

# Master of Science (Professional) (Tropical Biology and Conservation Major)

Useful study planning/enrolment resources:

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The information in the study planner is current at the time of creation may be subject to future change.

**Attention International Student visa holders:** To remain compliant with your enrolments requirements as a Student visa holder you are required to enrol in at least one On-Campus, Multi-Modal or WIL subject offering in each compulsory study period and you cannot enrol in more than one third (33%) of your total course load through online or distance learning. To complete your course within your CoE duration students must maintain sufficient subject enrolment.

**If you are receiving US Federal Aid,** there are further compliance considerations. Please contact [financialaid@jcu.edu.au](mailto:financialaid@jcu.edu.au) to confirm compliance of your subject selections.

**Student Resources:** If you require advice about your study plan, choosing electives, or which subjects to enrol in, please contact your major advisor or degree coordinator ([CSE Course and Major Advisors](#)). For information on available elective subject options please also refer to the Study Area guide ([2026 JCU STUDY AREA GUIDE — College of Science & Engineering](#)).

Your plan may include subjects labelled with **\*Intensive on-campus requirements**. These subjects involve mandatory on-campus or fieldwork attendance with extended hours over a dedicated face-to-face period. Please check the face-to-face dates for the subject in the [subject handbook](#) and do not enrol in subjects with overlapping face-to-face dates. For more information, see the CSE Student Guide to Succeeding in Trimester 2 Intensives on the CSE [Student Resources](#) webpage.

	TRIMESTER 1	TRIMESTER 2	TRIMESTER 3
2026			BZ5215:03 Conservation Biology <b>US Federal Aid students cannot complete this subject. Please contact your major advisor to organise an alternative subject</b>
			Select 3 credit points from any Level 5 AQ, BS, BZ, CH, CP, EA, EV, MA, MB, MI, SC or TV subjects
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2027	BZ5061:03 Behavioural Ecology <b>OR</b> BZ5235:03 Biological Invasions	BZ5230:03 Ecological Research Methods  <i>*Intensive on-campus requirements</i>	BZ5740:03 Wildlife Ecology and Management <b>OR</b> BZ5745:03 Tropical Entomology (TR2) <i>*Intensive on-campus requirements</i>
	BZ5220:03 Population and Community Ecology	Select 3 credit points from <a href="#">List 1</a>	Select 3 credit points of specified level 5 subjects from the <a href="#">List</a>
	SC5502:03 Design and Analyses in Ecological Studies		Select 3 credit points from any Level 5 AQ, BS, BZ, CH, CP, EA, EV, MA, MB, MI, SC or TV subjects

### Option 1 – Research Stream

To be eligible for this stream, students must attain a GPA of 5.5 or above from their preceding 24 credit points of JCU level 5 subjects, or approval of the Course Coordinator

	TRIMESTER 1	TRIMESTER 2	TRIMESTER 3
2028	SC5912:06 Research Project (Part 1 of 1)	SC5913:06 Research Project (Part 2 of 2)	
	Select 3 credit points from any Level 5 AQ, BS, BZ, CH, CP, EA, EV, MA, MB, MI, SC or TV subjects		

## Option 2 – Professional Employability Stream

To be eligible for this stream, students must satisfactorily complete at least 24 credit points of level 5 JCU subjects

	TRIMESTER 1	TRIMESTER 2	TRIMESTER 3
<b>2028</b>	Select 3 credit points of any Level 5 Science subject	SC5010:09 Postgraduate Internship (TR1, TR2) <i>PREREQ: 33 credit points of Level 5 subjects</i>	
	Select 3 credit points from any Level 5 AQ, BS, BZ, CH, CP, EA, EV, MA, MB, MI, SC or TV subjects		

### COURSE HANDBOOK

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