

OFF-CAMPUS STUDY - SPRING 2023

COLGATE IN AUSTRALIA



Director:
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Tentative Program Dates:
mid-February to late June, 2023

Learn about the 2022-23 Colgate Study Groups and talk with Faculty Directors at the Study Group Fair at the Hall of Presidents on Wednesday, October 6th, 2021, 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. Jue at pjue@colgate.edu

Information Sessions will be held in Wynn 111 on:
Wednesday, October 20 at 5pm and
Thursday, October 21 at 4pm

Colgate University's

Australia Study Group is located in Wollongong, on the coast of New South Wales, approximately 80 km (50 miles) south of Sydney. Colgate students experience the academic offerings and extensive resources of the University of Wollongong, a large public research university, while living and studying with Australians and other international students. This off-campus study program is designed for students who intend to concentrate in the Natural Sciences or in Mathematics. It allows students to remain on track academically while broadening their cultural and global perspectives by studying abroad.

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



Wollongong, Australia, is located between the Tasman Sea and the Illawarra escarpment. The coastal city with many public beaches, has a bustling nightlife, growing live music and arts scene, and a distinctly multicultural population. University of Wollongong's main campus is one of the most picturesque universities in Australia; nearby trails lead to breathtaking lookout points. There is excellent bus service throughout the city and Sydney is a short, inexpensive train ride away.

This study group acquaints students with the historical, geographic and cultural processes that have shaped the modern nation-state of Australia. Students are immersed in another culture with its contrasting ways of thinking about and configuring the world, which deepens their understanding of their own beliefs and identity.



Courses:

Participants are required to enroll in and complete four courses. Students take three University of Wollongong courses and the required study group director's course described below.

UNST 320/ENST 309 - Foodways: Australia

(P. Jue) This course examines the intersection between food and culture. Foodways serves as a lens by which to understand a people and their location in the world. This extends beyond the question of "what is eaten" to where food is obtained, how it is produced and distributed, and the ways food shapes identity and sustains communities. How these change over time gives insight into a people's lived history, and the economic and environmental forces associated with location. Foodways provides understanding of past history, current identity, and future aspirations. Foodways: Australia considers Aboriginal food systems, the introduction of Northern Hemisphere foodways, and the current food culture in light of immigration, climate change and land fragility.

Courses at the University of Wollongong (taught by University of Wollongong Faculty)

Besides the director's course, students take three additional courses. These are selected in consultation with the program director and the student's Colgate University academic advisor. One course must explore the cultural or social history of Australia. Of the other two elective courses, one must be from the Natural Sciences or Mathematics.

Prerequisites & Qualifications:

Although all students are eligible to participate in the Australia Spring Study Group, preference is given to those students with a concentration or minor in the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and who will have completed their CORE and distribution requirements in the humanities, the social sciences and the natural sciences and mathematics prior to participation in the study group. Additionally, the University of Wollongong requires a GPA of 3.0 for matriculation in their international student Study Abroad Program.

Living Arrangements:

Students live in one of several residence halls of the University of Wollongong (e.g. Kooloobong Village or Campus East). Amenities and dining facilities vary with housing selection. Internet is available. Colgate students have access to the social, athletic, recreational, computer, and library facilities of the University of Wollongong. Some of these incur a separate fee.

For more information, visit the University of Wollongong's website at www.uow.edu.au

Costs:

For student expenses, see the Student Cost Estimate Sheets at offcampusstudy.colgate.edu. Students who receive grants as part of their Colgate financial aid package may receive additional financial assistance to meet the increased costs of the study group.

Passports and Visas:

Passports must be valid through December 2023. All students are required to obtain a student visa, and comply with the Australian government's visa requirements. Non-U.S. passport holders must contact an adviser in Off-Campus Study and International Student Services, 101 McGregor Hall, as soon as possible to learn about the visa requirements. In some cases, there are specific items that take time, advance planning, and incur extra costs.

Calendar and Deadline:

The study group application period starts Wednesday, October 6 and closes Wednesday, November 3, 2021. Applications are submitted through the Colgate University Off-Campus Study website at offcampusstudy.colgate.edu. All applicants will be interviewed by the study group director in mid-November. Students are notified of their status in mid- to late December 2021.

Students arrive in Australia mid-February 2023, in time for the first excursion and the University of Wollongong's orientation session. The 14 week autumn term (our spring) starts in early March with a one-week recess in April. Part of the recess will be used for a group excursion to the Great Barrier Reef. Short trips to Sydney, Canberra and local areas related to the Foodways: Australia class are planned. Students must be in Wollongong for final exams, which are scheduled from mid-to late June.