

# Master of Public Policy

Northern Institute

## About the Course

The Master of Public Policy is a 2 year full-time equivalent course that provides a unique focus on public policy in northern contexts. The course brings together teaching and learning experiences which focus on the northern Australian region, in particular its remote context, the importance of Indigenous people and culture and its proximity to Southeast Asia.

The course draws on policy and research experience at the Northern Institute to provide policy makers with the necessary knowledge and skills to engage in effective and ethical research in the region, across policy development, implementation and evaluation phases. It provides a unique opportunity to develop individual student's analytical and research capacity through supervision with reputable public policy researchers, developers and evaluators working in northern contexts.

## Admission Requirements

Successful completion of a Bachelor Degree, Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma, Master Degree or equivalent.

**If you do not meet the entry requirements you are encouraged to contact [thenortherninstitute@cdu.edu.au](mailto:thenortherninstitute@cdu.edu.au) or 08 8946 7468 for further advice.**

## Course Structure

The course is designed to provide an in-depth understanding of the unique challenges and characteristics of 'doing policy' in northern contexts. Students will explore a variety of political, cultural and social theory approaches to public policy. They will also gain a solid understanding of evidence-based policy development, evaluation and empirical research theories and methodologies.

Students then have a choice of specialist electives to further develop their public policy knowledge in their area of choice, such as Indigenous policy, international education, governance and management, health, emergency and disaster management, and environmental management.

Finally, students will have the opportunity to synthesise and apply their new knowledge in a substantive research project into a public policy topic of their choice. They will receive individualised supervision and support from university research and teaching staff.

2 years full-time/4 years part-time.

Detailed course requirements can be found via [www.cdu.edu.au/northern-institute/study-with-us](http://www.cdu.edu.au/northern-institute/study-with-us).

## FIND OUT MORE...

For further information about enrolment procedures, closing dates and other administrative issues, please contact Student Central. Email: [student.central@cdu.edu.au](mailto:student.central@cdu.edu.au) Phone: 1800 061 963 (free call)



# About Northern Institute

The Northern Institute is a social and policy research leader that undertakes research relevant to peoples' lives and policy.

Our research is concerned with not only understanding what is, but also what could be.

We provide independent, proven, professional research and consulting services to a wide range of organisations and enterprises with an interest in central, northern and remote Australia and in neighbouring countries to our North.

The research teams within the Institute are led by nationally and internationally recognised researchers who work with partners from a range of sectors to explore questions that lead to new knowledge and develop know-how for a stronger social system for Australia.

Our research teams have expertise in demography and growth planning, transdisciplinary methodologies and knowledge systems, social inclusion and community engagement, remote workforce development and pathways and training and social sustainability, across

Northern and Central Australia and the nations to our north.

The Northern Institute encompasses four major research themes, all showcasing the partnerships and collaborations in the transnational arena. Fundamentally, the four themes are organised by policy, program, discipline or focus.

- Contemporary Indigenous Knowledge and Governance
- Demography and Growth Planning
- Evaluation and Knowledge Impact
- Regional, Economic and Workforce Development

Through innovation and excellence in key research areas, the themes jointly consult with stakeholders to clarify their processes and desired outcomes. Collaboration is at the forefront of the Institute's research philosophy. The themes are significant in influencing policy agendas, occupying a policy environment that focuses on shared responsibility and accountable impact.



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