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Study Abroad

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Indigenous Studies

 **Duration** As desired, but usually between 2 and 4 weeks

 **Locations** New Zealand and Australia

Indigenous studies offers students the opportunity to learn about the position of indigenous peoples within both the historical and contemporary contexts. Opening alternative epistemologies, indigenous studies broadens students' perspectives by introducing them to different kinds of societies and social structures—in health, education, family, community, law, ecology, art and culture—and by raising questions about the legacies of colonization and the impact of global capitalism on traditional cultures. Students confront notions of cultural difference and cultural relativity and, in doing so, broaden their understanding of their own global citizenship and their place as shared inhabitants of a globalized world. AUIP is able to develop study abroad programs on any aspect of indigenous studies, including comparative programs that examine the differences and similarities between American indigenous culture and that of the host country, or between Australia and New Zealand. We are also able to pair the investigation of indigeneity with another discipline (for example, visual arts, literature or social work).

 **Antarctica**  **Australia**  **Fiji**  **New Zealand**

New Zealand

Maori Arts and Crafts Institute

Visit schools of carving (including pounamu and bone) and weaving.

Living Maori village

Visit a living Maori village situated in a geothermal area within Rotorua. Maori have lived there ever since the twelfth century, taking advantage of the geothermal activity in the area for heating and cooking.

Overnight stay at a marae (Maori formal meeting place)

This can take place either at a representation of a pre-European Maori village or at a contemporary working Marae.

Speakers on Maori political and economic engagement

We can provide lectures on Maori politics and economic engagement from academic experts and from public servants working in government departments.

Elementary School Bi-cultural Language program

Visit a school that offers children a national curriculum program both through Te Reo Maori and English.

Maori Health NGO

Visit an NGO that focuses on improving indigenous physical, spiritual, mental and family wellbeing.

Visit to Waitangi Treaty Grounds and its museum

New Zealand's most important historic site at which the Treaty of Waitangi between the British Crown and the Maori of New Zealand was signed in 1840.

Australia

Aboriginal Cultural Tour of Alice Springs

This walk draws on 40,000 years of life in Central Australia. The guide introduces an experience of the natural and cultural environment of Alice Springs (Mparntwe).

Aboriginal community-controlled health center

Visit a health center that delivers onsite dialysis service, social services, social enterprises, social support, health education and a mobile dialysis bus that services remote communities.

A remote indigenous arts community

Visit one of the longest running and most successful Aboriginal-owned art centers in Central Australia. Meet with the artists and the leaders of the community, have art workshops and tour the galleries and museum.

Urban Indigenous Foods Social Enterprise

Meet with leaders of a social enterprise restaurant that provides guidance and opportunity to young Aboriginal people who are in need of a fresh start in life. The menu is seasonally driven and draws on the best of native Australian food.

