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The University of Auckland International Short Courses

Study Abroad

Study abroad in New Zealand

The Centre for Continuing Education at The University of Auckland successfully develops and delivers Study Abroad Short Courses to suit students from a wide range of disciplines.



Ross Crosson

Whether you have ten students or fifty, would like to study for several days or several months, the team at the Centre for Continuing Education can tailor a course to meet your specific needs. The Centre also arranges field trips and activities to enhance classroom learning.

Programme Managers work with clients to design a course specifically for a group of learners. Lecturers from the nine University faculties can be engaged to deliver just what you want and multidisciplinary courses are available.



Gael Howell

The Centre for Continuing Education also provides customised International Short Courses for Professional Development and English Language students.

**Ross Crosson and Gael Howell
Programme Managers
Centre for Continuing Education**

"Auckland is one of the most fascinating - and yet still largely undiscovered - resources in the world for University students who have interest in multi-culturalism, European and South Pacific History, Indigenous Studies, and Contemporary Political Systems, just to name a few. Our students are consistently impressed and enriched. It doesn't hurt that New Zealand happens to be among the most beautiful locations on the planet, of course..."

Dr. Daniel L. Smith-Christopher, Prof. Theological Studies, Loyola Marymount University (Los Angeles), and Director of the "New Zealand Study Abroad" Program, LMU.

How we look after you

What we do

We enjoy hosting international groups and work closely with students and accompanying academics to make each person's experience valuable and enjoyable.

We will arrange all of the following and more:

Pre departure

- Programme Development
- Pre-departure information
- Travel bookings
- Accommodation.

While you are here

- Airport greeting and transfers
- Orientation programme
- Programme coordination
- University library resources
- Student Health Services
- Student Support Services
- Access to student clubs and societies (joining fees apply)
- Field trips
- Social events
- Farewell function.

Academics

Depending on the programme, courses may be taught entirely by faculty from The University of Auckland or jointly with your faculty. Course work can be examined and assessed by University of Auckland faculty with credit awarded by the student's home university.

Accommodation

The Centre can arrange accommodation to suit your group.

A range of quality and budget hotels and apartments are located within 15 minutes walk of the University Campus. Your programme manager will advise on accommodation that fits your budget.

Homestay accommodation within a 30 minute commute of the university can be arranged for the length of the group's stay or for just a few days to enable students to meet a New Zealand family. All homestay families are checked in compliance with the Ministry of Education Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students.

University of Auckland Halls of Residence are often available for international short course students during the summer holiday from November to February.



Field trips

Programmes generally incorporate a combination of lectures and field trips. The Centre has experience and expertise in arranging field trips including Maori Cultural workshops, tours of Auckland and visits to such places as the Auckland Museum, Auckland Zoo, educational institutions and government departments.

Regions outside Auckland that are popular destinations for field trips are Rotorua and the Bay of Islands and the University's Marine Research Field Station at Leigh, north of the city.

Some programmes include a cultural field trip to one of the Pacific islands and these can be arranged by the programme manager.

The University of Auckland has a set of Health and Safety Protocols which are strictly observed to ensure the safety of all students taking part in field trips.

Pastoral care

The University of Auckland is a signatory to the Ministry of Education Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students. The Centre for Continuing Education is committed to the well-being of every student taking part in our programmes.



"The staff of the Centre for Continuing Education have done a truly outstanding job of organizing our excursions, accommodations, and kapa haka lessons, and in 2007 they arranged an excellent special course for us on very short notice. I especially appreciate that they constantly monitor how things are going and find solutions to any problems that arise."
Kirk Endicott, Professor of Anthropology, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire.

Example of a programme

New Zealand is at the forefront of work being done in the area of Restorative Justice. Working with the Centre for Continuing Education and utilising the expertise and resources available in Auckland, a group of American students undertook the following programme. Students also studied a course on Aotearoa/New Zealand Society, learning about its diverse communities, its history of settlement - both Maori and Pakeha, and about contemporary social issues facing the country today.

Course 1: Restorative Justice Course 2: Aotearoa/New Zealand Society

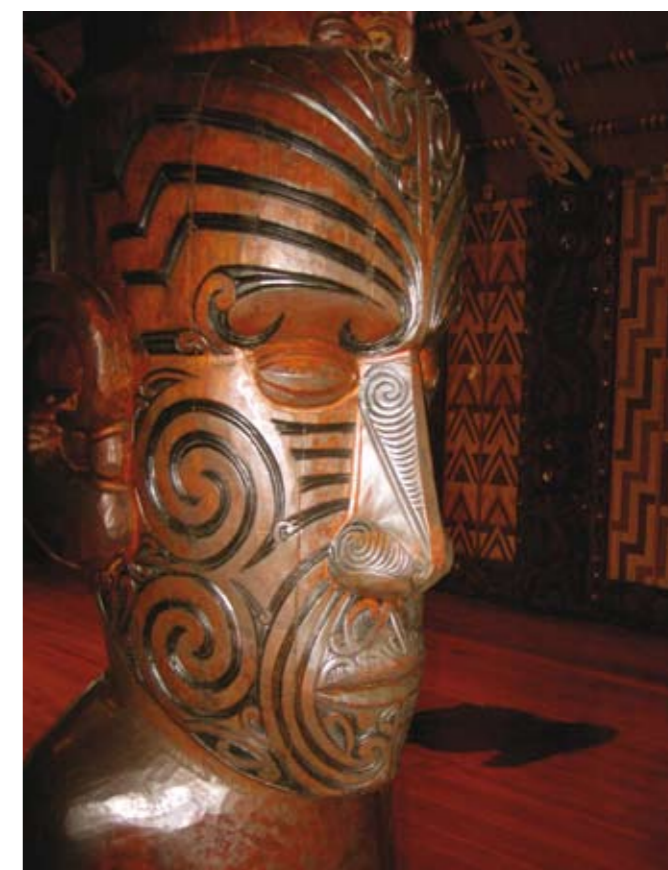
Week 1		
Sun		Students arrive Auckland
Mon	9.30am - 4.30pm	Welcome/Orientation/Tour of Auckland
	6.30pm	Welcome Dinner
Tues - Thurs	9.00am - 11.00am	Lectures: Course 1
	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Lectures: Course 2
Fri		Field Trip: Local Maori marae
Sat/Sun		Free

Week 2		
Mon-Wed	9.00am - 11.00am	Lectures: Course 1
	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Lectures: Course 2
Thurs	9.00am - 11.00am	Guest lecture: High Court Judge
	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Field Trip: Auckland Museum
Fri	9.00am - 11.00am	Test
Sat/Sun		Free

Week 3		
Mon - Wed	9.00am - 11.00am	Lectures: Course 1
	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Lectures: Course 2
Thurs	9.00am - 11.00am	Guest speakers: Restorative Justice practitioners
		Essay due
Fri - Sun		Field Trip: Bay of Islands

Week 4		
Mon - Wed	9.00am - 11.00am	Lectures: Course 1
	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Lectures: Course 2
Thurs	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Field Trip: Auckland District Court
Thurs		Essay due
Fri - Sun		Field Trip: Rotorua

Week 5		
Mon - Thurs	9.00am - 11.00am	Lectures: Course 1
	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Lectures: Course 2
Fri	9.00am - 11.00am	Test
Fri	6.30pm	Farewell Dinner
Sat		Students depart Auckland



"CCE International Short Courses put together a great program for us; our students loved it. The course of study and field trips were excellent. We had a terrific experience."
Donald J. Schmid, Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Notre Dame Law School, USA.



About The University of Auckland

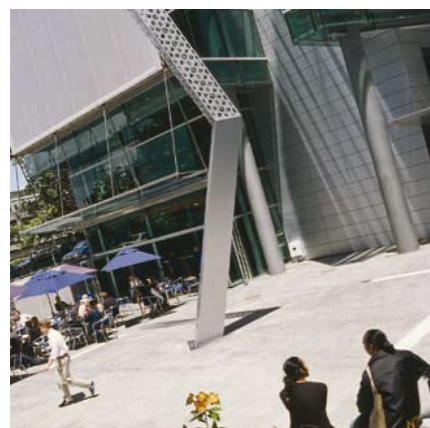
Internationally recognised and sought-after

The University of Auckland is New Zealand's pre-eminent research-led University. Established in 1883, it has grown into an international centre of learning and academic excellence and is New Zealand's largest university.

It is an internationally recognised, research-led university, known for the excellence of its teaching, research, and service to its local, national and international communities. It is a vibrant and intellectually challenging place of learning, nurturing a community of scholars who share a passion for discovery, the advance of knowledge and human progress.

The University attracts postgraduate and undergraduate students from all over the world. Nearly 5,000 international students from 80 countries choose to study at Auckland, their different perspectives and cultures enriching the entire University community.

The University enjoys international status as the only New Zealand university invited to join Universitas 21 and the Association of Pacific Rim Universities. Membership of both groups is by invitation and limited to research-led institutions of international reputation across a broad spectrum of disciplines.



The Times Higher Education Supplement World University Rankings 2006

Overall ranking: 46

Subject area rankings:

- Biomedicine: 26
- Arts and Humanities: 29
- Social Sciences: 33
- Technology: 43
- Science: 58

Faculties

- Faculty of Arts
- Business School
- National Institute of Creative Arts & Industries
- Faculty of Education
- Faculty of Engineering
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Medical & Health Sciences
- Faculty of Science
- School of Theology

Students

- Undergraduate: 29,000
- Postgraduate: 9,000
- Domestic: 33,000
- International: 5,000

Staff

- Academic: 2,800
- General: 2,800

Degrees awarded (2006)

- 6,143 undergraduate
- 4,098 postgraduate

Alumni

Over 100,000 alumni; some 20,000 offshore.



We've asked the University to host semester groups over ten years now and the quality of instruction has been consistently superb, as has been the coordination and supervision of our required internships. Similarly, we've been immensely pleased by the fieldtrips and extended group excursions that are integral to our program. And the management provided by the Continuing Education Centre? Top drawer!

Sheila Bennett, Professor of Sociology and Asian Languages and Cultures, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY.



About Auckland

Landscape and climate

Auckland city is built on the isthmus between the Pacific Ocean and Tasman Sea and is sheltered from the prevailing westerly winds by the scenic Waitakere ranges. The region stretches from the west coast, with its rugged coast lines and black sand beaches, over mountain ranges to the beautiful white sandy beaches of the east coast and out to the islands of the Hauraki Gulf. Auckland is known as the "City of Sails" and Aucklanders love being out on the water. The numerous volcanic cones around which the city is built make for an interesting and hilly terrain with spectacular views. Auckland experiences a temperate coastal climate with plentiful sunshine and rain showers. Monthly average maximum temperatures range between 14 and 24°C (57-75 F).

People

Auckland is the gateway to New Zealand and it is the chosen location of 70% of all overseas migrants. It is therefore the most multicultural city in New Zealand and the biggest Polynesian city in the world. The population of 1.3 million is made up of people mainly from European, Maori, Polynesian and Asian cultures, providing a lifestyle full of cultural diversity.

Things to do

Auckland is a great place to live and study. There is something for everyone from extreme adventure to a quiet morning coffee and browsing in the local markets and shops. Residents and visitors alike take part in world class entertainment and sporting events, cultural festivals and leisure activities and enjoy eating at one of the many ethnic restaurants in the city and suburbs.

There are many walkways maintained by the Auckland City Council which allow Aucklanders and visitors to enjoy the unique and valued natural environment on the coast, in the bush or in one of the 800 parks and open spaces in the city. Outside the city there is a network of Regional Parks which provide larger open spaces for recreation and exploration.

About New Zealand

Landscape

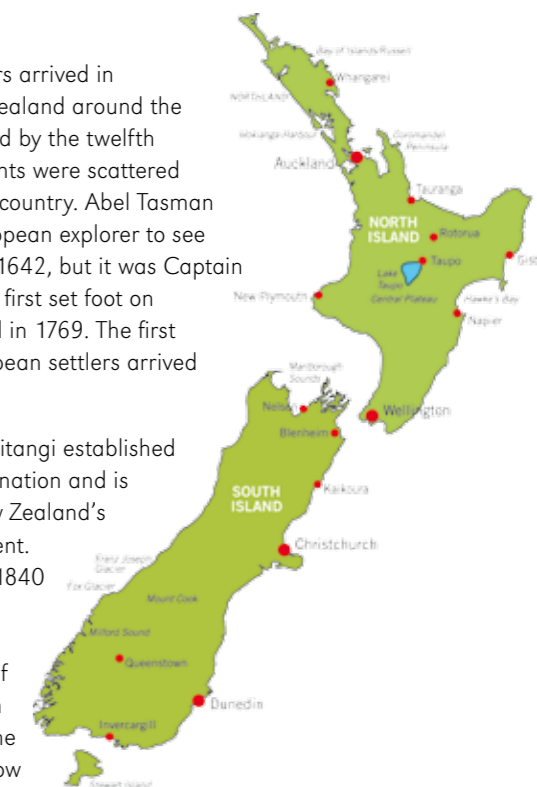
New Zealand lies in the southern Pacific Ocean, 1600 km east of Australia and is made up of two main islands. The country's spectacularly beautiful landscape includes the vast mountain range of the Southern Alps, broad coastal plains, deeply indented fiords and lush rainforest of the South Island and the fascinating geothermal areas, beaches and large harbours of the North Island.

Although it is roughly comparable in size to Japan or Colorado, New Zealand's small population of 4 million makes it one of the world's least crowded countries. It provides an environment for students seeking a peaceful, slower pace of life as well as a playground for thrill seekers and adventurers. One quarter of New Zealand is protected wilderness and much of the country is pollution free.

History

Polynesian settlers arrived in Aotearoa/New Zealand around the tenth century, and by the twelfth century settlements were scattered over most of the country. Abel Tasman was the first European explorer to see New Zealand in 1642, but it was Captain James Cook who first set foot on New Zealand soil in 1769. The first permanent European settlers arrived in the 1830's.

The Treaty of Waitangi established the country as a nation and is regarded as New Zealand's founding document. It was signed in 1840 between leading Maori chiefs and representatives of the British Crown at Waitangi, in the Bay of Islands, now one of the country's most historic sites. The signing of the treaty began on 6 February, which has become New Zealand's national day, known as 'Waitangi Day'.



Culture

New Zealand culture is unique and dynamic. The culture of its indigenous Maori people affects the language, the arts, and even the accents of New Zealanders who see themselves as firmly rooted in the South Pacific. Recent migrants particularly from Asia have created a diverse society full of interest and variety. New Zealanders are heavily involved in outdoor activities with sports and leisure playing a major role in shaping their cultural identity.