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

EXPERIENCE HAS NO SUBSTITUTE

Conduct real-life experiments. Be involved in research expeditions to the Great Barrier Reef and field trips to JCU Orpheus Island Field Station.

DEDICATED DEGREE

Become a Marine Science expert. Drawing knowledge from many specialties, JCU Marine Science graduates develop the skills to research, manage and conserve the Earth’s oceans and coasts.

WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION

Gain a world-class education as you study at a university ranked number one in the world for marine biology*.

SUPPORT FOR YOUR SUCCESS

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

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Bachelor of Marine Science

Learn through experience and develop strong practical skills as you study in JCU’s advanced research aquariums. Develop high-level skills in evolving technologies that are providing solutions to previously unsolvable problems.

Build your capabilities in the use of seabed mapping and fish assessment sonar, oceanographic sensors, and a range of technologies used for gathering data above and below the waves.

Build networks with the international cohort who study this degree, and with the concentration of marine scientists and managers located in North Queensland. Opportunities may also be available to undertake an exchange program with an international university.

COURSE DETAILS:

Locations: Townsville
Start Dates: February, July
Duration: 3 years full-time, part-time available
ATAR: 78.1 | Assumed knowledge: English (3/4,C), Mathematical Methods (3/4,C), Chemistry (3/4,C)
Recommended: At least one of Biology, Earth and Environmental Science, Geography, Specialist Mathematics or Physics (3/4,C)
OP: 10 | Assumed knowledge: English (4,SA), Maths B (4,SA), Chemistry (4,SA)
Recommended: at least one of Biology, Earth Science, Geography, Maths C or Physics (4,SA)

Please visit the handbook for a detailed outline of the course structure.
Note: Information is for domestic students only
Experience has no substitute

Become a Marine Science expert when you study at JCU. You will learn from international experts and benefit from practical experiences working on and studying the Great Barrier Reef and other marine and coastal environments. Marine Science encompasses elements of marine biology, oceanography, marine geosciences and environmental management. Study not only the ocean, but the multitude of ecosystems that exist below the surface, including coastal environments, ocean currents and the sea floor. The high level technical skills that you will develop with a Bachelor of Marine Science will allow you to address the challenges facing the world’s oceans over coming decades.

Gain valuable skills through practical experience as you conduct real-life experiments alongside passionate peers and knowledgeable lecturers. Through participating in research expeditions and learning theoretical knowledge, you will graduate with a strong foundation to build your career upon.
“There is no doubt that JCU is the world’s best place to study marine science. The array of classes is just phenomenal, the field work opportunities are endless and the enthusiasm of all the lecturers is truly inspiring. With so much research going on, there are also lots of opportunities for volunteering and networking, which complements the degree perfectly.”

Marissa Hutchings
BACHELOR OF MARINE SCIENCE
Career Opportunities

Graduates can pursue a career in a diverse range of areas including fisheries science and management, marine resource management and conservation, coastal and marine geoscience, oceanography, and marine technology.

JCU Marine Science graduates find employment with both Government and private industry, in Australia and overseas. They fill positions such as marine conservation officer, marine planner, marine biologist, marine scientists for consulting engineering companies, oceanographer, aquatic veterinarian, fisheries manager, marine education and communication, and environmental manager.

“The reasons that brought me to JCU, and have kept me here, are the concentration of world-class expertise in a range of disciplines relevant to marine science, and it is these same attributes, and the global reputation that follows, that make JCU an excellent choice for students considering study in this field. At JCU you will be in classes learning from the world’s best, together with peers from all over Australia and the world.

The shared experiences — in classrooms, laboratories and of course, in the field, and the opportunities to network with students from many parts of the world add an extra but very valuable dimension to your learning experience.”

Dr Scott Smithers
TROPICAL GEOMORPHOLOGIST, COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
Study and live in some of the most interesting places in the world. Cairns and Townsville are on the doorstep of the Great Barrier Reef, magnificent rainforests, the savannah region and Outback Australia.

Living on-campus is a great way to make the most of your time at JCU. With five different accommodation options at JCU Townsville, housing over 1,200 students, and a new complex for 300 students at JCU Cairns, living on-campus is a great place to make new friends and immerse yourself into the JCU culture. All rooms at our on-campus residences are single board, with a single bed, study desk, chair, fan, air-conditioning and Wi-Fi. Each residence is different in regards to style of living, culture and atmosphere. There are options for fully catered or self-catered housing. Find out more at [jcu.edu.au/accommodation](http://jcu.edu.au/accommodation)
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