

OFF-CAMPUS STUDY - SPRING 2022

COLGATE IN NEW ZEALAND



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Tentative Program Dates:
February - June 2022

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:
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Information Sessions will be held on:
Wednesday, October 14 at 10:00am and
Thursday, October 15 at 5:00pm
at [https://colgate.zoom.us/j/92339215578?](https://colgate.zoom.us/j/92339215578?pwd=QlZoSlpndlVHVXFSUU5kT2UvZG10Zz09)
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Colgate University's

New Zealand Study Group takes students to Dunedin, New Zealand, one of the world's southernmost cities. Participants will live among students at Otago University and will take three classes at Otago, including "Maori Society", which is a broad survey of New Zealand's native Maori people. Participants will also take SOSC 2XX: "Political Economy of New Zealand" with the director, Dean Scrimgeour. The course emphasizes the interplay between government and non-government actors and between New Zealand and the rest of the world. The study group will feature excursions that emphasize New Zealand's unique social and natural environments. Students from any major are welcome.

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



About Dunedin

Human settlement in New Zealand is incredibly recent, with Polynesian explorers arriving less than one thousand years ago. European settlers arrived in the 19th century and Dunedin boomed with discoveries of gold and development of local agriculture to supply the British market. The University of Otago is New Zealand's oldest university, founded in 1869, and currently serves around 20,000 students, making it especially prominent in a city of 100,000 residents.

Dunedin's location in the southern part of New Zealand's South Island allows the study group to travel to a variety of locations, including mountains, fiords, beaches, and forest. Nature lovers will thrill at the Royal albatross colony and yellow-eyed penguins on Otago peninsula. Air travel within New Zealand is straightforward and will likely permit a trip to the North Island as well.

Dunedin is a relatively safe city, though typical precautions are recommended. While New Zealand is geologically volatile, major earthquakes or volcanic eruptions are very rare in Dunedin.



The University of Otago

The University of Otago is New Zealand's oldest university, founded in 1869. It has over 20,000 students, mostly undergraduates. These undergraduate students include many who are working toward law or medical degrees, which are pursued by undergraduates in New Zealand. Classes in medicine may be available to Colgate students, depending on prerequisites and local instructor permission.

You will be enrolled as full-time students at the university, and will have access to its full range of student activities and support services. You will be able to join sports clubs, music or theater groups, social clubs, outdoors activities and more.

Director's Course:

SOCS2XX: 'Political Economy of New Zealand'

This course will study the historical development of New Zealand's economy with special emphasis on the interplay between government and the private sector and the relationship between New Zealand and the rest of the world. Themes the course will touch on include: the Maori economy before European settlement, international trade in the colonial era, technological change and innovation, trade policy, public health, unionization and labor market policy, the socio-economic status of Maori in modern times, environmental change and policy, and international migration. Defining questions of the class are: to what extent is New Zealand independent from the rest of the world? and to what extent should New Zealand be independent? The class will look to make comparisons between New Zealand's experiences and those of other countries. This course does not count as ECON credit.

Study Group Excursions

Classes at Otago begin in late February and the semester runs until the middle of June. Before then we will travel around the South Island together, seeing both remote alpine wilderness, glaciers, rainforest, and lakes.

During the mid-semester break we will travel to the North Island, either to Wellington (visiting the capital city, center of government and culture) or to Rotorua and the Bay of Plenty, areas known for the historical and contemporary influence of Maori and for agriculture.

During the semester in Dunedin, we will visit the Otago Peninsula together, including the Royal Albatross colony and yellow-eyed penguins. We will likely also take other day trips, such as to the Catlins, south of Dunedin.

Living Arrangements

Colgate students will not be housed as a group but will rather live in Otago's University Flats. These are apartments located adjacent to the campus and shared with other students, including at least one New Zealander. University Flats are self-catered, with supermarkets close by to buy supplies. Uni Flats residents also have access to a gym.

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 December 2022. All students participating on the Spring 2022 New Zealand Study Group will be required to obtain visa. With participation on this study group comes the responsibility of understanding and complying with visa requirements. 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 McGregory, 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. Interviews will be arranged by email, and the faculty director will announce admissions decisions in January 2020. You must have a GPA of 3.0 in order to be considered. (This is a requirement for admission to the University of Otago.) All majors are welcome.