A course as unique as the island of Borneo itself!

Borneo Cultural Studies provides students with a meaningful and engaging experience of Borneo within the wider context of Malaysia. Course content explains the complexities of culture, natural history, wildlife and society that are uniquely found on the island.

Through an interdisciplinary approach, and partnerships with local government agencies and selected guest presenters, the curriculum also includes opportunities beyond the classroom for students to investigate and participate in the cooking, carving, beadwork, weaving, basketry and tattooing that breathe life into the local culture.

Borneo Cultural Studies carries full semester length credit but is presented in an intensive format over a 2 week period. Students are hosted at the Curtin University campus in Miri, Sarawak, but also travel across the state for trips to several National Parks, including Lambir Hills, Niah, Similajau, Miri-Sibuti Coral Reefs and the UNESCO World Heritage Site at Gunung Mulu.

Who is this course for?

Students of the earth sciences including those following courses in agriculture, the environment and sustainability, particularly applied geology, coastal and marine science, environmental biology and geography, will find this course a brilliant extension of their current syllabus.

At the same time, the Borneo Cultural Studies course should be of interest to students of culture, language and indigenous studies, in particular those following majors in anthropology and sociology, history, indigenous communities, international relations and cultural studies.

Finally, this course is recommended to students who intend to pursue careers within Borneo and the Asia-Pacific region pertaining to the government and public sector, civil society and research organisations, natural resources (utilisation, conservation and management), education and teaching.

How do I sign up?

This course will be launched in the summer of 2016 and will carry 25 credits at Curtin University. Many other institutions are able to offer credit transfer for this unique program. For more information visit us online at http://flexiblestudy.curtin.edu.my/units/borneo-cultural-studies/