

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON • NEW ZEALAND

INTERCULTURAL LEADERSHIP SUMMER COURSE



An English-intensive leadership programme for students from China and New Zealand

A unique opportunity for Chinese undergraduate students who have a strong interest in leadership and at least an intermediate knowledge of English to engage with different international leadership topics and explore New Zealand's beautiful landscape and vibrant culture.

Intercultural Leadership at Victoria

The Intercultural Leadership Summer Course (ILSC) addresses the challenges of tomorrow by enhancing your understanding of leadership in the context of global citizenship. The three-week programme will cover themes related to international leadership, cross-cultural communication and understanding, the environment and sustainability, regional issues and global connectedness. You will be challenged to think about global leadership through seminars, reflective journaling, hands-on workshops and social activities. You will be encouraged to approach topics from different angles, including reading background materials provided by seminar facilitators, discussing topics in groups, debating current issues and applying the key concepts to a group project. The programme culminates in a Model APEC forum. You will be awarded a certificate of participation by Victoria University upon completion of the programme.

Programme highlights

Field trips and excursions to introduce New Zealand's landscape, culture and heritage are built into the programme. Local excursions include a visit to Te Papa, New Zealand's national museum; a tour of the New Zealand Parliament; a scenic tour

along Wellington's south coast and a visit to Weta Cave; and a field trip to West Wind – a wind farm with over 60 turbines and an impressive view.

Spend a weekend taking in the unique cultural experiences of Rotorua, Taupo and Matamata. Highlights of the field trip include:

- + a traditional Māori meal and show at the Mitai Māori Village;
- + a tour of the Hobbiton movie set, used for *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit* films;
- + a visit to a working farm followed by adrenalin activities at Agroventures;
- + a relaxing soak in one of Rotorua's volcanic hot springs.

Meet Kiwi friends

Through a range of activities, you will have many opportunities to connect with Victoria students in a fun and relaxed environment. Victoria students will participate alongside you in some of the academic seminars as well as act as your guide through kiwi culture in a variety of social events, such as:

- + exploring unique attractions around Wellington on student-led Capital Safaris;
- + taking a fun look at kiwi culture in the movies at a film night;
- + celebrating the Spring Festival with friends at a homemade Chinese banquet.

About Wellington

Wellington is the political and cultural heartbeat of new Zealand and the geographical centre of the country. It has all the sophistication and opportunities of a major city, but the charm, safety and cleanliness of a town.

Public transport systems are good and you can enjoy an exciting nightlife, relaxed café culture, access to the freshest foods of all types and the city's acclaimed arts scene.





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Selection criteria

Students invited to participate in the ILSC will be selected by their home institution, based on the following criteria:

- + overall academic merit;
- + intermediate knowledge of English (minimum score equivalent to IELTS 5.5 / TOEFL 525); and
- + demonstration of interest in global leadership challenges (assessed through an essay).

Dates and costs

The three-week programme will run from Tuesday 26 January to Friday 12 February 2016. We recommend arriving in Wellington during the afternoon on Sunday 24 January. The check-out date will be on Saturday 13 February. The deadline for applications is November 1, 2015.

A maximum of 30 student places are available.

The costs of the three-week programme for 2016 are outlined below, in New Zealand dollars (including GST):

Accommodation (fully catered)	\$ 650
Rotorua study trip	\$ 750
Programme and activities*	\$ 1,950
TOTAL costs per person**	NZ\$ 3,350

**Includes medical and travel insurance (Studentsafe package), airport transfers, programme materials, English language component, leadership component, local sightseeing and activities.*

***These costs are current at the time of issue of this agreement. Any increases beyond the control of the University will be passed on directly to students.*

For information on Studentsafe insurance, see www.studentassist.co.nz/sf_university.asp

Note that the above costs do NOT include:

- + international airfare to and from Wellington, and travel visa costs;
- + public transport in and around Wellington – approximately \$25 per week;
- + entertainment – approximately \$40 per week;
- + personal spending (snacks, toiletries, international phone calls, etc) – approximately \$30 per week.

About Victoria

Victoria University of Wellington is located in New Zealand's dynamic capital city. Victoria is a comprehensive university, and was recently ranked as New Zealand's leading research university. The University was established in 1899, making it among the oldest universities in New Zealand.

Victoria combines the benefits of a long and distinguished tradition of academic excellence with innovation and a strong sense of commitment to serving the needs of students and the community in the new millennium.

Victoria's links with China

Victoria aspires to be New Zealand's most internationally engaged university. In particular, the University has a strong commitment to positive and innovative engagement with China and the dynamic Asia-Pacific region.

As part of this commitment, the University has been developing a range of multi-faceted links with China based on strong, mutually beneficial partnerships to enhance opportunities for staff, students and stakeholders.

Some of Victoria's links which promote New Zealand – China understanding include:

- + China-focused academic programmes across a variety of disciplines;
- + student and staff exchange programmes and joint programmes with key Chinese institutions,

including a double degree programme (MIR and MPP) between Victoria and Peking University's School of Government;

- + research and cultural exchange through Victoria-based centres such as the New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre, a Confucius Institute (partnered with Xiamen University), and the Centre for Strategic Studies;
- + reciprocal China New Zealand Field Study for undergraduate students with China University of Political Science and Law in the area of Political Science and International Relations;
- + Exchange partners with leading Chinese universities;
- + other forms of scholarly, diplomatic and developmental engagement.

The proposed intercultural programme for promising young Chinese and New Zealand leaders is a key part of Victoria's strategy of partnership-building with one of our key Asian neighbours. It is based on the premise that long-term mutual understanding must involve greater interaction between young people from both countries.

FIND OUT MORE

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Students from the 2014 ILSC take in the stunning New Zealand landscape while on the scenic drive to Rotorua.