

NEW ZEALAND

A GVSU FACULTY LED PROGRAM



ECOVILLAGES

SUMMER 2012
OPEN TO ALL MAJORS

TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

Eco villages and co-housing communities are planned intentional communities with a sustainability focus. These communities are found in both urban and rural locations and share an emphasis on both social, environmental, and economic sustainability. In order to achieve these objectives, these communities experiment with various ecological designs, permaculture, ecological building, green production, alternative energy systems, as well as methods of community building. Green communities like these are the fastest growing type of intentional communities in New Zealand.

This program will introduce students to the sustainability movement with an emphasis on hands-on experience. Students will spend a total of four weeks visiting and living at different communities and participating in their daily lives and sustainability efforts. While students will be visiting several communities, the two extended stay sites will be 1) Earthsong Eco-Neighbourhood in Waitakere City (West Auckland) and 2) Wilderland near Whitianga on the Coromandel Peninsula.

WHEN CAN I GO?

This program will take place from May 10 to June 11, 2012.

WHERE WILL I LIVE?

Program participants will be housed in Auckland at a youth hostel and in the Wilderland community.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

The program is open to all majors with a minimum GPA of 2.5. A complete application must be submitted by **February 1, 2012**.

HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply for this program, log on to www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad to begin your online application.

WHAT CREDITS WILL I RECEIVE?

You will register for a total of six credits:

ANT 340: Culture and the Environment

Fulfills World Perspectives GenEd and a course within the Earth & Environment Theme.

Three credits

AND

ANT 308: Field Experience Abroad

Focuses on the aspects of sustainable living in New Zealand.

Three credits



HOW MUCH DOES THIS PROGRAM COST?

The approximate fee for this program is \$4,552*

Program Fee Includes:

- Round-trip transportation from Grand Rapids
- Housing
- All Meals
- Field trips
- All ground transportation

Additional Costs:

- GVSU Tuition (6 credits) (\$2,592)
- Personal Expenses (\$300)
- Passport and pictures (\$140)
- ISIC card (\$28)

Total Projected Cost: \$4,552 (program fee) + \$3,060 (additional costs) = \$7,621*

*Fee subject to adjustments based on actual exchange rates and international airfare.

FINANCIAL AID

All students considering study abroad should have their financial aid reevaluated regardless of whether they are currently receiving federal aid. Additional need-based study abroad grants are also available to eligible students. Early application for financial aid is strongly recommended.

GRANTS

GVSU offers grants to be used specifically for faculty-led programs. These grants, which are approximately \$500, are based on financial need only-academic or other criteria are not taken into consideration. All degree-seeking students accepted into a GVSU faculty-led program are automatically considered for the grant if they have a current FAFSA on file in the Financial Aid Office. No application required.

WHO CAN TELL ME MORE?

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*All program information including courses, duration of program, dates, and other logistics are subject to change. Programs may be cancelled due to extenuating circumstances.