

The following information will be published on the Courses page of the Summer Sessions Website :			
Course Title:	Corals, Koalas and Cassowaries: Biodiversity of Australia		
Course Number:	BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES 3228	Course Credit: 3 credit	MNS Axle No prerequisites
First Instructor:	Dr. Amanda Benson	First Instructor Email:	Dr.Benson@vanderbilt.edu
Second Instructor:	Click here to enter text.	Second Instructor Email:	Click here to enter text.
Program start date:	Click here to enter text.	Program end date:	Click here to enter text.
Program location(s): (City, Country)	Australia Fraser Island, The Outback, Daintree Tropical Rainforest, Cairns and Sidney		
If program goes to multiple countries (US included), please indicate specific start and end date for each country	Click here to enter text.		
Does this course fulfill any AXLE credit? If so, what?	MNS		
What are the pre-requisites (if any) for enrolling in this course?	No pre-requisites		
What is covered in the student budget: (how many nights of housing, how many meals, travel, any necessary supplies textbooks, visa, admission to museums, etc.)	All Hotels, most of the meals, all ground and ferry transportation, all admisions, all day trips, including helicopter, ziplines and guided hikes.		
What is <u>not</u> covered in the student budget: (e.g., international airfare, supplies, visa costs, meals, etc.)	Airfare		
Visa needed for US passport holders?	Yes		
Does your course have a service-learning component?	Yes, we will be giving back to the local communities by working with local indigenous and conservation groups on restoration of tropical forests and biodiversity conservation.		
Please provide the course description below:			
<p>Come swim with the turtles in the Great Barrier Reef, hike the Red Center of Australia's outback, hug a koala, and explore the lush tropical rainforest. Australia is considered a megadiverse country; it is home to a huge variety of unique organisms: from the koalas to the cassowaries. It is surrounded by three oceans and holds some of the most diverse ecosystems. Experiencing the marvels of these ecosystems and participating in field research, learning about local and indigenous conservation will heighten your awareness of the oddities and fragility this continent. You will be snorkeling, hiking, canoeing, learning about the Kuku Yalanji Dreamtime, canopy surfing, living on the largest sand island on the Great Barrier Reef, and flying from islands to island all to uncover the wonders of the world down under.</p>			

Please include the following in your Maymester program proposal for internal review:

- Course syllabus
- Program itinerary (itineraries should be finalized by April 15)
- Safety plan
- Detailed budget that includes estimated total cost and clearly describes what's included in the fee AND what is not/what students should expect to need to cover out-of-pocket
- Maximum enrollment