



# BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE (OUTDOOR RECREATION AND ECOTOURISM)

> **What is CSU's Bachelor of Applied Science (Outdoor Recreation and Ecotourism)?**

The Bachelor of Applied Science (Outdoor Recreation and Ecotourism) at Charles Sturt University (CSU) combines practical training in a range of outdoor recreation activities with theoretical study about the impact of these activities on the environment. The course is offered on campus at CSU in Albury-Wodonga or Port Macquarie, as well as online, giving you the flexibility to study in a way that suits you. You will also choose one of three minor study streams to suit your interests:

- Indigenous and Cultural Heritage
- Outdoor Recreation
- Wildlife and Conservation

> **Why study CSU's Bachelor of Applied Science (Outdoor Recreation and Ecotourism)?**

CSU's Bachelor of Applied Science (Outdoor Recreation and Ecotourism) provides you with the practical skills and knowledge to coordinate and conduct outdoor education or recreation activities. You could run programs for school groups, adventure and fitness programs, or lead tours to some of Australia's spectacular wild and remote settings.

This course will get you out of the classroom to truly experience and understand the environment through exciting outdoor activities and international opportunities. Along with your theoretical study, you will have field instruction and learn in the real world, giving you a new appreciation for the natural environment and the ways people interact with it.

The course includes field trips to various settings in Australia, including the Australian Alps, Mungo National Park and Phillip Island, Victoria. You could complete practical placements anywhere from the Tasmanian wilderness to Australia's far north, or complete international field trips to places such as Bhutan, Cambodia, East Timor or Nepal.

**Some reasons for studying Outdoor Recreation and Ecotourism at CSU:**

Gain hands-on experience through field trips to Australian and overseas locations.

Employment opportunities exist in outdoor education centres, outdoor recreation companies or government departments.

Study on campus at Albury-Wodonga or Port Macquarie, or online.



I can't stress enough the importance of practical placements in a range of work environments. It allows practical application of theory as well as

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about the skills I need to gain and improve on. I like that CSU heavily supports both Australian and international-based placement.

**Charlie Eager**

Outdoor Recreation and Ecotourism student

### About CSU

CSU is a national university focusing on excellence in education for the professions, strategic and applied research, and flexible delivery of learning and teaching. We work in close association with industry, professions and government to ensure our courses meet and support industry needs, resulting in high graduate employment levels and starting salaries. We attract more than 38,000 students from Australia and around the world and are well-known for our innovative approach to education, offering practical, hands-on courses, supported online to provide our students with accessible, world class education.

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### Career Opportunities

CSU's Bachelor of Applied Science (Outdoor Recreation and Ecotourism) is recognised by employers nationally and internationally. CSU works closely with industry, professions and government to ensure courses meet and support industry needs. Graduates of this course may be employed in Australia or internationally in organisations such as outdoor education centres and outdoor adventure companies, as well as in government organisations including the Department of Sport and Recreation and the Department of Education.

Career opportunities for graduates could include conducting outdoor education programs, school camps, sport and fitness programs, and leading tours to wild and remote areas of Australia. CSU graduates are involved in tourism services, nature conservation, adventure programming and personal development. Career options may vary depending on the minor stream selected.

### What will I learn?

CSU's Bachelor of Applied Science (Outdoor Recreation and Ecotourism) has a strong focus on practical learning, sustainability and the visitor experience. In addition to the core components of the course, you will select a minor study stream that suits your career goals and your interests.

#### Indigenous and Cultural Heritage

In this minor, you will gain skills in conserving and managing cultural heritage, and an understanding of how to effectively work with Indigenous communities in particular. Your study will include heritage site management, cultural heritage policy and planning, site survey design, and medicinal and Indigenous foods.

#### Outdoor Recreation

The Outdoor Recreation minor with Wodonga TAFE (RTO 3097) gives you the opportunity to gain a nationally recognised AQF Diploma of Outdoor Recreation (SIS50310) or Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation (SIS40313). Over three years, while studying at CSU, students can also choose to be educated in operating and leading popular outdoor recreation activities, as required by many outdoor recreation employers in Australia. The foundational activity, expedition leadership, includes bushwalking and navigation, search and rescue, and wilderness first aid. Other compulsory activities include canoeing flatwater guide, abseil guide, alpine skills and caving skills. You can also choose electives to prepare you as a guide in mountain biking, white water canoeing, rock climbing, alpine trekking or sea kayaking.

#### Wildlife and Conservation

Students with a passion for conserving and managing biological diversity will gain relevant technical and cognitive skills through the Wildlife and Conservation minor. Subjects on offer cover topics such as animal diversity, conservation biology, environmental data analysis, restoration ecology, vegetation ecology and wildlife ecology and management.

#### Credit

If you hold a completed Certificate IV or Diploma of Outdoor Recreation, you may be eligible to receive credit towards the Bachelor of Applied Science (Outdoor Recreation and Ecotourism), reducing the amount of time required to complete your degree.

For more information or to apply, visit:

[www.csu.edu.au/courses/outdoor-recreation-ecotourism](http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/outdoor-recreation-ecotourism)



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