

FROM GLACIERS TO CORAL REEFS: ISLAND BIOGEOGRAPHY OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC

SIX ISLANDS AND EIGHT NATIONAL PARKS/MARINE
RESERVES ACROSS NEW ZEALAND, SAMOA, AND FIJI
STUDY ABROAD SPRING 2021



Come immerse yourself in the South Pacific—RV'ing, kayaking, hiking, and traversing glaciers across New Zealand's spectacular South Island; exploring the oceans, tropical forests, and people of Western Samoa while serving as a near-peer tutor for LDS, Samoan high school students; and sea kayaking, snorkeling coral reefs, and participating in an ecotourism experience on sparsely inhabited islands in Fiji.

DATES

Spring Semester, approximately April 28th – June 18th (more than seven weeks)

HOUSING

Housing includes RVs, beach fales, tents, and stays with teachers from the LDS Church College in Western Samoa. All housing will be arranged by BYU International Study Programs.

COURSES

PWS 150 ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY (3 credit hours)—fulfill your Science and Global & Cultural Awareness GE while exploring the South Pacific

PWS 250 FIELD ECOLOG (3 credit hours)—link ecological theory, application, and environmental stewardship and sustainability in an international context

PWS 494R SPECIAL TOPICS IN ISLAND BIOGEOGRAPHY (3 credit hours)—investigate the biogeography, ecology, and natural history of the South Pacific while gaining a deeper understanding of the islands and islanders

Participants may not take any other courses on this program, including BYU Online courses, without approval by the program director and ISP.

COST

\$5,600-5,900

Includes: undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduates and Non-Latter-day Saint students), international health insurance, housing, admissions, and all inter-island transportation.

Not included: airfare to and from the U.S., books, passport fees, and personal expenses.

TRAVEL

Students are responsible for purchasing their own airfare to and from the program. Airfare reservations must be made through BYU Travel. Students should contact a BYU Travel agent at: BYU Travel | 801-422-6293 | travel@byu.edu | 280 HRCB

PREPARATION

Accepted students are required to participate in an international, cross-cultural preparation course (IAS 201R, 1.0 credit hour). This class will be held Wednesdays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. during the second block of winter semester 2021. Accompanying spouses need to be credit-bearing participants on the program. Spouses will also need to apply online and take the preparation course. Part-time BYU students and non-BYU students will need to pay an additional tuition fee. Students are expected to keep all aspects of the BYU Honor Code and ISP rules during the program.

FUNDING SOURCES

Regular BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to study abroad programs. Students who submit the financial aid section of the ISP application and who have a current FAFSA form on file at the Financial Aid Office (A-41 ASB) will be considered for a study abroad scholarship and may be considered for other scholarships. They must indicate on their original online application that they want to be considered for financial aid. Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants. Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships).

Environmental Science students may apply for Experiential Learning funds through the Plant and Wildlife Sciences Department.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Students must be adults 18 years-of-age or older.

Complete the \$35 (non-refundable) online application at kennedy.byu.edu/apply.

Applicants will be interviewed once applications are complete.

Students will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program.

The first payment is due upon acceptance. Please refer to the 2021 Payment Information document (see kennedy.byu.edu/isp-forms/ISPpayments2021.pdf).

Deadline: 15 December 2020

FACULTY

Dr. Zachary Aanderud is a professor of biogeochemistry in the Environmental Science Program, Department of Plant and Wildlife Sciences. Dr. Aanderud specializes in the ecology and sustainability in a changing world and will help you explore the diversity and connections among island biota and islanders.

SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT

The group will meet in Christchurch, New Zealand unless other arrangements are made with the director. Parents are not to visit students during the official program time period. Students should not plan late arrivals to the host country and they should plan to stay the entire length of the program.

INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT

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PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS

International Study Programs (ISP) reserves the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost. If it becomes necessary for ISP to cancel a program, all program payments made to BYU ISP will be refunded to the student's BYU financial account. ISP is the only office authorized to cancel any of its programs.