

Economics Down Under

PROGRAM LEADERS

Brian Strow
brian.strow@wku.edu

Dennis Wilson
dennis.wilson@wku.edu

COURSES

Six (6) Credit Hours in:
ECON 410 (3 hours) – Economics of Oceania
ECON 410 (3 hours) – International Sports Economics

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotels

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

LEARNING OBJECTIVES for ECON 410 – Economics of Oceania

Students should understand how economic theory applies to the development of economies over time. Students will learn to critically compare and contrast current Australian economic institutions with similar US economic institutions. They will gain an historical context for why these economic institutions, also evolved from Great Britain, evolved differently than they did in the US. Students should also be able to incorporate the tools of economic analysis into their own decision-making processes. We will witness and discuss the decision methods used by various Australian/New Zealand economic institutions while on our travels.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES for ECON 410 – International Sports Economics

The main objective of this course is to understand how economic theory applies to the spectator sport industry. In particular, the course will cover issues involved in the industrial organization of sports, labor economics, and public finance of sports at the professional levels. Students successfully completing this course should leave with an understanding of these basic economic concepts and their applicability to real world situations. You should also be able to incorporate the tools of economic analysis into your own decision-making processes. We will witness and discuss the decision methods used by various Australian organizations while on our travels.

PROGRAM DETAILS

LOCATION: **Australia and New Zealand:** *Auckland, Melbourne, Wellington, Canberra, Queenstown, and Sydney*

ACADEMIC TERM: *Winter 2017: December 31, 2016 - January 18, 2017*

ITINERARY *(subject to change) for full itinerary please contact Dr. Brian Strow*

The schedule is subject to change due to educational opportunities that may arise unexpectedly, variation in weather, and other factors beyond the control of the course instructors and staff.

ELIGIBILITY

- Permission of instructor(s) is required.
- Current WKU student eligible to register for WKU courses may apply. Students from outside WKU may participate as [visiting students](#).

- Students must be 18 years of age or older at time of departure (parent/guardian permission for anyone under 18 at time of departure).
- Students must possess passport valid for at least six (6) months after return date.
- Students must be free of active disciplinary sanctions as verified by Judicial Affairs.
- Students must complete all pre-departure orientations.
- Full payment prior to departure is required.
- Students must complete the [Study Abroad & Global Learning application process](#) prior to being registered in this course. We suggest you start this application process immediately and respond to all emails promptly

BASE PACKAGE

Cost: \$5,449

Included in Base Package

- Undergraduate tuition for 6 credit hours
- All lodging and accommodations during program in Australia and New Zealand
- Entrance fees for all group program related excursions
- Course-related ground and air transportation in Australia and New Zealand
- Round-trip flight between Nashville, TN and Sydney, Australia
- Round-trip flight between Australia and New Zealand
- International medical insurance
- Some meals – ask professors for more information

Excluded from Base Package

- Transportation to and from hometown and Nashville Airport (BNA)
- Independent travel (non-program travel) or optional excursions
- Personal expenses such as laundry, phone service, and Internet access
- Travel cancellation/interruption insurance. *Highly recommended.*
- Meals, services, and beverages outside group meals – ask professors for more information
- Airline baggage fees for extra bags or excess weight
- SAGL Study Abroad Application fee of \$150.00

Study Abroad courses are not eligible for employee tuition waivers or discounts. Final program fee subject to change due to travel arrangements.

Green Sheet subject to change due to adjustment in program or pricing.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

<p>Your TopNet Account will be billed according to the following Payment Schedule:</p> <p>September 1 – General application and deposit deadline*. Student applying after this date will be billed on a rolling basis. Program fee balance must be paid prior to program departure.</p> <p>*Deposit is paid by student directly with a credit card via TopNet and not billed to student account.</p>	<p>Penalty for Withdrawal or Non-payment:</p> <p>Non-refundable Deposit After September 1: 25% of program cost After October 1: 50% of program cost After November 1: 75% of program cost After December 1: 100% of program cost (No refund)</p> <p>If a balance remains after the payment due date, the participant may be dropped from the program. A student may remain in the program by providing an award notification from WKU's Student Financial Assistance that verifies ability to pay the program fee immediately after aid is received.</p>
---	---

The total amount due in your semester invoice may reflect the combined charges for multiple terms (i.e. Fall and Winter or Spring and Summer) and includes program fees for your Study Away program. Please see your TopNet account for a breakdown of amounts due per term. Refer to your Study Away program's Green Sheet for final payment due dates and billing information. If you have any questions, please email study.away@wku.edu

LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- **Passport Requirements** - Each participant must have a passport that includes an expiration date, which is 6 months beyond the last date of the program.
- This program includes a wide range of activities. These activities involve varying physical requirements and levels of challenge and risk. The activities planned require no prior experience, but some skills are needed such as swimming. Participants are ultimately responsible for making personal decisions about participating in activities. See syllabus for some sample activities, requirements, and things to consider.

LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

Western Kentucky University and its associates are not responsible for any loss due to theft, personal injury, flight or weather delays, negligence, or default of suppliers, or suppliers changing of itineraries. They and their associates are not responsible for any loss due to travel/flight delays or changes in travel plans due to Acts of Nature or other unforeseen circumstances, nor are we responsible for accidents and medical care. Tour services are furnished by independent contractors who are not agents or servants of Western Kentucky University. Refunds are not available for unused portions of the package.
