

UF in New Zealand

Summer
May 19 - June 11, 2009

University of Florida Study Abroad

departure date: May 17



The Department of Tourism, Recreation, and Sport Management is offering students at UF an opportunity to earn 6 semester credits traveling extensively as a group with UF faculty and local field guides throughout the South Island of New Zealand. This program offers an interdisciplinary approach to sustaining human societies and their natural environments.

HIGHLIGHTS

- For its size, New Zealand is one of the most geographically diverse countries in the world with temperate rainforests, glaciers, golden sand beaches, deep fiords, alpine herb fields, and rugged coastlines. This program will help students discover this country's many wonders.
- Visiting Mount Cook, the wild West Coast, swimming with dolphins (or whale watching) at Kaikoura, a guided kayak of Abel Tasman National Park, a guided hike on Fox Glacier, a sheep farm visit, a visit to a Maori marae, and a boat cruise on Milford Sound are all included in the program cost.
- Students will spend much of their time in the field, visiting and observing New Zealand first-hand with local field guides and professors with expertise in the fields related to sustaining human societies and their natural environments.



COURSE OFFERINGS - courses taught by UF faculty

6 UF GPA credits:

- LEI 4955: Humans and the Environment - Travel Studies
- LEI 6931: Humans and the Environment - Travel Studies

Application Deadline:
March 6, 2009

Eligibility: Students from all majors may attend.

2009 Program fee: \$4,554 - undergraduate
\$5,886 - graduate

Program fee includes: Tuition for 6 credits, all accommodations, in-country transportation, lectures and seminars, all field excursions and entrance fees, some meals, international health insurance and emergency medical assistance.

Course reading packet is not included.

Round-trip airfare is not included.

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Program Coordinator:

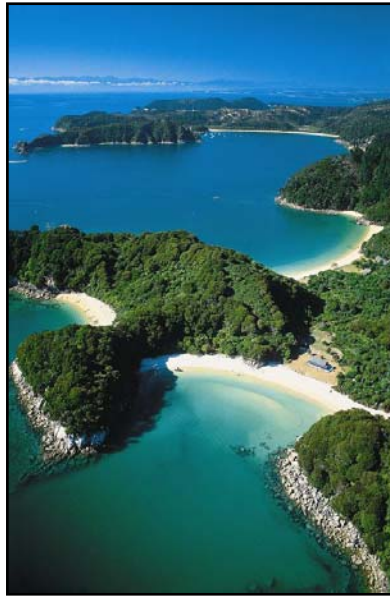
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Student Financial Aid Advisor:

See your assigned financial aid advisor.

UF in New Zealand

Imagine visiting snow-capped mountains rising 12,000 feet out of the sea; cruising the largest fiords in the world; hiking massive glaciers carving their way to the ocean; experiencing close encounters with flora and fauna unknown elsewhere in the world; kayaking to deserted beaches through turquoise waters; and discovering the stunning scenery of the Lord of the Rings. New Zealand's South Island is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful islands in the world.



This program uses the theme of sustainable development to explore the relationship between people and their natural environment. We spend 12 days in the garden city of Christchurch, followed by a 2-week field study of the South Island. A typical itinerary includes Mount Cook, the wild West Coast, swimming with dolphins at Kaikoura, a guided kayak of Abel Tasman National Park, a guided hike on Fox Glacier, a sheep farm visit, a visit to a Maori marae, and a boat cruise on Milford Sound.

The focus is on learning through guided action. Students spend about 60% of their time traveling the stunning national parks, forests, wildlife reserves, coastlines, and islands of the Pacific under the guidance of knowledgeable field professionals. The remaining time is spent in class with leading experts from New Zealand universities (e.g. Lincoln University and the University of Canterbury), government departments (e.g. Department of Conservation), Maori Iwi tribes, and scientific research bodies (e.g. Landcare Research).

Group meals will be provided at special locations, and for the remaining meals students have the flexibility to choose amongst the many cafes and restaurants, or cook for yourself in the hostel facilities.

All in-country transportation in a comfortable, luxury coach is provided. Students should be prepared to move and travel frequently while in the field, although many say that the bus trips are always enjoyable with such fantastic scenery out the window!



Application deadline is March 6, 2009.

*Applications considered on space-available basis,
so please apply early.*

Please apply online at: www.abroad.ufic.ufl.edu

Financial Aid

University of Florida students needing financial aid should apply through UF Student Financial Affairs (SFA). Non-UF students needing financial aid must apply to their home institutions.

Housing

Students will stay in comfortable hostel-style accommodation with other students. If traveling with someone, a student may request to room with that person for the duration of the trip. Hostels vary, but typically rooms are shared by 2-4 students.



Academic Credits

6 UF credits will be awarded upon successful completion of the program.

F E E S D U E U P O N A P P L I C A T I O N :

A \$250 nonrefundable deposit toward the total cost of the program is required at the time of application. The remaining fees are due **no later** than 30 days prior to departure.

Students receiving financial aid may defer payment until their financial aid disperses.

Not Included in the program fees:

Round-trip airfare, some meals, course reading packet, additional personal travel and personal expenses.