

# Creative Practice Responding to Country

(CRA202)



## A 5-Day Arts Immersion On-Country Experience

### ABOUT THE COURSE

Charles Darwin University's Academy of the Arts offers a unique learning experience for creative practitioners to visit and respond to Australia's world-heritage landscapes unique to the Northern Territory.

The Academy of Arts has developed a suite of on-country immersion programs that challenge participants to engage with landscape through observation, listening and, as appropriate, students will be introduced to the Indigenous culture, language and creative practices of far north Australia.

This unit provides a framework to develop an independent or collaborative project in any creative arts discipline in response to an immersive on-country experience. Participants will have the opportunity to develop their creative practice with artist teachers as guides and mentors and with opportunities to collaborate across disciplines with each other.

During this arts immersion experience you will engage creatively in response to your observations and share your findings with the group through a guided series of workshops, reflections and critical discussions, leading to presentations of your work-in-progress. You will be exposed to new techniques, materials, methodologies, and ways of making meaning of the world, to tell stories, perform songs and dances, and make art. The learning experience is open to participants responding to Country through a range of disciplines and media, such as creative writing, film, new media, live performance, music, composition, drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, print or design.



Following the on-country immersion, you are invited to complete a creative output which draws on the influence of the on-country experience and learning.

### WHO

Ideal for creative artists, writers, educators, arts students and appreciators. This unit assumes that the student brings an existing skill or practice in an arts discipline. The assumed knowledge can be in any arts discipline and is expected to be at a 200-level.

### WHEN AND WHERE

(please note that dates/locations may be subject to change)

#### Intensive 3 (INT-3) – Kakadu

This unit involves a field trip to explore the unique ecology of Kakadu National Park. Students will be introduced to the Indigenous culture, through storytelling, language and creative practices of the Kakadu traditional owners.

The timing of this excursion will align with the Tastes of Kakadu Festival.

- > Dates: 23rd – 27th May 2024
- > Travel is by bus with camping in tents.
- > Travel from Charles Darwin University Casuarina Campus, Darwin, Northern Territory.
- > All camping equipment is provided.
- > Cost - General Public Participants: POA
- > University Students: On-country field trip \$550 (est.) plus fee to enroll in unit CRA202.



## Intensive 4 (INT-4) – Darwin Region / Tiwi Islands

Unit delivered from Casuarina campus, with several short field trips around Casuarina Beach, Adelaide River and (possibly) to the Tiwi Islands. Students will have the opportunity to engage with Larrakia Elders and artists and creative and cultural practices of the Tiwi Islands.

- > Dates: 8th – 12th July 2024
- > Travel from Charles Darwin University Casuarina Campus, Darwin, Northern Territory.
- > Cost - General Public Participants: POA
- > University Students: On-country field trip \$850 (est.) plus fee to enroll in unit CRA202.

## Intensive 5 (INT-5) – Kakadu

This unit involves a field trip to explore the unique ecology of Kakadu National Park. Students will be introduced to the Indigenous culture, through storytelling, language and creative practices of the Kakadu traditional owners.

- > Dates: 26th – 30th August 2024
- > Travel is by bus with camping in tents.
- > Travel from Charles Darwin University Casuarina Campus, Darwin, Northern Territory.
- > All camping equipment is provided.
- > Cost - General Public Participants: POA
- > University Students: On-country field trip \$600 (est.) plus fee to enroll in unit CRA202.

*The unit is worth 10cps that can be applied as credit towards an undergraduate degree in the Arts, Sciences or Humanities.*

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