The Master of Arts (Social Ecology) explores the dynamic interrelationships between the personal, social, environmental and ‘spiritual’. We acknowledge that everything we do as individuals affects others and our shared communities and environments. We regard ourselves as parts of the systems (local and global) in which we live, and that we need to take responsibility for our roles within them. Key theme areas include cultural action, sustainability education, ethical leadership, organisational development, transformative learning and applied spirituality.

This course is for those who think that achieving ecological, social and personal sustainability will require a shift in values and attitudes, rather than just more scientific knowledge and technology. It is for social change activists who want to be more effective in working with transformation within organisations and communities. It is for those seeking to influence our shared future – imaginatively, collaboratively, ethically and effectively.

Social Sciences and Education at UWS
This course is unique to UWS. There is no direct comparison in Australia. It is an adult learning program that works on a self-directed learning model. We have been offering this program in various forms for nearly 20 years and have graduated hundreds of students. All staff are experienced in the field and are strong

Duration: 1 year full-time or 2 years part-time
UAC Code: 952784
Campus: Hawkesbury

Recommended Study Sequence (Part-time)
Qualification of this award requires the successful completion of 80 credit points. Students must complete the two Level 7 core units and six Level 7 Pool units.

Year 1
1H Session
Ecology of Learning
1 Pool Unit

2H Session
Leadership and Change
1 Pool Unit

It’s all about Career Opportunities
This program works with people who work with people. These range from educators of various sorts – environmental educators, corporate trainers and facilitators, counsellors and psychotherapists – to community workers and independent consultants. Graduates work in local government, the community sector, NGOs and independent environmental organisations. They work in Indigenous community settings, in human resources and in counselling and welfare services. Some are full-time environmental activists. Others are drawn to the course to ground their particular yearnings for community and relevance. For some, the motivation to enrol is personal fulfilment rather than the desire for a professional qualification.
Year 2
1H Session
2 Pool Units

2H Session
2 Pool Units

Pool Units
Complexity and Applied Philosophy
Ecology and Spirituality
Ecopsychology and Cultural Change
Global Citizenship
Imagination in Action
Independent Studies
Introduction to Complexity, Chaos
and Creativity
Performing Social Action
Qualitative Research Design
Sense of Place
Social Ecology Research
Transformative Learning
Understanding and Working
with ‘Community’
Writing, Creativity and Change
Managing Organisational Change at the
Edge of Chaos

Entry Requirements
An undergraduate degree is required
for entry into the Master of Arts (Social
Ecology). Successful completion of a
Graduate Certificate in Social Ecology is
an alternative method of entry.

Recognition of Prior Learning
Special equivalence may be granted
to candidates on the basis of evidence
they submit at the time of application for
academic, professional and/or any other
qualifications they hold.

Pathways
The Graduate Certificate in Social Ecology
is offered as an early exit point for students
who have successfully completed 40
credit points.

How to Apply
Applications for the course must be made
through the Universities Admissions
Centre (UAC) online at www.uac.edu.au

Further information on postgraduate
courses and the application procedure is
available on the Future Students section of
the UWS website: http://future.uws.edu.au

Postgraduate Coursework Booklets are
available free of charge from UAC and the
UWS Course Information Centre
(1300 897 669).

Future Options
It is anticipated that a new degree, a
Master of Education (Social Ecology) will
be offered in 2010. All students enrolled in
the Master of Arts (Social Ecology) will be
given the option of transferring to the new
degree or completing the degree in which
they are currently enrolled. For further
information contact the Course Advisor,
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CRICOS provider code: 00917K

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