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.

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.

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.

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

All students will take these courses, each worth 3 UF credits:

- WIS 4905: Biodiversity Conservation & Management
- WIS 4905: New Zealand Flora & Fauna

Total Number of Credits Offered: 6 UF GPA
The next trip is planned for Summer B, 2024

BIODIVERSITY & CONSERVATION
SUMMER B 2024: (Tentative)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
- Minimum 2.5 GPA
- Must be in good standing
- Open to all majors

You should first meet with Dr. Hostetler (email hostetm@ufl.edu) and then apply on the UFIC website.

2024 PRICING
Undergraduate Program Fee: $TBD
Graduate Program Fee: $TBD

A $425 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. Deferral decisions will be based on the amount of aid to be received.

WHAT’S INCLUDED
Tuition, housing, most meals, overnight excursions & transportation, day field trips, guest speakers, international health insurance, emergency medical assistance.

WHAT’S NOT INCLUDED
Round-trip airfare, some meals, and additional personal travel and expenses

FINANCIAL AID
Most financial aid that you would receive on campus can be applied toward the cost of this program. However, all financial aid eligibility is determined by Student Financial Aid & Scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIPS
UFIC offers many study abroad scholarships, with various eligibility criteria. The Summer 2023 scholarship deadline is February 10, 2023. Apply on our website!