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Summer 2010 – Beyond the Fatal Shore: Australian History, Sport & Politics

Dates: June 14 – July 25, 2010

PRICE: \$5,590 – 2009 (2010 fee TBD)

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This program will present a narrative overview of key topics in Australian history and explore some of the essential themes of the Australian experience. Through the lenses of Australia's sporting history, its political landscape and the development of the bush and Anzac mythologies we will uncover the nature of Australia's identity. Using a variety of teaching mediums (lectures, seminars, films and excursions), the program will introduce students to major aspects of the Australian experience.

Some of the other major topics areas to be explored include: What is/was the nature of traditional Aboriginal society, and how has that changed since colonization? • What are the major events and influences that have shaped contemporary Australian society? • The development of culture in Australia – 1788 to the present • The development and importance of the Bush and Anzac mythologies • The concept of Sport as (Australian) culture • Politics, racism and gender issues in Australian Sport • The development of Australian Liberal democracy • Indigenous Australians and contemporary political discourse • Constitutional systems, political parties and culture • What is the meaning and background of the Wik and Mabo decisions? • Over a hundred years after Federation, why is Australia still not a republic? • To what extent is there a distinctive Australian literary and visual culture? • Is Australia really a classless society? • How have Australians negotiated the complex series of relationships with their powerful allies (including the US) and near neighbors? These are some of the questions that will be addressed in the lecture/seminar series and related excursions.

LOCATIONS AND GUIDED TRAVEL: The first two weeks of the program are set in Darwin, in Australia's 'Top End'. The highlight during this period is a three-day camping expedition into Kakadu National Park viewing ancient Aboriginal rock art, crocodiles and spectacular scenery. At the end of week two, the program will transfer to Canberra, Australia's capital and seat of government, where students will tour such national institutions as the Australian War Memorial, the National Museum of Australia and the Australian Institute of Sport. From there, until the end of week five, the program will be based at The University of New South Wales (UNSW) campus, located 20 minutes from downtown Sydney, Australia's largest and most active city, and five minutes from the beachside suburb of Coogee. In week six, the program shifts to Cairns where students will finish classes and then be able to relax and participate in the wide range of activities available.

COMPREHENSIVE FEE INCLUDES: The program fee includes tuition (worth 6 UNSW credits, generally 6-8 US credits); all accommodation; excursion costs; airport shuttle services; orientation programs; and a UNSW student card (allowing access to all UNSW facilities); all meals when camping in Kakadu National Park, light breakfast in Canberra, breakfasts and lunches in Sydney, and breakfasts and a final dinner in Cairns. The program fee does not include other meals or airfares.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Students should be currently enrolled at an approved degree-granting institution of higher education. Currently, there is a 2.8 minimum GPA requirement for this program.

This course is an introductory level course. Interested students can apply on-line or download the Study Australia application.

CREDIT: Participants in the program are able to obtain credits through universities and colleges in the United States and Europe. This program is approved by UNSW and students will receive their grades on a UNSW transcript. Credit transfer (generally 6-8 U.S. credits total) is subject to home institution regulations so please consult your academic advisor for guidance. Study Australia and UNSW will provide all documentation to overseas institutions to assist in credit transfer.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Students will be housed in a variety of accommodation styles when travelling, including shared, budget-style accommodation, a few nights camping, single dorm rooms, and shared hotel rooms.

TEACHING: Course size is restricted to thirty students allowing greater student participation and a more hands-on approach to learning. Lecturing will be done by professors of the University of New South Wales.

TRAVEL: International air travel is organized through Qantas. Packages have been designed to allow students to spend time in the tropical north of Australia on the Great Barrier Reef at the completion of each program, or in a host of destinations such as New Zealand or Hawaii on their return to the US, at little or no extra cost. Upon application participants will be provided complete airfare details.

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Rules and Procedures

Study Australia/The Education Abroad Network is a premier full-service study-abroad program for students wishing to acquire a unique academic and cultural experience by living and studying in the South Pacific or Asia. Ten years of running programs with our partner universities has given Study Australia/The Education Abroad Network extensive experience in the design, delivery, and servicing of educational opportunities.

We take pride in the “hands-on” approach undertaken by our staff, as well as the structured, hassle-free programs and services we provide from start to finish. Compare other programs with ours, and we are confident that we provide unmatched personalized service, quality, options and flexibility for your study-abroad adventure.

APPLICATION DEADLINE – Applications are assessed on a rolling basis until all spots are filled. We suggest interested students apply by March 1st to avoid disappointment. However, all spots could fill before March 1st. For further details, please visit <http://study-australia.com/>.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS – Students should be currently enrolled at an approved degree-granting institution of higher education have completed one year of coursework on a college or university campus by the program start date, and achieved a minimum GPA of 2.8/4.0.

GRADING – All grades are letter grades. Study Australia/The Education Abroad Network can easily supply U.S. institutions with grading equivalency information for ease of credit transfer.

PASSPORTS, VISA AND IMMUNIZATIONS – All students must possess a valid passport in order to participate on the program. **Passports must be valid for at least six (6) months beyond the return date.** For more information on applying for a passport, please visit the following link: <http://www.usps.com/passport/>. For more information on renewing an expired passport, please visit the following link: http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/renew/renew_833.html.

A Student Visa is not required for the time abroad on the short term programs. Students will only require an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) or “Tourist Visa,” as they will be in the country for less than three months.

Students are not required to undergo any immunizations for this period of study in Australia. For details regarding any recommended immunizations, please visit the Center for Disease Control’s web site at www.cdc.gov/travel/.

COMPREHENSIVE FEE EXCLUSIONS – All other meals (surpassing those included); Passport fees; Personal expenses; Visa expenses; Travel insurance; all Airfares; and all other items not specifically mentioned in the Comprehensive Fee Inclusions.

PAYMENT OF FINAL FEES – Payment of final fees will be due on or before **May 15th**. Participants will remit payment of final fees to Study Australia. For students wishing to utilize financial aid to finance their term abroad, we urge them to contact their home university financial aid office as soon as possible if they will, or think they may, need to apply for financial assistance. In addition, for those intending to apply for additional loans, please note that the application process may take several months. As such, please plan accordingly.

WITHDRAWALS AND REFUNDS

1. No cancellation fee for students withdrawing prior to submission of the program deposit and full program fees.
2. For students withdrawing after submission of the program deposit, the deposit is fully refundable less a \$150 administrative fee if withdrawn **before March 15th**.
3. **After March 15th**, the \$1000 program deposit is no longer refundable.
4. For students withdrawing after submission of the full program fees, a refund is based upon recoverable costs. **FULL PROGRAM FEES** may be forfeited.
5. **If a student withdraws 30 days or less prior to departure for the program, the program fees are not refundable.** For students with pre-existing medical conditions, we encourage the purchase of Trip Cancellation Insurance. This insurance may be purchased via the travel agent or other travel service providers.
6. In the event that the program fees increase by more than 10% (due to general inflation), a student may cancel without penalty.
7. No refund will be given to students who wish to omit portions of the program.
8. **Notice of withdrawal from the program must be submitted via the official “withdrawal form” available via the Study Australia web site (<http://www.study-australia.com/>).**

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