



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

17 - 23 July 2021

LOCATION

The CDU Alice Springs Campus will be the base for day trips to field sites nearby and in the West MacDonnell Ranges.

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 of desert river environments in central Australia. You will gain an understanding of the key principles driving arid ecosystems and the most pressing conservation issues faced within the region. During the 7-day intensive you will conduct field-based research in the spectacular World Heritage listed Tjoritja / West MacDonnell National Park. Field methods will include camera trapping, surveys of aquatic

vertebrates and invertebrates, and bird surveys. Together with the data you collect you will have the opportunity to analyse and report on long-term data from the study sites to deepen your knowledge of the ecosystems you have studied. 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

31 May 2021	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.
10 June 2021	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).
17 July 2021	Field intensive commences

COST

Includes transport, twin-share accommodation in Alice Springs Campus from Friday 16 July check out Saturday 24 July and most meals, 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 the intensive and home after. The program begins early on Saturday 17 July and ends late on Friday 23 July with a farewell dinner so please do not arrange travel on those dates. Limited places may be available in CDU vehicles for students needing to travel from Darwin to Alice Springs and return before and after the intensive.

Darwin to Alice Springs: If you are interested in traveling from Darwin return in a CDU vehicle please let us know by emailing CEITE-admin-ops-services@cdu.edu.au

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