



## FAST Facts

### Course Length:

6 weeks [Online learning]:

**June 1 – July 11**

1 week [Online Intensive]:

**June 29 – July 3**

### Credit:

10 Credit points (Australian)

### Course code:

IAS353

### English Requirement:

IELTS 6.0 (or equivalent)

### Quick Facts:

- Learn about the relationship between Australian Indigenous people and the Environment
- Analyse the impact that Indigenous knowledge systems can have on natural and cultural resources management
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# Indigenous Cultures and Environment

## Program Overview

Explore the nature and contemporary expression of the unique, strong and enduring relationship between Australian Indigenous people, their cultures and the natural environment. You will gain contextual understandings of the natural environment, drawn from different Indigenous traditions. Through exposure to different ontological understandings of relationships to land and sea country, you will analyse and critique the role and impact these knowledge systems can have on the contemporary management of natural and cultural resources. The program aims to build an awareness of scientific knowledge making processes that needs to be understood before venturing into the world of Indigenous environmental knowledge.

## Study Abroad Programs

In 2020, we will be offering Study Abroad programs in engineering, environmental science, business, emergency and disaster studies, indigenous studies, health sciences, and humanities.

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## COURSE STRUCTURE

Over the Program, 9 Modules will be covered, delivering a complete Indigenous learning experience.

Module 1: Introduction

Module 2: Exploring Knowledge

Module 3: Indigenous Knowledge Characteristics

Module 4: Local Knowledges

Module 5: Knowledge as Practice

Module 6: Western Science

Module 7: Adaptive Management

Module 8: Case Studies

Module 9: Contemporary Management

Upon successful completion of the Program, you will be able to:

- Describe and characterise key aspects of the ways in which Indigenous people see their relationship to and role within the natural environment;
- Identify and critique the implications of different ways of characterising relationships to the natural environment and the impact this could have on the use and management of natural and cultural resources;
- Analyse the impact of Indigenous knowledge systems and contemporary western scientific knowledge speaking to each other in relation to the management of natural and cultural resources;
- Make recommendations on the way in which indigenous understandings of and relationship to the natural environment could influence professional practice, particularly as an environmental scientist or resource manager.



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