



**Sample Itinerary New Zealand:**  
*Sustaining Human Societies and the Natural Environment*  
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*Please note: This itinerary is a sample of potential program activities, based on previous years' programs. Deviations from this plan may be expected.*

Destination	Date	Time	Lecture Topic or Activity	Contact Hours
U.S.	4 weeks pre-departure		Orientation	2 L
U.S.	1 week pre-departure		Culture and Geography Quiz	3 L
U.S.	1 week pre-departure		Reflective Essays	1 L
Pre-departure			Orientation	2 L
Christchurch	Day 1		Group flight arrives	
		13:00 – 14:00	Welcome and orientation to New Zealand	1 L
		14:00 – 15:00	Introduction to modules	1 L
		15:00 – 16:00	Scavenger hunt	1 L
		18:00 – 19:00	Faculty-led reflective exercise	1 L
		19:00-20:00	Welcome dinner	
Christchurch	Day 2	9:00 – 10:00	Agriculture and Changing Land Use Patterns in New Zealand	1 L
		10:15 – 11:15	Ecological Change In New Zealand	1 L
		11:30 – 12:30	New Zealand Biogeography: The Lost World Of The Moa	1L
		15:00 – 17:00	Canterbury Museum <i>Maori and European History</i>	1 F, 1 L
		18:30 – 21:30	Tamaki Heritage Experience Christchurch <i>Includes traditional hangi feast</i>	3 F
Christchurch	Day 3	8:00 – 9:00	New Zealand's Political System	1 L
		9:15 – 10:15	Tourism and Its Role In Recreational Land Use	1 L
		10:30 – 11:30	Energy Use and Policy In New Zealand	1 L
		11:45 – 12:45	Antarctica and Global Climate Change	1 L
		17:00 –	Group debate: Impacts of European Colonization	1 L

		18:00	on Indigenous Peoples	
		18:00 – 19:00	Christchurch Module (I) discussion	1 L
Christchurch to Aoraki/Mt Cook	Day 4	8:00	Depart for Aoraki/Mount Cook <i>Discussion of braided rivers, land use and hydropower en route</i>	1 L
		14:00 – 16:00	Visit to high country farm: <i>Farmer's perspective on tenure review</i>	2 L
		19:30 – 20:30	Group discussion	1 L
Aoraki/Mt Cook	Day 5		<i>Christchurch Module (I) due</i>	
		8:00 – 10:00	Alpine conservation and recreation issues in Aoraki National Park	2 L
		10:30 – 15:30	Guided hike of Hooker Valley <i>Alpine flora and fauna</i>	4 F
Aoraki/Mt Cook to Te Anau	Day 6	10:00	Depart for Te Anau	
		16:00 – 17:00	Management of Fiordland National Park	1 L
		17:15 – 18:15	Faculty-led reflective exercise	1 L
Te Anau	Day 7	7:30 – 14:00	Daytrip to Milford Sound <i>Effects of glaciation on flora and fauna, beech forest ecology and food webs</i>	4 F
		15:00 – 15:30	Species quiz	
		16:00 – 17:00	Aoraki/Mt Cook Module (II) discussion	1 L
		19:00 – 20:00	Group debate: Renewable energy sources	
Te Anau to Queenstown	Day 8	8:00 – 9:00	Carrying capacities and the Fiordland National Park Management Plan	1 L
		9:30 – 10:30	DOC Wildlife Park <i>See Takahe and other NZ wildlife</i>	1 F
		10:30	Depart for Queenstown	
		16:00 – 17:00	New Zealand's Resource Management Act and Environmental Issues in the Southern Lakes District	1 L
Queenstown	Day 9		<i>Aoraki/Mt Cook (II) Module due</i>	
		8:45 – 18:00	Routeburn guided walk (group A)	6 F
			Free day (group B)	
Queenstown	Day 10	8:45 – 18:00	Routeburn guided walk (group B)	

Free day (group )				
Queenstown to Fox Glacier	Day 11	7:30	Depart for Fox Glacier	
		10:00 - 11:30	Fork Farm: <i>Sheep and red deer farming in Central Otago</i>	1.5 F
		2:00 – 2:30	Haast Visitor Center: <i>Natural resource use and conservation on the West Coast</i>	0.5 F
Fox Glacier	Day 12	7:00 – 9:00	Sunrise walk to Lake Matheson	1 F
		10:00 – 10:30	Species ID quiz	
		11:00 – 12:00	Introduction to the West Coast	1 L
		13:00 – 17:00	Fox Glacier guided hike: <i>Human impacts on glacial processes and landscape changes</i>	4 F
Fox Glacier to Hokitika	Day 13	10:00	Visit dairy farm	1 F
		11:00	Depart for Hokitika	
		15:00 – 16:00	A History of Conservation Management on the West Coast	1 L
		18:00 – 19:00	West Coast Module (III) discussion	1 L
		20:00 – 21:00	Group debate: New Zealand's "green" tourism	
Hokitika to St Arnaud	Day 14	8:00	Depart for Punakaiki	
		9:30	Guided tour of Punakaiki / Pancake Rocks <i>Natural history and Maori environmental management</i>	1 F
		15:30 – 17:00	Depart for St Arnaud	
		19:00 – 20:00	Group discussion	1 L
St Arnaud to Motueka	Day 15		<i>West Coast Module (III) due</i>	
		9:15 – 10:45	Rotoiti Nature Recovery Project <i>Conservation of "mainland islands"</i>	1.5L
		15:00	Depart for Motueka	
		19:00 – 20:00	Introduction to Abel Tasman National Park: Ecotourism and Conservation	1L
Motueka	Day 16	7:50	Depart for Marahau	
		8:30 –	Guided hike and sea kayak of Abel Tasman	4F

		16:30	National Park: Sustainable tourism development	
		19:00 – 20:00	Faculty-led reflective exercise	1 L
Motueka to Nelson	Day 17	8:00 – 9:00	Abel Tasman National Park Management	1
		9:30	Depart for Nelson	
		13:00 – 15:00	Service learning project: Brook Waimarama Sanctuary	2 F
Kaikoura	Day 18	8:30	Depart for Kaikoura	
		16:00 – 17:00	Guided walk at Kaikoura Peninsula: <i>Marine diversity of Kaikoura</i>	3F
Kaikoura	Day 19	9:00 – 17:00	Maori Tours: <i>Indigenous culture and environmental perspectives</i>	2L, 6F
		15:00 – 16:00	Sustainability and Green Globe	1 L
		16:15 – 17:15	Abel Tasman Module (IV) discussion	1 L
		19:00 – 20:00	Group debate: Tourism and peak oil	
Kaikoura to Christchurch	Day 20	8:30 – 13:00	Dolphin Encounter <i>Guided swim with dolphins; discussion with owner</i>	1L, 3F
		14:00	Travel to Christchurch	
Christchurch	Day 21		<i>Abel Tasman Module (IV) due</i>	
		8:30 – 17:00	Daytrip to Hinewai Reserve and Banks Peninsula <i>Protected areas management</i>	1.5 L, 5 F
Christchurch	Day 22	10:00 – 12:00	Exam review	2 L
		12:15 – 13:15	Faculty-led reflective exercise	1 L
			Free time for exam revision	
Christchurch	Day 23	9:00 – 10:00	Field Work in Retrospect	1 L
		11:00 – 12:00	Program evaluations	1 L
		13:00 – 16:00	Final exam	3L
		19:00	Farewell dinner	
	Day 24		Depart for U.S. or Fiji	
U.S.	1 week post-departure		Reflective Essays	3 L



### Contact Hours

Pre-Departure: 6

Post-Departure: 3

Lecture hours: 44.5

Field hours: 26.5 (using 2 field hours = 1 lecture hour)

Modules: 12 (n=4 at 3 hours each of independent study)

Total lecture equivalent hours = 92