

# KIRKWOOD STUDY ABROAD



## AUSTRALIA GLOBAL EDUCATION NETWORK (GEN)

May 12–June 1, 2019

3 Credits

### The Global Education Network (GEN) Exchange Experience

The Global Education Network (GEN) is a collaboration of four international education institutions formed to enhance the employability of students through global education and cultural exchange. Current membership of the Global Education Network consists of:

- Box Hill Institute (Melbourne, Victoria, Australia)
- Institute of Technical Education (Singapore)
- Kirkwood Community College (Cedar Rapids, Iowa, USA)
- Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (Calgary, Alberta, Canada)

For this experience, GEN partner Box Hill Institute (BHI) in Melbourne, Australia will host students from all four countries to participate in college courses directly related to students' field of study, industry or site visits relevant to their careers, and organized cultural excursions and free time to explore the local culture and environment of Melbourne, Australia. Students participating have the opportunity to learn about the Australian culture as well as that of their Singaporean and Canadian peers.

### The Course: GLS-120: Education Experience Abroad

This Summer semester course will begin with pre-departure course meetings several weeks before departure during the spring. The GLS-120 course, taught by the GEN faculty leader from Kirkwood, provides a structured cross-cultural experience, including face-to-face meetings, virtual orientation with your GEN classmates, the in-country immersion experience and a culminating project.

You will have the opportunity to learn about the culture of Australia through its history, religion, geography, philosophy, literature, anthropology, culture, fine arts, food, language and other relevant topics.

### Program Contacts:

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### The Country:

Australia is a country with diverse cultures and beautiful landscapes. The country spans from sunbaked horizons, to dense tropical rainforests, to chilly southern beaches. Scattered along the coasts, Australia's cities blend a European enthusiasm for art and food with a laid-back love of sports and the outdoors. A country of 24 million people, more than 85% of Australians live in cities on the coast.

Melbourne, Victoria is known for its metropolitan atmosphere, art scene, music culture, diverse alleyways, and multitude of coffee shops and food. The city's character is largely reliant upon its diverse collection of inner-city neighborhoods. Your home base will be in the suburb of Box Hill, which is a short walk to Box Hill Institute's campus and a 45-minute commute by public transportation to the Central Business District.

### Program Highlights:

- ♦ Participation in college course and industry site visits/ placements in your field of study
- ♦ Intercultural learning experiences with students from Australia, Singapore and Canada
- ♦ Organized cultural excursions in and around Melbourne Australia
- ♦ Free time to explore local attractions

**Estimated Program Fee: \$3,850**  
**\$1,500 Global Advantage**  
**Scholarship Available**

#### Includes:

Round-trip Air  
Housing  
Some Meals  
Cultural Excursions  
Health Insurance  
Some In-Country Transit

#### Does not include:

Tuition: 3 Summer 2018  
Credits  
Personal Expenses/  
Passport Fee  
Some In-Country Transit

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