



## Natural Resources and Indigenous Livelihoods Course

### UNIT CODES

ENV317  
ENV517

### UNIT TITLE

Natural Resources and Indigenous Livelihoods

### UNIT COORDINATOR

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### SEMESTER

Semester 2

### DATES

Intensive period:  
13 – 17 September, 2021

### NUMBERS

20 places available

### COURSE OVERVIEW

This intensive course explores the synergies between natural resource-based enterprise development and Indigenous livelihoods. Participants attend a 5-day intensive based in Darwin and two days of field trips in the outer Darwin region or alternative location. Theory is integrated with Australian and international examples with an emphasis on issues pertinent to desert and tropical Australia (including coastal environments). The course will link theory and applied topics, through a combination of lectures, discussions and field-based observation. Preparatory online activities and assignments are conducted before and after the intensive. The assessment items for students and resources for professional participants provide practical experience in planning new natural resource-based enterprises.

### FIELD INTENSIVE

The 5-day intensive features two days of field trips that will take place in outer Darwin region or alternative location.

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 discussions.

### THEMES COVERED

- > Indigenous people and their resources
- > Economic development theory and sustainable livelihood frameworks
- > Social, cultural, environmental and economic factors in enterprise development and commercial use of natural resources
- > Governance, business models and policy issues
- > Communication and engagement strategies, processes and tools
- > Natural resource based enterprise case studies - including plant and animal products, land and sea management, carbon economy and marine enterprises

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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 of Environmental Science (BES) and Bachelor of Science (BSC). 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 12 years and is the unit coordinator. The unit will also feature several leading researchers and practitioners who will explore the links between natural resources and sustainability, Indigenous livelihoods and land and sea management.

## COST

CDU students \$150 for field trip costs (transport and tour costs).  
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 enrolments processes apply.

## FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

Participants will be required to attend compulsory 2 day field trips in the outer Darwin region or alternative location. Details will be provided one month prior to the course commencement date. If the situation permits, it may be possible to include an overnight field trip to Kakadu National Park.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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## TESTIMONIALS

Over the 15 years this course has been running, participants have come from many organisations including:

- > Land councils
- > Indigenous Ranger Groups
- > Government agencies in Australia and Asia
- > Non government organisations
- > Natural resource management organisations
- > Shires/Local Government
- > Master level and final year undergraduate students

### 2020 – Anonymous Participant Evaluation

‘The course well covered my expectations. It covered theory and practice well. All presenters were clearly experienced and engaging. I would recommend this unit as a core subject for any natural resource based and cultural studies.’

### 2019 – Anonymous Participant Evaluation

‘The trip to Kakadu National Park was extremely relevant and gave a very hands-on approach to the unit.’

‘It was an extremely beneficial course, the content was well thought out with extreme planning and detail.’

### 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.’

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