

ENGL 314: Australia

Winter Break 2023/2024

December 29, 2023 – January 11, 2024

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Friday, December 29 // Arrivals & First Day

- Various Arrive at Sydney airport and take taxi to UNSW New College Postgraduate Village (NCV) at 215A Anzac Parade. Send GroupMe text to Shannon before you leave the airport or on your way to New College Village. Shannon will meet you by the front door to get you checked into housing. You will receive your room key and Opal bus card (carry your card with you for all excursions). Make sure WiFi is set up.
- 1:30pm Meet in downstairs lobby, take bus to Coogee Beach. We may have to leave in two groups.
- 2:30pm Coastal walk from Coogee Beach to Bondi Beach (6 km, 3.73 miles). The walk will take a couple of hours. **Please use sunscreen, wear good walking clothes/shoes, and bring water.** Upon arriving at Bondi Beach begin your scavenger hunt and return to New College Village by 7pm for prizes and pizza.
- 7:00pm Prizes and welcome dinner at NCV.
- Stay awake until at least 8:00pm!

Saturday, December 30 // Test Instructions

Instructions Revision 1 due by 5:00 local time

Journal 1 due by 5:00 local time

Sunday, December 31 // Writing Day and New Year's Eve

Check-out with Shannon or Dr. Coffelt if leaving Sydney to confirm your plans. Independently explore Sydney and the surrounding area and continue working on class assignments.

Details to follow about when/where to meet for optional Botanic Garden viewing point of New Year fireworks.

Itinerary is subject to change.

Monday, January 1, 2024 // Writing Day

Check- out with Shannon or Dr. Coffelt if leaving Sydney to confirm your plans. Independently explore Sydney and the surrounding area and continue working on class assignments.

Tuesday, January 2 // Taronga Zoo

- 8:25am Meet at Light Rail stop in front of NCV if you would like to travel with Shannon & Dr. Coffelt to Taronga Zoo together.
- 9:45am Deadline to meet at main entry archway of Taronga Zoo (Bradleys Head Rd, Mosman NSW 2088) for our 10am Evolution of Australian Native Wildlife workshop. Individuals can purchase animal encounters in the Gift Shop from 9am. Free time to follow until Great Opera Hits performance at Sydney Opera House.

Wednesday, January 3 // Royal Botanic Garden, Opera House Tour, & SkyFeast

- 9:45am TENTATIVE - Meet at the entrance to the Royal Botanic Gardens for guided tour highlighting indigenous bush foods and aboriginal culture. Free time to follow until Opera House Tour.
- 2:45pm Sydney Opera House tour, wear closed toe shoes. Meet in the Opera House "Welcome Centre" on the lower concourse of the Opera House (there are signs that will direct you down from the street level). Check-in for tour is at 3 pm. Any bags larger than a sheet of paper will need to be stored in the bag check area. Free time to follow until SkyFeast dinner.
- 6:30pm Meet at 108 Market Street entrance of the Sydney Tower for dinner at SkyFeast, we have a 6:45pm reservation. Wear closed toe shoes.

Thursday, January 4 // Croquet with BBQ & Sydney Observatory

- 2:15pm Meet at Coogee Croquet Club (3 Smithfield Ave)
- 2:30pm Croquet lesson starts. Wear pants/shorts and closed toe shoes. We will be providing a BBQ for the meal. Please bring your own water bottle/beverage(s). In case it is sunny, please also bring a hat and sunscreen.
- 9:15pm Meet at the Sydney Observatory, 1003 Upper Fort St, Millers Point NSW 2000, for a guided tour of the observatory including the dome with telescope. We will experience the tour in two groups with the first tour starting at 9:30pm.

Friday, January 5 // Cricket Match

- 4:30pm Meet at the Sydney Cricket Ground for 5pm cricket match between Australia and Pakistan. Itinerary will be updated with the exact meeting spot. Our tickets are in Bay 3 of the Brandman Stand.

Usability Study and Recommendation report due by 5:00 pm local time

Journal 2 due

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Saturday, January 6 // Writing Day & Optional Palm Beach

Check- out with Shannon or Dr. Coffelt if leaving Sydney to confirm your plans. Independently explore Sydney and the surrounding area and continue working on class assignments.

Watch for details from Dr. Coffelt about an optional trip to Palm Beach.

Sunday, January 7 // Optional Gallery Visit & Great Opera Hits

- 1:30pm Optional trip to the Art Gallery NSW to view the Yiribana Gallery, Art Gallery Road, The Domain. Free. 17 min walk from the Gallery to the Opera House.
- 4:30pm Deadline to meet at Sydney Opera House under the stairs in the front of the Opera House on the Harbor Bridge side for Great Opera Hits performance (Shannon will send a photo of our meeting point in GroupMe). We must be in seats by 5pm at the latest, performance is 90 minutes long.

Monday, January 8 // Blue Mountain Tour

- 6:45am Meet in the downstairs lobby for Blue Mountains Tour, we will be picked up at 7am. Shannon will have light breakfast items for the trip. Hot beverages are NOT allowed on the bus. **Be sure to wear close-toed shoes and bring sunscreen and water.** We will have stop at a few lookout points in the Blue Mountains, time at Scenic World, lunch (on own in town of Leura), and Sydney Zoo. The tour will end with a ferry ride on the Parramatta River where we will be dropped off at Circular Quay at approximately 5:00pm. Bring your Opal card.

Tuesday, January 9 // Writing Day

Check- out with Shannon or Dr. Coffelt if leaving Sydney to confirm your plans. Independently explore Sydney and the surrounding area and continue working on class assignments.

Wednesday, January 10 // Farewell Lunch and Class Wrap-up

- 11:30am Farewell lunch provided at Four Frogs Creperie, Randwick, 30 St Paul Street.

Due by **NOON** local time:

1. Instructions Revision 2
2. Self-evaluation 3
3. Team evaluation 3
4. Journal 3

Thursday, January 11 // Departures

- 7:15am Deadline to be checked out with Shannon. Rooms should be left tidy. Please take out trash before checking out. Coordinate with classmates to share rides to airport.

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