



COURSE OUTLINE

ENS371 Sustainable Aquaculture

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USC Sunshine Coast

ON CAMPUS

Most of your course is on campus but you may be able to do some components of this course online.

Please go to the USC website for up to date information on the teaching sessions and campuses where this course is usually offered.

1. What is this course about?

1.1. Description

Aquaculture is a global, interconnected and rapidly expanding industry transforming regional economies, removing pressure on fisheries and solving environmental issues. In this course, you will apply theoretical and practical knowledge of aquaculture to interpret trends and future scenarios relating to the economic, environmental and social sustainability of the industry in Australia and overseas. Developing and pitching a small research proposal for your discipline that investigates a sustainability problem or opportunity builds useful skills for your future career.

1.2. How will this course be delivered?

ACTIVITY	HOURS	BEGINNING WEEK	FREQUENCY
ON CAMPUS			
Lecture	2hrs	Week 1	13 times
Tutorial/Workshop – Tutorial odd weeks	2hrs	Week 1	7 times
Laboratory – Wet Lab	2hrs	Week 2	6 times
Laboratory – computer lab	2hrs	Week 3	6 times
Fieldwork	4hrs	Week 6	Once Only

1.3. Course Topics

Global trends in aquaculture production and value; Key aquaculture species in Australia; Production constraints and opportunities; Animal health and disease; Environmental impacts; Integrated and restorative aquaculture; Social and livelihood impacts of aquaculture; Nutrition and marketing of seafood; Aquaculture regulations and certification; Entrepreneurship and commercialisation; Pitching to fund research on a sustainable future

2. What level is this course?

300 Level (Graduate)

Demonstrating coherence and breadth or depth of knowledge and skills. Independent application of knowledge and skills in unfamiliar contexts. Meeting professional requirements and AQF descriptors for the degree. May require pre-requisites where discipline specific introductory or developing knowledge or skills is necessary. Normally undertaken in the third or fourth full-time study year of an undergraduate program.

3. What is the unit value of this course?

12 units

4. How does this course contribute to my learning?

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES	GRADUATE QUALITIES
On successful completion of this course, you should be able to...	Completing these tasks successfully will contribute to you becoming...
1 Demonstrate and apply theoretical and practical knowledge to interpret local through to global sustainability trends in aquaculture	Knowledgeable Ethical Sustainability-focussed
2 Develop a research pitch for an aquaculture opportunity by: • reviewing literature and scanning current trends • justifying your pitch in terms of potential benefit	Creative and critical thinker Engaged
3 Effectively communicate in writing (pitch outline, research proposal, laboratory reports) and orally (research pitch)	Knowledgeable Empowered

5. Am I eligible to enrol in this course?

Refer to the [USC Glossary of terms](#) for definitions of “pre-requisites, co-requisites and anti-requisites”.

5.1. Pre-requisites

Not applicable

5.2. Co-requisites

Not applicable

5.3. Anti-requisites

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5.4. Specific assumed prior knowledge and skills (where applicable)

This course applies skills and knowledge you have acquired during your first and second years to the multidisciplinary context of aquaculture, covering production, business, social and environmental aspects. While it does not assume prior knowledge of aquaculture, or seafood more generally, the course contains graduate level assessment and is normally taken in the third year of study. You will be expected to have the ability to conduct research independently, communicate effectively, work collaboratively in laboratories and tutorials, create and analyse data spreadsheets, and manage your time effectively

6. How am I going to be assessed?

6.1. Grading Scale

Standard Grading (GRD)

High Distinction (HD), Distinction (DN), Credit (CR), Pass (PS), Fail (FL).

6.2. Details of early feedback on progress

Verbal feedback to individuals and class will be provided about academic progress throughout the course. Class feedback will be provided on laboratory reports, including those early in the semester. Written feedback to individuals will be provided on the pitch outline (Assessment 1a) which should then be incorporated into the research proposal (Assessment 1b) and oral pitch (Assessment 2).

6.3. Assessment tasks

DELIVERY MODE	TASK NO.	ASSESSMENT PRODUCT	INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP	WEIGHTING %	WHAT IS THE DURATION / LENGTH?	WHEN SHOULD I SUBMIT?	WHERE SHOULD I SUBMIT IT?
All	1a	Written Piece	Individual	5%	One page (about 500 words)	Week 4	Online Assignment Submission
All	1b	Written Piece	Individual	20%	2000 words	Week 10	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check
All	2	Activity Participation	Individual	15%	10 minutes [3 minutes oral presentation approx. 7 minutes of Q&A]	Refer to Format	In Class
All	3	Report	Individual	30%	2 pages per report (approx)	Throughout teaching period (refer to Format)	Online Assignment Submission
All	4	Examination - Centrally Scheduled	Individual	30%	2 hours	Exam Period	Exam Venue

All - Assessment Task 1a: Research pitch proposal

GOAL:	This task will develop your creativity and communication of sustainable aquaculture	
PRODUCT:	Written Piece	
FORMAT:	<p>Following the steps in Blackboard, you will create a written proposal for your pitch in two stages. Each stage will be assessed</p> <p>For your outline (stage 1) you will generate a one-page written piece covering the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief background to your topic of interest • Statement of current problem or opportunity • Research question with the overarching approach you will use • Anticipated outputs and potential impact of the research • Budget and timeframe with key items that you would spend your budget on (up to \$50,000) 	
CRITERIA:	<p>No.</p> <p>1 Quality of the written text and structure of the report. Depth and logical development of the idea and its sustainability context. Incorporation and quality of data and references. Incorporation and quality of figures and tables.</p> <p>2 Assessment criteria are mapped to the course learning outcomes.</p>	<p>Learning Outcome assessed</p> <p>1 2 3</p>

All - Assessment Task 1b: Research pitch proposal

GOAL:	This task will develop your creativity and communication of sustainable aquaculture	
PRODUCT:	Written Piece	
FORMAT:	Following the steps in Blackboard, you will create a written proposal for your pitch in two stages. Each stage will be assessed For your full proposal, you will use the feedback from the outline to provide a written piece of up to 2000 words. This written piece serves as a foundation for your oral presentation (Assessment 2). The full proposal will cover the same headings as the outline but expand on the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• literature review in the background information and data on the size of the opportunity (economic, social or environmental)• identify competitors or alternatives for the topic• expand on the methods of research that you are proposing including a flow diagram• identify a "best case scenario" for the impact of your work• justify your budget items and timeline for activities in the table format provided	
CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed
	1	see task 1a

All - Assessment Task 2: Oral Presentation of research pitch proposal

GOAL:	To "pitch" your research proposal to peers	
PRODUCT:	Activity Participation	
FORMAT:	Submit: Last two weeks of semester. Your oral presentation is to be 10 minutes duration: 3 minutes of speaking about your research grant proposal and approximately 7 minutes for questions from the audience. Follow the format of the sections of the written piece when preparing a sequence of PowerPoint slides (the "pitch deck").	
CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Demonstrate knowledge of your topic by reviewing the literature and identifying a significant opportunity in sustainable aquaculture
	2	Design a research project to investigate an problem (research question, methods, budget & timeline, potential impact)
	3	Communicate your research proposal in the form of an oral PowerPoint presentation (structure & content: relevance, use of terminology; delivery: clarity of slides, audibility & body language, timing, response to audience questions)

All - Assessment Task 3: Laboratory reports

GOAL:	To demonstrate and apply theoretical and practical knowledge of aquaculture to interpret laboratory activities	
PRODUCT:	Report	
FORMAT:	Submit: After each laboratory and field trip (6 in total) Each report is to follow the structure of question and answers provided during the laboratory. Include diagrams, results or graphs where appropriate. Each laboratory report is approximately two pages and will be 6 in total for wet laboratories (including field trip) and computer laboratories.	

CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Demonstrate and apply theoretical and practical knowledge to interpret laboratory activities
	2	Communicate in writing in the form of laboratory reports (structure, English expression, presentation of results/diagrams/graphs etc)

All - Assessment Task 4: Examination

GOAL:		
PRODUCT:	Examination - Centrally Scheduled	
FORMAT:	The exam will contain a variety of short and long answer questions	
CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed
	1	explain the range of concepts that are critical to sustainability of aquaculture, interpret trends in aquaculture production from local to global scales, and evaluate arguments for and against different aquaculture practices

7. Directed study hours

A 12-unit course will have total of 150 learning hours which will include directed study hours (including online if required), self-directed learning and completion of assessable tasks. Directed study hours may vary by location. Student workload is calculated at 12.5 learning hours per one unit.

8. What resources do I need to undertake this course?

Please note: Course information, including specific information of recommended readings, learning activities, resources, weekly readings, etc. are available on the course Blackboard site– Please log in as soon as possible.

8.1. Prescribed text(s) or course reader

There are no required/recommended resources for this course.

8.2. Specific requirements

Nil

9. How are risks managed in this course?

Risk assessments have been performed for all laboratory classes and a moderate level of health and safety risk exists. Moderate risks are those associated with laboratory work such as working with chemicals and hazardous substances. You will be required to undertake laboratory induction training and it is also your responsibility to review course material, search online, discuss with lecturers and peers and understand the health and safety risks associated with your specific course of study and to familiarise yourself with the University's general health and safety principles by reviewing the [online induction training for students](#), and following the instructions of the University staff

10. What administrative information is relevant to this course?

10.1. Assessment: Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is the ethical standard of university participation. It ensures that students graduate as a result of proving they are competent in their discipline. This is integral in maintaining the value of academic qualifications. Each industry has expectations and standards of the skills and knowledge within that discipline and these are reflected in assessment.

Academic integrity means that you do not engage in any activity that is considered to be academic fraud; including plagiarism, collusion or outsourcing any part of any assessment item to any other person. You are expected to be honest and ethical by completing all work yourself and indicating in your work which ideas and information were developed by you and which were taken from others. You cannot provide your assessment work to others. You are also expected to provide evidence of wide and critical reading, usually by using appropriate academic references.

In order to minimise incidents of academic fraud, this course may require that some of its assessment tasks, when submitted to Blackboard, are electronically checked through SafeAssign. This software allows for text comparisons to be made between your submitted assessment item and all other work that SafeAssign has access to.

10.2. Assessment: Additional Requirements

Eligibility for Supplementary Assessment

Your eligibility for supplementary assessment in a course is dependent of the following conditions applying:

The final mark is in the percentage range 47% to 49.4%

The course is graded using the Standard Grading scale

You have not failed an assessment task in the course due to academic misconduct

10.3. Assessment: Submission penalties

Late submission of assessment tasks may be penalised at the following maximum rate:

- 5% (of the assessment task's identified value) per day for the first two days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task.

- 10% (of the assessment task's identified value) for the third day - 20% (of the assessment task's identified value) for the fourth day and subsequent days up to and including seven days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task.

- A result of zero is awarded for an assessment task submitted after seven days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task. Weekdays and weekends are included in the calculation of days late. To request an extension you must contact your course coordinator to negotiate an outcome.

10.4. Study help

For help with course-specific advice, for example what information to include in your assessment, you should first contact your tutor, then your course coordinator, if needed.

If you require additional assistance, the Learning Advisers are trained professionals who are ready to help you develop a wide range of academic skills. Visit the [Learning Advisers](#) web page for more information, or contact Student Central for further assistance: +61 7 5430 2890 or studentcentral@usc.edu.au.

10.5. Wellbeing Services

Student Wellbeing provide free and confidential counselling on a wide range of personal, academic, social and psychological matters, to foster positive mental health and wellbeing for your academic success.

To book a confidential appointment go to [Student Hub](#), email studentwellbeing@usc.edu.au or call 07 5430 1226.

10.6. AccessAbility Services

Ability Advisers ensure equal access to all aspects of university life. If your studies are affected by a disability, learning disorder mental health issue, injury or illness, or you are a primary carer for someone with a disability or who is considered frail and aged, [AccessAbility Services](#) can provide access to appropriate reasonable adjustments and practical advice about the support and facilities available to you throughout the University.

To book a confidential appointment go to [Student Hub](#), email AccessAbility@usc.edu.au or call 07 5430 2890.

10.7. Links to relevant University policy and procedures

For more information on Academic Learning & Teaching categories including:

- Assessment: Courses and Coursework Programs
- Review of Assessment and Final Grades
- Supplementary Assessment
- Administration of Central Examinations
- Deferred Examinations
- Student Academic Misconduct
- Students with a Disability

Visit the USC website: <http://www.usc.edu.au/explore/policies-and-procedures#academic-learning-and-teaching>

10.8. General Enquiries

In person:

- **USC Sunshine Coast** - Student Central, Ground Floor, Building C, 90 Sippy Downs Drive, Sippy Downs
- **USC Moreton Bay** - Service Centre, Ground Floor, Foundation Building, Gympie Road, Petrie
- **USC SouthBank** - Student Central, Building A4 (SW1), 52 Merivale Street, South Brisbane
- **USC Gympie** - Student Central, 71 Cartwright Road, Gympie
- **USC Fraser Coast** - Student Central, Student Central, Building A, 161 Old Maryborough Rd, Hervey Bay
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