Why JCU?

A STUDENT EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER

• Access to world-class teachers
• Develop skills in state-of-the-art facilities
• Achieve exceptional employment outcomes
  • Benefit from small class sizes
  • Connect with professional networks
• Support through scholarships for merit and equity
  • Discover great accommodation options

THE SUPPORT TO SUCCEED

Excel in small class sizes and with personalised support. JCU was independently awarded five stars for providing excellent student support and learning resources^ and ranked above the national average*.

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

Expand employability opportunities. JCU students gain valuable communication and creative thinking skills, applicable to various career pathways.

BE A CRITICAL THINKER

JCU Arts students are recognised for reflective and analytical thinking, strong cross-cultural communication skills and exceptional research abilities highly valued across many industries.

SUPPORT FOR YOUR SUCCESS

Explore JCU’s range of scholarships, grants and bursaries and discover the right financial assistance to achieve your goals.

*QILT Student Experience Survey 2016-2017  ^Good Universities Guide 2020
Social Science

Prepare yourself to tackle the complex contemporary issues of social policy, governance, cultural heritage and resource management. You will benefit from a unique learning environment, dedicated to the advancement of Asia-Pacific and tropical societies.

Work with world-class lecturers to complete core subjects, specialist electives, and a dedicated major. You will build your research skills by completing a research thesis and gain knowledge and practical skills.

Choose from two majors. This flexible 1.5 year full-time course has part-time options available at JCU’s Townsville and Cairns campuses, although some of the subjects in this program may only be studied online.

COURSE DETAILS:

Locations: Cairns, Townsville, Online
Commencing: February
Duration: 1.5 years full-time (Master’s), Part-time available
Prerequisites: Bachelor degree in social sciences or AQF level 8 qualification, completed within 5 years of application.

Please visit the handbook for a detailed outline of the course structure. Note: Information is for domestic students only.
Majors

Asia-Pacific Governance and Development
Build advanced knowledge of social theory, practice and professional ethics. Students learn about issues that are highly relevant to contemporary social, governance and policy development challenges. You will complete core subjects, and choose complementary subjects and electives in your area of interest.

Environment and Heritage
Gain the knowledge to become an expert in natural and cultural heritage, and resource management. Build on your undergraduate studies with core subjects and a selection of electives. Work with world renowned lecturers to complete a major thesis in your area of specialisation.

Progress your studies
Pursue your passion to a higher level. You can enter directly into a Master of Social Science, or use the Graduate Diploma of Social Science as a stepping stone, completing an additional 12 credit points to upgrade to a Master’s degree. You can also use your qualification to help you gain entry to the Master of Philosophy [Society and Culture] or the Doctor of Philosophy [Society and Culture].

Graduate Diploma of Social Science
(24 CREDIT POINTS)

Master of Social Science
(36 CREDIT POINTS)
“I think the most enjoyable aspect is the privilege of learning and having access to such wonderful resources and help. Doing something new is not without its challenges and there are certain things that push you outside your comfort zone, but I think that’s important for growth. For me, it’s as much — if not more — about the journey as the qualification at the end.”

Carly Lubicz
MASTER OF SOCIAL SCIENCE, MAJORING IN ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE
Career Opportunities

JCU Master of Social Science graduates have the advanced capability to identify complex problems and pose creative solutions to social and environmental challenges facing societies around the world.

Graduates possess knowledge, skills and insight that are highly sought after by agencies and NGOs, as well as private sector industrial and commercial organisations.

You could find employment in public health services policy; advocacy for social science-related programs; research and evaluation of social systems, institutes, and structures; international development and diplomacy; and local community leadership and planning.

“The Master of Social Science course with its majors in Asia-Pacific Governance and Development, as well as in Environment and Heritage, seeks to produce graduates who will have a well-rounded understanding of the political, environmental and cultural climate of this geo-political area. This provides our graduates with an ideal platform upon which to secure employment that requires the capacity to understand economic markets, environmental and heritage issues, as well as public sector developmental projects within the Asia-Pacific region. It will also provide them with research skills and knowledge to undertake social scientific studies and analyses.”

Dr Mark David Chong
MASTER OF SOCIAL SCIENCE COURSE COORDINATOR
Postgraduate coursework applications

Apply directly to JCU, either by a form you download, complete and return, or by using the Online Application Portal.
Your application must reach us before the deadline for your course.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Postgraduate courses will usually require completion of an appropriate undergraduate degree for entry. You’ll need to include certified copies of qualifications and academic records with your application. For some programs, appropriate work experience or equivalent qualifications will be considered.

FURTHER INFORMATION
To find out more, call 1800 246 446 or contact the Student Enquiry Centre.