

Australia: Regional Area Study

Semester:

Spring 2010

Program Focus:

Country Study

Prerequisite Courses:

Minimum of 2.75 GPA
highly recommended

Recommended Courses:

BIO 100: Perspectives in
Biology

SOAN 110: Intro to

Cultural Anthropology

Application Deadline:

February 06, 2009

Program Design:

The history of Australia, the world's smallest continent and largest island, has been molded from afar by the British and the western world and by its own aboriginal population and diverse geography. Over the last two hundred years it has grown into a multicultural society with 90 percent of its population living in urban areas.

Students participating on the program will achieve several things – an appreciation of the diversity of the Australian culture where four out of every ten people are first or second generation migrants; Australia's economic and political role as part of the Pacific Rim; and unifying themes in the areas of natural history and marine biology.

Requirements Fulfilled:

IS 240 and 241 fulfill the 8-credit International

Studies general education requirement. BIO 115 Fulfills the Math & Natural Sciences category A laboratory requirement (except for Mathematics & computer Science majors).

Credits:

4 courses per semester/16 credits

Curriculum:**IS 240: Area Study:****Australia (4 credits):**

Traces the major events in Australia's history from its initial settlement by the Aboriginal people to European colonization to the present. Emphasis on those events that played a major part in shaping contemporary Australia society and in shaping Australia's current relationship with East Asia, the United States, and England. Topics include Australian literature, non-indigenous art, and political institutions.

IS 241: Contemporary**Australia (4 credits):**

Provides insight into important contemporary social issues, including population demographics, multiculturalism, gender issues, treatment of indigenous peoples, family and youth issues, crime and violence.

IS 242: Aboriginal Studies (4 credits):

Investigations of the evolution of humanity in Australia, cultural diversity among indigenous peoples, social organization, ceremonies and art, spiritual life, material culture, gender roles, and relationship to the land.

BIO 115: Explorations in Regional Biology:**Australia:**

Field and marine biology and flora of eastern Australia. Includes study of rainforest, eucalyptus forest, fire ecology, coral reef ecology, and animal behavior field studies.

Program Comments:**Relationship to On-Campus Curriculum:**

The Australia program provides unique opportunities for students who are interested in coral reef and eucalyptus forest ecology and in aboriginal peoples; it also offers a comparative perspective on democratic political institutions, Pacific Rim international relations, and socialized health care. As such, the program is attractive to students majoring in Biology, Sociology/Anthropology, Political Science, International affairs, Economics, Communications, and Psychology.

See reverse for more info...

Additional Information:

Passport Details:

During the early portion of the semester prior to departure, you will be required to submit your passport to the Overseas Office. Your passport will be returned to you just prior to your departure. During this time frame, the Overseas Office will secure your visa. If you plan to use your passport to travel during this time frame, please make an appointment with the Overseas Office immediately to discuss the process for obtaining a visa.

Please make sure your passport is valid for 6 months BEYOND the end of your program (DECEMBER 2010). If it expires before then, please renew it as soon as possible to avoid expediting fees.

Passport Services and

Information: Please visit http://travel.state.gov/passport_services.html or University Station Post Office, 1505 SW 6th Street, Portland.

Passport photos (8 required):

We recommend Action Fast Photo, located at 9889 SW Barbur Boulevard next to Barbur Foods, (\$7.50 for 2/\$.43 for each additional). Please provide your LC ID

in order to receive the discount.

Visa:

A visa is required for this program. You will apply as a group during orientation. The site below is for informational purposes only.

●<http://www.austemb.org/DIMA/visiting/eta.html>

Health:

Please make an appointment with the student health services center to get an updated list of immunizations that are recommended or mandatory for this program.

Insurance:

Students are underwritten and insured by The TIG Insurance Company, an affiliate of USI Insurance Services Corporation. Program insurance is mandatory and included in the comprehensive fee.

International Student Identity Card:

The card is required for the program. You will be notified of how to obtain it when we are making your travel arrangements.

Fees To Plan For:

Fees for the following items are not included in the comprehensive program fee:

- Passport fees
- Required photographs
- Visa fees

- International Student Identity Card
- Immunizations and health exams
- Books/Supplies
- Transportation to city of departure

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