

FRST90034 Ecological Restoration

Credit Points:	12.5
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2015, Creswick This subject commences in the following study period/s: September, Creswick - Taught on campus. During the pre-teaching period, students will be required to research and prepare an advanced draft of the first Assessment task, and read a journal article in preparation for a workshop. There is a cost for one nights accommodation (~\$40) associated with the main field trip in the second week of the subject.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: Equivalent of 24 hours lectures and 36 hours practical work, delivered in a two-week intensive teaching block. Total Time Commitment: 170 hours
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. This course requires all students to enrol in subjects where they must actively and safely contribute to field excursions and laboratory activities. Students who feel their disability will impact on meeting this requirement are encouraged to discuss this matter with the Subject Coordinator and Disability Liaison http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/ students email: disability-liaison@unimelb.edu.au
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Subject Overview:	Ecological Restoration examines the principles and practices needed to restore terrestrial ecosystems in a range of modified landscapes from settled to agricultural to forested. Its focus is ecological, although consideration is also given to socio-economic factors that influence restoration programs. Lectures and field trips explore ecological principles and projects from site to landscape scales, encompassing biodiversity values and ecosystem services.
Learning Outcomes:	At the end of this subject students will have an advanced understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Properties of degraded versus functioning ecosystems # Need for ecological restoration (Australia and elsewhere) # Types and goals of ecological restoration at site to landscape scales # Planning, legislation, incentive schemes relevant to restoration of native systems # Ecological restoration strategies and methods (including harnessing natural processes and planning for climate change) # Indicators of ecosystem function and restoration success at different scales

	# Benefits of ecological restoration
Assessment:	An assignment of maximum 1,250 words (25%; due 3/10/15), A group project including oral presentation (30%; 3-4 per group; individual presentation for 10 minutes; due 9/10/15), An assignment of maximum 2,750 words (45%; due 20/11/15).
Prescribed Texts:	None
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Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
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Links to further information:	http://graduate.science.unimelb.edu.au/master-of-forest-ecosystem-science
Related Course(s):	Graduate Diploma in Urban Horticulture Master of Forest Ecosystem Science Master of Urban Horticulture
Related Majors/Minors/Specialisations:	Climate Change Climate Change Conservation and Restoration Conservation and Restoration Energy Efficiency Modelling and Implementation Energy Efficiency Modelling and Implementation Environmental Science Environmental Science Integrated Water Catchment Management Integrated Water Catchment Management Sustainable Forests Sustainable Forests Tailored Specialisation Tailored Specialisation Waste Management Waste Management