Communication & Social Change in Australia

Winterim 2015 - 2016: December 27 - January 17

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Program Description & Tentative Itinerary: This course explores how Aboriginal Australians and the Australian government have used communication tools to affect social change. Specifically, this class examines Aboriginal and Australian history and how communication tools were/are used to "move mountains of apathy, mountains of hopelessness, mountains of cynicism and even mountains of public inefficiency." Through class lectures and field trips, students will learn about and experience a variety of Australian cultural practices. The tentative itinerary includes an Aboriginal leader-led trip to the Blue Mountains World Heritage Area; day trips to Cabrametta, Olympic Park and Manly Beach; a backstage tour of the Sydney Opera (including attendance at an evening performance); and guided tours of a variety of museums and art galleries. The trip has built-in opportunities for students to travel independently to other areas of Australia: Great Barrier Reef, Outback, Darwin and crocodile country, Melbourne, and Perth.

ESTIMATED COST: $4,800 for the trip, based on 20 fully-paying participants. This includes: room with breakfast, meal allowances for lunch and dinner, ground transportation, coach tours and entrance fees, 3 credits UWSP Wisconsin resident undergraduate tuition, tours, and lectures. There is a $250 tuition surcharge for non-residents; Minnesota residents may apply for reciprocity. The UWSP International Programs staff will be happy to advise you on securing airfare. Yes, your Financial Aid can apply to the program.

CREDITS: Communication 373 (GDR: WE, GEP: GA). Communication and Social Change. 3 Credits and Writing Emphasis. Graduate credit can also be arranged at an extra cost and requires participants to create a research project.

ELIGIBILITY: The trip is open to all university students in good standing. Although preference is given to students studying Communication, then to UWSP students, other university students are encouraged to apply. Participants are expected to attend all meetings, lectures and other scheduled activities before, during and after the study tour.

APPLICATION & ENROLLMENT: To ensure your spot, please apply early. Print your application on-line or stop in the UWSP International Programs office to pick up an application. Return the form to International Programs with a $50 application fee—if you are not accepted to the program, this money will be returned to you. This trip must have 20 students enrolled in order to meet the estimated cost figures. The group is limited to no-more-than 30 students. In some cases there may be positions available after the deadline—contact International Programs. Applications are still being processed in the order they are received.

WITHDRAWAL: Up to ten weeks before the start of the program, all fees except the initial deposit and the arrangements fee may be refunded for withdrawal. After that time, airline and housing cancellation charges may be assessed. If the program must be canceled, all fees will be refunded. Because exchange rates and airline prices fluctuate, UW-Stevens Point International Programs reserves the right to cancel, surcharge, or alter the program.

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