

OFF-CAMPUS STUDY - FALL 2022

COLGATE IN AUSTRALIA

**Director:**

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Tentative Program Dates:

Mid-July to Mid-November,
2022

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. Burnett at aburnett@colgate.edu

Information Sessions will be held on:

Thursday, October 7 at 6:30pm in 217 o Science enter and

Tuesday, October 12 at 6:30pm in 217 o Science enter

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 an 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 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 (Professor Burnett's course on Australian environmental issues) and three courses at the University of Wollongong. Through these courses and a series of excursions, students will explore Australian environmental history, gain an understanding of the current issues that threaten Australian ecosystems, and consider Australian land management issues from indigenous and European perspectives. This experience will immerse students in a strikingly multicultural society that will expose them to contrasting ways of thinking about and configuring the world.



ENST 309: Australian Environmental Issues

(Professor Adam Burnett) This course covers key geographic and environmental issues in Australia with a particular focus on environmental history and land management strategies. Through class lectures and discussion, critical reading, independent research papers, and field trips, the course considers how the geologic and environmental history of Australia shaped biodiversity, how humans have affected these natural communities, and how Aboriginal perspectives on environment differ from those introduced during European settlement. Field excursions will introduce you to Australia's rich and diverse flora and fauna, its environmental and cultural heritage, and illustrate current challenges in environmental protection and management.

Excursions within the state of New South Wales include the Australian Museum in Sydney, The Royal Botanical Garden in Sydney, the Wodi Wodi bush track in the Illawarra Escarpment State Conservation Area, Royal National Park, and the Bondi volcanic features south of Wollongong. An additional five-day trip takes the group to central Australia to explore the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park and the landscape and cultural features of Alice Springs. During this trip, we will explore the connections between indigenous Australians and their land. We will also learn about the history of indigenous land dispossession, the stolen generation, and reconciliation efforts.

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) This mini-course takes place on the Thursday of orientation week and includes lecture and discussion of 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 academic interest in the environment. 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 2023. All students participating on the fall 2022 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 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 6, 2021, and will close on Wednesday, November 3, 2021. 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 in late December/January.