The University of Wollongong (UOW), through the Faculties of Arts and Science and the Woolyungah Indigenous Centre and Charles Darwin University, has developed a special intensive field subject. The subject, ARTS201 Regional Australian Society and Environment: a Field Study, is offered for full credit (8 credit points). It will be offered from 2006 in three modes:

1. As a short course in the northern Summer
2. As an extra subject in addition to the 24 credit point full-time semester or year long study abroad program at UOW or
3. Integrated with a full semester study abroad program at UOW.

The duration of the program is three-weeks to be undertaken prior to the commencement of the UOW Spring (July-November) session. The intensive field subject will have a special focus on regional environmental and social issues. The field subject integrates natural, cultural and social investigations and will incorporate 10 days in the field in the northern half of Australia’s Northern Territory. The field based investigations include both indigenous and non-indigenous aspects of environment, culture and society.

Those students enrolled for the academic semester will be recommended to include other subjects from the regular UOW offerings in the Faculties of Arts and Science which focus on contemporary issues in Australian Society and Environment.
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
ARTS 201 Regional Australian Society and Environment: a Field Study (8 credit points)

The subject will introduce students to a range of historical, political, social and cultural issues relevant to understanding contemporary Australian society. The initial orientation will be for five days located at the University and will consist of lectures, presentations, seminars and workshops. The orientation is designed to build a broad context for the case study which will form the basis of the fieldwork. The fieldwork will be conducted over ten days. Debriefing, analysis, writing and presentation will occupy the last part of the program.

During the orientation period, students will identify and begin preliminary research for a project that will be augmented by work in the field. Students will work together in small teams and make a team presentation of their research as part of the overall assessment. They will also keep a reflective journal on issues raised by the subject.

INTENSIVE FIELD SUBJECT
JULY PROGRAM
Field studies in the top end of the Northern Territory in partnership with Charles Darwin University
Program dates: Three weeks prior to the commencement of Spring Session, (19 June – 7 July, 2006)
> One week orientation at University of Wollongong, Wollongong campus and Charles Darwin University (CDU), Darwin to introduce program objectives and the region;
> Ten days in the field based at either Kakadu or Katherine Rural College of CDU;
> Four day summary session at University of Wollongong main campus.

The Northern Territory program participant organisations may include the Northern Land Council, Kakadu National Park, CRC for Tropical Savannas Management, Menzies School of Health Research, ARC Key Centre for Tropical Wildlife Management, Nitmiluk National Park and Nyirrangiulung Regional Authority.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY PROGRAM
(Refer to separate brochure for further details)
Illawarra region & South Coast of New South Wales
Program dates: Three weeks prior to the commencement of Autumn Session (23 January – 10 February, 2006).

KEY DATES 2006

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The subject integrates natural, cultural and social investigations in the top end of the Northern Territory. These investigations take in both indigenous and non-indigenous aspects of environment and society.

The spectrum of issues covered will include some of: joint managed national parks; Aboriginal and eco-tourism; changing demography; rural restructuring; community governance; competing uses of land and natural resources; mining; endangered species; fire management.

The specific case study is dependent on available expertise and will be advised at the time the study group is being organised. The final review period will draw together the orientation and the field study, pursuing questions and issues raised, and having student research teams present their work to date. Coordinating staff will be available throughout to provide support with the research task.

Assumed background knowledge

- Reflect on and engage with the research themes, issues and broader social and environmental issues raised, a background knowledge in both academic disciplines and Aboriginal field work leaders will be available.

- The program would suit students who will be in their Junior year or in the final semester of their Sophomore Year, with a background in an area related to Anthropology, Human Ecology, Environmental Studies, Geography, Indigenous Studies or Sociology.

**Academic Coordination**

The subject will be coordinated by Professor John Bern, Director, Woolyungah Indigenous Centre. Lecturers and field work leaders will be experts in fields related to the program.

- The program draws together students from the University of Wollongong and Charles Darwin University and researchers drawn from the other participating organisations. There will be a team leader for each field study who has extensive local knowledge, academic and communication skills.

**Assessment**

- A reflective diary kept in situ (25%);
- Team final research presentation (25%);
- Written research submission (25%);
- Assignments 1500 words (25%)

**Program Fee**

The 2006 program fee for the July Program is A$3,300 per student. The fee includes tuition, all accommodation and most meals; all program ground travel within Australia; an orientation program; pre-departure materials and airport shuttle services. The fee does not include airfares to, from or within Australia. Australian students are required to pay HECS, all associated travel costs, accommodation and subsistence costs.
1. International House
2. Weerona College
3. Campus East
4. Gundi
6. Kooloobong

The University of Wollongong has a range of student accommodation available on or close-by the main campus. Accommodation during the field study program will be provided in either University-managed accommodation or dorm/hostel style accommodation.

LIFE ON THE UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG CAMPUS:
The UniCentre offers takeaway food, cafés, restaurants and the campus facilities include banks, a bookshop, post office, travel agency plus world class sporting facilities at the Recreation and Aquatic Centre. Students will have access to the Library and computer laboratories on the main campus and each residence hall has computer facilities and is networked to the main campus.

The City of Wollongong is located just 80km south of Sydney on a spectacular stretch of the southern New South Wales coast. Wollongong’s natural environment includes some of the most pristine beaches in Australia and the escarpment to the west offers a great network of walking trails and dazzling views of the coastline.

Visit the following website for more information:
www.tourismwollongong.com
www.uow.edu.au/about/wollongong.html

University of Wollongong fact file:
> UOW established 1951
> Total Enrolment Wollongong campus 18,000
> International student enrolment: 3,900
> Links with more than 150 leading institutions overseas.

Charles Darwin University fact file:
> Established in 2003 through the merger of Northern Territory University, Centralian College and Menzies School of Health Research
> Total Enrolment 16,000
> Campuses or Education Centres in Darwin, Palmerston, Alice Springs, Katherine, Nhulunbuy, Yalara, Tennant Creek and Jabiru
> International student enrolment 5%.

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