

RECOMMENDED STUDY PLAN

2022

DEGREE [Graduate Diploma of Science](#) STREAM [Fisheries Science and Management \(FSM\)](#)

NAME _____ STUDENT NUMBER _____

Course information – Graduate Diploma of Science

This degree is structured such that students take sets of (1) foundational '*knowledge*' specific to their major, (2) technical and / or analytical '*skills*' subjects, and (3) *elective* subjects.

Use this document to plan out what subjects you will take and when. Consult with your course advisor about the nature of subjects, research and internship pathways and any queries you may have. The course advisor for each stream in the program is listed [here](#). When you are ready to enrol in subjects proceed to your eStudent account.

For more information relevant to the degree see the JCU Course handbook for the [Graduate Diploma of Science](#).

Students wishing to take a semester long internship or research project need to transfer to the [MSc Professional](#) degree. This should be done before you start your JCU course. The following study plan is mirrored to the MSc Professional structure as a pathway towards completing that degree.

Fisheries Science & Management - Stream structure

1. Take the 2 of the following **Knowledge** subjects:
 - 1.1. [MB5003](#) Fisheries Science (SP1)
 - 1.2. [MB5610](#) Fishing Gear and Technologies (SP2)
 - 1.3. [MB5620](#) Grand Challenges in Fisheries (SP1)
 - 1.4. [MB5014](#) Managing Tropical Fisheries (SP11)
 - 1.5. [EV5020](#) Human Dimensions of Nature, Environment and Conservation (SP3)

2. Take these **Skills** subjects:
 - 2.1. [SC5200](#) Professional Employability (SP1 OR SP2)AND
 - 2.2. [SC5502](#) Design and Analyses in Ecological Studies (SP2)AND take 1 additional skill subject from **List 1**.

1. Take 3 **Elective** subjects
See recommendations for your stream below.

Full subject descriptions and timings of all subjects can be found online using the [Subject Search](#) tool. Use this tool to explore your subject options. Each subject is usually only offered once per year, in the 'study period' stated on Subject Search. It is generally recommended to take 8 subjects per year, with 3 or 4 in each main semester (Study Period 1 and 2), and additional subjects in the block mode (intensive) periods (SP3, SP7, SP10 /11) as necessary. An explanation to JCU's academic calendar can be found [here](#).

Multiple subjects can be taken consecutively in a block mode period as long as the face to face teaching dates do not overlap. These dates are displayed on the Subject Search tool. For example a student can take SC5502 in SP3 followed by MB5310.

Please note that timings of some subjects occasionally change among years, due to JCU's operational requirements. While such changes are rare, students should check when a subject is being taught using the Subject Search tool above.

For any subject you need to have fulfilled the 'Assumed Knowledge' and / or Pre-requisites before you take them. These are listed in the subject's description. For example, EV5502 assumes you have already taken EV5505 or an equivalent at JCU or at your previous university. Speak with your course advisor for more assistance on this.

Where a subject includes overnight field trips this is noted in the subject's description on [Subject Search](#). Additional fees apply to cover trip transport, accommodation and food expenses for these field trips.

YOUR STUDY PLANNER

Fill in the cells below with your planned subjects. You can re-arrange when you take your skill and elective subjects contingent on when your preferred unit is taught. Aim to complete all your core & skill subjects in your first year of study. You will normally start your program in either SP1 or SP2, but can on request start in SP3 or SP7.

| Teaching Period 1 (January – June) | | | Teaching Period 2 (July – December) | |
|--|--|--|---|---|
| Study Period 3 (Feb-Jun) | Study Period 1 (Feb-Jun) | Study Period 6 (May-Jul) Study Period 7 (Jun-Jul) | Study Period 2 (Jul-Nov) | Study Period 9 (Sept-Nov) Study Period 10 (Nov-Jan) Study Period 11 (Nov-Feb) |
| Stream Option: see table below for options | Degree Core: <u>SC5200</u> Professional Employability – available SP1 & SP2 | | Stream Core: <u>SC5502</u> Design and Analyses in Ecological Studies | Elective: |
| | Stream Option: see table below for options | | List 1 (Skills) or Elective | |
| | Elective: | | Elective: | |

July start

Year 1: Take 4 subjects (or 12 credit points) in teaching period 2.

| Teaching Period 2 (July – December) | |
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| Study Period 2 (Jul-Nov) | SP 9 (Sept-Nov) SP 10 (Nov-Jan) SP 11 (Nov-Feb) |
| Stream Core: <u>SC5502</u> Design and Analyses in Ecological Studies | Elective: |
| List 1 (Skills) or Elective | |
| Elective: | |

Year 2: Take 12 credit points in teaching period 1.

| Teaching Period 1 (January – June) | | |
|---|--|--|
| SP 3 (Feb-Jun) | Study Period 1 (Feb-Jun) | SP 6 (May-Jul) SP 7 (Jun-Jul) |
| Stream Option: see table below for options | Degree Core: <u>SC5200</u> Professional Employability – available SP1 & SP2 | Elective: |
| | Stream Option: see table below for options | |
| | List 1 (Skills) or Elective | |

List 1. Skill Subjects

Subjects are available at both Townsville (TSV) and / or Cairns (CNS) campus as noted. Most of these subjects have pre-requisite or co-requisite subjects. Make sure you check and have fulfilled that requirement.

| SP3 Jan – Feb | SP1 Feb - June | SP6 / SP7 June - July | SP2 July - Nov | SP9 Sept to Dec SP10 / 11 Nov - Dec |
|--|--|---|--|--|
| <u>EV5020:03</u> Human Dimensions of Nature, Environment and Conservation – CNS & TSV | <u>SC5202:03</u> Quantitative Methods in Science – CNS & TSV | <u>EA5330:03</u> Field Techniques – TSV <i>(For geology and earth sciences)</i> | <u>BC5203:03</u> Advanced Bioinformatics - TSV | <u>AQ5004:03</u> Aquaculture: Stock Improvement - TSV |
| | <u>BS5260:03</u> Modelling Ecological Dynamics – CNS & TSV | <u>EA5044:03</u> Geological Mapping – TSV <i>(co-req EA5045)</i> | <u>BZ5450:03</u> Ecological and Conservation Genetics - TSV | <u>EV5502:03</u> Advanced Geographic Information Systems – TSV |
| | | <u>BZ5990:03</u> Toolkit for the Field Biologist - CNS & TSV <i>(for terrestrial students)</i> | <u>CH5203:03</u> Analytical Chemistry (Advanced) – TSV | <u>EV5506:03</u> Remote Sensing - CNS <i>(September start)</i> |
| | | <u>EA5018:03</u> Field Studies in Tropical Land and Water Science - CNS | <u>EV5110:03</u> Environmental and Social Impact Assessment - CNS & TSV | <u>EA5640:03</u> Advanced Marine Geoscience Technologies and Applications - TSV |
| | | | <u>EV5505:03</u> Introduction to Geographic Information Systems - CNS & TSV | |
| | | | <u>MA5405:03</u> Data Mining - TSV | |

List 2. Elective Subjects

You can take any Level 5 subject with a prefix subject code of: AQ, BS, BZ, CH, EA, EV, MA, MB, MI, SC or TV. Other subjects can also be approved by your advisor.

Use [Subject Search](#) to review the units and check the study period they are offered in.

| TOPIC | STUDY PERIOD |
|---|----------------|
| <i>Fisheries Science (biology)</i> | |
| MB5055:03 Biological Oceanography | 1 |
| MB5620:03 Grand Challenges in Fisheries | 1 |
| MB5070:03 Marine Biogeography | 1 |
| AQ5006:03 Aquaculture: Principles and Practices | 1 |
| BS5260:03 Modelling Ecological Dynamics | 1 |
| MB5380:03 Invertebrate Biology | 2 |
| AQ5007:03 Aquatic Animal Ecophysiology | 2 |
| AQ5004:03 Aquaculture: Stock Improvement | 11 |
| AQ5015:03 Sustainable Aquaculture | 3 |
| <i>Fisheries Management & Governance - Applications</i> | |
| MB5310:03 Marine Reserves as Fisheries Management Tools | 3 |
| AQ5015:03 Sustainable Aquaculture | 3 |
| EV5701:03 Coastal and Marine Management and Conservation | 1 |
| MB5620:03 Grand Challenges in Fisheries | 1 |
| EV5003:03 Environmental Economics | 2 |
| EC5218:03 Economics and Sustainable Resource Management | Trimester 1 |
| <i>Fisheries Technology</i> | |
| MB5055:03 Biological Oceanography | 1 |
| EV5506:03 Remote Sensing (CNS block mode) | 9 (Sept – Nov) |
| MB5620:03 Grand Challenges in Fisheries | 1 |
| <i>Fisheries Ecology & Conservation</i> | |
| MB5310:03 Marine Reserves as Fisheries Management Tools | 3 |
| MB5620:03 Grand Challenges in Fisheries | 1 |
| MB5270:03 Coastal, Estuarine and Mangrove Ecosystems | 2 |
| MB5190:03 Coral Reef Ecology | 2 |
| MB5004:03 Marine Conservation Biology | 2 |
| MB5001:03 Tropical Marine Ecology & Coastal Impacts | 11 |