The University of Western Australia is a science-focused university, internationally renowned for excellence in teaching and research.

The Faculty of Science has a collaborative environment, and its emphasis on shared academic resources and expertise across discipline areas creates a rich and dynamic learning environment.

The Master of Ecotourism (coursework) covers the areas of:
- the theory and practice of ecotourism
- understanding biodiversity and landscapes
- cultural heritage and Indigenous knowledge
- interpretation and science communication
- environmental law, policy and planning

UWA’s breadth of expertise across the science disciplines is unequalled!

The Master of Ecotourism provides you with the knowledge and skills needed to participate in the growing ecotourism (or nature-based) industry. A distinctive feature of the course is that it is delivered in Albany, in the south-west of Western Australia, an area that is known to be one of the most environmentally diverse, culturally rich regions with an impressive range of natural outdoor recreational opportunities and strong tourism industry partners. The environmental and social impacts of ecotourism are explored through selected case studies.

The course has a strong emphasis on field work, industry case studies and the development of partnerships with the tourism industry. Graduates will have the ability to manage existing ecotourism enterprises sustainably, as well as design and implement new ventures. Graduates will also be culturally aware and have knowledge of environmental law and policy pertinent to ecotourism.

Course Structure
You will study the core units of:
- Biodiversity and Landscapes
- Exhibitions and Interpretation

Career opportunities
Graduates will find employment at a range of commercial ecotourism enterprises both locally and abroad, as well as government agencies (e.g. Department of Parks and Wildlife), and could also become consultants. Graduates will also be in a position to open their own businesses in ecotourism.

Nature based tourism is the number one motivator for international and domestic travellers to travel in Australia according to Tourism Australia research. Taleb Rifai, Secretary General of United Nations World Tourism Organization, recently highlighted the growing trend of consumers demanding more destinations and products that match their expectations as responsible and ethical. Australia is one of the leading nations in this type of tourism.

* Academic Ranking of World Universities 2013
Admission requirements

You must have a relevant bachelor’s degree.

Key information

While the standard timeframe for completion of this degree is two years (full time), if you have previously completed an undergraduate degree in a cognate (related) area it may be possible to complete within 1.5 years.


Partial scholarships are available for high achieving international students. See science.uwa.edu.au/courses/scholarships.

A number of bursaries are available for domestic students. See science.uwa.edu.au/courses/scholarships

Intake periods: February and July each year

How to apply

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International students should also visit international.uwa.edu.au/studentnet/esos which gives more information about the study environment, course fees and refund policy, support services, and schooling obligations for dependent children.