Why study Natural Resource Management?
Natural resource management issues are complex and involve biophysical cycles, ecological systems, climates, and human communities. Increased frequency of droughts and climate variability, combined with increased population growth, deforestation and the decline in the health of our oceans and waterways, means robust decisions about the way we use our natural resources need to be made.

Natural resource managers oversee and implement conservation and sustainability projects for publicly and privately owned land, including nature reserves, waterways, historic sites, mining operations, and agricultural landscapes. Their work covers a range of human activities that may benefit, influence, or harm the natural environment. They make an important contribution to human welfare and the health of our planet.

Why study Natural Resource Management at CSU?
Our program provides you with the advanced knowledge and skills required to implement sustainable natural resource management. Graduates are employed by a range of businesses and companies involved in natural resource management, either as consultants or as staff. They may also find work in government agencies providing management advice at an operational or policy level. They are able to use their mastery of natural resource management and knowledge of recent developments in the field to address novel and complex problems with creativity and innovation.

The program is flexible with exit points from the Master program at the Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma levels. This structure allows students to quickly gain the natural resource management knowledge and qualification they need today, and to add to their credentials at a later date if necessary. You are also able to choose a variety of subjects to suit your interests and career aspirations.

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- you can learn about recent developments in the field, and how to address complex problems with creativity and innovation.
What makes CSU unique?

Professionally focused: Our focus is on education programs that prepare graduates for work. We work in close association with industry, professions, and government to ensure our courses meet and support industry needs. They help us to design practical, hands-on courses to help you develop valuable skills for new employment opportunities. This is why CSU received a five-star rating for ‘getting a job’ under the Graduate Outcomes category in the Good University’s Guide. You will graduate with the knowledge, skills, attitudes, habits, and professional networks needed for a successful career.

Blended and flexible learning: CSU is a leading provider of flexible and distance education. We have developed innovative study methods that give you the flexibility to choose when, where, and how you study. This allows you to fit study around work, social or family commitments. CSU is committed to delivering personalised service and real flexibility.

A proud regional university: We are a global university focused on our regions. Being a regional university, our staff are close to the issues. CSU’s research in environmental science and management is ranked by the Commonwealth government as above the world standard.

Environmentally friendly: CSU’s Albury-Wodonga Campus, is recognised for its innovative design and leadership in environmentally sustainable development. If you attend residential schools on campus, you will see our commitment to the environment through a wide range of design features, including buildings made from rammed earth and recycled building materials, plus artificial creeks and wetlands, windmills and solar collectors.

Graduates make a difference: We develop holistic, far-sighted people who help their communities grow and flourish. We want to give students the ability to influence the world for the better.

You + CSU: You + CSU communicates the essence of what makes us unique and different. True to the character of regional Australia we have soul and we collaborate with others. We listen to our students to understand their individual needs. Delivering world-class education that ensures our students have an excellent experience is central to our success.

Residential schools

Some subjects, particularly those teaching technical skills, have compulsory residential schools. If you choose these subjects you will be required to travel to Albury-Wodonga Campus for two to four days to learn these skills. This also provides you with the opportunity to meet other students, your lecturers, and learn from real life experiences through guest lecture.

STUDY LINK

It is important to prepare for University study and STUDY LINK is designed to help kick-start your studies. You might consider undertaking a transition to university course. For further information, visit: [www.csu.edu.au/studylink](http://www.csu.edu.au/studylink)

Further information

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Other coursework degrees

- Graduate Certificate in River Restoration
- Graduate Diploma in Ornithology
- Master of Ecotourism
- Master of Environmental Management
- Master of GIS and Remote Sensing
- Master of Water Resource Management

Chris Battams
Master of Natural Resource Management

“I was looking to become a park ranger in the first instance, and needed a course I could study by distance education. Distance education is ideal for me as it fits in with my nomadic lifestyle, through offering me flexibility and a degree of autonomy.

“I became a science teacher so the environmental science I have learned is helpful to that, but as I am no longer teaching I study for personal growth and to provide me with extra skills.

“There are lots of excursions and field work where I have participated in real life events including a controlled burn in a national park. The strongest memories are of achievement once I finish each course.

“CSU is worth considering as it offers a combination of academic study and practical fieldwork. Regional universities are more in touch with the local community and the issues facing rural people and environmental management.”