



GLOBAL CENTRE OF
RESEARCH & ENGAGEMENT

Fieldwork in Complex and Hostile Places

Course Outline and Overview



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OVERVIEW

Fieldwork can be demanding and can pose risks to the security and safety of the researcher.

This 5-day immersive role-play based course teaches field skills for fieldwork research with vulnerable participants and/or for extended periods in insecure or culturally/politically complex environments. All students completing the course earn four Certificates of Training for field deployment issued by the United Nations Department of Safety and Security.

Participants develop practical knowledge of what is required to undertake applied research in the most challenging settings. The training provides a framework for participants to develop an integrated research and security plan to support cutting edge research.

Using a blended learning approach that balances theory (2 days) with practice (3 days), the subject is taught by a combination of professional security consultants and academics.

The academic component addresses applied research philosophy, ethical and legal issues, risk management and decision-making, field site selection, cyber security and data handling in the field.

The immersive scenario based role-play learning practical field training is based on the accredited United Nations SSAFE curriculum and is delivered at an 'off-site' location near Cairns.

Learning specialist applied methods, technologies and field-craft enhances participants' toolkit to manage the major individual and institutional challenges they are likely to confront during the collection of new primary data in the field.

It is relevant to students and staff of universities, Government agencies, NGO's and the private sector. Resources will be provided as part of the course. There is no formal assessment for this course.

COURSE OUTLINE

When: 13-17 May 2019

Where: JCU Cairns Campus and Camp Barrabadeen (near Cairns)

How to register: Complete the [online form](#)

Cost: James Cook University will cover most of the costs for this course, but there will be an \$800 co-payment required for JCU HDR Candidates. This can be paid from your JCU research account/minimum resources or via the cashier. Please contact grs@jcu.edu.au for more information. Otherwise, please simply register for the course and JCU will be in touch regarding payment.

Items Not Included in the Cost: Transport to and from Cairns and accommodation in Cairns on the nights not in the field (potentially 1-3 nights) are not included in the cost of the course and must be funded by the participant or their employer/university.

<p>Sunday 12 May 2019</p>	<p>Participants Travel to Cairns (not included in course)</p>
<p>Day 1: Monday 13 May 2019</p>	<p>8:30am Start – JCU Cairns Campus (Room to be advised)</p> <p>Thinking about ‘the field,’ you and your research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Class overview ▪ Introducing the Lecturer and Participants ▪ Contemporary Fieldwork Context: Safety & Security ▪ Resilience ‘in the field’ ▪ A personal philosophy for fieldwork: attributes and knowledge ▪ Defining complex & hostile places and selecting field sites ▪ Equipment for the field ▪ Risk Management: You, Participants and the University <p>5pm Finish – Go to Accommodation (Self-booked, not included in course)</p>
<p>Day 2: Tuesday 14 May 2019</p>	<p>8:30am Start – JCU Cairns Campus (Room to be advised)</p> <p>Ethical, Legal and Practical Dimensions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Governance regimes for ethics ▪ ‘What’s in it for you?’: Why ethics are relevant to fieldwork research ▪ How ethics will affect your research and you as a researcher ▪ The role of Research Ethics Committees ▪ Ethics resources and formal training <p>A small group workshop activities covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Protecting and storing data in the field and participant anonymity ▪ Personal Moral Compass ▪ Legal issues for you, your participants and the University ▪ Sensitive research and vulnerable individuals and groups ▪ Cross-cultural settings <p>Preparing to Deploy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A framework for fieldwork security riskmanagement ▪ Field Preparedness and Trip Planning ▪ Dealing with Corruption ▪ Security information ▪ Cyber security <p>5:30pm Deployment to Offsite Training Location – Camp Barrabadeen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stress in Insecure Environments ▪ Security Context ▪ Personal Security & Image and Acceptance

<p>Day 3: Wednesday 15 May 2019</p>	<p>Camp Barrabadeen</p> <p>Health and First Aid Component (including exercise)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Personal health considerations for the field (Disease, Diet ▪ Principles of First Aid and Primary Assessment ▪ Airway and Secondary Assessment (Breathing and Circulation) ▪ Injuries # 1: Head and spinal injuries, moving the injured ▪ Injuries # 2: Burns, fractures, eviscerations ▪ Final Exercise <p>Scenarios</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Weapons Awareness and Movement under Fire ▪ Kidnap Avoidance and Hostage Survival ▪ Active Shooter ▪ Exercise covering the day
<p>Day 4: Thursday 16 May 2019</p>	<p>Camp Barrabadeen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Daily review ▪ Tracking & Communication / Emphasis on Field Connect ▪ Navigation and Trip Planning ▪ Sexual Assault ▪ Basics of Negotiation ▪ Vehicle Check Points/Road Blocks ▪ Residential and Hotel Assessment ▪ Crowds and Mobs ▪ Mines and Explosives <p>Final field exercise begins & continues overnight</p>
<p>Day 5: Friday 17 May 2019</p>	<p>Camp Barrabadeen</p> <p>FINAL FIELD EXERCISE ENDS LATE-MORNING TEAM & INDIVIDUAL DEBRIEFS Late BBQ Lunch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review training & Debrief ▪ Gaps between theory and practice regarding field research ▪ Address any unanswered questions ▪ Discuss use of newly acquired field skills for employment ▪ GCORE Platform & FCHP Alumni <p>Return to University Campus (participants return home)</p>

For further information about this course, please contact **Scott Flower**.

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