



GRADUATE PROFILE

Ryan Todd Bachelor of Applied Science (Adventure Ecotourism)

“Cross-country skiing, ice fishing, sledding across frozen rivers, and even completing a university subject in dog sledding were just some of the highlights of my CSU exchange experience in Canada.

“Studying at Lakehead University in Ontario, I made the most of my session breaks, travelling across Canada and into the USA. A major highlight was joining a class on a nine-day dog sledding expedition in Minnesota, USA. Where we went sledding across frozen lakes with day temperatures down to -17°C. I also went winter camping for three days, during which I built a snow shelter to sleep in, went backcountry skiing and ice fishing.

“I still found time to complete five subjects while on exchange, which included Outdoor Skills and Theory II, Dog Sledding, Outdoor Education Practices, Nature Based Tourism, and Expedition Management.

“The international study experience made me really appreciate university life and truly made me excited to come back to Australia to continue my learning. I now have direction and purpose in my life, something that I may have never discovered unless I went on exchange. I would encourage any student to build up the courage and definitely go on exchange. You will learn so much about yourself. Go for it!”

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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/adventure_ecotourism



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CSU COURSE INFO



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Why study adventure ecotourism?

If you have a genuine passion for the natural environment, love an outdoor lifestyle, and want to share this passion with others, adventure ecotourism could be the career path for you. You'll have a career showing people how to enjoy what our amazing planet has to offer, while teaching them to minimise their impact and build awareness and respect for what we have. A career in adventure ecotourism offers attractive starting salaries, the opportunity to enjoy a healthy, active lifestyle, work in incredible locations and meet a huge range of people.

Why study CSU's Bachelor of Applied Science (Adventure Ecotourism)?

This course equips graduates with skills in leadership, business and conservation, providing them with a strong foundation for a career in either adventure ecotourism or natural area tourism. The degree and its associated certifications are recognised nationally and internationally by employers in this field.

CSU's flexible Bachelor of Applied Science (Adventure Ecotourism) allows students to complete their studies as a full-time student on Albury-Wodonga Campus or part-time, as a distance education student. Students also have the opportunity to complete an additional year of study and graduate as one of the few qualified Victorian outdoor education teachers also certified to conduct adventure activities. Alternatively, you can choose to complete further studies in natural and cultural heritage for one year of full-time study and graduate with the additional degree, Bachelor of Applied Science (Parks, Recreation and Heritage).

Specialisations

Students choose one of two areas of specialisation:

Outdoor Recreation

In this specialisation, you will study leadership, recreation and conservation at CSU, alongside 10 to 15 weeks of professional training in bushwalking, rock climbing and abseiling, while completing a Certificate IV at Wodonga TAFE. Canoeing, ski touring, ski camping, mountain biking, sea kayaking, and whitewater rafting may also be available.

Planning and Policy

This specialisation provides a broader understanding of conservation, ecology, cultural issues, management and tourism. Graduates move into senior leadership positions with government and large tourism institutions. They are qualified for positions in natural area tourism and the related areas of heritage and cultural tourism.

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“I am currently working at Ziptrek as a guide taking zipline (flying fox) tours. Having my Adventure Ecotourism degree gave me a foot in the door to get the job, as the tourism industry here in Canada has a strong environmental focus. Future CSU students would be welcomed here and it’s a good opportunity for graduates to get experience.”

Megan, CSU graduate

“This course has changed many things in my life. I have gained the skills that I need in order to guide bushwalking, rock climbing and abseiling, and have learned how to believe in myself and how to encourage others to also believe in themselves.”

Kade, CSU graduate

Industry recognition

Charles Sturt University's Bachelor of Applied Science (Adventure Ecotourism) has been developed in conjunction with Tourism Training Victoria and the Tourism Alliance Victoria. The degree is recognised as a leading course in its field by Ecotourism Australia. Industry organisations such as the Commonwealth government, the National Parks and Wildlife Service, the Department of Sustainability and Environment (Victoria), and several businesses sponsor our students.

The School fosters working links with the following industry bodies:

- Alpine Resorts Coordinating Council
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- many individual local governments and tourism operators
- Ministry of Tourism of East Timor
- Parks and Leisure Australia
- Parks Victoria
- Tourism Victoria and regional tourism bodies.

Immerse yourself in the environment

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
- the Great Barrier Reef
- the Tasmanian wilderness
- 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 experiences are also provided through subjects that take you overseas on trips supported by the university. Destinations such as East Timor and Nepal offer students the exciting opportunity to study global tourism issues, adventure tourism in the developing world and see how other countries provide exceptional outdoor experiences.

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 University of Montana (USA), Thompson Rivers University (Canada) and Lakehead University (Canada).

TAFE Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation

TAFE Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation forms part of the Outdoor Recreation specialisation in CSU's Bachelor of Applied Science (Adventure Ecotourism). The TAFE component includes units in adventure programming and guiding, legal issues, workplace safety, wilderness first aid and emergency care, and information and communication technologies. Students who have already completed the TAFE Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation prior to enrolling at CSU will be awarded 32 points credit upon admission.

Career opportunities

Graduates are employed in Australia and internationally in organisations such as outdoor education centres and outdoor adventure companies, as well as in governmental organisations including the Department of Sport and Recreation and the Department of Education (Victoria).

Graduates find work conducting outdoor education programs, school camps, sport and fitness programs, and leading tours to wild and remote areas of Australia. They are involved in tourism services, nature conservation, adventure programming and personal development.

Outdoor Recreation careers include:

- adventure ecotourism instructors
- ecotourism guides or operators
- ecotourism and/or outdoor development trainers
- environmental educators/consultants.

Planning and Policy careers include:

- environmental educators
- recreation managers
- recreation coordinators
- tourism consultants
- tourism managers
- tourism planners.

Organisations that regularly employ CSU graduates include:

- Bindaree Outdoors: www.bindaree.com
- Tasmanian Expeditions: www.tas-ex.com
- The Outdoor Education group www.oeg.net.au
- Tourism Queensland: www.tq.com.au
- World Challenge: www.worldchallenge.com.au

Some reasons for studying adventure ecotourism at CSU:

- participate in a range of adventure activities such as sailing, scuba diving, canoeing and bushwalking
- enjoy life-changing experiences with placements in Australia and overseas
- graduate with two qualifications that are recognised around the world
- study by distance education and choose when and where you complete your degree.