

The **EDUCATION ABROAD** Network

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Summer 2010 – Imaging Australia: Australian Film, Literature, and Media in Perspective

Dates: June 14 – July 25, 2010

PRICE: \$5,590 – 2009 (2010 fee TBD)

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course introduces students to the issues that have shaped Australian society and culture, both past and present, through a range of literary, cinematic, and cultural texts. It examines the histories of these cultural forms and the issues that are central to them, and provides students with an understanding of the relations between cultural texts and cultural and national identity. Australian film, media and literature are key sites through which questions of national and cultural identity are represented and debated in Australia, and they are also (though somewhat differently) the means through which international audiences formulate their conceptions of Australia and Australian culture. For instance, Australian culture is often best known to international audiences through its representations in film and literature and through popular “export” figures and through the success of Australian actors (such as Cate Blanchett and Heath Ledger) and directors (such as Baz Luhrmann and Peter Weir) in Hollywood.

This course provides students with a comprehensive understanding of Australian film, media and literature through the close study of particular media and literary texts and the examination of Australia’s media and cultural industries. Students will explore the history and diversity of Australian film and media culture by viewing and analyzing a broad range of Australian films and television programs from internationally renowned feature films to teen films and B-grade cult films, indigenous film and television, documentary, and cult television programs. Students will also look at the ways in which literary texts – including short stories, short novels, poetry and plays – image and re-imagine cultural constructions of place, gender and Australian identities over time.

LOCATIONS AND GUIDED TRAVEL: The first two weeks, the program travels to a number of locations within Australia. It starts in Darwin, in Australia’s “Top End,” where the highlight is a 3-day camping expedition into Kakadu National Park viewing ancient Aboriginal rock art, crocodiles, and spectacular scenery. Here students will work on the significance of the outback in Australian film and literature and in the cultural imaginary.

The program then moves to Melbourne, Australia’s second largest city, and “the sporting and cultural capital of Australia.” Here students will visit the National Library of Victoria, the Old Melbourne Gaol and the National Gallery of Victoria. From there, the program will be based at the University of New South Wales (UNSW) campus, 20 minutes from downtown Sydney, Australia’s largest and most active city, and 5 minutes from the beachside suburb of Coogee. The program concludes in Cairns, near the Great Barrier Reef, where after finishing classes, students can then relax and participate in the wide range of activities available there.

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, breakfasts and lunches in Sydney, breakfasts in Cairns, and a light breakfast in Canberra. 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. There are no pre-requisites for this course though it would be of particular interest to students studying Film Studies, English, Media & Communications and Cultural Studies. Currently, there is a 2.8 minimum GPA requirement for this program. The program will cater both to students with video-making skills and those without these skills. Students who have not had video-making experience will be taught the basic skills during the course.

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 students are encouraged to consult their 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, serviced apartments and a few nights camping.

TEACHING: Course size allows for greater student participation and a more hands-on approach to learning. Teaching will be done by UNSW lecturers. In addition, there will be over 100 other U.S. study abroad students participating in other UNSW summer courses. Most will be following similar itineraries, thus allowing for participants to meet and interact with other students.

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 the 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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