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Short-Term Study Programs Winter, 2011-12



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AUSTRALIA

Australian Ecosystems

December 26 - January 9

<http://www.ccsa.cc/programs/winter/australiaW11>

This course will focus on the biodiversity of selected Australian terrestrial ecosystems (tropical rainforests, eucalyptus forest, mangroves and the marine ecosystem of the Great Barrier Reef) and will include an examination of the ecological consequences of human activities on these ecosystems. Students will visit the Great Barrier Reef, Royal Botanic Gardens and the Blue Mountains, participate in field trips to the tropical rainforests of Queensland and observe the unique flora and fauna of the region. Other activities may include a visit to an aboriginal cultural site, spending time at the Royal Flying Doctor Service, visiting the Australian Museum and sightseeing in Sydney.

Prerequisite: one semester of biology.

Offered by Belmont University/CCSA

Form & Function in Australian Fauna

December 26 - January 9

<http://www.ccsa.cc/programs/winter/australiaW11>

Australia has some of the most unusual organisms on earth because of its evolutionary isolation. The Great Barrier Reef, one of the natural wonders of the world, is also home to a huge diversity of fish and other marine organisms. Students will explore some of the unique adaptations that these animals have evolved. Field experiences, along with discussions, will allow students to develop an understanding of these adaptations. Students will visit the

Australian Natural History Museum and zoological parks to learn about animal diversity and snorkel/dive the Great Barrier Reef to study the world's largest barrier reef ecosystem.

Prerequisite: introductory biology (one semester) or consent of instructor.

Offered by Belmont University/CCSA

Love, Romance & Sexual Culture in Australia

December 26 - January 9

<http://www.ccsa.cc/programs/winter/australiaW11>

Carrie Bradshaw may tout New York as the sexiest city in the world, but two Australian cities (the resort town of tropical Cairns and the thriving metropolis of Sydney) offer fascinatingly different insights into their own competitive blend of romance, sexiness and the potential for love. This highly interactive course includes visits to the most romantic spots in Sydney and Cairns; exploration of historical sites involving love, sex and romance in the city; qualitative inquiry into the Australian dating scene; exploration of sexuality and relationship theories; and popular culture analysis regarding sexuality and romance down under. Students will leave the course well-versed in theories of love, gender, romance and sexuality – and they'll have a lot of fun in the process.

Offered by Belmont University/CCSA

Application Deadline for all Belmont Australia Programs: Sept. 30, 2011.

*Early Application Deadline: \$100 Discount for applications received by September 16, 2011.

Contact: CCSA's central office (615) 460-6575 or (800) 319-6015, csa@belmont.edu

Sustainable Living: Australian Examples

January 4 – February 1

<http://www.plu.edu/studyaway/Program-Descriptions/Australian%20Sustainable%20Living.php>

We begin our travels in Sydney, where we get our bearings touring some of the city's most famous landmarks, and learning how some exemplary businesses turn environmental sustainability into economic opportunity. After four nights we travel to Hunter Valley - a major center for wine production -- where we explore sustainability cultivation and production processes in this important export industry. Next we take up residence in an eco village where we roll up our sleeves and see what sustainable living entails. Finally we embark to the Great Barrier Reef to experience one of the great natural wonders of the world, led by eco-certified guides.

Application Deadline: Oct. 7, 2011.

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Offered by Pacific Lutheran

EGYPT

From the Pharaohs to Cleopatra

January 4 - February 1

<http://www.plu.edu/studyaway/Program-Descriptions/Egypt.php>

Travel to Egypt and London this January to explore and study the monuments, artifacts, and topography of ancient Egypt -- from the origins of its complex society to post-pharaonic times. The course itinerary will include, among other sites, the pyramids and Luxor with its temples and tombs, most notably Karnak and the Valley of the Kings. The course will focus on the world of the pharaohs, but will also include sites and museums that are relevant to Hellenistic, Roman, and Early Christian Egypt. There will be a particular emphasis on integrating the rich collections of the Cairo Egyptian Museum and the British Museum in London in order to better understand the continuity and change in the history, art, literature, society, religion, and world-views of ancient Egypt. While in London, we will have the opportunity to interview Egyptologists.

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INDIA

Discovering & Photographing Cultural Richness

December 26 - January 9

<http://www.ccsa.cc/programs/winter/indiaW11>

After Slum Dog Millionaire, you might think you know India. However, India is a land of many cultures, colors, languages and traditions. On this trip to the south of India, we will see the other side of India--the side with beaches, houseboats, European influences, Christian churches, Jewish temples and some of the most colorful Hindu temples in existence. We will travel to Kerala along the famous Malabar coast and to Tamil Nadu with its colorful people and tea plantations. You will photograph, experience and finally create a book of memories.

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ITALY

Investigating Environmental & Economic Change in Italy

January 4 - February 1

<http://www.plu.edu/studyaway/Program-Descriptions/Italy - Economics.php>

Explore Rome and rural Italy, a region where human beings have altered the environment for thousands of years and had to adjust to nature's volcanic and earthquake surprises. The ancient still lives side-by-side with the modern in Italy so it serves as a living laboratory of economic and environmental change.

This class will learn about economic opportunities and constraints in Rome and Italy as people changed from human-drawn carts to automobiles, from watch-towers to wireless phones, from city states to a nation state. It will study the historical and modern efforts of Italy to solve important economic and environmental issues such as traffic congestion, air pollution, water pollution, national park development and antiquities preservation. Students will visit grape, olive, and orange farms committed to sustainable development and organic production and learn the economics of the modern "slow food" movement. Students will also have the opportunity to investigate the common property management of alpine resources in the Magnificent Community of Fiemme, in the Dolomite region of the Italian Alps.

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LONDON

The World At Your Fingertips

December 26 - January 8

<http://www.ccsa.cc/programs/winter/londonW11>

Over a dozen exciting courses available for students studying art history, biology, business, chemistry, special education, English, theatre, finance, history, and religious studies. Go to the website for more program information.

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LONDON & DUBLIN

Brewery Science

December 26 - January 8

<http://www.ccsa.cc/programs/winter/london-dublin>

Why is Irish Whiskey triple-distilled? What does "triple-distilled" mean? Why is beer's alcoholic content less than gin's? What ingredients determine whether a beer is a stout like Guinness or a lager like Harp? Is biofuel ethanol and alcohol for human consumption produced by the same method? How does alcohol affect the body, can it affect races differently? You will find the answers to these questions through studying the cellular processes and species (plants, yeast and even insects!) behind ethanol production and by visiting internationally famous

breweries, distilleries and meaderies such as Guinness, Jameson's and Beefeater's!

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Enhancing Leadership & Communication Effectiveness in the British Isles

December 26 - January 8

<http://www.ccsa.cc/programs/winter/london-dublin>

Join students from other CCSA universities to enhance your employment marketability. Examine concepts of leadership and organizational communication through interviewing, public address, persuasion and team communication while interacting with the British Isles' populations. Compare and contrast the American and British media and debate techniques as you visit the British Broadcasting Corporation and Speaker's Corner. Improve your presentation and analytical skills while visiting such organizations as the People's College Debating Society in Dublin...and more!

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Studying Comparative Care Systems "For the Health of it"

December 26 - January 8

<http://www.ccsa.cc/programs/winter/london-dublin>

Health care is high when setting priorities in life. So, it is important to know about these services that are important to most people. What do people in England, Ireland and the United States all have in common? At some point everyone should see a health care professional. In an effort to acquaint learners with similarities and differences

among the three countries' systems, lectures, site visits and research will help shape critical thinking and discussion on the following questions: How do I gain access to the health care systems? Is the quality of services provided by practitioners measured, and if so, how? Does one move within a systematic referral system to ensure continuity of care, and is there freedom of choice for desired services? Who pays for health care, i.e., how are programs and services funded?

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The Contemporary British & Irish Theatre Experience

December 26 - January 8

<http://www.ccsa.cc/programs/winter/london-dublin>

From the ancient influence of the Romans and the Celts, to the contemporary flair of London's West End theatres and Dublin's quaint cityscape, nowhere else on Earth can one find such a fascinating theatrical experience mixed with the old and the new. Study theatre in these two great cities as you follow in the footsteps of William Shakespeare, Lawrence Olivier, Oscar Wilde, James Joyce, Samuel Beckett, Andrew Lloyd Weber and too many others to mention here. Possible visits to other historical sites such as Stonehenge, Stratford-Upon-Avon, Bath and Warwick Castle make this study abroad experience one to remember for a lifetime.

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LONDON & DUBLIN CONT'D

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MARTINIQUE

French Language and Caribbean Culture

January 4 - February 1

<http://www.plu.edu/studyaway/Program-Descriptions/Martinique.php>

Enhance your French language skills in a Caribbean setting, living with French Creole families near the port city of Fort-de-France, never far on this island of 400,000 inhabitants from beautiful beaches and rugged tropical forests. Experience the cultural hybridity of the former French colony -- once a lucrative (and exploitative) site of sugarcane production, now a full-fledged department of France, proud of its heritage, but still struggling to assert its political autonomy. Classroom curriculum includes French language classes as well as lectures by specialists on local history, economy, geography, religious practices; on-site learning includes hikes through natural habitats, guided visits to important historical and cultural locales, and encounters with a variety of Martinicans, from school children to college students to political figures.

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MEXICO

Culture and Prehistory of Central Mexico

January 4 - February 1

<http://www.plu.edu/studyaway/Program-Descriptions/Mexico.php>

Teaching this course on-site in Mexico will give students first-hand exposure to Central Mexican culture, both past and present, and some of its spectacular Pre-Hispanic archaeological sites. Students will be able to sample a variety of foods and experience the cultural variation reflected by Mexico City, and the states of Morelos and Oaxaca. Moreover, they will have the opportunity, and be encouraged to speak Spanish (although prior course work or knowledge of the language is not required). The course curriculum will be structured around lectures and discussions in various modern Mexican venues and the impressive remains of its ancient past.

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WASHINGTON STATE

History of Christian Monasticism

January 4 - February 1

<http://www.plu.edu/studyaway/Program-Descriptions/Pacific%20Northwest%20-%20RELI.php>

Embedded in Christianity's foundational documents and earliest histories one finds an awareness of and attraction to monasticism. For century's women and men have renounced personal possessions, personal authority, and intimate relationships and have gathered together in organized communities for the purpose of serving their God with single-minded devotion through prayer, study and labor. Through reading, writing and discussing foundational texts and through personal interaction with local monastic communities, we will consider the history of the monastic strain in Christianity from the influences of Greco-Roman asceticism to modern day expressions of monastic life in 21st century Pacific Northwest Christianity.

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WASHINGTON STATE CONT'D

January on the Hill

January 4 - February 1

<http://www.plu.edu/studyaway/Program-Descriptions/Tacoma,-WA.php>

This is an intensive experience of community work in Tacoma's Hilltop and Salishan neighborhoods, in which you will learn first-hand about poverty and participate in community service projects. The class will volunteer in agencies that address problems of homelessness, hunger, employment, and learning English as a second language. We may be involved in physical work as well as human contact in food banks, day cares, shelters, and agencies serving refugee and immigrant populations. We will explore the meaning of service from multiple perspectives.

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Makah Culture, Past & Present

January 4 - February 1

<http://www.plu.edu/studyaway/Program-Descriptions/Neah-Bay,-WA.php>

The 2011 class spent twelve days living in Neah Bay and discovered a new natural and cultural world. Working with members of the Makah Tribe, students reported a truly unforgettable experience. Mornings were spent in a variety of volunteer placements in the community ranging from Headstart to the Senior Center. Afternoons and evenings focused on traditional and contemporary culture. We were treated to traditional stories told by a Makah story teller, attended a class in Makah language, learned about basket weaving and carving from local

artists, helped prepare local foods, hiked in the rain forest and on the beach, and learned about tribal government and the relationship between environmental protection legislation and traditional Makah Culture. We cannot promise exactly the same activities, but can assure you a unique educational experience and almost two weeks living in a different nation within our own state.

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