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Surfing from university

The first 19 students from Australia's only surfing course have graduated from Edith Cowan University's South-West campus in Bunbury.

Since the recent ceremony, several graduates have got jobs in surfing, science and education.

The course started three years ago amid speculation about its value, or the chances of it leading to work.

The surf science degree is the only one in Australia related to surfing and was developed in consultation with surfing and science experts.

It involves some practical surfing, and

a heavy emphasis on science - including geography and meteorology.

Continuing a tradition started last year, students and academics paraded through the streets of Bunbury to the ceremony at the Regional Entertainment Centre.

The graduates are from WA, interstate and overseas.

ECU has an exchange arrangement with the world's only other university course in surfing, at Plymouth in England.

Students can nominate to swap campuses for one year.

The course costs about \$20,000 at \$1000 per unit.