The fall semester study group to the University of Wollongong (UOW) is co-sponsored by the department of geography and the environmental studies program. Participants register for the director’s course (ENST 309) and at least one course from the School of Earth and Environmental Sciences at the University of Wollongong. The remaining two courses may be chosen by the student, following guidelines listed below.

The spring semester study group is sponsored by the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. Students register for the director’s course approved for the specific semester, one course in Australian culture and two elective courses, following guidelines listed below.

Selection of Courses

All students are expected to take the equivalent of four Colgate course credits, which, at UOW, is typically four 6 or 8 credit courses. This includes the director’s course, any required courses and electives. All exceptions must be pre-approved by the study group director, the director of off-campus study and the associate dean of faculty.

Students must submit an anticipated list of courses to the Registrar’s Office in advance. The courses must “fit” within Colgate’s liberal arts curriculum. In other words, courses must be in subjects/programs offered on the Colgate campus. Students are not permitted to take courses in business, tourism, marketing, communications, etc. Questions about specific courses should be directed to the registrar’s office.

Certain courses require departmental approval, as well as approval from the registrar’s office. Those courses are:

- Courses in a student’s subject of major or minor. These courses must be reviewed and approved by the applicable department/program, whether or not the course is required to count toward the major or minor. This will ensure that a) the course is an appropriate level for the student; b) the course does not significantly overlap with or duplicate a course that the student has already taken; and c) that the course does not significantly overlap with or duplicate a course that is required for the major or minor.
- Courses that fall into departments within the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics at Colgate.
- Courses that would be housed in the English department at Colgate.

The relevant departmental representative must indicate approval by signing the student’s course pre-approval form. Students must then submit the form to the registrar’s office.

Courses in subjects other than those noted above will be reviewed by the registrar’s office. The registrar’s office is typically able to obtain course descriptions from the University of Wollongong website. In some cases however, additional documentation may be required. Students must provide the registrar’s office with a final list of registered courses upon arrival at UOW.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Check Colgate email regularly! The registrar’s office will communicate questions, problems and course approvals via email.
- Though preliminary lists of anticipated courses are expected to be submitted in advance, students must email the registrar’s office after arriving in Australia to submit a final list of registered courses.
- Do not assume that an approval granted for one student is sufficient for all. Play it safe! Contact the registrar’s office to be sure that all of the courses for which you have registered are appropriate for you!