Why Australia and New Zealand?

Australia and New Zealand have established an international presence with regard to the Olympics and other international competitions, sport, and leisure. This makes them the perfect places to gain a deeper understanding of Australian and New Zealand culture. Through various outlets, participants will examine numerous topics such as how sport and leisure relates to and influences: the construction of regional and national identity; the aboriginal culture; gender; pre-colonial Australia; globalization; climate change; trends in recreation.



About the Instructors

Aaron Banks is an Associate Professor and Chair in the Department of Health and Exercise Science here at Gustavus. Since coming to Gustavus in 2002, Aaron has been committed to improving the general wellbeing of students from within and outside the classroom.





Bonnie Reimann is an Assistant professor and ACT/FIT coordinator for the Department of Health and Exercise Science at Gustavus. She received her B.A. in Physical Education/Health/ Coaching from the College of St. Catherine and went on to obtain her M.A. and PhD in Kinesiology from the University of Minnesota.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Accessing Studio Abroad

To access the Studio Abroad site, go to http://gustavus.studioabroad.com/. This will take you to the Gustavus home page of the Studio Abroad site.

What is on Studio Abroad?

You can view the January Interim 2016 courses by clicking "Programs" on the top navigation bar. (these will be available in February 2015) If you want to see a list of only the January Interim courses, select "January Interim" from the drop-down menu labeled "Term." If you want to search for a specific program, enter the title beneath the "Program Name" from the drop-down menu. Priority applications will be available and open on Studio Abroad beginning April 1, 2015 to April 15, 2015. You may apply for Gustavus programs until July 31, 2015.

How to apply in April 2015?

First, locate your program. Once you find it, click the "Apply Now" button and follow the instructions on the subsequent screens. Once you get to your application "home page" you will then need to read, submit, and return a variety of other pieces, all of which will be laid out on your home page. Some of these items will be submitted electronically, some still need to be submitted via paper directly to the CICE (i.e. receipt for fees). Read all of the information and instructions carefully

For Gustavus programs, this will be the only application you need to complete. If you are applying to a program through Hamline, UMAIE, or HECUA, this is only the application for Gustavus approval and does not constitute approval or acceptance into the specific study abroad program. You will receive instructions and a link to apply to your specific study abroad program/program provider on the Studio Abroad system once CICE has given you the approval to apply.



OLYMPIC QUEST:

UNDERSTANDING SPORT & LEISURE IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND



JANUARY TERM 2016





About the Course

Using a global, issues-oriented approach, Olympic Quest considers how sport, leisure, and the modern Olympic Games may inform the participant of societal and cultural themes and differences in Australia and New Zealand. Through daily fieldwork, excursions, interaction with quest speakers and guides, reflective journaling practices, course readings, participation in popluar sports and leisure in Australia and New Zealand, and instructor and student-led presentations, students will have the opportunity to examine the intersection of sport/leisure and Australian/New Zealand society and culture.



Course Information:

Instructors: Aaron Banks and Bonnie

Reimann

Enrollment: 20-30

Cost: TBD, estimates by late March

2015

Tentative Dates: January 3-26

Deadlines:

Applications available: April 1, 2015 Early Applications due: April 15, 2015 Final day to apply: July 31, 2015



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Travel Sites

- Sydney, Australia: Visits to the Sydney Cricket Ground, Sydney Cricket Museum, Sydney Olympic Park and Sports Centre, and Sydney Opera House. Activities include bridge climbing, bushwalking in the Blue Mountains and a visit to Bondi Beach.
- Canberra, Australia: Visits to the Australian Institute of Sport, Cricket World Cup, International Sport and Aquatic Center, Olympic Pool, and Manuka Oval.
- Melbourne, Australia: Visits to the National Sports Museum, Melbourne Cricket Ground, Olympic Miuseum, Yarra Park, Melbourne Cup Horse Race stadium, the Australian Open, and Great Ocean Road and the 12 Apostles.
- Auckland, New Zealand: Visits to the Auckland Museum and One Tree Hill. Participants will learn about the All Blacks national rugby team, Netball world series, and the Commonwealth Games of 1950 and 1990, as well as have opportunities for active engagement with nature.

