

OFF-CAMPUS STUDY - FALL 2021

COLGATE IN AUSTRALIA

**Director:**

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Tentative Program Dates:

Mid-July to Mid-November 2021

**Learn about the 2021-22 Colgate Study Groups and
Talk With the Faculty Directors at the Study Group
Fair on Wednesday, October 7th, 2020, 4:00–5:00:**

<https://www.colgate.edu/academics/off-campus-study/campus-opportunities/virtual-study-group-fair>

For more information about the program:

Please contact Prof. Ballvé, at tballve@colgate.edu

Information Sessions will be held on:

Oct. 12 at 10:00 AM via Zoom and

Oct. 13 at 5:00 PM via Zoom

Link to Meetings: www.bit.ly/ausf21

Colgate University's

Australia Study Group takes place at the University of Wollongong, located on the coast of New South Wales, approximately 50 miles south of Sydney. This study abroad program is designed for students who have demonstrated a strong affinity for broad-based, interdisciplinary exploration of geography and environmental studies. The academic offerings and extensive resources of the University of Wollongong, as well as the opportunity to live and study with Australians and other international students, allow study-group participants a unique means to broaden and deepen their understanding of the historical, cultural, and biological diversity of Australia and the environmental issues in which Australians, including indigenous Australians, are engaged.

Courses taken on this study group satisfy the Core Global Engagements requirement.



Students participating in the study group take one course with the group director (Ballvé's course on Australian environmental issues – more details below) and three courses at the University of Wollongong. Through these courses and a series of excursions, students will explore Australian environmental politics, gain an understanding of the local and global threats to Australian ecosystems, learn about the ecological legacies of colonialism, and consider the intersections between environmental and indigenous politics. This experience will immerse students in a strikingly multicultural society, exposing them to contrasting ways of thinking about the way the world works and how it might be otherwise.



ENST 309: Australian Environmental Issues (Professor Teo Ballvé) This course covers key geographic and environmental issues in Australia from a multidisciplinary social-science perspective, including issues related to environmental justice, indigenous politics, colonial histories, resource conflicts, globalization, the local impact of global-scale problems, and more. We will further examine these topics through various field excursions:

Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef: We will spend multiple days experiencing multiple Australian environments: tropical rainforest, farmlands, Great Barrier Reef), while evaluating the tensions and tradeoffs between conservation, ecotourism, sustainability, and indigenous rights.

Jervis Bay: Besides a whale-watching tour, this trip will allow students to examine another maritime environment (with seals, dolphins, penguins, etc.).

Sydney and Blue Mountains: A few days exploring the global city of Sydney and its wealth of cultural offerings. An overnight trip to the Blue Mountains, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, will introduce students to an entirely different Australian ecosystem.

Students will select the remaining three courses as electives in consultation with the program director and the student's academic advisor at Colgate University. At least one of the three courses must be selected from the School of Earth and Environmental Sciences. Students are urged whenever practical to select electives that resonate with the director's course and the interdisciplinary focus of the Environmental Studies Program and this study group.

Cultural Orientation: Australian History Seminar (University of Wollongong) A one-day mini-course held during orientation week with invited speakers will introduce us to the history, politics, and culture of Australia.

Prerequisites:

Students from any department or program are eligible to participate in the Australia Study Group, but preference will be given to individuals with a major or minor in ENST or GEOG or with a demonstrable interest in environmental politics. While there are no course requirements for admission to the study group, previous coursework in Geography or Environmental Studies is desirable (for instance, GEOG 105, 107, 231, 211; ENST 202 or 232; or relevant ENST-approved courses in affiliated departments). In addition, the University of Wollongong requires a grade point average of 3.0 or better for matriculation in the international student Study Abroad Program.

Living Arrangements:

Students may live in one of several residence halls of the University of Wollongong (e.g. Campus East, Weerona College, International House, Keiraville Accommodation). Amenities vary with housing selection. Limited dining facilities, computers, and internet access are available. Colgate students have access to the social, athletic, recreational, computer, and library facilities of the University of Wollongong. Some of these require payment of a separate fee.

Costs:

For details of student expenses on this study group, please see Student Cost Estimate Sheets.

Passports and Visas:

You must confirm that your passport is valid through June 2022. All students participating on the fall 2021 Australia Study Group will be required to obtain a student visa. If you will not be traveling on a U.S. passport it is imperative that you contact an adviser in Off-Campus Study and International Student Services, 101 Gregory, to learn as much as you can about the visa requirements. For some students there are significant requirements to be met that take time, advance planning, and incur costs.

Calendar and Deadline:

The study group application will open on Wednesday, October 7, 2020, and will close on Wednesday, November 4, 2020. All applications are on the Colgate University Off-Campus Study website and are submitted online at offcampusstudy.colgate.edu. Only finalists in the selection process will be interviewed. Interviews will be arranged by e-mail in November/December, and admissions decisions will take place December/January.