

## SUMMER & WINTER SCHOOL

### June/ July 2010 Program Proposal for: National University of Tainan



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#### Students to arrive:

Thursday 24 June (*to be ready for Orientation on Friday 25 June*)

#### Students to leave:

Sunday 25 July

#### Costs:

▪ 1 x Course	AUD 2450.00
▪ Cultural Activities	AUD 750.00
▪ Accommodation	AUD 1225.00

**TOTAL                    AUD 4425.00**

#### Course:

Students can choose one of the following University of Adelaide courses, where they will study with local Australian students. Each course has 36 hours of contact time. Students are also expected to undertake 120 hours of self-motivated learning for the course. Students will be issued with a University of Adelaide student card which entitles them to borrowing rights at the University libraries, and grants them 24-hours access to computer and internet facilities on campus. On completion of the course, students will receive an official University of Adelaide transcript.

- Foundations of Entrepreneurship  
The course delves into the fascinating world of entrepreneurship and the role innovation plays in creating new ventures – no matter whether it is in a large corporation, a new business, a not-for-profit, or community organisation. This course will provide students with an opportunity to work in small groups with local and other international students. There will be a focus on the Australian context in relation to the US, European and Asian global markets.
- Australian Stories: Video Production  
Taught by an Adelaide film-maker and television producer, this course enables students to explore their own Australian stories through the medium of video. This

course covers all aspects of practical video production processes and technical operation of equipment. Through various fieldwork activities and working in the production studio, students will develop the basic production skills to create short narrative projects based on their own experience of Australian culture, as well as assisting as a member of the production crew on classmates' projects.

- Conflict & Crisis in the Middle East

Since the creation of the modern Middle East in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, the region has been consumed with both conflict and crisis. This course examines the impact of colonialism, the creation of new nation states, the division of ethnic and tribal groups, and the experimentation with new and foreign political ideologies. This course will examine past conflicts and crises in the Middle East ranging from the 1948 Arab-Israeli war, the 1956 Suez crisis, the 1967 war, the Iranian revolution and rise of political Islam, to the post-September 11 environment.

- Digital Games, Culture & Co-Creation

Digital games are successful media – socially, economically and technologically. This course examines some of the reasons for this success as well as why games have been the subject of recent moral panics. The course will cover the history of digital games, their structure and form, their role in our culture and the role of players as co-creators of content.

- Indigenous Cultures & Histories

This course has been developed by and will predominantly be taught by Aboriginal Australian academics with the aim of introducing students to Australian Indigenous cultures and histories. This course encompasses practices and structures in traditional Aboriginal relationships to the land and environment, the complexity of the Dreaming, and relationships to the land and environment. It will introduce students to policies and events that have affected Aboriginal society since colonisation, including policies that led to the Stolen Generations, welfare and church practices, the role of the Protector of Aborigines, social policies of segregation, and policies of self-determination. Students are expected to engage in a meaningful manner with a history that is being presented from an Aboriginal perspective. A number of fieldtrips have been organised for this course.

- Is America Really in Decline

With the recent changes in political leadership and the Global Financial Crisis (GFC), interest in America and its government has reached a new high.. As such, it is timely and important, to examine the origins and future of the American state, in particular to examine the current downturn and future prospects under a new administration. Taught by an American-born lecturer, the objective of this course is to expand

students' appreciation of the nature and complexities of American history and culture and to provide an insight into the formidable domestic and foreign policy issues facing America in the short and long term.

- Living with Uncertainty: Adapting to Global Change

Humans have now become the single biggest agent of environmental change on this planet, far outweighing the impact of natural hazards such as volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, tsunamis and cyclones. Taught by a world authority of climatic and environmental change, this course considers how we might adapt to global change and manage our natural resources on a more sustainable basis with a local, regional and global focus.

- Truth & Reconciliation in South African Writing

Given the creative drive to represent a range of human acts and desires, even those that turn to unspeakable violence, how may we understand the role of art in relation to current notions of trauma, truth, justice, reconciliation, gender and race equality, repentance, forgiveness and shame? This course explores this question using post-apartheid South African literary texts, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Report, official reportage, documentary video and audio recordings, and feature films.

- The Practice of Australian Politics

An exceptional opportunity for students to examine contemporary Australian politics in a broad academic context, but also gain first-hand perspectives from the course's academics, two former Australian politicians: Alexander Downer, Australia's longest serving Foreign Affairs Minister and current United Nations special envoy to Cyprus, and Natasha Stott-Despoja, retired Senator, former leader of the Australian Democrats and the youngest female to be elected to the Parliament of Australia.

- The Australian Wine Industry: The Rise of an Icon

This course will provide a broad understanding of the internationally renowned Australian wine industry by embracing a "whole-of-wine-chain" approach that reflects the industry's core strengths. Students will gain a broad understanding of the Australian wine industry, from its fascinating history, particularly how it grew to become a formidable force in international wine markets and made Australia the leading New World wine-producing country, to the principles and practices that underpin successful Australian wine production. A full day visit to one of Australia's most famous wine regions allows students to gain a unique perspective. This course does not require any in-depth wine or scientific knowledge.

**Accommodation:**

Students will stay with an Australian family home as a homestay student. This will give them the chance to practice and develop their English language skills and experience everyday Australian life. Homestay accommodation includes breakfast, lunch and dinner. The University will endeavour to match students with like-minded families (ie. pets/no pets, like music, like sport, smoking/non-smoking, etc...)

**Activities:**

A number of activities will be organised for the students to participate in during their stay. These activities are in addition to fieldtrips that they might participate in depending on what course they select.

- Orientation, Campus and City Tour  
This will give the students an induction to the University of Adelaide and the city of Adelaide.
  
- Cleland National Wildlife Park  
Students will have the chance to explore trails and come face-to-face with different types of Australian wildlife in their natural habitat. Students will have the rare opportunity to indulge in truly Australian experiences, such as holding/patting a koala and hand feeding kangaroos, emus and wallabies.
  
- Haigh's Chocolate Factory Tour  
South Australia is famous for its delicious Haigh's chocolate. Students will be taken on a tour through the factory to see how the chocolate is made and get to taste-test just how yummy it really is!
  
- Australia Football League "Learn To Play" Day  
AFL is a game of skill and agility that is watched and played all over Australia. When the students are here in Australia, it will be the middle of the AFL season and there is no doubt they will be watching some of the games on television with their host families. Students will have the opportunity to visit the South Australian stadium, see where the players train and learn how to play the game in a hands-on training session. No matter what the skill level of each student, everyone will have fun getting involved.
  
- Kangaroo Island Trip  
One of the world's last unspoilt refuges, Kangaroo Island will provide students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in rugged, coastal, Australian nature. Students will take a two-day trip to the island where they will have the chance to learn about and observe Kangaroo Island's unique landscape, incredible flora, and also its amazing fauna in their natural habitats. At this time of the year fauna will

include baby koalas, kangaroos, wallabies and echidnas emerging from their mothers' pouches, Australian sea lions relaxing on the beach, waders arriving of their migration from Siberia, ospreys showing off to their mates in spectacular courtship fights and Southern right whales passing the shores on their migration from Antarctic waters to the Great Australian Bight to calve. Kangaroo Island is a microcosm of landscapes and environments and students will learn about the environmental management of this pristine location.

- Celebration Dinner

To celebrate the end of classes, students will have lunch and presentations.

**To discuss this proposal further please contact:**

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