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Why JCU?

- Get a world-class education
- Join global leaders in research, marine sciences, biodiversity and tropical ecology
- Benefit from small class sizes
- Make friends and enjoy on-campus accommodation options
- Hands-on learning in spectacular, World Heritage listed reefs and rainforests.

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Study in tropical Australia

Living and studying in North Queensland is a truly unparalleled experience. Enjoy hands-on learning opportunities in unique and spectacular locations – including UNESCO World Heritage listed rainforests and the Great Barrier Reef. You’ll explore, discover, grow and make unforgettable memories.

Discover the best of tropical North Queensland

Our region is one of the world’s leading hubs for coastal and tropical science and environmental studies. So, if you’re interested in the future of the planet, there are few better places to study.

There is no place on Earth like the North and Far North regions of Queensland, which feature an extraordinary combination of reefs, rainforests, significant coastal, mountain and outback ecosystems, and Indigenous centres.

North Queensland offers a unique combination of:
- One of the oldest Indigenous cultures
- Tropical climate
- Sustainable environments
- Multicultural population.

In addition to the sunshine and picturesque natural wonders, North Queensland also has a significantly lower cost of living than many metropolitan centres.

JCU is home to international students from more than 108 countries and we are passionate about giving students from all over the world opportunities for an exceptional education.

Maximise study-life balance

North Queensland makes the perfect base for a great range of outdoor recreational activities, such as:
- Rainforest hiking
- Mountain biking
- Snorkelling and scuba diving on the reef.

Enjoy our famous beaches, where white sand and crystal-clear waters await you. You may even see some of our unique native Australian animals! Have fun and get ready for an adventure – all at JCU.

Explore the region

North of Townsville is the Paluma Range National Park with Crystal Creek and to the south lies Airlie Beach, the gateway to the Whitsunday Islands and the world famous Whitehaven Beach. Between Cairns and Townsville lies the ruggedly beautiful Hinchinbrook Island National Park and to the northwest the Gulf Savannah region with its fringing mountain ranges and wide-open spaces. Cape York Peninsula occupies Queensland’s most northern corner and has enormous environmental diversity of great interest to scientists and visitors alike. Further north are the beautiful Torres Strait Islands, which have a unique history and fascinating Indigenous culture.
The shared experience of living in a different country brings people together like nothing else. You meet diverse personalities and expand your friendship circle beyond that which you are familiar with. Use this opportunity to make connections and start building an international professional network. You’ll never know where the future will take you. Take every opportunity to maximize your time and experiences at JCU. Don’t limit yourself to a set agenda. Your Study Abroad semester should also be a time to challenge yourself with new opportunities and possibilities. Be bold! Go beyond the predictable and encounter the new you. Regret is for those who don’t try.

Australia and JCU have a habit of getting under your skin – you may come for a semester, and end up staying longer!

Dr Orpha Bellwood
SENIOR LECTURER
JCU COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

A highlight of my time at JCU was O-week. We had ‘Welcome Sessions’, and the mentors were great. They showed us around the campus, and it was easy to get close to all the other international students. I like that Townsville is a big city, but not huge. You can go everywhere easily – I like to go to the Strand on weekends. I also like that the campus is close to everything. Townsville is a great city to be educated in.

Katarina Edlund
JÖNköPING UNIVERSITY, SWEDEN

“Visiting the Great Barrier Reef has always been a dream of mine, so I chose to study at JCU Cairns. I was in constant contact with JCU’s international office during my semester. They were very responsive and helpful. I couldn’t have asked for a better semester abroad.”

Alyson Pickard-Tattrie
UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK – ST JOHN, CANADA

“I chose to study at JCU because of its world-class education and location - warm and sunny weather all year long, and right on the Great Barrier Reef! Being a student in Townsville is great! There are many ways of meeting new people and making friends through uni, such as clubs and social sport. I also love the beach and Castle Hill!”

Nora Ludstroem
NORWAY

Why JCU?

“I would encourage other international students to come to JCU as there is never a better time in your life to have such an incredible eye-opening experience. Australia is a beautiful country and JCU is so friendly and welcoming.”

Ally Kristan
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT WILMINGTON, USA

“The best thing about studying at JCU is that it is in a beautiful location, on the coast which has many great beaches. I love having access to the beach, and visiting the Great Barrier Reef. I also enjoyed the many social events that JCU holds. I think the best part of JCU is the amazing international students that you meet there.”

Alyson Pickard-Tattrie
UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK – ST JOHN, CANADA

“During my time at JCU, I fell in love with the campus, my friends, and the experiences. I had a chance to meet some people that I call some of my greatest friends. We skydived, ate fresh mangoes, took trips to Maggie Island, and travelled. We ran in the rain, watched the sunsets and rainbows, and danced our hearts off at the Toga Party.

I chose JCU because I knew I could find a campus community and enjoy the benefits of a smaller campus while also being given an opportunity to travel and experience Australia.”

Calli Hughes
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MADISON, USA
Cairns

Cairns is a modern, clean, safe and friendly tropical city with a relaxed atmosphere. It’s the only place in Australia where two UNESCO World Heritage sites are located side-by-side. Industries that drive Cairns are diverse, ranging from tourism and through to agriculture and education.

Cairns fast facts
Cairns is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Australia. It’s a gateway to many famous natural wonders, including:
• The Great Barrier Reef
• Daintree Rainforest
• Port Douglas
• Atherton Tablelands
• The outback Gulf Savannah region.

In beautiful Cairns, you’ll never run out of places to enjoy and explore.

Climate
Wet season (November–May)
24°–32°C/75°–90°F
Hot, rainy and humid

Dry season (June–October)
17°–26°C/63°–79°F
Mild and dry

Population
City: 160,000

Transport
Bus, car, bicycle. Cairns also has an international airport.

Get up close with marine life
Cairns is one of the best places in Australia to access the Great Barrier Reef— one of the richest and most diverse ecosystems in the world. Catch a ferry to nearby Green or Fitzroy Islands, or join one of the many tours boats visiting the reef daily to come face-to-face with marine life you can’t find anywhere else on the planet.

A nature lover’s wonderland
The 100 million-year-old UNESCO World Heritage listed Wet Tropics Rainforest is right on the doorstep of Cairns. Take an easy walk or long hike and explore the rich and unique biodiversity within this 894,420 hectare wonder.

Closer to town, the Cairns Botanic gardens is a lovely place to relax and unwind after class. The Cairns Regional Council provides residents with a range of sports grounds, walking and cycling tracks and free exercise classes.

A region buzzing with arts and culture
Take in a show at the Cairns Performing Arts Centre, Munro Martin Parklands or Tanks Arts Centre, eat out at the various cafes and restaurants, or check out one of the oceanside markets.

Explore the rich history of the world’s oldest living culture at Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park, or watch a traditional performance and explore new artworks at the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair.
The campus location is spectacular – surrounded on three sides by rainforest-covered mountains. Located near the northern beaches in the suburb of Smithfield, the campus is 15 kilometres (9 miles) north of the city centre. Study facilities can also be accessed at the JCU Cairns City campus.

**JCU Cairns Campus**

JCU Cairns houses teaching and research facilities, the JCU library, cafés, bars, fitness and sporting facilities.

**Population**

Campus: 4,000 students (10% international)

**Getting around**

The JCU campus is a 20-minute drive from Cairns city centre. Buses frequently run to and from the campus. Many students choose to buy a bicycle to make their way around campus and to travel around Cairns in their spare time.

**Places of worship**

JCU’s Multifaith Chaplaincy Centre is available as a free facility for you to practice your faith.

**Medical**

JCU students have access to a range of on-campus services, and can access local healthcare services including dental, medical and psychological services. The Cairns Hospital provides 24 hour acute care.

**On-campus sport**

Gymnasium, basketball courts, a large oval and a world-class mountain bike track.

**Places to eat**

Food and drink options are available on campus – whether you want a sit down meal at a café, something on the go, or just a cup of coffee!

**Clubs and Societies**

Gigs, social events, sports, academic workshops, market day, BBQs – whatever your interest is, we’ve got it covered.

**Study facilities**

Study facilities can also be accessed at the JCU Cairns City campus.

**The modern campus is surrounded by rainforest-covered mountains and close to the northern beaches.**
Townsville

Known as the ‘Capital of the North’, Townsville is a thriving coastal port city and the largest city in northern Australia. The region has a strong and diverse economic base including mining, mineral processing, agriculture, manufacturing, tourism and healthcare, government and defence.

Townsville fast facts
- Townsville is Australia’s largest tropical city
- Magnetic Island and the Great Barrier Reef are on Townsville’s doorstep
- The savannah region and outback country towns lie to the west
- Townsville is famous for an average of 320 days of sunshine per year
- Renowned for marine research.

Climate
- **Summer** (December–February): 24°–32°C/75°–90°F
  - Hot and humid
- **Winter** (June–August): 13°–26°C/56°–79°F
  - Mild and dry

Population
- City: 190,000

Culturally rich
- Immerse yourself in Australian arts, dance, music, food and culture by visiting the Museum of Tropical Queensland or attending the Townsville Cultural Festival.
- Join the passionate local supporters of the North Queensland Cowboys Rugby League team, and take in a game at Townsville’s newest 25,000 seat multi-purpose stadium.

Vibrant lifestyle
- **Visit 'The Strand',** a 2.2km beachfront promenade in the heart of Townsville. Along this palm tree lined stretch are bike and walkway paths, safe swimming beaches, picturesque picnic spots, playgrounds, exercise stations, a water park and restaurants and bars with water views.
- Townsville offers an eclectic mix of cafes, restaurants, boutiques and bars, as well as fresh food markets.

Outdoor adventures
- There are many stunning beaches within a short journey from the JCU campus. Grab a snorkel and explore the kaleidoscopic colours of the Great Barrier Reef or jump on a ferry and visit nearby Magnetic Island.
- Castle Hill - a giant pink granite monolith - stands proud in the centre of Townsville and offers walking tracks which are frequented by more than 2,500 locals a day! The 360-degree views of Townsville at the top are well worth the journey.

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Townsville is renowned for marine research and is home of the headquarters of major marine research and management authorities including the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, the Australian Institute of Marine Science, and the Australian Bureau of Meteorology.

The city is home to the world’s largest living coral reef aquarium at Reef HQ Great Barrier Reef Aquarium - which boasts a 2.5 million litre exhibition, and a rehabilitation centre for sea turtles.

Townsville City. Image courtesy Townsville Enterprise Ltd.

Magnetic Island, with its natural beauty and serenity, is a 20 minute ferry ride from Townsville. Image courtesy Townsville Enterprise Ltd.
JCU Townsville

JCU Townsville is set in a 386-hectare bush and parkland setting, approximately a 20-minute drive or 45-minute bus ride from the city centre. Study facilities can also be accessed at the JCU Townsville City campus.

JCU Townsville Campus

The campus is located in the Townsville Tropical Intelligence and Health Precinct in the suburb of Douglas, and set in a 386-hectare natural bush and parkland setting, 13 kilometres (8 miles) from Townsville city centre.

Population
JCU Campus: 13,000 students (13% international)

Getting around
The JCU campus is a 20-minute drive or 45-minute bus trip from the city. Buses frequently run to and from the campus.

You can even buy a second-hand bike, available from the JCU bicycle store. Study facilities can also be accessed at the JCU Townsville City campus.

Campus facilities
JCU Townsville houses teaching and research facilities, the main (CJU library, cafes, bar, fitness and sporting facilities, a Multifaith Chaplaincy Centre. Around 1,200 students live on campus in colleges and halls of residence, giving the campus a true community atmosphere.

Places of worship
JCU’s Multifaith Chaplaincy Centre is available as a free facility for you to practice your faith.

Medical
JCU students have access to a range of on-campus services including dental, medical, psychological, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology and exercise physiology clinics. Nearby healthcare services include the Townsville University Hospital, located adjacent to the JCU campus providing 24 hour acute care.

On-campus sport
JCU Townsville has excellent sporting facilities on campus plus plenty of clubs for participating and making friends. Facilities include: Cricket pitch; Gymnasium; Hockey field; Netball courts; Football (rugby league, rugby union, soccer) ovals; Squash courts; Swimming pool; Tennis courts and hiking and mountain bike tracks.

Clubs and Societies
Gigs, social events, sports, academic workshops, market day, BBQs – whatever your interest is, we’ve got it covered through a wealth of student clubs and societies.

Places to eat
Food and drink options are available on campus – whether you want a sit down meal at a café, something on the go, or just a cup of coffee!

Outdoor study spaces are located across the JCU Townsville campus.

The Eddie Mabo Library offers indoor study spaces.

The Science Place is a purpose built education and research space located over multiple storeys, in the heart of JCU Townsville Campus.

JCU Townsville Campus Central Plaza.

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Student Life

Life at JCU is more than attending lectures – it’s also about meeting new people, having fun, developing new skills and going home with memories to last a lifetime. We are committed to creating a balanced study and social life for our students.

Range of events
There are a range of events held throughout the year that cater to a variety of interests. Social gatherings, sporting activities, talent competitions and celebrations are organised for students on campus, and are also hosted by community organisations.

On-campus convenience
Cairns and Townsville campuses both offer a range of food outlets for your coffee, snacking and lunch needs. Townsville campus also has a post office, pharmacy, medical centre, exercise facilities and hairdresser.

Getting around
JCU students can receive discounted public transport fares in Townsville and Cairns, and both campuses have easy access to public transportation links.
If you plan on driving in Australia ensure you check with your home institution on any restrictions regarding driving before you arrive and familiarise yourself with Australian road rules and licensing conditions.

For a sustainable transport solution, both campuses host the JCU Green Bike Fleet where students can purchase a refurbished bicycle for AUD$50 and have the bicycle maintained by JCU’s Team of bike mechanics free-of-charge. With sunshine for more than 300 days a year, and relatively flat terrain, riding a bike to class is one of the most popular forms of transport.

Clubs and societies
Clubs and societies play an active role in the University community. Providing students with the opportunity to meet new people with common cultural, political, religious, sporting, recreation and academic interests. Gigs, social events, sports, academic workshops, market day, BBQ – whatever your interest is, we’ve got it covered.
The JCU Student Association and JCU International Student Association provide a range of social, sporting and academic clubs and societies meaning there are plenty of ways to meet like-minded students. Every JCU student receives membership to the JCU Student Association, offering a variety of food, sporting, and social activity discounts, events and amenities to students in Cairns and Townsville.

Sport and recreation
JCU provides a range of on-campus sporting clubs and facilities that include gymnasium, basketball courts, sport fields and world-class mountain bike tracks. You can swim, row, play cricket, hockey, netball, rugby league, rugy union, soccer or squash.

International Student Support Services
The JCU International Student Support team is here to help with your transition into life at JCU. Kickstart university life with Orientation Week, where you can familiarise yourself with the campus, meet other students, and get to know your lecturers and tutors. Services for international students include:
- Pre-departure information
- Airport arrival service
- International student mentor programs to help you settle into life in Australia
- Free and confidential wellbeing services and counselling and wellbeing staff to support you
- Assistance with accommodation
- International Student Orientation at the start of each semester, with important information for all new international students
- Assistance in emergencies including after-hours student assistance hotline
- Overseas Student Health Cover
- Free confidential counselling
- Careers and employment service
- Regular social events to help you develop friendships with other students, meet staff, and enhance your campus experience.

Volunteering
If you’re passionate about sustainability and the environment our award-winning TropEco program could be perfect for you. Collaborate with like-minded people and volunteer in a range of TropEco activities, from running campaigns to maintaining on-site community gardens.

Volunteer opportunities abound, and are a great way to make friends and spend time with like-minded people. You could volunteer at the University’s Orpheus Island Research Station near Townsville, or at the Fitzroy Island Turtle Rehabilitation Centre near Cairns.

The Learning Centre
The Learning Centre supports students with a range of resources. Our Learning Advisors help build academic skills and provide study tips, numeracy and basic statistics development, help with academic reading, writing, or programs to further develop your English language skills for studying at university with our workshops or online programs.
Living off-campus

Off-campus housing options include homestay, sharing a house with other students, off-campus student accommodation or renting an entire property. Before committing to a property or room off campus, always check lease inclusions and be aware of any fine print. Also check that the property is located within commuting distance to the University campus and has access to public transport and other amenities.

Homestay

We work with homestay providers to match students with a local family. All homestay hosts are screened and undergo training to provide support and comfort to their homestay student.

Living on-campus

Living on-campus is a great way to make friends and immerse yourself into the JCU and Australian culture. By living somewhere secure, comfortable and conveniently close to where you study, you can improve your overall student experience.

We offer a range of on-campus accommodation options across JCU Townsville and JCU Cairns – each with a different style of living, culture and atmosphere – including fully-catered or self-catered options.

- On-campus rooms are single board, with a lockable door, single bed, study desk, chair, fan, air-conditioning and Wi-Fi
- Residences have security cameras and 24/7 security patrols
- JCU’s on-campus security guards are available to escort you to your residence if you’re studying on campus after hours
- Academic, wellbeing and social support services ensure you achieve your academic goals.

Townsville on-campus accommodation

Our Townsville campus provides on-campus accommodation options for up to 1,200 students. A vibrant community atmosphere on campus means you will make friends from all over the world while receiving support from peers and residential staff.

Get involved in friendly inter-college rivalry and compete for the Fisher Shield sporting trophy or in the inter-college music competition, and enjoy being close to lecture theatres, libraries and computer labs.

Opening in 2022, the new on-campus accommodation building will house more than 400 students and provide contemporary and affordable student accommodation, featuring study bedrooms in group share accommodation, high-quality communal facilities, and a centralised, self-catered kitchen and dining space.

Cairns on-campus accommodation

The modern John Grey Hall of Residence is conveniently located on campus at JCU Cairns offering apartment-style living and great recreational facilities. All apartments are self-catering and equipped with modern cooking facilities. An onsite manager and support team including Residential Assistants provide pastoral care to students and a range of fun social activities.

Further information

jcu.edu.au/accommodation

John Grey Hall of Residence is located on campus at JCU Cairns
**Shania Bolen, USA.**

"I am a marine biology student from Massachusetts, USA. I arrived at JCU with the intention of staying for a semester and ended up staying for two. My favorite part of being at JCU is working as a volunteer and team leader at the Turtle Health Research where we care for baby green and hawksbill sea turtles. I learned so much from working there and the turtles bring me so much joy! I lived on campus and joined the soccer team. I have had so much fun traveling Queensland and scuba diving with the JCU dive club. I have advanced so much as a scuba diver and seen so much marine life."

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**Tory Stoddard, USA.**

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Take advantage of our unique tropical location and take part in field trips to put your learning into practice. Many JCU subjects include field trips to various locations including our very own research stations on Orpheus Island in the Great Barrier Reef and in the Daintree Rainforest.

**Popular Field trips**
- PH2006 Environmental Physics - A one-day field trip on the research vessel R/V James Kirby.
- BZ3220 Population and Community Ecology - A four-day field trip to Wooroonooran National Park at South Johnstone.
- BZ3740 Wildlife Ecology and Management - A four-day field trip to Wambiana Station in Western Queensland.
- MB3190 Coral Reef Ecology - A three-day field trip to JCU’s Orpheus Island Research Station.
- MB2050 Functional Biology of Marine Organisms - Field work in Three-mile Creek, Townsville, and at Picnic Bay on Magnetic Island.
- MB3160 Evolution and Ecology of Reef Fishes - A day trip to Reef HQ and a three-day field trip to Orpheus Island.

For a detailed list of the many field trips available, go to jcu.edu.au/international-students/study-options/study-abroad/field-trips2.

**Orpheus Island Research Station**
JCU’s Orpheus Island Research Station is located 125km north of Townsville. Many subjects include field trips to the island, which facilities include accommodation for up to 57 guests, wet and dry labs, temperature control room laboratories, and a range of boating, SCUBA diving and snorkelling equipment.

**Daintree Rainforest Observatory**
The Daintree Rainforest is the oldest rainforest in the world. It has the highest biodiversity of any ecosystem in Australia and is a magical landscape with unique biota, including numerous living fossils. Completely off-grid, the Daintree Rainforest Observatory is the only field station in Australia operating a rainforest canopy crane, and is one of only five long-term ecological monitoring sites in Australia. Facilities include a lecture theatre, indoor and outdoor laboratories and accommodation.

**Wambiana Station**
With an iconic landscape and unique environment, there’s so much to discover in the Queensland outback at Wambiana station. Wambiana is a fully operational outback cattle station and its location in the dry Tropics and is ideal for our field courses because of the range of habitats and wildlife. Habitats include healthy woodlands, dense thickets, a river, a lovely lagoon, and areas grazed at different densities. There is plenty of wildlife in all of these, including varied macropods (kangaroos, wallabies), possums, marsupial carnivores, many species of birds, a very diverse array of reptiles (lizards, snakes, freshwater turtles), frogs, etc. Every year we record a long list, and every year we keep finding additional species on the property.

Enjoy nature up close and personal on our tropical campuses.
Study Areas

Choose from over 300 subjects in different academic study areas at JCU and receive credit for your studies at your home institution. You can choose subjects from almost any academic study area at jcu.edu.au/app/studyfinder.

Arts, Society and Education

- AN1001 Anthropology: Cultural Diversity in Global Perspective
- AR2108 Boats and Beaches: The Archaeology of Coasts and Islands
- CY1001 Deviance, Crime and Society
- NM1810 Introduction to Creativity and Innovation
- SS1010 Australian People: Indigeneity and Multiculturalism
- AN2114 Australia through Time and Place
- IA1012 Indigenous People of North Queensland
- IA1011 Indigenous Australians.

Business, Law and Governance

- BX2094 Conference and Event Management
- BX3194 Destination Management and Planning
- BX3077 Project Management
- BX3057 Managing People
- PL2006 Political Communication in the Global Environment
- PL2110 Government and Politics in Developing Areas
- PL3250 Australia and World Politics
- LA2902 Environmental Law and Policy
- LA4050 Sports and Entertainment Law

“I chose to study at JCU because of the broad range of subjects, focus on sustainability, and beautiful natural location. I enjoyed the opportunity to work with local, national and international students through lectures, tutorials, assignments and group work. I felt welcome and it was easy to enjoy my time there.”

Tonje Marie Bergem
STUDIED AT JCU CAIRNS, 2020
NORWEGIAN UNIVERSITY OF LIFE SCIENCES

“One of the unique features of JCU is the incorporation of a lot of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander content into our degree. We talk about and teach the history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia from colonisation so that we can provide that background for our students.”

Dr Vinnitta Mosby
LECTURER, SOCIAL WORK
COLLEGE OF ARTS, SOCIETY AND EDUCATION
“Our courses provide a significant hands-on approach to develop key skills for the enhancement of human health and performance in a range of settings. Our focus on the real world enables students to apply their learning in areas that are important to themselves and the community.”

A/Prof Anthony Leicht
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, SPORT AND EXERCISE SCIENCE
COLLEGE OF HEALTHCARE SCIENCES

Healthcare Sciences

POPULAR SUBJECTS
• NS2216 Rural and Remote Nursing
• NS2015 Law and Ethics for Nursing and Midwifery
• OT1011 Introduction to Occupation and Occupational Therapy
• PY1001 Exploring Psychology: From Brain to Practice
• RH1002 Communication Skills for Health Professionals
• SP1002 Sport and Exercise Nutrition
• SP2200 Exercise and Sports Testing
• SP2207 Dynamics of Sport and Exercise Behaviour
• SP2009 Strength Training and Conditioning
• SP3001 Sports Training and Rehabilitation
• BM1061 Anatomy and Physiology for Sport and Exercise Science.

Public Health and Medical Science

POPULAR SUBJECTS
• BC2013 Principles of Biochemistry
• MI2001 Microbial Diversity
• PP101 Medical Physiology I
• BC3101 Genes, Genomes and Development
• MI2011 Microbial Diversity
• PP101 Medical Physiology II
• MI2021 Introduction to Infectious Diseases and Immunobiology
• BM1000 Introductory Biochemistry and Microbiology
• BM1003 Biomedicine in the Tropics
• BM1002 Anatomy: Principles and Systems
• BM1111 Introduction to Health Sciences
• PC1001 Human Anatomy and Physiology

The Science Plaza is located at the JCU Townsville campus.
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 AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, MARINE SCIENCE
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

“My passion for biology inspired me to study at JCU Townsville. What better place to study marine biology than at a university a 30 minute ferry ride from Magnetic Island and the Great Barrier Reef? My time in North Queensland left me with lifelong friends and experiences I’ll never forget.”

Ajla Karabegovic
STUDIED AT JCU TOWNSVILLE, 2020
HAMILTON COLLEGE, USA
How to apply

Study Periods

JCU has two main Study Periods each year which are each 13 weeks long
- Semester 1 - February-June
- Semester 2 - July-November

Application deadlines
- Semester 1 - 30 January**
- Semester 2 - 30 June**

Choose your subjects

Study abroad and exchange students should avoid selecting subjects that run before the start of their chosen Study Period as it could create visa issues.

At JCU most individual subjects have a value of 3 credit points. A normal full-time study load for a Study Period is four subjects or 12 credit points. The minimum allowable enrolment for study abroad students at JCU is three subjects or 9 credit points.

It is your responsibility to ensure that the subjects you wish to study at JCU are eligible for credit at your home institution.

You can study Level 1, 2 or 3 subjects if you meet the required subject prerequisites (if applicable). It is your responsibility to check you meet any prerequisites and academic and English language requirements. Browse subjects at jcu.edu.au/app/studyfinder

Understanding JCU subject codes and credit points

BZ2450:03  Biodiversity in Tropical Australia
  8Z  Discipline area (Tropical Biology)
  2  Year level (second year subject)
  450  Specific subject code
  03  Number of credit points

When you apply you should list between six to eight subjects (one semester) or 12 subjects (two semesters), and ensure the subjects are available in the Study Period you prefer (Study Period 1 or Study Period 2) and at the campus you are applying for.

Also check that the subjects are offered in the semester you plan to attend (Cairns or Townsville), and that you have approval for your chosen subjects from your home institution.

1 Submit your application

You may apply online, or through a registered JCU overseas representative/agent*, or complete and mail the application form at the back of this guide. Applicants from some countries may be required to apply via a JCU overseas representative/agent.

A. APPLY ONLINE

Submit online at:
  jcu.edu.au/international-students/studyabroad/apply
Include all certified academic transcripts and degree certificates (with official translations if in a language other than English), and your English language test results (if applicable)

B. OR APPLY THROUGH AN AUTHORISED JCU REPRESENTATIVE/AGENT

You may also apply via a JCU authorised representative/agent. You can find a list at jcu.edu.au/international/apply/jcurepresentatives

C. OR COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM AT THE BACK OF THIS GUIDE

Note: your academic transcripts must be accompanied by the grading scale/legend used at the institution where you have undertaken your previous studies. If documentation is in a language other than English, an official certified translation must be included and translated by the issuing institution or by an official translating service.

2 Assess, Offer, Accept

We will assess your application based upon academic and English entry requirements for your preferred course. You will be advised of any additional documentation required.

If your application is successful, you will receive your Offer Letter by email. The Offer Letter includes information about your subjects, tuition fees, health cover and any additional expenses, as well as details on how to accept your offer.

3 Prepare to arrive

Before you leave for Australia, you will need to apply for your student visa. Details are available at homeaffairs.gov.au. Our team will assist you with other preparations including securing accommodation, what to bring and an airport pick-up service.
James Cook University values and celebrates the diversity of our community and is committed to ensuring our learning and working environment is safe and welcoming.

JCU is proud to be part of the Respect. Now. Always. campaign – a national initiative led by Universities Australia to highlight our determination to ensure our students and staff are safe from discrimination and sexual harassment. Further information about the campaign and free services available for students can be found at jcu.edu.au/sew.

Our commitment to Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

James Cook University is committed to building strong and mutually beneficial partnerships that work towards closing the employment, health and education gap for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Our students come from many backgrounds, promoting rich cultural and experiential diversity on campus.

We acknowledge the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners of the lands and waters where we operate our business.

We honour the unique cultural and spiritual relationship to the land, waters and seas of First Australian peoples and their continuing and rich contribution to James Cook University (JCU) and Australian society.

We also pay respect to Ancestors and Elders past, present and future.

Coming Together and Respecting Difference

Acrylic on linen by Kassandra Savage (JCU Alumni)

Language group: Waanyi and Walangama clan part of Gkuthaarn/Kukatj nations

JCU acquired this artwork as part of our commitment to implement the Reconciliation Action Plan. The artwork represents JCU’s story in an Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander way:

• Circles in the middle depict JCU as a meeting place.
• Outer circles are JCU’s linkages to communities through their students who return home to share their new knowledge and understandings.
• Different patterns within the hands and arms are the differences between and within Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, and multicultural Australia. There are also similarities in the hands and arms used to illustrate us standing together for equity and equality.
• The ripple effect in the arms and hands represents our reconciliation journey, starting small, growing bigger and reaching out to touch more and more lives. The effect gathers momentum to develop support and understandings. The circles represent the importance of yarning circles, meeting circles, and communities, in order that we can connect with each other.
Experience the Townsville Strand, a 2.2 kilometre palm lined beachfront promenade.