



Summer Break 2022



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New Zealand Study Abroad

Storytelling in Aotearoa's Multicultural Landscape

Program Focus

New Zealand, or Aotearoa (the “land of the long, white cloud”) as it is called by the Māori people, is a country defined by its rich cultural traditions, natural beauty, and welcoming people.

New Zealand's population of five million people is a melting-pot of cultures including Māori (16.5%), European (70%), Asian (15%) and Pacific Island (8.1%) influences. During the “Storytelling in Aotearoa’s Cultural Landscape” program, students will see firsthand the country’s diverse multicultural society and study how it strives to develop cross-cultural recognition and respect, particularly between the Māori (indigenous) and Pākehā (non-Māori) people. During this five-week program, students will record interviews, photograph, and film the people and environment of the country, diving deep into what is at the heart of New Zealand's cultural landscape. The final project will represent students’ impressions of multiculturalism in New Zealand through a visual story comprising still images, moving images, and audio recordings.

In the program’s ongoing learning community, students will have daily reflection (through journaling and discussion), as well as intentional activities to ensure they are gaining a deeper understanding, respect, and appreciation for other cultures. Specifically, students will be interacting with locals, traveling throughout the North Island for immersive experiences in the cultural environment, hiking/backpacking on day trips, and at least one multi-day backpacking excursion. The program will visit maraes in the Bay of Islands, Auckland, and Rotorua. In Auckland and Wellington, visits to Māori television, media outlets, museums, Park Road Post (Peter Jackson's company), and government agencies – Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Education – will give students a better understanding of why and how the Māori and Pākehā people actively work to provide equal opportunities and respect for cultural values.

This program will also explore the cultural value of the natural environment. Recently, New Zealand granted “living person” rights to several land features. Students will examine how this has come about by speaking directly with people who made it happen and the cultural perspective they bring to their environmental work. This will be an important part of their visual stories, with stunning imagery of those natural features, as they learn from and share about how New Zealanders revere, care for, and respect their land and environment.

This program is open to all majors.

Applications

Applications are online as a google form at: <http://bit.ly/study-abroad-app-F21>

Applications must be completed and submitted no later than 5:00pm on **Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2021**. Late applications not accepted.
(see *Application Instructions* on page 4 for more information)

Program Staff

Stephanie Bauer is an instructor of mass communication, teaching courses including Photography Fundamentals, Intermediate Photography, Video Production, TV Workshop, Intro to Mass Comm, and Corporate Video. In her classes, students learn technical skills with a strong emphasis on the creative process and visual aesthetics – light, color, composition, as well as sound, storytelling, critique, and history. For Stephanie, the real joy is watching students gain confidence in capturing what they see and being able to tell a visual story that is at the heart of their experience. Stephanie lived in New Zealand for 20 years and worked in the advertising and film industries where she worked with government programs and corporations. She immersed herself in the culture and is excited for students to explore the strong and beautiful spiritual components to the land and people of Aotearoa.

Kristin Halsey is an instructor and student support specialist in the Center for Teaching and Learning. She teaches WRIT courses, manages CTL programs to support student academic success, is an academic advisor, and serves as the institution's Student Ombudsman. Kristin earned her masters of education in curriculum and instruction, and has enjoyed teaching for over 20 years. As a lifelong learner, she recently earned her TEFL certificate, developing skills to meaningfully interact with and teach English language learners. Kristin has developed a passion for intercultural learning and regularly participates in a community of those dedicated to helping others understand the importance and practice of intercultural competence. Kristin is looking forward to sharing about and teaching activities, such as the journaling course in country, that will help cultivate new understandings of one's own and other people's cultures.

A program resident counselor will be named at a later date.

Program Preliminary Itinerary

We will spend all 5 weeks of our in-country program time on the New Zealand's North Island. We will land in Auckland and begin the program with a culturally immersive experience at a marae (meeting house). The group will visit Cape Reinga and the Waipoua Forest before returning to Auckland where we will explore the country's largest city. The group will travel south to Rotorua, Mt. Taranaki, and hike in the area of the Whanaganui River before going to Wellington. The trip will end back at the marae where it started to have final reflection and celebration time before departing from Auckland.

*Please note: At this time, this program is scheduled to begin on May 21, 2022 and conclude June 25, 2022.

Academics

This program includes 9 total semester hours of credit. Final grades will be determined by program faculty.

SPRING SEMESTER 2022 – 3 SH

SPST 285: Country Studies: New Zealand

SH: 3 Attribute: none

This course will provide an interdisciplinary survey of contemporary issues in New Zealand. These issues will include topics such as: introduction to the Māori language, geography, cultural history, politics, foreign relations, and the environment. Students will be taught basic audio and visual skills as they work hands on with camera and audio equipment.

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MCOM 339: Multi-Platform Storytelling

SH: 3 Attribute: none

Course explores the proliferation of new media forms driving the growth of trans-media or multi-platform storytelling. The course teaches both storytelling across different media using the same source material and complex (multi-dimensional) storytelling across multiple media.

WRT 159: Journaling

SH: 2 Attribute: none

Application of journaling as a tool for thinking. This course also includes examination of types of journaling associated with five habits of successful writers: analysis, narrative, exploration, experimentation, and metacognition. Creative modes of thinking and writing are considered and connections to academic writing encouraged. Students develop journal writing into more polished, often creative, pieces.

PE 085: Hiking/Backpacking

SH: 0 Attribute: GEPE

Designed to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to fully and safely enjoy hiking and/or backpacking.

FALL SEMESTER 2022 – 1 SH

SPST 281: Reentry Seminar: New Zealand

SH: 1 Attribute: none

The reentry seminar is an opportunity for students to articulate the personal and academic learning gained from their study abroad program experience. Students will share their growth and experiences through reflection and writing assignments, directly linked to the Study Abroad Office learning outcomes, of intercultural competence and multicultural professional development, and create a community presentation.



Financial Aid & Responsibility

Students who will be eligible to receive financial aid for the 2021-2022 academic year may request Principia financial aid and/or scholarship.

Payments for past and current tuition, room, and board must be up-to-date, or a satisfactory payment schedule must be arranged with the Accounting Office in St. Louis, in order for a student to be allowed to participate in this program.

If accepted, students will be required to sign a financial commitment agreement stating that if they withdraw from this program, voluntarily or involuntarily, after **November 24, 2021**, they agree to pay the amount equal to the non-recoverable expenses incurred by their withdrawal plus any Principia Abroad administrative fees. Even if all pre-paid expenses are recovered, a minimum \$500 fee may be levied.

The program cost, less any applicable financial aid, will be billed to each participant's Principia account and payment will be due by **April 26, 2022**.

Program Selection

Selection will take place during fall semester, 2021. Each applicant will be interviewed by the program faculty and program RC. Equal consideration will be given to all applications submitted by the application due date. See the [Study Abroad Student Selection Criteria](#) for additional student selection and eligibility criteria.

The Principia Abroad Office will notify each applicant during Week 8 of fall semester, 2021, regarding the decision on his/her application.

Those eligible, but not accepted in the initial selection process, may be placed on a waiting list.

Participation in this program could be denied any accepted student whose grades put her or him on academic warning or academic probation. Students may also be removed from the program if not in good standing with regard to the *Principia Conduct Standards* or the [Study Abroad Student Code of Conduct](#).

Eligibility and Prerequisites

This study abroad is open to **all** students in good academic and social standing, regardless of major.

There are no prerequisites for the New Zealand Study Abroad. If accepted, all participants are required to participate in the program's spring semester, 2022, SPST 285 Country Studies: New Zealand course.

We expect students to show a commitment to solving problems metaphysically and to developing strength of character. Other fundamental criteria for consideration in selection includes the student's response to the essay questions on the application and responses in the in-person interview with the program faculty and resident counselor.

Cost

The cost of the New Zealand Study Abroad program will be the same as tuition for 5 semester hours, \$300 a week for Room and Board, airfare up to \$1500, and a \$150 study abroad fee.

The following expenses will be INCLUDED in the program: all in-country accommodations and meals (room and board) and transportation; academic instruction and lectures; admission to scheduled sites, museums, and cultural activities planned as part of the program; and student travel insurance.

Costs NOT INCLUDED: Domestic US and international airfares up to \$1,500; \$150 fee; personal expenses; optional activities not planned as part of the program; and any other expense not specifically noted as included in the cost of the program.

Please see the "Financial Aid and Responsibility" section to the left to see what is included in your PrinBill, how financial aid is applied, and when payment is due.

Study Abroad Application Instructions

- Applications can be found on the Study Abroad website: [Application Process](#), or directly from this link: <http://bit.ly/study-abroad-app-F21>
- To authenticate the Google Form application submission, you must use your Principia email address.
- **DUE DATE:** Your study abroad application, as well as the online signature forms from your resident counselor and academic advisor, **MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 5:00 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 22 (Week 4)**. *No late applications will be accepted!*
- The application has 9 sections, and you must complete each section before moving to the next.
 1. **Personal Information:** The first section includes basic **personal information** including PO1 number, date of birth, citizenship, email, phone number, address, emergency contact(s), declared/expected major and minor, and expected graduation date.
 2. **References:** The second section includes **listing two references**, their emails and phone numbers. One is your personal/character reference and the other is for group learning.
 3. **Academic Advisor Meeting:** The third section confirms that you **met with your academic advisor** to discuss this study abroad program and that it does not conflict with any graduation requirements. You will send your academic advisor this signature page to confirm the meeting: <https://bit.ly/studyabroad-advisor-signature>
 4. **Resident Counselor Meeting:** The next section confirms that you **met with your resident counselor** to discuss your ability to demonstrate emotional maturity, personal responsibility, and commitment to adapt to different living and learning conditions. You will send your RC the signature form to confirm this meeting: <https://bit.ly/studyabroad-rc-signature>
 5. **Additional Questions:** The next section includes **additional questions** including previous international travel and previous abroads for which you have applied and been accepted or not accepted
 6. **Essay Questions:**
 - a) Why you are interested in participating in this particular program;
 - b) Describe your spiritual practice, in specific regard to how you envision it being relevant to participating in this study abroad program;
 - c) Describe an experience where you needed to work to accomplish something with a group and incorporate your preferred role(s) as a leader and/or follower within a group, and what qualities you believe are most essential to effective group functioning;
 - d) Describe your willingness to be responsible for your own learning as well as your willingness to be flexible and adventurous in your learning. Provide examples illustrating your ability to be a self-motivated, curious, professional, and adaptable learner;
 - e) Describe a time when you were placed in a situation that was outside of your comfort zone and elaborate on how you navigated that challenging situation.

The last three sections include signing off on your understanding of the following topics:

7. **Financial Responsibility** – including commitment and withdrawal deadlines
 8. **Academic & Social Responsibility** – including that you have read the [Study Abroad Student Code of Conduct](#) and the [Study Abroad Student Selection & Eligibility Criteria](#)
 9. **Statement of Expectations** – including abiding by the standards set forth in the previous documents, [Principia's standards](#), additional standards stipulated by the program faculty or international laws and custom, and expectation that you will fully participate in all aspects of the program.
- Again, the application and two online signature forms must be received by **5:00 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 22 (Week 4)**. Please be in touch with Study Abroad Program Manager Allison Terry with any questions – allison.terry@principia.edu or 618-374-5215.