods and land and sea management.

COST

CDU MEM, BES and BSc students \$150 for field trip costs (transport, enterprise tour). External participants \$990 for tuition and field trip costs.

REGISTRATION

Maximum 20 participants on a first come, first serve basis. Email Natasha for a registration form. For CDU students normal enrolment processes apply.

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

Participants will be required to attend a compulsory 2 day overnight field trip departing CDU campus at approx 7.45am Wednesday 18th September and returning to Darwin at 7pm on Thursday 19th September. We will be staying at a tourist facility in Jabiru. Participants can either camp (tent, mattress supplied, cost included) or pay the costs of other accommodation options themselves (e.g. cabin or shared room). Dinner, Lunch and Breakfast will be supplied by CDU.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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TESTIMONIALS

Over the thirteen years this course has been running, participants have come from many organisations including:

- Land councils
- Indigenous Ranger Groups
- Aboriginal Resource Centres
- Government agencies in Australia and Asia
- Shires/Local Government
- Master level and final year undergraduate students

2017 – Anonymous Participant Evaluation

'The lecturers were excellent, each knew the field very well and were very experienced in their area, providing contextual insight.'

2016 – Anonymous Participant Evaluation

'I found the course very well balanced and informative which greatly increased my knowledge about natural resources, especially Aboriginal livelihoods.'

2015 – Anonymous Participant Evaluation

'I loved the multidiscipline nature of the course and variety/diversity of presenters and participants. Very well coordinated!'

2014 – Anonymous Participant Evaluation

'This course has given a lot of insight into other areas of Natural Resource Management, such as marketing, certification, and branding. I have gained deep understanding in both theoretical and practical settings and how to set up and operate natural resource based enterprise.'

2013 – Anonymous Participant Evaluation

'Great program, great mix of videos, lectures and outside presenters and field trips. External presenters were excellent.'