



UNIT INFORMATION OVERVIEW

UNIT CODES

ENV315 (undergraduate)

ENV515 (postgraduate)

UNIT TITLE

Desert Field Ecology

UNIT COORDINATOR

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CDU SEMESTER

Study Period 2

DATES

24 - 30 June 2019

LOCATION

Starts at CDU Alice Springs campus and participants will travel to Glen Helen in the West MacDonnell ranges for the field based component of the course.

DURATION

7 days, plus online study before and after field intensive

NUMBERS

20 places available

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COURSE OUTLINE

This advanced ecology unit focuses on the ecology and management of desert river environments in central Australia. The unit hinges on a 7-day field intensive during which you will participate actively in field based research in the spectacular World Heritage listed Tjoritja / West MacDonnell National Park. Methods will include camera trapping,

surveys of aquatic vertebrates and invertebrates, bird surveys and assessment of river red gum populations. Desert Field Ecology is available as both an undergraduate and master level unit. Students from other universities and other external participants (e.g. conservation and land management practitioners) are welcome.



HOW TO ENROL

1. Ensure any prerequisite or assumed knowledge requirements are met: CDU Unit Catalogue
[W. cdu.edu.au](http://W.cdu.edu.au)
2. Submit Change of Enrolment form (CDU students) or Cross Institutional Enrolment form for Study Period 2 to Student Central.
Change of Enrolment forms will be approved by the Unit

Coordinator based on meeting entry requirements and date of form submission. Other factors such as academic merit and course progress may be considered if there are large numbers of applicants.

3. External participants to contact the course co-ordinator Christine.Schlesinger@cdu.edu.au for an enrolment form.
4. If places are full, students may choose to go on to a waitlist in case places become available.

IMPORTANT DATES

10 May 2019	Final date to enrol (Note places are limited and enrolment forms should be submitted as early as possible to allow for approval before this date).
27 May 2019	Teaching commences Students will have access to the unit Learnline site with full details of the course and preliminary learning activities to be completed prior to the field intensive.
24 June 2019	Field intensive commences

COST

Includes transport, share accommodation in Alice Springs (23 June, 29 & 30 June) and Glen Helen (5 nights 24 June - 29 July) and all meals, except while in Alice Springs, plus transport from Darwin to Alice Springs if required.

- CDU Bachelor or Environmental Science, Bachelor of Science or Master of Environmental science students and cross-institutional enrolments \$350 (+HECS).
- External participants \$990 for tuition and field trip costs.

GETTING THERE

Students are generally required to make their own way to Alice Springs before 24 June and home after 30 June. The field intensive begins early on Monday the 24 June and ends late on Sunday 30 June so please do not arrange travel on those dates. Limited places are available on the field trip bus for students needing to travel from Darwin to Alice Springs and return before and after the intensive.

Darwin to Alice Springs: There are seats available on a CDU bus travelling from Darwin to Alice Springs with equipment and returning after the fieldtrip. If you are interested in having a seat on the bus please let us know at EITAdmin@cdu.edu.au

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