BIOL701
Research Topic in Biology 1
S1 Day 2019
Dept of Biological Sciences

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General Information

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Credit points
4

Prerequisites
Admission to MRes

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit will focus on special topics in biology. Topics may range from genes to ecosystems, and focus on any level of biological organisation and any biological group or process. Topics will be chosen to encourage students to explore the different disciplines in biology and to develop skills in analysis and investigation that are necessary that are required to undertake more advanced research.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates

Learning Outcomes
1. Learning outcomes to be determined by supervisor for project/activity based units or as listed in unit guides where other units are being undertaken.

Assessment Tasks

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Task 1
Due: TBA
Weighting: **100%**

Assessment tasks and weighting to be determined by supervisor for project/activity based units or as listed in unit guides where other units are being undertaken.

Minimum 3 tasks required, with a maximum of 60% weighting for any one task.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:

- Learning outcomes to be determined by supervisor for project/activity based units or as listed in unit guides where other units are being undertaken.

**Delivery and Resources**

Student should consult with supervisor for project/activity based units or as listed in unit guides where other units are being undertaken.

**Unit Schedule**

Student should consult with supervisor for project/activity based units or as listed in unit guides where other units are being undertaken.

**Policies and Procedures**

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- Academic Appeals Policy  
- Academic Integrity Policy  
- Academic Progression Policy  
- Assessment Policy  
- Fitness to Practice Procedure  
- Grade Appeal Policy  
- Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public  
- Special Consideration Policy *(Note: The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.)*

Undergraduate students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central).
Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/study/getting-started/student-conduct

Results

Results shown in iLearn, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au.

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit http://students.mq.edu.au/support/

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module for Students
- Ask a Learning Adviser

Student Enquiry Service

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

Equity Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the Disability Service who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy. The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

PG - Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

Our postgraduates will be capable of utilising and reflecting on prior knowledge and experience, of applying higher level critical thinking skills, and of integrating and synthesising learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments. A characteristic of this form of thinking is
the generation of new, professionally oriented knowledge through personal or group-based critique of practice and theory.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcome**

- Learning outcomes to be determined by supervisor for project/activity based units or as listed in unit guides where other units are being undertaken.

**Assessment task**

- Task 1

**PG - Effective Communication**

Our postgraduates will be able to communicate effectively and convey their views to different social, cultural, and professional audiences. They will be able to use a variety of technologically supported media to communicate with empathy using a range of written, spoken or visual formats.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcome**

- Learning outcomes to be determined by supervisor for project/activity based units or as listed in unit guides where other units are being undertaken.

**Assessment task**

- Task 1

**PG - Discipline Knowledge and Skills**

Our postgraduates will be able to demonstrate a significantly enhanced depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content knowledge in their chosen fields.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcome**

- Learning outcomes to be determined by supervisor for project/activity based units or as listed in unit guides where other units are being undertaken.

**Assessment task**

- Task 1

**PG - Research and Problem Solving Capability**

Our postgraduates will be capable of systematic enquiry; able to use research skills to create new knowledge that can be applied to real world issues, or contribute to a field of study or
practice to enhance society. They will be capable of creative questioning, problem finding and problem solving.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome
- Learning outcomes to be determined by supervisor for project/activity based units or as listed in unit guides where other units are being undertaken.

Assessment task
- Task 1

PG - Engaged and Responsible, Active and Ethical Citizens

Our postgraduates will be ethically aware and capable of confident transformative action in relation to their professional responsibilities and the wider community. They will have a sense of connectedness with others and country and have a sense of mutual obligation. They will be able to appreciate the impact of their professional roles for social justice and inclusion related to national and global issues.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome
- Learning outcomes to be determined by supervisor for project/activity based units or as listed in unit guides where other units are being undertaken.

Assessment task
- Task 1

PG - Capable of Professional and Personal Judgment and Initiative

Our postgraduates will demonstrate a high standard of discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgment. They will have the ability to make informed choices and decisions that reflect both the nature of their professional work and their personal perspectives.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome
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- Task 1