

School of Outdoor Education and Environment

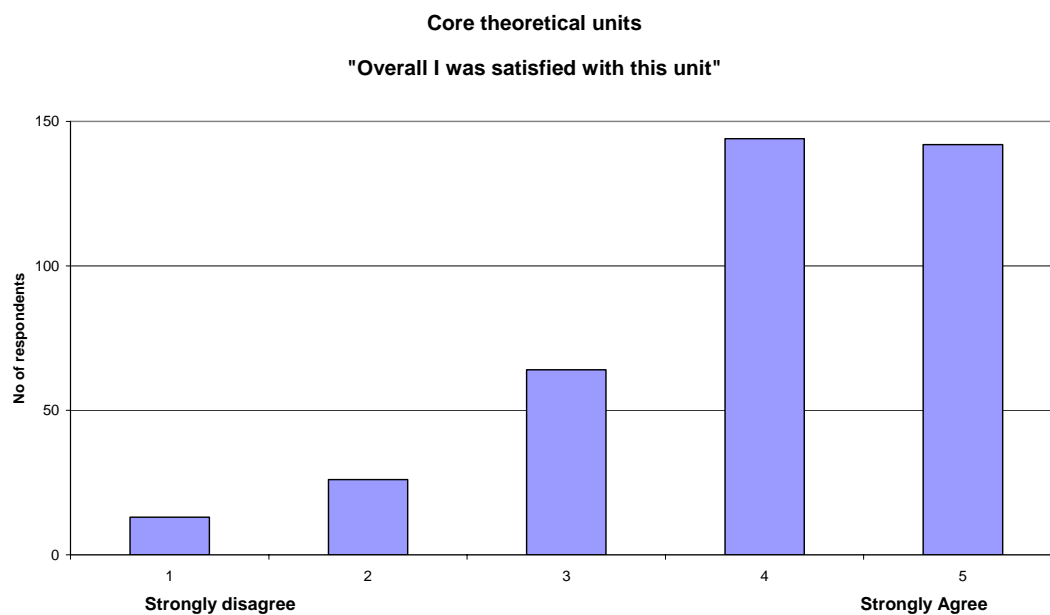
Quality assurance of units - 2005

The School of Outdoor Education and Environment has an ongoing commitment to its students to ensure that the units available are of the highest quality. Quality is a reflection of the content of the unit and the way in which units are taught, or how students learn. The School works to ensure that the staff involved in teaching are active in the field, both in terms of their own professional practice and research. The School has a strong and ongoing commitment to assisting staff to develop and practice their professional skills and to engage in research that informs their teaching.

One measure of the quality of teaching and learning within the School is a Quality Assurance Survey (QAS). Quality Assurance surveys are conducted for all units offered in the school over a two year period, as a minimum. Some new or changing units are surveyed annually. The surveys are extensive, containing quantifiable responses to set questions as well as more open ended questions yielding qualitative responses. Survey results are used by staff in evaluating the unit's teaching and learning effectiveness. Results are summarised and considered in an annual review. Results are also included and discussed with students at several meetings during each year.

Reported here is a summary extract from the Quality Assurance surveys for undergraduate units conducted in 2005.

Bachelor of Arts (Outdoor Education) and Bachelor of Arts (Nature Tourism)



The units that contributed to the data presented above include:

OED12BFE	Field Experience B
OED12NS	Naturalis StudiesS
OED21BE	Bush Environments
OED21RCS	Regional Catchment Studies: Resources and Management
OED21RE	OENT2:River Environments
OED21RWE	River and Wetlands Environments
OED22OLB	Outdoor Leadership B
OED22SNT	Sustainable Nature Tourism
OED22WAE	Winter Alpine Environments
OED23AFE	Field Experience C
OED31NSI	Naturalist Studies: Interpretation
OED31PWM	Parks and Wildlife Management
OED32NTP	Nature Practicum
OED32TPD	Teaching and Program Development
OED32TRE	Teaching in River Environments