

Sample AUIP Fiji Short Program Itinerary

Humans and the Environment



Please note: This itinerary is a sample of potential program activities, based on previous years' programs. Deviations from this plan may be expected.

<i>Destination</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Contact Hours</i>
Pre-departure			Orientation	2 L
Suva	Day 1		Arrive Nadi airport and transfer to Suva (3.5 h drive), or meet at Raintree Eco-Lodge, Suva	
Suva	Day 2	8:00 – 9:30	Orientation at University of South Pacific; discussion of assessment and health and safety	1.5 L
		9:45 – 11:15	The First People of the Pacific Islands: Origins, Itineraries, and Encounters	1.5 L
		11:30 – 13:00	Pacific Island Biodiversity and Ethnobiology as a Foundation for Sustainable Development	1.5 L
		14:00 – 15:30	Medicinal plants of the Pacific	1.5 L
		16:00 – 18:00	Guided tour of Fiji Museum; Traditional pottery making demonstration	2 F
		19:00 – 20:30	Traditional Fijian foods sampler dinner; explanation of yaquona ceremony	1.5 F
		20:30 – 22:00	Group discussion; introduction to village life and protocols	1.5 L
Votua Village, Coral Coast	Day 3	8:30 – 12:30	Field trip to Colo-I-Suva – plant identification hike and waterfall swim; Guided tour of Suva markets	4 F
		13:30	Depart for Votua village homestays	
		15:30 – 17:30	Orientation to village and guided tour	2 F
		18:30 – 20:30	Dinner and welcome ceremony	2 F

Votua	Day 4	8:00 – 12:00	Village activities with homestay families; marine park and fisheries conservation	4 F
		13:00 – 17:00	Community managed marine areas lecture and field activity	1.5 L 2.5 F
		20:00 – 21:30	Planning for service learning project; discussion with village	1.5 L
Nadi	Day 5	8:30 – 12:30	Service learning project for village	4 F
		13:30 – 16:30	Service learning project continued	3 F
		17:00	Depart for Nadi	
Yasawa Islands	Day 6	8:30	Depart for Yasawa Islands by catamaran	
		13:00 – 15:00	Intro to Fiji's coral reef systems and Reef Check marine exercises	2 L
		15:30 – 17:30	Intro to flora and fauna of Fiji and snorkeling	1 L 1 F
Yasawas	Day 7	8:00 – 12:00	Marine ecology field exercise II	4 F
		13:00 – 16:00	Marine ecology field exercise III	3 F
		19:30 – 21:30	Analysis of field data and write up	2 L
Yasawas	Day 8	9:00 – 12:00	Field exercise presentations and final discussion	3 L
		13:00	Return by catamaran to mainland	
		18:00 – 20:00	Final dinner, evaluations, and program closes	1 F

Contact Hours

Lecture hours: 20 hours

Field hours: 34 hours

Total contact hours = 54 hours (3 credit course)