

MARIST IN AUSTRALASIA

May 30 - June 20, 2010



Through the Eyes of an Abroad: Advanced Study in Communication and Culture

MARIST IN NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA AND SAMOA

This course is an opportunity for interested students to further their understanding of macro-level cultural issues influencing communication. Building on the foundation of concepts, processes and outcomes learned during course work in Intercultural Communication (COM 325) or from studying abroad for at least a semester, this course examines how macro-level influences (e.g., economics, religion, technology, etc.) alter many, if not most, micro-level cultural activities (e.g., child-rearing, schooling, food, romance and dating, etc.). Students are expected to explore these relationships through extended research and discussion, sharing their findings with the rest of the class. Additionally, an on-site direct experience in three host cultures can help students understand cultural concepts via experiential dimensions. The direct experience (i.e., travel to the three countries) portion of the course is available to 14 students, although a maximum of 28 students can enroll in the course. Students not traveling will participate in a separate cultural experience project during the course.

The instructor will provide a foundation in communication and culture, as well as review intercultural communication concepts, then transition students to higher level concepts (e.g., world information flow, technology and cultural change, theoretical issues, etc.). All students will present cultural projects focusing on an aspect of communication and culture, participate in MAP cultural mentoring relationships, and engage other presenters when an audience member. Student cultural guides will use multimedia during the spring semester to share their abroad experiences in our relevant cultures of focus, followed by on-site mentoring for traveling students once we arrive in their respective abroad culture. We anticipate a 50-50 percentage between cultural course experience and direct cultural experience.

THE COURSE

Three (3) undergraduate credits will be offered for the program. Students will register for the course below:

COM 402L-150 ST: Advanced Communication and Culture

Note: The course may also fulfill an elective for the Global Studies minor or serve as a Foreign Culture credit or for the Cultural Diversity requirement. Speak with your Academic Advisor for more information.

ACADEMIC

For academic details, please contact Prof Daniel Cochece Davis, Program Director. A second full time Marist instructor/chaperone will also accompany the group to assist with logistics. The Spring Semester 2010 course will be facilitated through Marist's iLearn, and students are required to participate through forum postings and

cultural projects on that course shell. Students not participating in the travel/direct cultural experience dimension of the course are required to participate in an alternate direct cultural experience. Lectures will be in English.

PROGRAM ITINERARY*

The program will focus on Australia, New Zealand and Samoa.

Details of the itinerary will be covered during orientation, though an initial itinerary (subject to change) is available upon request.

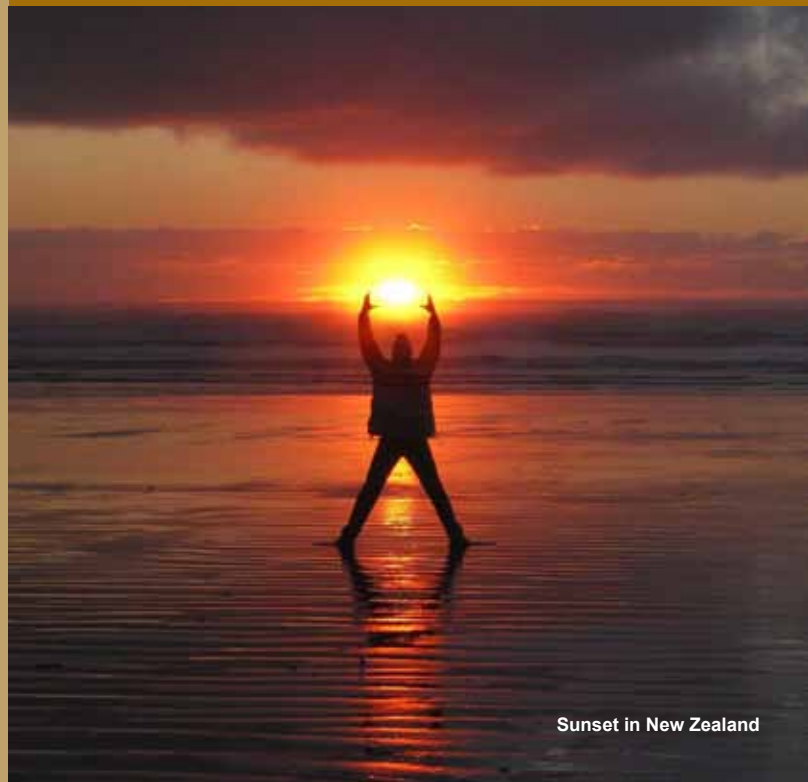
HOUSING

Students will stay in budget hotels (double or triple occupancy) or hostels.

MEALS

Breakfast is provided on the program. All other meals will be the responsibility of the student. Students are encouraged to explore the culinary offerings available in the host countries.

**The MIP reserves the right to make changes to the scheduled itinerary. Any changes will be discussed during orientation.*



Sunset in New Zealand

PROGRAM COST OF \$5,500.00 INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip Airfare (NYC-Sydney/Apia-NYC)
- Airport Transfer in Australia, New Zealand and Samoa
- Program Transportation in Australia, New Zealand and Samoa
- Accommodations (double occupancy)
- 1 meal per day (continental breakfast)
- Site visits (entrance fees to designated venues)
- Health Insurance

COSTS NOT INCLUDED:

- 3-credits Marist Tuition/Registration Fee
- 2 meals per day (lunch and dinner)
- Personal expenses, transportation and excursions
- Passport
- Taxes and surcharges (airline, airport & departure)
- US Airport Transfer
- Gratuities

SPACE IS LIMITED!!

PROGRAM NOTES

- **Graduating Seniors:** Please note that students participating in a Spring Attachment course will be able to participate in the May Commencement Ceremony. Your actual graduation date upon which your degree is conferred will be August 31, as your Spring Attachment coursework will not be completed until after the May 31 conferral date. Your diploma will be mailed to you in early September.
- Fluctuating exchange rates, airline and other fees may lead to costs changes.
- Program fees are based on a minimum number of participants in the program. Refund Policy: Please speak with the Coordinator for specific information on Marist International Programs short-term program refund policy prior to making any payments for the program. Your \$300 non-refundable deposit indicates your acceptance of the Refund Policy.
- Applicants should demonstrate flexibility and a sincere desire to increase their understanding of Australian, New Zealand and Samoan culture and society, and should possess the emotional strength to adjust to a foreign environment.
- Marist International Programs reserves the right to modify or cancel the program as dictated by current economic and/or political situations. This may include changes to the scheduled itinerary or program dates.
- All fees will be refunded if a program is cancelled.
- Information in this brochure is subject to change.

PROGRAM TUITION

This Spring Attachment course can be taken as part of your 2010 Spring Semester course load. If you decide to take this course in addition to your regular full-time course load (16 credits maximum), you will be responsible for any additional per-credit charge (\$610.00 per undergraduate credit). Tuition is not included in the program cost.

All payments, including the \$300 non-refundable deposit, should be made in Student Financial Services, Donnelly 200. Student Financial Services can accept payments by cash or check. If you wish to pay by credit card (Discover, MasterCard or American Express only), you must do so online at <http://www.marist.edu/financialaid/payment.html>. A 2% convenience fee is assessed for all credit card transactions.



PROGRAM REGISTRATION PAYMENTS AND DEADLINES

November 20, 2009 \$300.00 Deposit
(non-refundable)
SPRING ADD/DROP

January 25, 2010 LATE SPRING ADD/DROP

Students are required to pay all fees and costs for the program if course is added during Late Spring 2010 Add/Drop.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Program cost is included with the Spring Tuition bill and is payable by the Spring Bill due date which is early January.

TuitionPay offers a Spring only monthly payment plan option. Contact 1.800.635.0120 or visit their website at www.tuitionpay.com for additional information. Spring plans can be spread over four (4) months, and can be set up in November with first payment due in December.

Alternative loans: visit our website at <http://www.marist.edu/financialaid> for information on alternative loans.

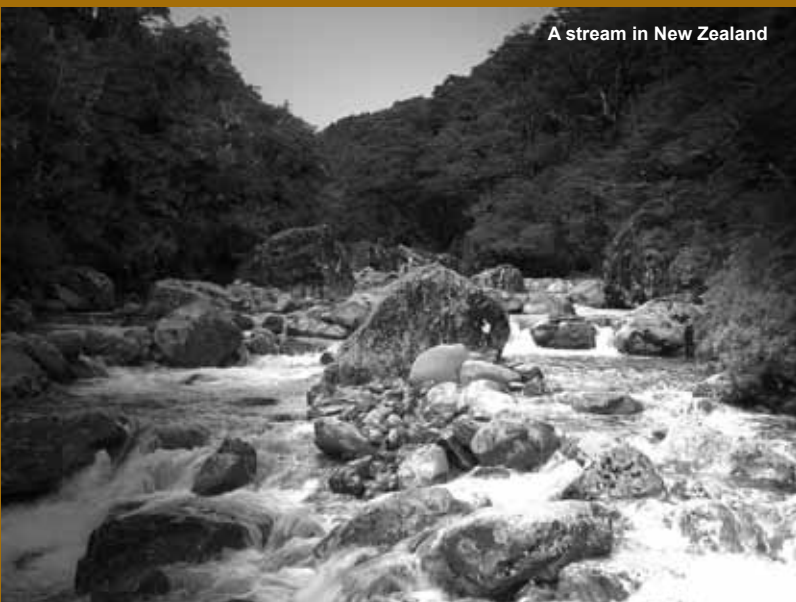
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