

COURSE DETAIL

PACIFIC AND NEW ZEALAND ARCHAEOLOGY

Country

New Zealand

Host Institution

University of Otago

Program(s)

University of Otago

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Archaeology Anthropology

UCEAP Course Number

114

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

PACIFIC AND NEW ZEALAND ARCHAEOLOGY

UCEAP Transcript Title

PACIFIC & NZ ARCOL

UCEAP Quarter Units

7.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.70

Course Description

This course provides an archaeological perspective on cultural change in the Pacific Islands, including New Zealand, from the earliest human settlement until the early colonial era. This course covers the archaeological history of the Pacific, from the first arrival of people in Australia and Papua New Guinea to the colonization of New Zealand. The course outlines the sequence of human settlement and examines some of the major issues in contemporary Pacific research. Topics include the voyaging and exploration strategies leading to island discovery and settlement, the development of Pacific economies and social systems, and how these were transformed during the colonization of ever more remote islands. Students also examine the effects of human colonization on Pacific environments, including landscape modifications, introductions of new plants and animals, and extinctions.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

ANTH204

Host Institution Course Title

PACIFIC AND NEW ZEALAND ARCHAEOLOGY

Host Institution Campus

Otago

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Anthropology

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