



UTAS encourages US students in Antarctic studies

A new undergraduate program to encourage students from the United States to study at the University of Tasmania has been launched.

The Institute for Study-Abroad (IFSA-Butler) and UTAS have agreed to the exclusive program in Antarctic Studies for American undergraduate students to travel to Tasmania and study with world-renowned researchers from the Institute of Antarctic and Southern Oceans Studies, which is a member of the International Antarctic Institutes Consortium.

Under this program, students will complete three core subjects and one elective of the Antarctic Studies program and this will allow them to gain recognition for their studies with one of the other 17 participating universities in the consortium if they choose to pursue that course.

The program is being offered for the first time as part of a special arrangement between UTAS International Services and IFSA-Butler for a period of three years.

“The Institute for Study Abroad is very pleased to be working with the University of Tasmania in this Study Abroad program for US students,” the Director of Australian Programs, IFSA Butler, Kate Hamilton said.

“More than ever before we need to engage the hearts and minds of our students in projects that are both academically and ethically meaningful to them. Antarctic Studies is one of those projects.”

In recent months there have been several dramatic changes in Antarctica – the Wilkins ice shelf has cracked, sea levels are rising. Increasing the number of undergraduate US study abroad students will add to the research effort into these phenomena.

About University of Tasmania / IASOS

The Institute of Antarctic and Southern Ocean Studies (IASOS) offers an undergraduate science degree, and graduate diploma, honours, coursework masters, research masters and PhD programs for students to study a range of environmental topics with specific reference to Antarctica and the Southern Ocean. From next year, IASOS will become part of the new Institute of Antarctic and Marine Studies at UTAS.

About IFSA-Butler:

The Institute for Study Abroad, Butler University (IFSA-Butler) is a non-profit . Our primary goal is to provide quality study abroad opportunities, plus academic and personal support services, for qualified North American undergraduates seeking to earn academic credit through study abroad. The Institute for Study Abroad is affiliated with Butler University.

IFSA-Butler is organized to assist our students from the time they apply until after they return. Our staff in Indianapolis prepare students for the academic and cultural changes that await them, and our offices around the world provide on-site support to help students make the most of their study abroad experiences.

IFSA-Butler currently operates programs in Argentina, Australia, Chile, China, Costa Rica, England, India, Mexico, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Peru, the Republic of Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

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