What is ecology?

Ecology explores how various organisms including mammals, invertebrates, birds, fish, reptiles, amphibians, plants and microbes interact with one another and with their environment. Ecologists study the distribution and abundance of organisms, and the structure and function of ecosystems. Students work in laboratories and various field sites ranging from polar ice caps to tropical rainforests and Australia's arid zone.

UNSW is home to the Evolution & Ecology Research Centre, which draws together the diverse strengths of more than 50 academic staff members and independent research fellows, more than 60 postgraduate students.

How can I study ecology at UNSW?

Ecology can be taken as part of the below Science or Arts degrees:
- 3966 Bachelor of Life Sciences
- 3970 Bachelor of Science
- 3962 Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours)
- 3965 Bachelor of Environmental Management
- 3955 Bachelor of Environmental Management/Bachelor of Art

Career Opportunities

Ecology graduates from the School of BEES have found rewarding careers in local, state and federal government departments and agencies, ecological consultancies and research laboratories as well as at universities and other educational institutions.

Ecologists can work in various roles such as conducting ecological research, assessing environmental impacts of developments, preparing and implementing management plans, restoring ecosystems, as well as environmental education and communication.

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