

# Graduate Certificate in Aboriginal Studies

**UNDA Course Code 4000**

**Not available for International Students  
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## INTRODUCTION

The Aboriginal Studies program is centred on the history and contemporary experience of the Indigenous peoples of Australia. Students are offered national, state and regional perspectives on issues and are immersed in the units from the point of view of Indigenous Australians.

## NOTRE DAME BROOME CAMPUS

Few universities in Australia can offer the atmosphere that Notre Dame Broome provides. Well-known for its ideal climate, breathtaking natural beauty, historic sights and plenty of outdoor adventure, experiencing university life in Broome is an ideal chance to study in an environment that tourists from all over the world spend thousands of dollars to enjoy.

A key objective of the Broome Campus is to provide strong support for the process of reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. The Campus provides a supportive environment for its Indigenous students and offers an opportunity for non-Indigenous and Indigenous people to live together and to learn about Aboriginal history and culture.

The Campus is an excellent learning environment with well-equipped lecture rooms, computer laboratories, Internet access, a library with on-line links to the Fremantle campus and student support services.

## COURSE OUTLINE

The Graduate Certificate course in Aboriginal Studies is designed to provide a comprehensive, challenging and exciting view of traditional and contemporary Aboriginal concerns. The course develops in students a solid and wide knowledge of Aboriginal topics and provides opportunities to develop skills and experience.

Throughout the course students are encouraged to extend their understanding of Aboriginal issues by becoming involved in Aboriginal organisations, attending Aboriginal cultural events, supporting Aboriginal enterprises and developing a growing awareness of the contemporary struggles of the Indigenous peoples of Australia.

## COURSE STRUCTURE

This course consists of four 25 credit point units and is designed for graduates of a three or four year degree in another area.

Students must complete the following units:

- AB500 The Silent History
- AB503 Aboriginal People in Contemporary Australian Society
- AB572 History of Aboriginal Peoples in the Kimberley Region
- TH512 Spirituality and the Challenges of Reconciliation

Not all units are available in all semesters. The University reserves the right to alter the required units of study.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Careers for graduates of Aboriginal Studies are diverse and include:

- research, administration, management and policy development in business and community organisations
- teaching within schools or universities.

## MODE OF STUDY

Students may undertake study as a part-time or full-time student, commencing in first semester (February) or in second semester (August), subject to unit availability. Units are also available on and off campus mode.

## ACCOMMODATION

The Broome Campus offers quality on-site accommodation for students, including separate study areas and internet access.

## FEES

All places are fee-paying places. However, eligible students qualify for a Commonwealth-funded loan through FEE-HELP. For more information about fees please contact the Notre Dame Broome Campus.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

The information contained in this publication is designed as a basic course description. If you would like further information regarding the course, or information pertaining to admissions, fees or the University itself, please consult the Prospectus. We welcome visitors to the University at any time. If you would like to view the University facilities please contact the Broome Campus Administration on (08) 9192 0600. Visit our web site [www.broome.nd.edu.au](http://www.broome.nd.edu.au)