

GRADE AND CREDIT CONVERSION – MSU Office of Study Abroad

PROGRAM: James Cook University- Cairns and Townville, Queensland Australia
(Exchange and direct enrollment Program)

SPONSOR: College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

JCU Scale*	MSU Grade Equivalent*	JCU Units**	MSU Equivalent Credits
HD/High Distinction/85-100%/7	4	2	2.5
D/Distinction/75-84%/6	4	3	4
C/Credit/65-74%/5	3	4	5
P/Pass/50-64%/4	2	5	6.5
PC/Pass Conceded/40-50%/3	1	6	8
N/Failure/<40%/1.5	0		

*Adapted from JCU Standard System of Reporting Grades (http://www.jcu.edu.au/policy/student/assessment/JCUDEV_005345.html)

**Explanations of Other Final Grades: PC = Pass Conceded (may not be used as a prerequisite without permission of the relevant Head of School) (may not be awarded to undergraduate students), P- = Pass Minus (a borderline pass – Engineering only), S = Satisfactory (a passing level in an ungraded subject), U = Unsatisfactory (failed to reach a passing level in an ungraded subject), WF = Failure, (withdrew after the prescribed last date for withdrawal without academic penalty), X = Failure (did not sit for examination(s) or complete at least 80% of total possible marks, or deferred examination not granted), SP = Pass after sitting a supplementary examination, SPC = Pass Conceded after sitting a supplementary exam (may not be used as a prerequisite without permission of the relevant Head of School), SP- = Pass Minus after sitting a supplementary examination (a borderline pass – Engineering only), SS = Satisfactory after sitting a supplementary examination (a passing level in an ungraded subject), SN = Failure after sitting a supplementary examination, SU = Unsatisfactory after sitting a supplementary examination (failed to reach a passing level in an ungraded subject), SX = Failure (did not sit for supplementary examination)

Other academic information: Students studying at JCU must enroll in a minimum of equivalent of 12 MSU credits (9 JCU units) and a maximum of 16 MSU credits (12 JCU credits). (Students may select courses on the Townsville or Cairns campuses, however as the campuses are four hours apart, it is important all courses are taken on the same campus in a given semester. Most subjects are worth 3 to 4 units. The main campus is located in Townsville. While most subjects are offered at the Cairns and Townsville locations, students who would like to study Engineering, Marine Biology, or Education should choose the Townville campus as courses in these fields are not offered in Cairns.

JCU offers a wide range of subjects and will enroll in courses with both international and Australian students. Courses or classes are called “subjects” at JCU and most are valued at 3 units. Like other Australian universities, JCU is a three year institution. Courses are 1000, 2000 or 3000, each respectively equivalent to 200, 300 or 400 level courses at MSU. Some courses contain a field trip component, which is noted in the course description. Additional fees for the field trips apply.

CALENDAR: Semester I runs from February until June, Semester II runs from July until November

LANGUAGE: English

Useful Web Sites:

Study Abroad at James Cook University (a very complete resource, including links to course listings at Townsville and Cairns well as popular courses which courses include field trips):

<http://www.jcu.edu.au/international/studyabroad/>

James Cook University Website:

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