



Ecovillages

New Zealand

Program Dates

May 7 - June 12, 2014
(5 weeks)

Housing

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

Language

Courses are taught in English.

Eligibility

Open to all majors. 2.5 GPA required. Non-GVSU students are eligible and should visit gvsu.edu/studyabroad/nongvstudent for detailed information.

Application Deadline

February 1, 2014

Learn More

Padnos International Center
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AUCKLAND AND WILDERLAND, NEW ZEALAND — Ecovillages 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-Neighborhood in Waitakere City (West Auckland) and 2) Wilderland near Whitianga on the Coromandel Peninsula.

Courses Offered

ANT 340: Culture and the Environment

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

ANT 308: Field Experience Abroad

Focuses on the aspects of sustainable living in New Zealand. *Three credits*

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Cost

Included in Program Fee:

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

Other Expenses:

- GVSU Tuition (6 credits) (\$2,742)
- Additional meals (\$100)
- Passport/photos (\$140)
- ISIC (\$28, optional)
- Personal expenses (\$300)

Program Fee: \$5,418

Total Projected Cost (Program Fee + Other Expenses): \$8,728*

How will I pay?

Students typically pay for study abroad through a combination of financial aid, personal funds, scholarships/grants and alternative loans. Participants earning at least six (6) credits during the spring/summer semesters can apply their GVSU financial aid award toward study abroad program costs. Your study abroad adviser can help you create a funding plan.

Faculty-led Program Grant: Students who apply to their faculty-led program by the priority deadline are automatically considered for a grant of up to \$500 from the Padnos International Center. Must have a FAFSA on file.

Visit www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad to find information on this and other scholarships/grants.



**All program information including courses, duration of program, dates and other logistics are subject to change. Fee subject to adjustment based on actual exchange rates and international airfare. Programs may be cancelled due to extenuating circumstances.*

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