

UF in New Zealand

BIODIVERSITY & CONSERVATION

Summer B: June 19, 2017 - July 22, 2017

COLLEGE INFORMATION

College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation

Courses are taught by UF Faculty and guest scientists, for 3 UF GPA credits each

PROGRAM

You will go on a variety of day and overnight field trips and have opportunities to interact with conservation groups, scientists, landowners, Maori, and city/regional representatives who are implementing biodiversity strategies. Conserving biodiversity is a struggle, and the focus of this course is to expose you to how "Kiwis" have tackled this problem. Topics will span the human dimensions of natural resource conservation and basic ecology.

LOCATION

New Zealand is a biodiversity hotspot with plants and animals found nowhere else in the world. The class is based in Lincoln, Canterbury at Lincoln University near Christchurch.

EXCURSIONS

Overnight excursions include trips to the West Coast (Greymouth), Kaikoura (stay at a Maori Marae), Arthur's Pass, and Hinewai Reserve (Akaroa). Also included are wildlife viewing, dinner, and traditional Maori dance at Willowbank Wildlife Preserve.

HOUSING

You will have your own room at a Lincoln University dormitory. Accommodations are included, though you will need to bring your own towels.

LEARN about ways to conserve, manage, and restore natural habitats

PROMOTE biodiversity in urban and rural environments

UNDERSTAND these challenges and solutions

EXAMINE the relationship among planners, policymakers, developers, and the public, while learning about their roles in conserving biodiversity

EXPLORE the unique flora and fauna of New Zealand



COURSE INFORMATION

WIS 4905: Biodiversity Conservation and Management

WIS 4905: New Zealand Flora and Fauna

Total Number of Credits Offered: 6

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APPLICATION INFORMATION

2017 Application Deadline: **November 30, 2016**

To apply, please meet with Dr. Hostetler first (email: hostetm@ufl.edu), then apply online at: www.abroad.ufic.ufl.edu.

This program may reach its capacity before the deadline. Please apply early to ensure that your application is considered.

ELIGIBILITY | REQUIREMENTS

- 2.5 GPA or higher
- Students in good standing
- Interview with faculty program director

2017 PRICING

Undergraduate Program Fee: **\$4,824**

Graduate Program Fee: **\$5,320**

A \$350 nonrefundable deposit toward the total cost of the program is due at the time of application. The remaining fees are due no later than 45 days prior to departure. If you receive financial aid, you can defer payment until it disburses. Deferment decisions will be based on the amount of aid to be received.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Tuition for 6 credits, housing, most meals, overnight excursions plus transportation, day field trips, guest speakers, international health insurance, and emergency medical assistance.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

Round-trip airfare, some meals, additional personal travel, and personal expenses.



FINANCIAL AID

Most financial aid that you would receive on campus during the summer can be applied toward the cost of this study abroad program; however, all financial aid eligibility is determined by Student Financial Affairs. You must speak with your financial aid advisor to determine what aid can be applied to the cost of this program, including scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIPS

UFIC offers summer scholarships for qualified students. This year's summer scholarship deadline is **February 10, 2017**.

Apply online at: www.ufic.ufl.edu/sas/scholarships.html