



BIOL872

Cross Institutional Study B

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Dept of Biological Sciences

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General Information

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Credit points 4
Prerequisites Permission by special approval
Corequisites
Co-badged status
Unit description This unit allows for general credit for relevant and approved postgraduate units studied at other tertiary institutions.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- Develop a discipline-specific understanding of why marine science and management is necessary from a local to a global perspective
- Identify discipline-specific issues in marine science and/or management at local to global levels
- Communicate discipline-specific issues at an academic and local community level
- Apply communication and teamwork skills in a novel environment
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General Assessment Information

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Details of the assessment tasks will be given by the unit convenor of the external unit taken. Students must complete all assessments as required in the external unit.

Submission of assessments will be as per the requirements of the chosen unit.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

Plagiarism is the presentation of thoughts and work of another as one's own.

Examples include:

- Copying thoughts or work of another without appropriate acknowledgement
- Paraphrasing another person's work with very minor changes
- Piecing together sections of the work of others into a new document.

All assessments need to be written in the student's own words. The penalties imposed by Macquarie University for plagiarism are serious and may include expulsion from the University. ANY evidence of plagiarism will be dealt with following Macquarie University policy AND the external University policy. At Macquarie University, penalties for plagiarism will be imposed for each assessment and clearly defined in marking grades. Further penalties imposed by the Faculty disciplinary committee may range from a loss of all marks and the award of zero depending on the circumstances.

EXTENSIONS, PENALTIES AND DISRUPTION TO STUDIES

The deadlines for assignments are not negotiable. Deadlines given in the external unit must be strictly adhered to.

UNIT COMPLETION

To pass BIOL872 you must achieve the requirements for unit completion in your external unit and ensure that the BIOL872 convenor receives your grades in official format prior to the end of the exam period at Macquarie University.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
External unit study	100%	No	All semester

External unit study

Due: **All semester**

Weighting: **100%**

This unit is one of the electives offered through the Master of Marine Science and Management degree. All unit choices must be approved by the BIOL872 unit convenor. Admission into the external unit of choice is contingent on the availability of places in the unit of choice at the time of the request.

You will successfully complete a unit of study at a University external to Macquarie University, preferably a Sydney Institute of Marine Science (SIMS) partner university. Students associated with the Master of Marine Science and Management can enroll in BIOL872 for selective study at Macquarie University with the unit convenor's approval. It can also be used in special circumstances for postgraduate students from other institutions to study at Macquarie University.

The number and timing of individual assessment tasks and their weights will vary depending on the external unit chosen. Information on the units available at the partner universities can be found at the following links:

[University of New South Wales](#)

[University of Technology Sydney](#)

[The University of Sydney](#)

If you are doing BIOL872 as a shell unit from another institution, you will need to discuss unit completion requirements and timing with the BIOL872 convenor at the beginning of the unit.

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Delivery and Resources

OVERALL RUNNING OF THE UNIT

This unit acts as a shell unit to allow relevant study at another institution. The requirements of the unit therefore vary and are directed by the convenor of the external unit being undertaken. Please ensure that you identify yourself with the external unit convenor as soon as you are enrolled and that the external convenor is aware that you are a cross-institutional student.

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) (<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) (<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](http://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<http://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 published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) 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 or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@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 Services and 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.

Student Enquiries

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

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

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 - 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 outcomes

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Assessment task

- External unit study

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.

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Assessment task

- External unit study

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:

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Assessment task

- External unit study

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 outcomes

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Assessment task

- External unit study

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 outcomes

- Communicate discipline-specific issues at an academic and local community level
- Apply communication and teamwork skills in a novel environment

Assessment task

- External unit study

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:

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Assessment task

- External unit study