



GRADUATE PROFILE

Minda Murray CSU graduate

“Doing the degree was the best experience of my life. My course exposed me to a lot of valuable experiences, such as climbing Mount Kosciuszko, hiking on Mount Bogong, whale watching at Jervis Bay and many others. It provided the perfect balance between theory and practical work to ensure learning objectives were achieved. It was always challenging and always interesting.

“The lecturers are very professional, each one is an expert in their respective field. They are also good teachers and great people too. They are always approachable and the small class sizes mean more of their time can be dedicated to each student. This is supported by very good tutoring, resources, and services.

“I made some great lifelong friends, and those three years were life changing. They will remain some of the best years of my life.

“The course enabled me to gain employment as a Ranger upon graduation. Now that I am in the field I realise just how valuable the course was in setting me up for completing my work tasks. The skills I learnt during my studies relate directly to the things I am doing in the field.

“I can now say that I am a proud Charles Sturt University graduate, and begin to build the rest of my career knowing the degree has given me the best kick start possible.”

About Charles Sturt University

Charles Sturt University is a national university focusing on excellence in education for the professions, strategic and applied research, and flexible delivery of learning and teaching.

We work in close association with industry, professions and government to ensure our courses meet and support industry needs, resulting in high graduate employment levels and starting salaries. We attract more than 35,000 students from Australia and around the world and are well-known for our innovative approach to education, offering practical, hands-on courses, supported online to provide our students with accessible, world class education.

Albury-Wodonga Campus

Charles Sturt University in Albury-Wodonga is a dynamic and expanding campus, recognised for its innovative design and leadership in environmentally sustainable development. The Campus’ commitment to the environment can be seen in 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.

CSU’s School of Environmental Sciences, located on Albury-Wodonga Campus, conducts teaching and research into the management and sustainable use of the environment. Focus areas include ecotourism, wildlife ecology, catchment management, protected area management, river health, ecosystem conservation, and outdoor recreation.

The Campus offers modern, affordable, self-catered and eco-friendly student accommodation. Fully furnished single student bedrooms, with a bar refrigerator, are available, along with a common room with TV, kitchen, with food cupboards for each student and shared bathrooms.

How to apply

Applicants can apply for admission to full-time on campus courses through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) or the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC).

Applications for distance education study are made directly to the University.

For further information call 1800 334 733 or visit:
www.csu.edu.au/courses/undergraduate/parks_heritage

“I am now responsible for implementing and monitoring new visitor experiences for Bioparks in the Northern Territory. I have the best job in the world and would like to thank CSU’s for providing such a strong foundation.”

Jodie Clarkson, CSU graduate

CSU COURSE INFO

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Bachelor of Applied Science (Parks, Recreation and Heritage)



Why study park management?

If you love the environment, care about our native plants and animals and are ready to devote your life to looking after our precious natural heritage, then a career as a park ranger or park manager is for you.

You’ll have a rewarding career ensuring people enjoy our national parks, while at the same time conserving and protecting some of the most unique environments on earth.

A career in park management offers life in amazing natural environments, a chance to make a difference to the future of our planet, an opportunity to enjoy a healthy outdoor lifestyle, and attractive starting salaries.

Why study CSU’s Bachelor of Applied Science (Parks, Recreation and Heritage)?

CSU’s Bachelor of Applied Science (Parks, Recreation and Heritage) has been training rangers for over 20 years. With the continued involvement of the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service to develop the course, our curriculum is focused on teaching the key skills park managers require - a strong understanding of the environment and an ability to communicate with people using these environments.

Students who complete this course have in-depth knowledge and skills in managing Australia’s National Reserve System - particularly how to conserve these unique landscapes and the plants and animals they contain for future generations. Emphasis is on real-life experiences, field studies and vocationally focused training in conservation, park management, recreation and heritage conservation.

Specialisations

Students may choose one of the following specialisations:

- Wildlife and Conservation
- Indigenous and Cultural Heritage
- Visitor Services and Open Space Management.

This is the oldest and most respected park management course in Australia. We have graduates working in most national parks and many others working for local governments throughout Australia.

For more information about courses and how to apply, please contact info.csu:

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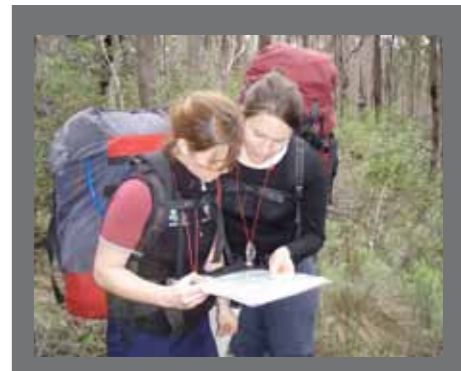
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“I travelled extensively and made some of the greatest friendships. If you’re considering going on exchange I would say ‘go for it.’ It is an opportunity of a lifetime.”

Tracey Hickmott, CSU graduate

“Since I started working in national parks I’ve had so many ‘I can’t believe I get paid for this’ moments. Not only do I find my career enjoyable, I also get an incredible sense of satisfaction, confidently applying the knowledge acquired from my degree in my everyday work.”

Lee Pointon, CSU graduate

Industry recognition

The course was originally developed in conjunction with the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service. A host of industry organisations like Catchment Management Authorities, the Department of Sustainability and Environment (Victoria), the NSW Nature Conservation Trust and several businesses involved in environmental management also sponsor our students.

The School of Environmental Sciences fosters working links with the following industry bodies:

- Catchment Management Authorities in NSW and Victoria
- Department of Sustainability and Environment (Victoria)
- NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service
- NSW Nature Conservation Trust and the Trust for Nature
- Office and Environment and Heritage
- Parks and Leisure Australia
- Parks Australia.

Immerse yourself in the environment

Practical experience

Our program offers a range of life changing experiences that ensure our students have the skills necessary to gain employment when they graduate. You will be supported in taking at least six weeks of full-time work placement in Australia or overseas. Placement opportunities in Australia include:

- Australia’s far north
- most parks in NSW including those on NSW Far South Coast, the Blue Mountains, and the Western Desert
- most parks in Victoria including those on the Snowy Mountains, the Red Gum Forests, and the coast
- Western Australia.

In addition, units of specialised studies provide you with amazing opportunities such as the arid zone field ecology course and voluntary or paid field expeditions to areas such as the Australian Alps, Mungo National Park and North Head, Sydney.

International study experiences are also provided through subjects that take you overseas to countries such as East Timor and Nepal.

Specialisations

Students choose one of three areas of specialisation:

Wildlife and Conservation

In this specialisation students take intensive studies in wildlife and vegetation management. Graduates who have taken the wildlife and conservation specialisation find employment as rangers, threatened species officers, wildlife officers and botanists.

Indigenous and Cultural Heritage

In this specialisation students take intensive studies in cultural heritage management. Graduates with the Indigenous and Cultural Heritage specialisation find employment as rangers, aboriginal heritage officers, heritage consultants and within museums.

Visitor Services and Open Space Management

In this specialisation, students take intensive studies in recreation planning and management as well as outdoor education and interpretation. Graduates with the visitor services and open space management minor find employment as rangers, interpretive officers, open space planners and recreation officers.

A number of free electives in addition to the three specialisations mean you can also pursue areas of interest such as ornithology, captive animal management, river and floodplain ecology, landscape processes, or catchment management.

CSU Global

CSU’s student exchange program, CSU Global, allows you to study and gain credit at an international institution for up to two sessions. Some of the international institutions we have a relationship with include the Lakehead University (Canada), University of Montana (USA), and Humboldt University (USA).

Career opportunities

Graduates are employed in Australia and internationally in park agencies, as well as in local governments and catchment management authorities. Graduates find work as park rangers, as wildlife officers undertaking specific wildlife conservation programs, or as interpretive officers conducting outdoor education programs. A number of graduates are also employed by local governments to manage parks, grounds and ovals, or as recreation officers.

Organisations that regularly employ CSU graduates include:

- Commonwealth National Parks Service
- many local governments (i.e. local councils and shires)
- Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Service
- NSW and ACT Forestry services
- NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service
- Parks Victoria.

Some reasons for studying parks, recreation and heritage at CSU:

- a course focused strongly on field instruction and real-world situations
- enjoy life changing experiences with professional placements in Australia and overseas
- a course recognised by every conservation agency in Australia
- study by distance education and choose when and where you complete your degree.