



**Sample Itinerary Australia: North Queensland**  
*Sustaining Human Societies and the Natural Environment*  
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*Please note: This itinerary is a sample of potential program activities, based on previous years' programs. Deviations from this plan may be expected.*

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Lecture Topic or Activity</b>	<b>Contact Hours</b>
U.S.	4 weeks pre-departure		Orientation	2 L
U.S.	1 week pre-departure		Culture and Geography Quiz	3 L
U.S.	1 week pre-departure		Reflective Essays	1 L
Magnetic Island	Day 1		Group flight arrives	
		17:00 – 18:00	Welcome and orientation to Australia	1 L
		18:00 – 19:00	Introduction to modules	1 L
		19:30 – 20:30	Welcome BBQ Dinner	
Magnetic Island	Day 2	9:00 – 10:00	Introduction to Australian History and Society	1 L
		10:30 – 11:30	Terrestrial Ecosystems of Tropical Queensland	1 L
		12:00 – 15:00	Guided hike to Balding Bay	3 F
		19:00 – 20:00	Faculty-led reflective exercise	1 L
Magnetic Island	Day 3	9:00 – 10:00	Great Barrier Reef Conservation and Management Strategies	1 L
		10:15 – 11:15	Guided tour of Reef HQ	1 F
		11:30 – 12:30	Australian Aboriginal Culture and Health	1 L
		14:00 – 15:00	Australia's Political System	1 L
		15:15 – 16:15	Sustainable Tourism	1 L
Magnetic Island	Day 4	8:00 – 10:00	Townsville Module (I) discussion	2 L
		10:00 –	Free day / module writing	
Magnetic Island to Yungaburra	Day 5	8:00 – 9:00	Debate: Impacts of European Colonization on Indigenous Peoples	1 L
		12:00 –	Travel to Yungaburra	
		19:30 – 21:00	Night Canoeing / Tree Kangaroo spotting (group 1 - optional)	1.5 F
Yungaburra	Day 6		<i>Townsville Module (I) due</i>	
		9:00-	Introduction to upland rainforest, habitat	1 L

		10:00	fragmentation issues and possible solutions	
		10:30 – 14:30	Service project: reforestation	4 F
		19:30- 21:00	Night Canoeing / Tree Kangaroo spotting (group 2 - optional)	
Yungaburra	Day 7	9:00 – 11:00	Faculty-led reflective exercise	2 L
		14:00 – 19:00	Cultural session with Aboriginal elder <i>Historical overview of Aboriginal culture, traditional feast, didgeridoo making</i>	5 F
Yungaburra	Day 8	9:00 – 10:00	Ethnographic study preparation	1 L
		19:00 – 20:00	Faculty-led reflective exercise	1 F
		20:00- 21:00	Introduction to Southern Skies star gazing	1 F
Yungaburra to Farmstays	Day 9	9:00	Travel to Malanda Information Centre	
		10:00 – 12:30	Visit Malanda Information Centre Discussion of Aboriginal history on Tablelands and ecotourism on Tablelands	2.5 L
		12:30	Travel to farmstays	
		14:00 – 18:00	Ethnographic study data collection	4 F
Farmstays	Day 10		Ethnographic study data collection and activities with families	5 F
Tyrconnell	Day 11	9:00	Travel to Malanda Information Centre	
		9:30 – 13:30	Travel to Tyrconnell <i>Stop at Granite Gorge en route</i>	1 F
Tyrconnell	Day 12	8:30 – 10:30	Tyrconnell Gold Mine Tour <i>Discussion on the impact of gold mining in North Queensland</i>	2 L
		14:30 – 15:00	Debate: Normalizing SES	1 L
		16:00 – 17:00	Discussion with owners of Mt. Mulligan Station on farming in the Outback	1 L
		19:00 – 21:00	Outback Module (III) discussion	
Tyrconnell to Port Douglas	Day 13	9:00 – 11:00	Travel to Port Douglas	
Port Douglas	Day 14		<i>Outbush Module (II) due</i>	
		9:00 – 11:00	Rainforest Habitat <i>Introduction of Australian biota and Koala photo opportunity</i>	2 F
		13:00 – 14:30	Kuku Yalanji Dreamtime walk	1.5 F
		15:30 – 18:30	Evolution and phylogeny of coral reefs; fauna and flora of the Great Barrier Reef	3 L

Port Douglas / Great Barrier Reef	Day 15	9:30 – 13:00	Introduction to snorkeling and guided snorkeling on Great Barrier Reef	3.5 F
		14:00 – 15:30	Data collection	1.5 F
		19:30 – 21:30	Discussion of day's sightings and reef film	1 L, 1 F
Port Douglas / Great Barrier Reef	Day 16	9:30 – 13:00	Data collection	3.5 F
		14:00 – 15:30	Data collection	1.5 F
		17:00 – 18:00	Debate: Marine resources and well-being	
		19:30 – 21:30	Marine species ID and quiz	2 L
Port Douglas	Day 17	8:00 – 10:00	Field project presentations	2 L
		10:00 – 11:00	Great Barrier Reef Module (III) discussion	1 L
		13:30 – 15:00	Visit sugar refinery and discussion of impact of sugar cane farming on North Queensland landscape and society	1.5 F
Port Douglas	Day 18		Free day	
Cape Tribulation	Day 19		<i>Reef Module (III) due</i>	
		8:00	Travel to Cape Tribulation	
		13:00 – 14:00	Guided walk on Maardja boardwalk	1 F
		14:30 – 15:30	Development issues in North Queensland;	1 L
		15:30 – 16:30	Connections between mangroves, the reef and rainforest	1 L
	19:00 – 21:00	Guided night walk (group 1)	2 F	
Cape Tribulation	Day 20	8:00 – 11:00	Free morning; optional tropical fruit tasting and discussion of sustainability	
		13:00 – 15:00	Daintree Discovery Centre	2 L
		18:00 – 19:00	Rainforest Module (IV) discussion	1 L
		19:00 – 21:00	Guided night walk (group 2)	2 F
Cape Tribulation	Day 21	9:00 – 11:00	Canopy Crane Research Centre presentation	2 L
		11:00 – 13:00	Service project: tree planting	2 F
		16:00 – 17:00	Debate: Indigenous knowledge and conservation	1 L
		19:00 – 20:00	Faculty-led reflective exercise	



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Cairns	Day 22		<i>Rainforest Module (IV) due</i>	
		9:00	Travel to Cairns	
		13:00 – 14:00	Program evaluations	1 L
		14:00 – 16:00	Exam review	2 L
Cairns	Day 23	9:00 – 13:00	Final exam	3 L
		19:00	Farewell dinner; program ends	
	Day 24		Depart for U.S. or Fiji	
U.S.	1 week post-departure		Reflective Essays	3 L

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#### Contact Hours

Pre-Departure: 6

Post-Departure: 3

Lecture hours: 45.5

Field hours: 24.5 (using 2 field hours = 1 lecture hour)

Field modules: 12 (n=4 at 3 hours each of independent study)

Total lecture equivalent hours = 91.25