



BIOL8720

Cross Institutional Study

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Session 2 Learning and Teaching Update

The decision has been made to conduct study online for the remainder of Session 2 for all units WITHOUT mandatory on-campus learning activities. Exams for Session 2 will also be online where possible to do so.

This is due to the extension of the lockdown orders and to provide certainty around arrangements for the remainder of Session 2. We hope to return to campus beyond Session 2 as soon as it is safe and appropriate to do so.

Some classes/teaching activities cannot be moved online and must be taught on campus. You should already know if you are in one of these classes/teaching activities and your unit convenor will provide you with more information via iLearn. If you want to confirm, see the list of [units with mandatory on-campus classes/teaching activities](#).

Visit the [MQ COVID-19 information page](#) for more detail.

General Information

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Credit points 10
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 associated with the Sydney Institute of Marine Science (SIMS).

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:

ULO1: Develop a discipline-specific understanding of why marine science and management is necessary from a local to a global perspective

ULO2: Identify discipline-specific issues in marine science and/or management at local to global levels

ULO3: Communicate discipline-specific issues at an academic and local community level

ULO4: Apply communication and teamwork skills in a novel environment

ULO5: Evaluate and synthesise expert opinions within a discipline-specific area of marine science and/or management

General Assessment Information

BIOL8720 is a shell unit that allows for general credit for relevant and approved postgraduate units studied at other tertiary institutions. It is part of the [Masters of Marine Science and Management](#) at Macquarie University and not available for students external to this degree. All unit choices must be approved by the BIOL8720 unit convenor and the analogous convenor from the external institute.

Students will learn the tools of conducting open, transparent science in an ethical way. The tasks are highly dependent on the unit taken in the external institution. The work must not be plagiarised.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
External unit study	100%	No	TBA

External unit study

Assessment Type ¹: Project

Indicative Time on Task ²: 125 hours

Due: **TBA**

Weighting: **100%**

You will successfully complete a unit of study at a partner University to Sydney Institute of Marine Science (SIMS). Admission is contingent on the availability of places available in the external unit at the time of the request.

On successful completion 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
- Evaluate and synthesise expert opinions within a discipline-specific area of marine science and/or management

¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment

- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

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. The student must also contact the BIOL8720 Unit Convenor and arrange for a meeting early in the session. It is the student's responsibility to choose an external unit and to organise the enrolment into that unit within the appropriate time frame. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the BIOL8720 Unit Convenor received the results of all external assessments in a timely manner during the running of this unit.

Delivery of the unit and resources required will depend on the external unit taken.

Unit Schedule

The unit schedule is dependent on the external unit taken.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://policies.s.mq.edu.au) (<https://policies.s.mq.edu.au>). 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](#)

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

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central](https://policies.mq.edu.au) (<https://policies.mq.edu.au>) and use the [search tool](#).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of

Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/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 help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Getting help with your assignment](#)
- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

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.