Australia: Media, Environment and Culture

Pre-departure Package

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1. Course Syllabus

This course is conducted jointly by Michigan State University (MSU) and the University of New South Wales (UNSW), with both MSU and UNSW academic staff serving as program faculty. The program begins its fifth inaugural session next summer from June 20 to August 4, 2003. It is aimed at majors in journalism, media, communications, environment, science, social science and liberal arts. It will provide an overview of Australia’s media and examine its role in reporting public affairs, natural resources and the environment. Topics and discussions will include:

- The impact of environment on Australia’s culture and identity
- Australia’s image in film and other mass media, using European colonization and exploitation of the environment as a backdrop
- Indigenous societies, immigration, and multiculturalism in Australia
- Land use and water resource management
- Australia’s wildlife and natural habitats.

Additionally, MSU and the UNSW faculty will provide instruction on reporting, writing, photography, publishing and web design skills to all students that are enrolled in the course.

**Evaluation** will be in the form of completed written and web production assignments. These assignments will involve both individual and group projects. When completed, all approved projects will be included in the World Wide Web portfolio that is set up for the program at: http://AUSTRALIA.JRN.MSU.EDU. All participants in the program will be required to bring along a camera for documentary record taking.

**Textbook:**

A Handbook of readings will be provided.
The University of New South Wales

The University of New South Wales (UNSW) is one of the largest universities in Australia. It consists of 75 schools, over 5,000 staff and about 33,000 students (this includes approximately 6,000 international students - the highest number in any Australian university).

Since its establishment in 1949, UNSW has developed a strong reputation for high quality, student-focussed education which is internationally recognised. Through the commitment of its staff and students it has built a reputation based on merit and reflected by such criteria as high entry requirements, high Australian ranking, prestigious alumni, an excellent research track record, and high quality of its staff and teaching.

The University has gained an international reputation for its excellent research and teaching in a wide range of disciplines: Science and Technology, Medicine, the Arts and Humanities, Commerce, Law, the Built Environment, Life Sciences and Management. It has introduced many new courses and special centres to encourage teaching and research in fields which are not usually included in university schools e.g safety science, petroleum engineering, Aboriginal law, cognitive science, drug and alcohol research, marine science, women’s studies, automation, acoustics, public health, management logistics, waste management, water policy, remote sensing, theatre studies, food science, mines, and membrane technology.

UNSW has close links with the Australian community. Some of these links have been made through Unisearch Limited, a research and development company set up by the University to provide specialised services and advice to industry, commerce, government and the professions. UNSW receives more government funding for research than any other Australian university.

The University's continuing education programs, which cover a wide variety of professional fields, make a valuable contribution to education in the community. The University-sponsored National Institute of Dramatic Art and the School of Theatre, Film and Music have greatly enriched the cultural life of Sydney with many activities in the field of the performing arts.
2. Summary of Course Itinerary

Wednesday 18th June
11.45pm Depart Los Angeles on Qantas Flight 108 to Sydney

Friday 20th June
7.40am Arrive Sydney
Met at Sydney International Airport by UNSW staff and transferred to Sydney Domestic Airport
10.40am Depart Sydney on Qantas Flight 770 to Cairns
1.45pm Arrive Cairns
5.35pm Depart Cairns on Qantas Flight 800 to Darwin
7.35pm Arrive Darwin
Met at Darwin International Airport by UNSW staff and taken to accommodation.
Staying at: Alatai Holiday Apartments
Cnr McMinn and Finnis Streets
Darwin, Northern Territory, 0800 Australia
Tel: + 61 8 8981 5188
Fax: + 61 8 8981 8887

Saturday 21st June Free day

Week 1: Darwin, Northern Territory

Sunday 22nd June
2.00pm - 4.00pm Orientation and introduction of academic staff followed by walking tour
Evening Mindil beach markets

Monday 23rd June
9.00am - 2.00pm Class / excursion
(Presentation by Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service and the Bushfire Council
Topic: “Controlling Bushfires and the Environment”
10.30am – 2pm Excursion to Northern Territory Wildlife Park)
5.30pm - 7.00pm Reception at Northern Territory Parliament House
Tuesday 24th June
   am  Class / excursion
   (Visit to Darwin Botanical Gardens
      Tour with a National Parks and Wildlife Service guide)

   1.00pm - 5.00pm  Computer Laboratory

Wednesday 25th June to Friday 27th June
   3-Day Field Trip to Kakadu National Park

Saturday 28th June to Sunday 29th June
   Free days

Week 2 and 3:  Darwin / Central Australia / Canberra / Sydney

Monday 30th June
   am  Class

Tuesday 1st July
   am  Class

   1.00pm - 5.00pm  Computer Laboratory

   evening  possible field trip to see an Australian film at the
             Deckchair Cinema

Wednesday 2nd July
   am  Class

   3.05pm  Depart Darwin on Qantas Flight 725 to Alice
           Springs

   5.05pm  Arrive Alice Springs

   Staying at: Melanka Lodge Motel
              94 Todd St.
              Alice Springs  NT  2629
              Tel:  +61 8 8952 2233
              Fax:  +61 8 8952 2890
Thursday 3rd July
am Visit Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association (CAAMA)

pm Visit the Centre of Appropriate Technology (CAT)

Friday 4th July Visit Alice Springs Desert Park

Saturday 5th July
am Bus from Alice Springs to Uluru

Staying at: Outback Pioneer Lodge
Ayers Rock Resort
PO Box 46
Ayers Rock NT 0872
Tel: +61 8 8957 7888

pm Visit Cultural Centre
Sunset at Uluru (Ayers Rock)

Sunday 6th July Visit Uluru – walk around the base

Monday 7th July
am Sunrise at Kata Tjuta (The Olgas)
Walk through Kata Tjuta

3.00pm Depart Ayers Rock on Qantas Flight 729 to Sydney
6.30pm Arrive in Sydney
8.20pm Depart Sydney on Qantas Flight 807 to Canberra
9.10pm Arrive in Canberra
Staying at: Canberra City Backpackers
7 Akuna Street
Canberra ACT 2601
Tel: +61 2 6229 0888
Fax: +61 2 6229 0777

Tuesday 8th July
am Visit the National Museum of Australia

pm Visit Parliament House of Australia.

Wednesday 9th July
am Tour of Screen Sound Australia

pm Bus from Canberra to Sydney
Arrive Sydney and settle into UNSW dorms:

The Kensington Colleges
P.O. Box 24
Kensington NSW 2033
Tel: +61 2 9315 0000
Fax: +61 2 9315 0011

5.30 – 6.30pm Orientation to Sydney information session

Thursday 10th July
9.00am - 1.00pm Class

Friday 11th July
9.00am - 1.00pm Class

Saturday 12th July to Sunday 13th July
Free days

Week 4: Sydney

Monday 14th July
9.00am - 1.00pm Class

Tuesday 15th July
9.00am - 1.00pm Class

Afternoon Possible excursion to Taronga Zoo

Wednesday 16th July
9.00am - 1.00pm Class

Thursday 17th July
9.00am - 1.00pm Class

Afternoon Possible excursion to the Australian Broadcasting Commission (ABC)

Friday 18th July to Sunday 20th July
Free days
Week 5: Sydney

Monday 21st July
9.00am - 1.00pm  Class

Tuesday 22nd July
9.00am - 1.00pm  Class

Afternoon  Possible excursion to the Sydney Aquarium

Wednesday 23rd July
9.00am - 1.00pm  Class

Thursday 24th July
9.00am - 1.00pm  Class

Afternoon  Possible excursion to The Sydney Morning Herald

Friday 25th July and Saturday 26th July
Free Days

Sunday 27th July
10.40am  Depart Sydney on Qantas Flight 770 to Cairns
1.45pm  Arrive Cairns and transfer by bus to “Crocodylus” at Daintree Rainforest (ETA 5pm)

Staying at:  Crocodylus Village
Phone: +61 7 4098-9166
Fax: +61 7 4098-9131

Monday 28th July  Activities in the Daintree Rainforest

Night nature walk

Tuesday 29th July
am  Return by bus to Cairns

Staying at:  Matson Plaza Hotel
PO Box 5118,
Cairns Queensland 4870
Phone: +61 7 4031 2211
Fax: +61 7 4031 2704

Wednesday 30th July  
Boat trip to Great Barrier Reef

Thursday 31st July to Sunday 3rd August
Relax in Cairns.
Optional activities: diving/snorkeling, white water rafting, skydiving etc

(End of Program party Saturday night, 2 August)

Monday 4th August
5.40am  
Depart Cairns on Qantas Flight 168 to Sydney
8.30am  
Arrive in Sydney
10.40am  
Depart Sydney on Qantas Flight 107 for LA
(ETA 7.10am 4 August)

NOTE:  ACCOMMODATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE
3. Course Information (general)

Location
The program commences in Darwin, in Australia's 'top end'. The highlight of your stay here will be a three-day camping expedition into Kakadu, Australia's largest National Park of almost 8,000 square miles. Kakadu has been accorded double World Heritage status by the United Nations on the basis of both its natural and cultural attributes. Within the spectacular scenery of vibrant wetlands and beautiful waterfalls, lies a biological paradise teeming with bird and insect life, mammals and reptiles (including saltwater crocodiles, frill-necked lizards and goannas). The area boasts the longest continuous surviving human culture in the world. Aborigines have been living in this region for at least 40,000 years and Kakadu and the Arnhem Land Escarpment contain one of the longest continuous records of rock art in the world, with around 5,000 galleries of Aboriginal paintings.

Later in week two, the program moves to Central Australia, staying in Alice Springs and at Uluru National Park. Renown for its red desert surrounds, this area has some of the most impressive landscape on the continent and includes the famous World Heritage areas of the McDonnell Ranges, Australia's most recognisable geographical symbol, Uluru (Ayers Rock) and Kata Tjuta (The Olgas).

At the beginning of week three, the program will visit Canberra, Australia’s capital and seat of government, where students will tour such national institutions as Parliament House and the National Screen and Sound Archive.

From there, until week 5, the program will be located on the campus at UNSW, located 5 minutes from the beachside suburb of Coogee and 20 minutes from downtown Sydney, Australia’s largest and most active city.

Finally, in Week six, the program heads to the far north eastern coast to investigate the diverse tropical ecosystems of the Daintree Rainforest. The program concludes in Cairns, where students are able to relax and participate in the wide range of cultural and social activities available there, including a trip to the Great Barrier Reef.

Program Length
The course consists of 90 hours of class contact time over six weeks including lectures, laboratories and related excursions.

Program fee
The program fee includes tuition; all accommodation; meals in Kakadu National Park as well as breakfasts and lunches in Sydney; all excursion travel and entry fees; orientation programs; airport shuttle services; and a UNSW student card (allowing access to all UNSW facilities). Other meals and airfares are not included in the program fee.
**Accommodation**
When travelling outside Sydney in Darwin, Central Australia, Canberra, the Daintree and Cairns, the standard of accommodation will vary from shared, budget-style hotel and hostel (bunks) accommodation to serviced apartments. Students will be camping in tents during the three-day trip to Kakadu National Park. (It is recommended that you bring your own medium-weight sleeping bag).

The University of New South Wales is located in the eastern suburbs of Sydney in the suburb of Kensington, near Coogee Beach. Coogee Beach is a student area with many inexpensive restaurants and a variety of nightlife opportunities. It is 20 minutes from downtown by bus and is a safe and clean environment from which to study and explore Sydney. Accommodation in Sydney will be in single room dormitories on the UNSW campus. Students will have breakfasts and lunches in the college cafeteria. Students will be responsible for other meals in Sydney as well as for most meals in Darwin, Central Australia, Canberra and Cairns. A range of inexpensive options are available. Students will be supplied bedding and a bath towel at all locations. Bedding will be changed on a weekly basis and students will have access to laundry facilities within their accommodations.

'**Summer School' during the winter**
You will all realise that you'll be spending your 'Summer School' in the southern hemisphere 'winter'. However, our program is tailored to ensure that you will be visiting our most summery regions during your travels. The program commences in Darwin and Kakadu where the temperature will be approximately 80F to 90F in the daytime, cooling to 65F to 70F degrees in the evenings.

Central Australia can see radical temperature shifts from the 70sF in the daytime to 40sF (or lower) overnight. Bringing your own sleeping bag will again be useful for extra warmth in the budget accommodations used in this area.

Canberra experiences cold winters with generally fine days ranging from 35F to 50F.

A Sydney winter will normally have 55F to 70F degree days with 45F to 50F degrees overnight. However, students who visit the Blue Mountains outside Sydney for bushwalking and/or rappelling weekends will experience temperatures as low as 40F degrees.

In Cairns, the daytime temperature will be very pleasant at 80F degrees plus, however, there can be a cool breeze in the evenings.

**We emphasise that it is advisable to bring clothing that can be layered to best cater for the range of climates you will be experiencing during the program.**

*Note: accommodation in Australia may not be heated as effectively as you are used to in the US.*
Cultural and Social Activities

During your stay in Australia, the Study Abroad office will be coordinating a range of cultural and social activities for you to do in your free time. These are optional. UNSW Study Abroad offers all activities at cost price. Students will be given the opportunity to sign up for these activities upon arrival in Darwin and again in Cairns.

Below is a list of some of the activities which may be offered. Prices are given in Australian dollars ($US1=$AUD1.8 approx.) and are based on 2002 prices, so are subject to change.

**DARWIN**
- Sailing on the harbour afternoon - $30
- Cinema evening - $9
- Fish feeding - $5
- Aboriginal shirt painting class - $30

**ALICE SPRINGS**
- Didgeridoo lesson - $15

**SYDNEY**
- Historic Rocks Walking Tour - Free
- Learn to surf morning at Bondi Beach - $38
- Ticket to a Rugby League game - $15
- Ticket to an Australian Rules game - $15
- Symphony at the Sydney Opera House - $30
- Opera at the Sydney Opera House - $70 to $85
- A play/musical in Sydney - $50
- Blue Mountains rappelling and/or bushwalking weekend - $120

**CAIRNS**
- Day on the Great Barrier Reef - $60
- White water rafting day - $130
- Day trip to the Daintree Rainforest - $80
- Bungy Jumping - $90
- Skydiving - $180
- Farewell Dinner – Free
4. Flight Arrangements and Bookings

Recommended Travel Agent
The University of New South Wales (UNSW) has made arrangements with Van Slycke & Reeside Travel (VS&R) of Washington, DC to reserve seats and provide discounted pricing to students from the US participating in the UNSW Study Abroad Summer Programs. You are under no obligation to use this service, and may book your travel with any agency you wish. However, if making your own bookings you should book your internal Australian flights to mirror the following seats held by the program:

Flight Itinerary

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Airline Ticket Price

The price for the complete package itinerary ex-Los Angeles is **US$1,899** plus taxes. You will need to purchase an add-on fare from your home city to Los Angeles and back. Qantas offers inexpensive add-ons to meet this international package.

How to Contact VS&R

You may contact VS&R by web, email, telephone or fax:

Van Slycke & Reeside Travel
4050 Chesapeake St., N.W.
Washington, DC 20016-1860
Telephone: 800-321-7173 or 202-362-7301 [When dialling the 800 number, you may get a recording and told to enter the telephone extension of the party they would like to speak to. They are Lyle (306), Michael (318) or Charlie(322)].
Email: agents@vsrtravel.com
Web Site: [http://www.vsrtravel.com](http://www.vsrtravel.com)
**Booking Tickets Online**

Students are encouraged to book their tickets through the VS&R website given above. Your ticket will be listed in the 'Student Travel Abroad' section, amongst the ‘Michigan State University’ fields. The name of the ticket itinerary is “Media, Environment and Culture in Australia”. If you have any confusion over which ticket to book, call VS&R and their staff will help you. Booking deadline: **3 May 2003**

If after booking but prior to departure, you decide to change your LA to Sydney reservation with another agency, you must advise the agent/airline that this new booking replaces the first leg (only) of the original booking. **If you don’t do this, you will become a "no show" on the first leg of the original booking, as well as ALL subsequent legs of the program itinerary.**

**US Domestic Flights**

VS&R is able to offer very attractive fares to and from Los Angeles, in conjunction with your ticket to Australia.

**Payment of Airline Tickets**

Tickets ordered through VS&R may be paid by cheque or major credit card. If payment is made by cheque, tickets will not be sent to you until your cheque has been received.

**Automatic Flight Insurance**

Students who purchase their tickets through VS&R will secure automatic flight insurance in the amount of $100,000 in the event of loss of life or limb while flying on the VS&R ticket.

**Other Insurance**

Study Abroad highly recommends that you take out travel insurance, particularly relating to any medical, baggage and trip cancellation claims. You should request that VS&R Travel send you detailed insurance information when making your reservation.

**Australian Arrival / Airport Pick-up**

All students arriving on Qantas flights booked through VS&R will be met at Darwin International Airport by a representative of The University of New South Wales Study Abroad Summer School.

**Maximum Baggage Allowance and Luggage Tags**

VS&R will provide you with specific dimensions and the number of pieces of luggage you may check at no charge. In the event you exceed those limitations, an excess baggage charge may be levied by the airlines.

VS&R will also provide each student with three luggage tags, identifying you and your luggage as being a participant in the UNSW Study Abroad Summer School. In the unlikely event your baggage is misdirected, the airline will forward it to The University of New South Wales, or to your home in the U.S.
American Passport and Australian Visa Information
In the event you do not have an American passport, VS&R can provide you with an application at no charge. You must complete the application and return it to a US passport agency, along with the appropriate fee, in order to obtain your passport.

The length of the summer programs (six weeks) allows students to enter Australia as tourists. A Student Visa is not required. US citizens travelling to Australia do not require a visa stamped in their passport when their intended stay is less than three months. Australian Immigration officials have authorised travel agents and airlines in the US to issue an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA), which is an electronic visa allowing you entry into Australia. VS&R will automatically issue your ETA when your flight arrangements are confirmed, provided you have completed all the personal information requested on their Travel Reservation Form. There is no application, no fee and no contact with the Australian Embassy in the US.

Post-program travel
If you wish to do some further travelling at the end of the program, VS&R can provide you with information regarding the purchase of a Qantas Boomerang Pass giving you inexpensive flights within Australia. The passes provide considerable discounts on internal Australian destinations. They are issued by Qantas and must be purchased outside Australia.

In the event you wish to change your return flight to the US after arriving in Australia, you must do so through VS&R. Any requests for change should be emailed to: agents@vsrtravel.com. Any change you make will incur a fee of at least US$100 by Qantas Airways.

The service
Qantas Airlines in conjunction with VS&R provide this service for Study Abroad of The University of New South Wales. If you have any questions regarding the program at UNSW, it is advisable to contact UNSW direct as VS&R agents cannot provide information on the program. VS&R are a major travel provider, but Qantas has restricted routing between the United States and Australia and thus some stopovers may not be possible on all days pending airline travel schedule.

Remember! You do not need a student visa
Ask for an electronic tourist visa
5. General Information

Money
Cirrus and Plus systems exist in Australia and all major credit cards are accepted. Visa and Mastercard credit cards are more widely accepted than American Express. Depositing the funds you wish to access onto your credit cards before departing is a good way to avoid cash advance charges and give you easy access to money within Australia. A pin number attached to your credit card allows you to withdraw money at any ATM within Australia.

Communication
Students can be contacted through the Study Abroad Office at The University of the New South Wales. Full contact details appear at the end of this booklet.

Computers
Students will have access to computers at all locations during the Summer School. In Darwin, Study Abroad has an arrangement with a computer lab located a short distance from the accommodation. The lab offers word processing and internet access, however, as computers at this lab are limited, those working on assignments will be given priority. We will advise you of internet cafes which offer our students discounted rates for personal emails. In Alice Springs there is an Internet café next door to the accommodation. In Sydney students will have 24-hour access to computers that allow word processing, internet access and email. In Cairns there are a number of Internet cafes near the hotel should students need to access the internet and email.

Insurance
Study Abroad recommends that students take travel insurance for their time in Australia. This insurance should cover medical expenses, luggage loss and flight cancellation. This can often be organised through students’ regular medical insurance company, or through VS&R Travel.

Gymnasiums
Students will be able to visit a gym at most locations for a small fee of between $2 and $9 per visit. Study Abroad has arranged these discounted rates at gyms close to accommodations. At UNSW, students will have access to the university gym and swimming pool. Entry for Study Abroad students will be the same as the regular Australian student rates.
6. Packing List - What to bring?

Remember this program travels, so be warned that whatever you bring you will have to carry! It is best that students limit themselves to one large backpack or rolling suitcase, remember you will accumulate items during your time as well.

- Pens
- Paper (it may be better to buy some when you get to Australia - A4 size)
- T-shirts
- Shorts
- Jeans
- Sweatshirts/sweaters
- Swimming Costume
- Underwear
- Socks
- Jacket (warm / fleece)
- One or two nice outfits / tie (a night at the Opera House?)
- One pair of dress (nice) leather shoes to wear out of an evening (Opera/Nightclub)
- A pair of sneakers
- Hiking Boots (optional)
- Tevas / sandals
- Medium weight sleeping bag (highly recommended)
- Flashlight
- Beach towel
- Camera and film
- Binoculars (optional)
- Underwater camera (optional)
- A photocopy (xerox) of your passport stored separately in your luggage
- Any prescribed medication you require
- Any specific haircare products that might be unavailable in Australia
- Razor blades (expensive in Australia)
- A hat and sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- A day pack

and an adventurous spirit and a good sense of humour...

Note: If you wish to bring electrical appliances with you, the standard voltage for electrical appliances in Australia is 240V. The electrical plugs used are typically 3 flat pins (one earth pin). You will need to bring an adaptor or change the plugs when you arrive (a voltage adaptor costs around A$80).
7. Living in Sydney and Australia

Some characteristics of Australians

Individuality — Most Australians want to be treated as individuals rather than as representatives of a certain class or position or group. They dislike being too dependent on others.

Equality — Australians grow up believing that people should have equal social, legal and political rights and the Australian Constitution protects these rights. In addition, recent anti-discrimination laws try to prevent discrimination on the basis of race, gender and marital status. Most people in Australia think of themselves as your equal, and the taxi-driver, waitress or garbage man expects to get the same respect from you as the accountant or the schoolteacher.

Sense of Humour — It is very likely that you will make mistakes as you explore a new culture, and if you can laugh at the mistakes, it will help you learn. Other people are also more likely to respond with friendliness so you can be relaxed and receptive to others and not be self-conscious. Australian humour is directed against those people who give the impression that they consider themselves superior. Teasing (or “rubbishing” as it is sometimes called) is also a favourite pastime and if spoken in a joking way, it is an indication that you are liked and accepted by the persons concerned.

Alcohol — In Australia people under the age of 18 are not permitted to buy alcoholic drinks and there are heavy penalties for people who drive while under the influence of alcohol. Australian customs regarding drinking in pubs (hotel bars) may be different from yours in some ways. You should pay for each drink as soon as you receive it, and not when you are about to leave the hotel. The Australian custom of “shouting” means that if someone buys you a drink you are expected to “shout” them back by buying them a drink. In Australia you don't need to tip bar tenders.

Note: The alcohol content of beer in Australia is about 5%.

Australian Currency
Australian currency follows a decimal system. The dollar ($) is the basic unit of exchange. It is divided into 100 cents (¢). Paper notes have been replaced by polymer ones. Notes come in denominations of $5, $10, $20, $50 and $100. Metal coins come in denominations of $2, $1, 50¢, 20¢, 10¢ and 5¢.

Money Changing
Money changing facilities are located in the Sydney and Darwin airport terminals. You should try to have $A50 upon arrival in Darwin to cover immediate expenses. Banks are not open in Australia on weekends, but you will be able to access the ATMs. While traveller’s cheques are safe, it can be time consuming changing them. On weekdays, banks are generally open between 9.30am and 4.00pm.
Some typical prices for Items in Australia

All prices are in Australian dollars. US$1 is buying approximately $1.8 Australian dollars (Nov 2002)

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<td>Chicken pieces</td>
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<td>VHS tapes</td>
<td>$10</td>
<td>Stewing beef</td>
<td>$8 kg</td>
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<td>$3</td>
<td>Lamb chops</td>
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<td>$4</td>
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<td>Sunscreen (250ml)</td>
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<td>Rice</td>
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Telephone: 40 cents local calls
Movies: $14 ($9 on Tuesdays)
Postage: 50 cents a letter in Australia
70 cents aerogram
95 cents post card abroad
$1.05 airmail letter

Market Shopping

In Darwin, there are large supermarkets a short bus ride from the hotel where you will be staying. There are restaurants scattered around Darwin city area catering for most tastes and budgets. Mindil sunset markets, ten minutes walk from the hotel, offers cheap cuisine served from beachside stalls on Sunday and Thursday nights.

In Sydney, there are numerous large shopping areas within walking distance of UNSW. In these shopping centres, you can find most of the goods and services you need. In the heart of the city there are large department stores, some of which are linked by enclosed overstreet crossings with the towering Centrepoint complex shopping arcades, coffee shops and offices. Joining other main streets are more arcades, each with its own atmosphere and rows of small specialty shops and restaurants. Popular shopping centres include the Queen Victoria Building and the Strand Arcade. A number of weekend markets are available around Sydney. They have stalls selling a large variety of new and second hand goods. It may be possible to bargain a little (5-15%). They can be found in Paddington, Glebe and Haymarket (inner-city suburbs).
Eating Out
It is possible to get a meal for less than A$7 at a number of cheap eats in the Coogee Beach/Randwick area. All types of cuisines are available, so you will have the opportunity to try everything from Thai to Indian to Lebanese.

Dining out in any other country but 'home' can cause some overseas visitors a lot of stress. Culture shock can be brought on by a new dining experience if the food is prepared or served differently than in your home country. The important thing to remember is that it is not wrong, just different.

Australians tip modestly (between 5% and 10% of the meal cost), though you are under no obligation to tip at all. Waiters and waitresses do not depend on tips for their wage.

Public Transport
Timetables are available from the Study Abroad office or UNSW library. Travel passes, weekly tickets and TravelTen passes can be purchased from the Union Shop on lower campus or any newsagency (including the one in the Mathews Arcade at the top of the campus). For a short stay, TravelTens, which allow ten trips on the bus, are the cheapest way of getting around town. Darwin, Alice Springs and Cairns are compact enough that you will be able to walk to most places that you need to get to. Or in Darwin, you can catch the Territory Shuttle for approx $2.50 per journey.

Bus fares
In Sydney, fares around the local and city area are:-
- A$1.50/A$2.60 for single short trips (into the city)
- Brown TravelTen (A$19.00) 10 short trips (no time limit) into the city
- Red TravelTen (A$25.00) 10 longer trips any time (no time limit)

An extensive train system, approximately 10 to 20 minutes from the University, can take you throughout much of the Sydney metropolitan area, NSW country and interstate.

Taxi
Taxis are numerous and cost about $12-$16 (depending on traffic) from the University to the city centre.

Please Remember!!!!!

In Australia we drive on the left hand side of the road. When crossing the road as a pedestrian, you look to the right, left and then right again before leaving the curb. Overseas visitors often come close to injury due to looking to the left first when crossing roads in Australia. Please be careful!
8. Ten Travel Tips On How To Have A Great Summer School

1) Don't forget to renew your passport. It will be hard to enjoy Summer School from your home.

2) Label your luggage clearly so that in the slim chance of it being misplaced in an airport you won't have to survive the first week of summer school with the goods supplied in the Qantas courtesy pack (which comprises a t-shirt and toothbrush).

3) Keep your luggage to one bag, unless you're thinking of giving your leg and back muscles a good workout each time we move location. So don't bring a different outfit for each day of the program, and don't bring framed photos of your boyfriend or girlfriend. Remember you'll no doubt buy some clothing while you are in Australia.

4) In Australia, you will soon notice people doing things differently to the way they do them at home. Don't go up and tell them that the way they are doing something is wrong. Remember the Study Abroad motto: It's not wrong, it’s just different! Enjoy the differences.

5) Call your family from time to time and let them know that you still love them. It can, however, be fun to scare them by informing that you've met the partner of your dreams and won't be coming back!!

6) Attend class! Apart from being compulsory, you will actually learn some amazing things about your academic focus and about Australia. We have worked hard with the professors to put together a program that is both interesting and challenging.

7) When exploring the towns in your free time, don't always move around with your large group of American friends. Australians will feel less intimidated by smaller groups of two or three. Take the initiative to talk to Australians, as we can be a little shy at first. You'll be surprised at their interest in your country.

8) Remember to observe safety precautions that you would observe in any new city in the world. That means always locking your hotel door, don't leave your possessions lying unattended and don't walk around alone late at night.

9) Don't spend all of your free time emailing your friends back at home. They probably don't want to know what you ate for breakfast. Also if you tell them everything via email before getting home, then you'll have no stories to tell them when you get back.

10) Have fun. You will make mistakes as you learn to interact in a new culture. The important thing is to learn to laugh at yourself when you make those mistakes.
9. **Contact Details**

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Australia

Messages can also be left for students using the contact details above for Nick Dowd or Jane Hardy.

Hotel/hostel details appear in the Course Itinerary section of this pack. They are, however, subject to change.