ARRIVAL INFORMATION

New Zealand Universities Programs, 2013

(Print this out and take the following information abroad in your wallet)

All participants must arrive in Auckland by February 6, 2013

First EAP Orientation Event: Informal meet and greet at the Grafton Hall dining room during the normally scheduled dinner on Wednesday, February 6th (5:45 PM - 7:00 PM).

1) Book a flight to Auckland: There is no pre-arranged group flight to New Zealand. You must make your own arrangements to fly to Auckland, and arrive on or by February 6. The flight takes about two calendar days because it crosses the International Date Line and so you skip one day (make sure it is not your birthday!). When arranging your flight please note that you must depart the U.S. West Coast by the evening of February 4 to be able to arrive in Auckland by the required arrival date. After arrival, make your way to Grafton Hall, address below. Check in by 5:30 PM. Though official EAP orientation events don’t begin until February 7, dinner is served at Grafton Hall from 5:45-7:00 and it’s a great time to get to know the rest of the EAP students. Although the EAP arrival date is February 6, you might be more comfortable if you arrive one or two days early (you can make a reservation at Grafton Hall, below, if arriving earlier).
**PLEASE NOTE:** Wednesday, February 6, is Waitangi Day, which is a public holiday in New Zealand. If you are traveling to (or even around) New Zealand on that day, please be aware that some services may be affected by the public holiday; bus schedules, for example, will be different than usual.

We advise you to avoid taking flights that go through Fiji on your way to New Zealand. In recent years Fiji has experienced political problems including military coups. There are also weather conditions to consider at that time of year, such as tropical storms. While you may find that a flight with a stop in Fiji could save you a few dollars, you will likely have a lengthy stopover and spend money on food and other incidentals. If you would really like to visit Fiji, do so on the way home instead. The likelihood of running into a delay in Fiji is high, and the orientation in Auckland is mandatory.

2) **Accommodations:** During the EAP orientation you will be staying at Grafton Hall, near the Auckland campus. From **February 6 through 10** accommodations have already been arranged for you and included in your EAP fees (5 nights). If you wish to arrive two or three days early, or remain after the orientation is over, you may stay in Grafton Hall at your own additional expense, paying on a per-night basis. Rates are very reasonable. This is a good way to acclimate to NZ time after the extremely long flight. If you decide to arrive early, you will need to contact Grafton Hall directly, stating your arrival time and date. Be sure to let them know that you are part of the UC EAP group. Most taxi and shuttle drivers will know how to get to Grafton Hall from the airport, but take the address below with you just in case. The best option for students traveling alone or in pairs is to take a shuttle bus from the airport, which costs about $28(NZ). The shuttle will drop you off at the Hall.

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**Grafton Hall**
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Greg Oates, Head of Grafton Hall

3) **Orientation is a requirement:** The orientation program is a crucial part of your adaptation to life and study in New Zealand. It will provide you with valuable details about the academic program as well as information about New Zealand in general. **Attendance at EAP and host university orientations is mandatory.** See the program calendar on the Participant’s page of the EAP website and check your host university’s website for orientation schedules.
**PLEASE NOTE:** Failure to present yourself at the official meeting place (Grafton Hall, UoA, Auckland, at the appointed time (5:30 PM in Auckland), on the official arrival date (February 6, 2012) can lead to dismissal from the EAP New Zealand program.

4) **Following EAP orientation:** On Feb. 11 you may depart Auckland for your host university city (unless you are attending The University of Auckland). You will need to make travel arrangements to get to your NZ campus.

5) **Arriving at your NZ University:** When you arrive at your host university you can settle into the living accommodations you have selected, reserved and arranged with your host university. If you have reserved space in a residence hall and you have a gap between the end of EAP orientation and your host university orientation, check with your residence management and ask if early move-in is available. If not, set up temporary accommodations until the move-in date.

    If you are **not** planning to live on campus, you should go apartment hunting when you arrive at your host university. You will need to arrange temporary accommodations while you search for a flat or apartment.

6) **IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION:** Take this with you! If you are detained unexpectedly by an emergency, contact Professor Ivan Reilly as soon as you can. (If calling from the US, be aware that there is a 21-hour time difference.)

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