Subject Code	TOU507
Subject Name	Understanding Cultural and Natural Landscapes
Credit points	6
AQF Level	5 (Year 1)
Delivery mode	On campus
Prerequisites	None

Subject Overview	Australia's unique natural and cultural landscapes are key assets for tourism, and understanding the factors that shape and sustain these environments is vital for creating nature-based tourism experiences. This subject examines landscapes through a scientific lens, including geology, ecology, botany and climate, as well as an Aboriginal perspective to offer diverse viewpoints on environmental understanding and management. Students will understand the complex relationships between culture and nature in shaping landscapes and discuss and debate the complexity of balancing tourism demand with the conservation of Australia's landscapes. Field studies, including Ecotourism and Indigenous tourism experiences, are integral, allowing students to apply theoretical concepts and interact with industry organisations.

Learning Outcomes	Explain the factors that both shape and sustain landscapes and environments
	Develop scientific knowledge to understand how living things interact with their environment and their conservation needs.
	Compare a scientific and indigenous perspective as alternate ways of perceiving and understanding the environment.
	Analyse the complex relationships between culture and nature in shaping landscapes.
	Evaluate the role of nature-based tourisms in promoting sustainable practices within tourism and conservation of the landscape.

Assessments	**Indicative assessments**	**Weighting**
	Group presentation and visual material	30%
	Reflective report	40%
	Research poster	30%

Graduate Attributes addressed in this subject	Ethical and social understanding and sustainability literacy
	Systematic and coherent body of knowledge
	Cognitive skills to analyse and critique, synthesise and consolidate knowledge
	Scholarly skills
	Communication skills
	Personal attributes - Cultural awareness and understanding

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