

PROGRAM PROPOSAL

Summer School Program
January/February 2011



1. PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Group 1

Arrive in Adelaide	Depart Adelaide	Duration	Course
5 Jan 2012	3 Feb 2012	29 nights/30 days	Human Rights & Postcolonial Issues

Group 2

Arrive in Adelaide	Depart Adelaide	Duration	Course
12 Jan 2012	17 Feb 2012	37 nights/38 days	Creating Digital Media Ventures

Course

Students will choose an official 3 unit University of Adelaide course that will be attended by both local and international University of Adelaide students

Orientation

Students will have a full-day orientation introducing them to the University of Adelaide's campus, learning tools and student services.

Accommodation

Students will stay in Homestay accommodation where they will live as part of an Australian family. This is a great way to experience Australian culture and practice conversational English.

Cultural Activities

A number of cultural activities will be organised so students can immerse themselves in both Australian education and culture during their study abroad experience.



2. THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE ADVANTAGE

Outstanding Location

The University of Adelaide is located in the cultural heart of Adelaide, the capital city of South Australia. All four of the University's Adelaide campuses are located on the lands of the Kaurna People, the traditional owners for thousands of years prior to European colonization. The University's attractive main campus is situated in the centre of Adelaide's thriving retail, dining and cultural district, bordered by the Art Gallery, Museum, State Library, Festival Centre, Botanical Gardens, CBD and the River Torrens – an ideal location for local and international students alike.

Known for its pleasant Mediterranean climate, thriving economy, dynamic cultural scene and affordable cost of living, Adelaide offers an enviable lifestyle in an environment that is ideal for study and recreation. Adelaide has a high standard of living at a relatively low cost, 20% less than its East coast counterparts. It is an attractive, friendly, safe and well-planned city of wide streets and boulevards, squares, parklands and a mixture of historic and modern buildings. With a population of 1.1 million, Adelaide is Australia's fifth largest city, with all the conveniences of a major city, but with few of the hassles. The city has welcomed migrants from all over the world and is characterised by a great diversity of cultural traditions, language and systems of belief.



Known as the 20-minute city, it is easy to get around in Adelaide thanks to its well planned streets and public transport system, which provides concessions for students. Its central location makes it an ideal gateway to explore South Australia's many attractions, from world-renowned wineries, beautiful hills and rugged coastlines to the Australian outback.

Educational Excellence

With more than 135 years of excellence in education, the University of Adelaide is one of Australia's oldest and most influential tertiary institutions. Since its establishment the University has developed a reputation for excellence in learning, teaching and research. According to the Thompson's 2009 essential science indicators the University is in the top 1% of the world in 12 fields, including Social Sciences, Clinical Medicine (including Public Health), Agricultural Sciences, Engineering and Psychology. The University is associated with five Nobel Prize winners, has produced 102 Rhode Scholars and 108 Fulbright Scholars, and is a member of the Group of Eight – Australia's leading research-intensive universities.

The University employs high quality staff members who are national and international leaders in their fields. They bring a wealth of knowledge and real-life experience to the classroom. The exceptional staff, traditions and distinction of the University, combined with a strong sense of innovation and exploration, provides students with an exceptional educational environment to develop independence of thought, creativity and confidence.

3. ACADEMIC COURSE

Human Rights and Postcolonial Issues

Course Outline: The United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights embodies an ideal based on a recognition of the 'inalienable rights of all members of the human family'. That ideal is one which emerges from the profoundly important mission of imagining and realising a global human dignity. It's an ideal which is couched in a language and an imagination of global goals and aspirations and a universal human family. But that language does not exist in a political vacuum. It does not exist above or outside of ideology. There are many contentious issues related to the issue of universal human rights, and many ideological battlegrounds. This course will engage with some of these issues, primarily through a postcolonial theoretical lens. The course will explore some postcolonial critiques of dominant human rights discourses, and other related critiques too. Broadly, questions of whether absolutist frameworks are adequate to ethical and rights based issues will be addressed with the aim of critically examining what constitutes an appropriate imagination for the aspirations of the human family.



Assessment: 2250 word equivalent conference presentation and participation (50%); 2250 word essay (50%). [Please note assessment could vary slightly from year to year]

Creating Digital Media Ventures

Course Outline: This course is designed for those who are, or those who want to be, actively starting a new venture involving digital media technologies. The course is not a technology course but is an entrepreneurial strategy course that deals extensively with the particular dynamics of new industries such as those characterised by digital media. The focus will be on developing business models that maintain revenue streams, build value, engage with continuous research and development and aim to grow by accessing global markets. Students will examine and develop the skills necessary for managing flexible teams that embrace and endorse collaboration and fast decision making in rapidly changing technology environments.

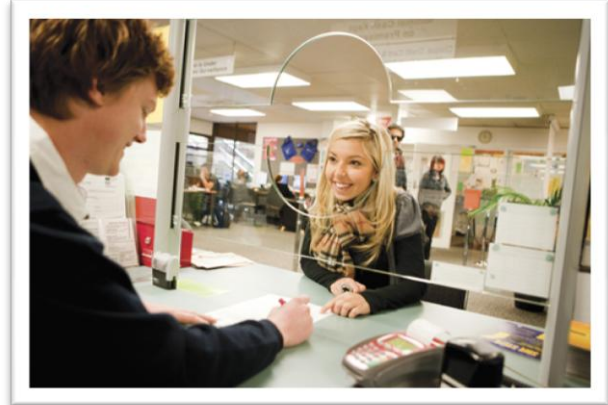
Assessment: Report, online short answers, exam. [Please note assessment could vary slightly from year to year]

4. STUDENT SERVICES

From the moment students arrive, the University of Adelaide has a range of high quality support services designed to help international students settle in quickly and succeed in their studies:

International Student Centre

The International Student Centre (ISC) is responsible for the orientation and ongoing support of international students. Their services include: welcome service (airport pick-up on arrival and transfer to accommodation); comprehensive orientation program; assistance with student visas; and welfare support.



Additional University Support Services

In addition to the ISC's Student Advisers, the University also operates the Counselling Center on campus, which is staffed by professional psychologists. Located next to the Counselling Center is the University Health Service which provides standard medical treatment and advice. These services are available to all students.

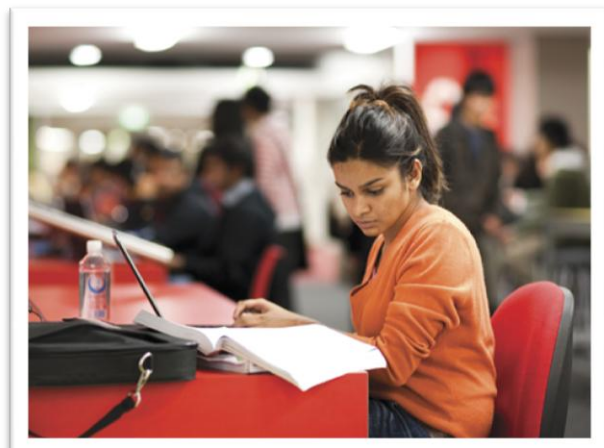
Student Facilities and Activities

There are many extra-curricular activities and services provided by the various student groups on campus which complement academic life. The major service provider to students and staff at the University is the Student Union. The Union provides a variety of eating places, a bar, bookstore and theatre facilities.

The University also has its own gym on campus, the Sports Hub, and there are many student clubs, which offer a wide variety of cultural, social and sporting activities from scuba diving and rugby to choral singing.

Library

With over 2.2 million print and electronic resources, the Library is well placed to support learning, teaching and research at the University of Adelaide. Students in the Library can take advantage of a number of services including wireless internet access for laptops, study areas for individual or group study, 24 hour computer suite, photocopiers and an interlibrary loan service. Specialist librarians provide training and assistance in searching for information and in using the Library.



5. ACCOMMODATION

While in Adelaide, students will stay in Homestay accommodation in an Australian family home, allowing them to experience Australian family life and culture. Like most modern societies, Australian households vary. A Homestay family does not necessarily mean a two-parent family with children. Hosts may be single individuals, married couples, single parents with children, couples or partners with or without children. Backgrounds vary greatly. Typically host families have an interest in sharing their own culture with others and are eager to learn about other languages and cultures.

The University will endeavour to match students with like-minded families (ie. pets/no pets, like music, like sport, smoking/non-smoking, etc.). Homestay accommodation will be located near public transport that students can catch to and from the University. Students will have their own bedroom and will be provided with breakfast, lunch and dinner each day.



6. CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

What's the point of studying abroad to just sit inside a classroom without getting to explore and experience new and exciting places? There are a number of cultural activities that will be arranged so students can immerse themselves in Australia's unique culture during their study abroad experience. These cultural activities will include:



Kangaroo Island

One of the world's last unspoilt refuges, Kangaroo Island will provide students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in rugged coastal Australia. Kangaroo Island is a microcosm of landscapes and environments that will amaze.

Students will take a three day trip to the island where they will explore Kangaroo Island's unique landscapes, incredible flora, and amazing fauna in their natural habitats. Students will have the chance to explore the Remarkable Rocks, sandboard down the sand dunes of the Little Sahara and see a plethora of native Australian animals in their natural habitats.

www.tourkangarooisland.com.au/

www.southaustralia.com/regions/kangaroo-island.aspx

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kangaroo_Island

Cleland Wildlife Park

Students will explore the trails of Cleland Wildlife Park and come face-to-face with Australian wildlife. Students will have the rare opportunity to indulge in truly Australian experiences, such as hand feeding kangaroos, emus and wallabies, as well as having their photo taken with a koala.



www.environment.sa.gov.au/clelandwildlife/Home



Glenelg Beach Fun Day

Students will board the Adelaide tram to spend the day having fun at one of Adelaide's famous beaches – Glenelg.

During the summer holidays, students love to spend their days along the coast of Adelaide swimming, surfing and having fun with friends.

There are many activity options for the day including swimming, beach cricket, beach soccer, waterslides and even shopping.

<http://glenelgsa.com.au/>

McLaren Vale and Victor Harbor Tour

Students will take a trip down to South Australia's southern wine region, McLaren Vale, world famous for its many award winning wineries. Students will have the chance to sample local wines and produce. The tour will then head to the seaside town of Victor Harbor



www.mclarenvale.info/

www.southaustralia.com/info.aspx?id=9003930

www.tourismvictorharbor.com.au/

www.southaustralia.com/info.aspx?id=9005366

Learn to Play Australia Football

Australia's most popular sport is Australian Rules Football, known by most Australians as 'Aussie Rules', 'football', 'AFL' and more commonly 'footy'. It is a sport rich in culture and tradition, especially surrounding the rituals of game-day for its players, coaches, umpires and supporters. Students will learn about the game through attending a 'Learn to Play Footy' day run by the South Australian National Football League at the home ground of South Australia's two football teams – the Adelaide Crows and Port Power. This activity brings even the shiest of students out of their shells as they learn to kick, handball, tackle and mark the ball!



www.afl.com.au/

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australian_Football_League

Celebration Dinner

At the end of the program students will attend a celebration dinner to celebrate their time in Adelaide and say goodbye to their local mentors.

7. COSTING

The following costs are on a per student basis.

Group 1

▪ Tuition (1 x University of Adelaide Course)	AU\$2295*
▪ Cultural Activities	AU\$850
▪ Accommodation	AU\$1190
TOTAL = AU\$4335	

Group 2

▪ Tuition (1 x University of Adelaide Course)	AU\$2295*
▪ Cultural Activities	AU\$850
▪ Accommodation	AU\$1440
TOTAL = AU\$4585	

* Includes a 10% tuition scholarship

FURTHER INFORMATION

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