



BIOL8720

Cross Institutional Study

Session 1, In person-placement, Other 2022

School of Natural Sciences

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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 the following tertiary institutions: University of New South Wales, University of Technology Sydney, and the University of Sydney. It is part of the Masters of Marine Science and Management degree at Macquarie University. You cannot use BIOL8720 as a shell unit for any other degree.

DO NOT ENROL DIRECTLY IN THIS UNIT. To obtain general credit associated with this unit you must do the following:

- 1) Organise and enrol in a postgraduate unit of study at one of the three external institutions (above).
- 2) Notify the BIOL8720 unit convenor of your actions, the unit that you have successfully enrolled in, and contact details for the current convenor of that unit. All unit choices must be approved by the BIOL8720 unit convenor and the analogous convenor from the external institute.
- 3) When the unit is complete, apply for a specified credit application (RPL) at Macquarie University for BIOL8720.

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.

Unit Schedule

The schedule is dependent on the external unit undertaken.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.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](#)
- [Assessment Procedure](#)
- [Complaints Resolution 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

Academic Integrity

At Macquarie, we believe [academic integrity](#) – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free [online writing and maths support](#), [academic skills development](#) and [wellbeing consultations](#).

Student Support

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

The Writing Centre

[The Writing Centre](#) provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- [Workshops](#)
- [Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader](#)
- [Access StudyWISE](#)
- [Upload an assignment to Studiosity](#)
- [Complete the 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

Macquarie University offers a range of [Student Support Services](#) including:

- [IT Support](#)
- [Accessibility and disability support](#) with study
- Mental health [support](#)
- [Safety support](#) to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- [Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues](#)

Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via [AskMQ](#), or contact [Service Connect](#).

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.