

United College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Summer Programme at the University of Sydney, Australia

Language & Cultural – C4

Programme Features:

This 3-week summer course is organised by the University of Sydney, Australia, for the students of the College. The main theme and objectives of the programme are as below:

Theme: “Food, Sustainability & Planetary Health”



Main Objectives:

- Understand the impact of human health on planetary health and how the principles of sustainability can intervene in this relationship.
- Describe and assess the soil, biological, and water resources and climatic conditions that support food production systems and planetary health.
- Evaluate the resilience of food production systems in the context of climate change, human population growth, and socio-economic factors.
- Describe how environmental changes have impacted on local food systems and food insecurity.
- Consider how regenerative agriculture farming solutions may help rebuild the health of the planet, including Indigenous food practices.
- Describe the building blocks of a healthy diet and discuss how these are impacted upon by dietary patterns.
- Critically consider how food politics and individual behaviors shape planetary health and discuss possible actions or policies that address each.

Duration: 15 June – 6 July 2024 (Tentative)

Fees: HK\$32,500* per student. This will cover round-trip airfare, lectures and excursions arranged by the University and accommodation. Fees such as meals, local transport, visa application and students' daily expenses are not included.

Accommodation: All students will be staying at student hostel.

Eligibility: United College students from all disciplines and years are eligible to apply.

Quota: 40 students

Scholarships: Upon satisfactory completion of all the programme requirements, students will be eligible for consideration of the United College GOAL Scholarships supported by the College Endowment Fund. The maximum amount per student is HK\$11,000.

Credit Transfer: Upon satisfactory completion of the course requirements, students may apply for exemption from the College compulsory General Education Course, GEUC4011 "Senior Seminar." Please note that this exemption is **ONLY** applicable to GEUC4011 and is subject to the College's approval.

Programme Requirements / Assessment:

All participants are required to:

- attend all the pre-departure lectures, briefings, meetings organised by the College to prepare themselves for the summer Programme;
- attend all the lectures, seminars, presentation and compulsory excursions organised by the University of Sydney, Australia;
- complete all the assignments (quizzes, written reports, etc.);
- assist the College in promoting cultural exchange activities;
- share their experiences in Australia with other students;
- submit a written report to the College after the Programme. The College reserves the right to edit the report for publication purposes.



Application & Deadline: Please apply on-line [here](#). The deadline for application is 16 January 2024 (12:00 noon). Late applications will not be considered.

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* Conversion Rate: AUD1: HK\$5.20 (for reference only). Exact programme fees and schedule will be confirmed later.