Sustainable Food, Environment and Social Systems

**What's this program about?**

Captivating, breathtaking, dynamic and different – the land “down under” has sparked the imagination of navigators, explorers and adventurers for centuries. Now, you can experience the excitement and wonder of Australia through a four-week study abroad program.

The program runs from approximately mid July through mid August, featuring an interdisciplinary exploration of social, food/agriculture, and environment systems within the region. Special emphasis is placed on how humans interact with their built and natural environments and how these interactions have affected the region. You will visit farms, agribusinesses, wildlife sanctuaries, and national parks, as well as selected cultural and historical sites. You will also have the opportunity to work with international professionals and peers in a hand-on experiential environment.

At the conclusion of the program, many students choose to travel to other parts of Australia, New Zealand, or perhaps visit Hawaii on their journey home (at their own expense).

More details about this program can be found at [http://studyabroad.msu.edu/programs/ausfoodenvss.html](http://studyabroad.msu.edu/programs/ausfoodenvss.html)

**College sponsors:** College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the College of Social Science

**Semester available:** Summer: July 18 – August 13, 2011

**Courses offered**: ANR 475; ESA 480; BE 475; TSM 475; ISS 310 (pending); ACR 202

Be sure to check the program’s Web page for details on courses. Course prerequisites may apply; see Course Descriptions (on the MSU Website) or program leader for details.

**Credits:** Minimum of seven (7)

**Requirements:** 2.5 GPA; good physical condition (program involves some rigorous hiking and field study activities)

**Costs:** Program fee: $3,400 (US$11)
Estimated additional costs: $3,655, plus tuition and fees
Be sure to check the program’s Web page for what is included in the program fee as they are not uniform and do not cover the same expenses for all programs. If costs are still unclear, contact the Office of Study Abroad to provide you with a full explanation.

**Deadline:** March 1, 2011

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For an overview of the last program visit: [https://www.msu.edu/course/be/475/australia/index.htm](https://www.msu.edu/course/be/475/australia/index.htm)

Program fees, dates, and arrangements are subject to change, due to unforeseen considerations.