



Explore education and social ecology with UWS

The School of Education at UWS offers innovative, comprehensive and flexible opportunities to develop your understanding of key aspects of education. Students are able to build their expertise and experience in their area of interest.

The breadth of offerings at UWS allows you to undertake part of your course with students in related disciplines. Specialised units allow further in-depth study and degrees may be framed to suit your particular needs.

The Master of Education (Leadership) is for those seeking to play a leading role in emerging educational practice within a range of social, environmental and educational contexts. The focus is on 'best practice' and 'next practice', which refer to the need to imagine and implement developments in learning for future generations.

The Master of Special Education qualifies teachers to work with students with additional

needs across early childhood, primary and secondary settings. It enables you to specialise in working in early childhood intervention, inclusive settings, supported settings or

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gifted education, and supports you to engage in evidence-based practice in your area of specialisation.

The Graduate Certificate in Special Education Studies is for students interested in Special Education but who have no need or desire to work towards a professional qualification or Masters degree.

Designed primarily for teachers, the Graduate Certificate is also of relevance to therapists and other professionals working in the disability field.

COURSE SUMMARY

UAC CODE AUTUMN	UAC CODE SPRING	COURSE NAME	STUDY MODE	CAMPUS
951854	954854	Master of Education (Leadership)	2P	Penrith
951862	954862	Master of Special Education	2P	Penrith
951780	954780	Master of Education (Social Ecology)	2P	Penrith
951894	954894	Graduate Certificate in Special Education Studies	1P	Penrith
951782	954782	Graduate Certificate in Education (Social Ecology)	1P	Penrith

The Master of Education (Social Ecology) at UWS explores the dynamic inter-relationships between the personal, social, environmental and 'spiritual' domains. We acknowledge that everything we do affects others, our shared communities and environments. We view ourselves as parts of the systems (local to global) in which we live, needing to take responsibility for our roles.

Key themes include applied imagination, eco-psychology and cultural change, environmental education and advocacy, eco-literacy, systemics and the emergent characteristics of change, transformative learning, transformative leadership and associated research practices.

Courses in Social Ecology are for those seeking to both imagine and implement developments in the learning of future generations.

Exciting partnerships

The UWS School of Education has recently joined with the Cerebral Palsy Alliance to build a joint facility on the Kingswood campus. This partnership provides additional opportunities for staff of both organisations and students to engage in research and teaching.

Career opportunities

Education studies enable career development and leadership roles in early childhood, primary or secondary contexts within the public or private system, plus adult education, professional training and development.

A Special Education degree opens the way for a career in Early Childhood intervention and inclusive settings, as a support teacher/consultant in regular school settings and as a teacher in a special school.

Studies in Social Ecology equip you for career development in environmental, organisational and education sectors including environmental education, outdoor education, facilitation and adult education, human services, professional training and development.

Professional accreditation

As a post-initial teaching degree, the Master of Special Education does not fall under the auspice of the NSW Institute of Teachers. However, such degrees are recognised by major employers like NSW Department of Education and Training, meeting the employment criteria for a 'special education qualification'.

The Graduate Certificate in Special Education does not offer a professional qualification but does allow students to build their knowledge and expertise in their chosen area of Special Education and Disability Studies.

STUDY SEQUENCE

Master of Education (Leadership)	
YEAR 1 - 1H/CORE UNITS (Choose one of the following core units plus one Specialist unit from the list below)	
Researching Practice	Transformative Leadership
2H/CORE UNITS (Choose one of the following core units plus one Specialist unit from the list below)	
Transformative Learning	Independent Study/Practice in Context
YEAR 2 - 1H/CORE UNITS	
<p>Choose one of the following, whichever has not been completed as the core unit in Year 1</p> <p>101656 Researching Practice 101655 Transformative Leadership</p> <p>One Specialist unit from list below OR One Specialist unit to be chosen from Master of Education (Social Ecology) or Master of Special Education</p>	
2H/CORE UNITS	
<p>Choose one of the following, whichever has not been completed as the core unit in Year 1</p> <p>101658 Transformative Learning 101657 Independent Study/Practice in Context</p> <p>One Specialist unit from list below OR One specialist unit to be chosen from Master of Education (Social Ecology) or Master of Special Education</p>	
SPECIALIST UNITS	
Curriculum Futures	Evaluating Learning Programs
Leadership, Mentoring and Professional Growth	Independent Study 1

Recommended study sequence

Master of Education (Leadership) Part-time

This degree can be undertaken in part-time mode. A typical part-time study pattern involves one Master of Education core unit and one Education specialist unit per semester, though this can be varied. The course is introduced through a four-day (two days for each unit) intensive teaching session held in January and July each year, with additional mid-semester workshops for each unit.



Kathryn McCabe
Facilitator and National Program Coordinator,
OzGreen

Social Ecology graduate

Kathryn McCabe wanted to learn how to make change in the world in a profound and meaningful way. That's why she chose to study Social Ecology at the University of Western Sydney.

'Social Ecology has been life changing for me, and for most of the people who study it. It is like nothing else being taught anywhere,' she says.

'The lessons I have learnt have changed me in ways I never expected; my life is much more fulfilled! I feel like I have found people who believe, like me, that the world can be a better place for all; people who are actively changing it every day in so many different ways.

'I have really enjoyed finding out that study can be fun and creative, and that I can apply my own passions and ideas to anything. I guess that's the best part about Social Ecology: you are so free to apply it to any area of interest, and it really helped me find my path in life. You develop a set of skills that you can apply to anything, so your career path really expands.'

Master of Special Education

This degree can only be undertaken part-time. The course is introduced through a four-day (two days for each unit) intensive teaching session held in January and July each year, with additional mid-semester workshops for each unit.

Master of Education (Social Ecology)

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Graduate Certificate in

Special Education Studies

This degree can only be undertaken part-time, with students being required to undertake at least two specialist Special Education units. The course is introduced through a four-day (two days for each unit) intensive teaching session held in January and July each year, with additional mid-semester workshops for each unit.

Note: Students wishing to undertake three Special Education specialist units will need to undertake studies over three semesters.

Graduate Certificate in Education (Social Ecology)

You need to complete four units of study. We recommend one core unit and one specialist unit per semester.

Industry placement

The Master of Special Education includes an extensive practicum placement which, if you are already employed full-time as a teacher, may be undertaken in your current school setting in most circumstances.

STUDY SEQUENCE PART-TIME

Master of Special Education	
YEAR 1 - 1H/CORE UNITS (Choose one of the following core units)	
Researching Practice	• Transformative Leadership •
Inclusion In Practice (Specialist unit)	•
2H/CORE UNITS (Choose one of the following core units)	
Transformative Learning	• Independent Study/Practice in Context •
Multiliteracies and Additional Needs (Specialist unit)	•
YEAR 2 - 1H/CORE UNITS - Choose the subject that was not completed in Year 1 plus the Specialist unit	
Researching Practice	• Transformative Leadership •
Behaviour Management (Specialist unit)	•
2H/CORE UNITS - Choose the subject that was not completed in Year 1 plus the Specialist unit	
Transformative Learning	• Independent Study/Practice in Context •
Professional Practice in Context (Specialist unit)	•
Master of Education (Social Ecology)	
YEAR 1 - 1H/CORE UNITS (Choose one of the following core units)	
Researching Practice	• Transformative Leadership •
One Social Ecology Specialist unit from the list below	•
2H/CORE UNITS (Choose one of the following core units)	
Transformative Learning	• Independent Study/Practice in Context •
One Social Ecology Specialist unit from the list below	•
YEAR 2 - 1H/CORE UNITS - Choose one of the following, which has not been completed as the core unit in Year 1	
Researching Practice	• Transformative Leadership •
One Social Ecology Specialist unit from the list below OR One Specialist unit to be chosen from Master of Education (Leadership) or Master of Special Education	
1H/CORE UNITS - Choose one of the following, which has not been completed as the core unit in Year 1	
Transformative Learning	• Independent Study/Practice in Context •
One Social Ecology Specialist unit from the list below OR One Specialist unit to be chosen from Master of Education (Leadership) or Master of Special Education	
Specialist Units:	
Applied Imagination	• Eco-psychology and Cultural Change •
Environmental Education and Advocacy	• Researching Social Ecology •
Masters of Education (Social Ecology) students are required to choose a minimum of two specialist Social Ecology units.	

STUDY SEQUENCE PART-TIME

Graduate Certificate in Special Education Studies	
YEAR 1 - 1H/CORE UNITS - Choose two of the following three units	
Researching Practice	•
Inclusion In Practice (Specialist unit)	•
Transformative Leadership	•
2H/CORE UNITS - Choose 1 or 2 of the units depending on whether 1 or 2 core units were taken in Semester 1	
Transformative Learning	•
Multiliteracies and Additional Needs (Specialist unit)	•
Independent Study/Practice in Context	•
NOTE: Students wishing to undertake three Special Education specialist units will need to undertake their studies over three semesters	
YEAR 2 - 1H SESSION	
Behaviour Management (Specialist unit)	•

Graduate Certificate in Education (Social Ecology)	
YEAR 1 - 1H/CORE UNITS	
Transformative Leadership	•
Applied Imagination OR Environmental Education and Advocacy	•
2H/CORE UNITS	
Transformative Learning	•
Eco-psychology and Cultural Change OR Researching Social Ecology	•

Entry requirements

Master of Education (Leadership)

Applicants must have:

Successfully completed an undergraduate or postgraduate degree in any discipline.

Master of Education (Social Ecology)

Applicants must have:

Successfully completed an undergraduate or postgraduate degree in any discipline

OR

successfully completed a Graduate Certificate in Social Ecology.

Master of Special Education

This course provides a post-initial teaching qualification for graduates who already have a recognised three- or four-year teaching qualification. Applicants must have therefore successfully completed a recognised three- or four-year teaching qualification.

Graduate Certificate in Special Education Studies

Applicants must have:

Successfully completed an undergraduate or postgraduate degree in any discipline.

Graduate Certificate in Education (Social Ecology)

Applicants must have:

Successfully completed an undergraduate or postgraduate degree in any discipline

OR

have five years work experience in a Social Ecology-related area (community work, environmental work, outdoor education, counselling, adult education, facilitation and training, and personal development).

Further information

Contact the Course Information Centre on 1300 897 669 or email postgraduatestudy@uws.edu.au

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Recognition of prior learning

Special equivalence may be granted to you on the basis of evidence submitted at the time of application, for academic, professional and/or any other qualifications you hold.

Pathways

There are many options for course entry and exit in the Teaching and Education areas of study. The Graduate Certificate in Education (Leadership) is available as an exit point after completion of two core Education units and two specialised Education units.

You have the option of graduating with a Graduate Certificate in Special Education Studies after the completion of 40 credit points, provided that you have at least 20 credit points in the specialised Special Education units.

The Graduate Certificate in Education (Social Ecology) is available as an exit point (after completion of two core units and two specialised Social Ecology units). By completing the Graduate Certificate in Education (Social Ecology) you may enrol in the Master of Education (Social Ecology), complete four additional units and receive credit for prior study to graduate with a Master of Education (Social Ecology).

How to apply

Postgraduate course applications are processed online through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) at www.uac.edu.au/postgraduate

Further information on postgraduate courses and the application procedure is available at myfuture.uws.edu.au

For international students

Part-time mode is not available for international students due to Australian student visa regulations.