

EGEE 497 – SUSTAINABLE ENERGY IN NEW ZEALAND

Beginning and End of Course/Travel

Begin: Auckland Airport, New Zealand, 1200h Monday March 5, 2017 (at McDonalds – to the left as you leave customs/immigration and enter the arrivals concourse.)

End: Auckland Airport, New Zealand, 1200h Saturday March 10, 2017

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Clothing and Baggage

From the evolving itinerary, you will get a feel for the kinds of activities we will undertake. Remember that we will be actively walking and in transit for much of the time, so wear comfortable footwear and clothes – perhaps not much different to what you wear on campus. You will need closed toed shoes and covered arms for at least one of the visits. New Zealand will be in late summer in March so bring layers and raingear. Long pants, and polypro/fleece would be appropriate. Boots or closed toed shoes are necessary. The sun may be strong this far south in the southern hemisphere so sunscreen/hat may be useful.

We will be spending our overnights in hostels, usually with dormitory accommodation. These are typically moderately secure for baggage and valuables (often small shared and lockable rooms) but other options will be to leave these in the vehicle(s) or on your person. A secure location, on your person, for your money and travel documents is often useful. I usually keep my passport with my wallet in my (cargo) pant pocket – for the duration. It is sometimes useful to keep a **photocopy of your passport** in your baggage or email yourself a scan of the front page and keep it on your webmail.

For travel in the vans, it is preferable to pack in soft bags, and to travel as light as is comfortable. Remember sunscreen, hat (sun), and sunglasses, if needed and raingear (jacket).

I plan to wear what I wear on campus every day - light hiking boots, shirt and fleece for most of the trip, and to have an extra fleece layer and waterproof/windproof shell. Swimwear will be fine (there are geothermal pools) and bring a light towel as the hostels don't supply them. If you are not checking your bag on the international flight remember that liquids in your toiletries (sunscreen, toothpaste, shampoo) should be in small containers and available for inspection.

Passport

You **MUST** have a valid passport. You should obtain any visa/documentation necessary for your travel. If you are traveling on a US passport, you will not need a visa for New Zealand.

Your Out-of-pocket Expenses

We will pay for your accommodation (hostel fees), and for in-country travel. You will need cash for your meals and other incidentals or credit or debit cards. Most hostels will have self-catering facilities, and you will have the opportunity to pool resources to group-cook, should you wish. You will purchase your own air travel.

Miscellaneous

Remember to bring some method (small notebook or tablet (electronic or paper)) to keep a journal. One that fits into your pocket or pack may be most convenient. Bring a camera or smartphone for photos. You will be able to find Wi-Fi at all hostels if you don't have a phone plan. Wi-Fi is available at coffee shops, restaurants and hostels but is neither as ubiquitous nor as cheap as in the US. Remember to keep any phone on airplane/non-roaming mode to avoid disastrous (\$100s-\$1000s) roaming charges. An ATM card or Visa/Mastercard/Amex/Diners will likely be the best method to transport cash. You may wish to notify your credit card company that you will travel to New Zealand as sometimes they suspend cards with suspicious activity – this is easily rectified with an email or logon to your account website after the fact. The voltage is 230V and you'll need a plug (definitely) and voltage converter if your recharger is not dual 110/230V (most are).

Hostel destinations map: <https://goo.gl/maps/Ei6MgWx9YMz>

Hostels: <http://www.yha.co.nz/> [scroll over map]

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		Activity		Hostels
Mar 3	Sa	<p>Emergency Contact: elsworth@psu.edu; +1.814.441.8308 (24/7 – NZ is 16h ahead of EST) Note: Contact details of those below are for instructor use only. Please respect their privacy and do not contact.</p>	Depart	
4	Su	In transit	In transit	
5	M		<p>Course Begins: Auckland Airport, NZ 1200h- International Terminal/Ground Floor/Outside Arrivals/McDonald's https://www.aucklandairport.co.nz/information/airport-maps 1200h – Depart Auckland Airport 1400h Genesis Energy – Huntly Power Sturdy shoes and covered arms/legs. Station (~2h)</p> <p>Rotowaro Mine – Drive-by http://www.solidenergy.co.nz/operations/rotowaro-opencast-mine/</p>	<p>Raglan Solscape 611 Wainui Road Raglan +64 7 825 8268</p>
6	Tu	<p>Te Uku Windfarm – nr. Raglan 09.00a at site. Nr. Bridal Veil Falls. Sturdy shoes, covered arms/legs and warm raingear. Meridian Energy Limited</p>	<p>Travel to Taupo <i>Via</i> Waikato River and Arapuni Dam</p>	<p>Taupo Finlay Jacks 20 Taniwha St Taupo +64 7 378 9292</p>
7	We	GNS Taupo/Wairakei	<p>Nga Awa Purua (Genesis) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nga_Awa_Purua_Power_Station -38.611944, 176.193056 Wairakei Terraces thermal pools Orakeiokorako or Waiotapu</p>	<p>Taupo Finlay Jacks 20 Taniwha St Taupo +64 7 378 9292</p>
8	Th	<p>Travel to New Plymouth Tokaanu Hydro Plant -38.981, 175.7683 Unguided – Cheal wells/oilfield -39.3755 174.3074 -39.3674 174.2811</p>	<p>New Plymouth Unguided - Maui Gas Field 31 Tai Rd, Opunake 4681, New Zealand</p>	<p>New Plymouth Sunflower Lodge 33 Timandra Street New Plymouth +64 6 759 0050</p>
9	Fr	<p>Travel to Auckland Unguided - Methanex plant 409 Main North Road, SH3, Motunui Unguided – McKee-Mangahewa oilfield McKee-Mangahewa Production Station 1334 Otaraoa Road, Waitara Todd Energy Mangahewa Wellsites -39.080084, 174.284986 -39.068465, 174.273370</p>	Auckland – Free time	<p>Auckland International 5 Turner Street Auckland +64 9 302 8200</p>
10	Sa	Auckland	Course Ends: Auckland Airport, NZ	
11	Su	Arrive in US on Sa/Sun	1200h	

PARTICIPANT DELIVERABLES

Pre-Trip

1. Review the Itinerary, inclusive of hotlinks, as an overview.
2. Complete background research for your assigned venue/topic (as assigned below) and be prepared to introduce this to the group. For your peers, consider what do they need to know about the locale? How is it relevant to the theme of our course? Is there an historical significance or context? Where is it (geographically)? Is there something related that we should see, either in addition or in preference? Introductions should give a Wiki-like overview of the relevant pints, taking maybe 5 minutes, without visual aids, except maybe the view.

During-Trip

1. Keep a journal of your activities and observations, related both to your planned topical presentation (final course deliverable) and to our daily activities. Bring a notebook/tablet (paper or electronic) that you can comfortably carry in a pocket or pack. Morning or afternoon dispatches are as identified below, **in red**.
2. On your assigned day:
 - a. Complete a brief electronic dispatch as a summary of the activities for your assigned morning or afternoon (**6a** is for morning of the 5th March) to be posted on our return. It should highlight observations relevant to the theme of the course. See some examples at: https://www.ems.psu.edu/~elsworth/courses/egee_497/2017/index.html
 - b. Be prepared to inform your colleagues of all you can discover about the following assignments and on the dates shown:

Mo 5 th	Muhammad SA	5pm	Rotowaro Mine and fuel supplies to Huntly power station
Mo 5 th	Abdumajeed A	6am	Coalbed methane(CBM)/coalseam gas(CSG) in NZ
Tu 6 th	Mohammed A	6pm	Hydropower on the Waikato River
Th 8 th	Robert B	7am	Taranaki/Stratford onshore oil field
Th 8 th	Nick B	7pm	Offshore oil/gas and Methanex gas-to-liquids plant
Th 8 th	Connor H	8am	Government initiatives for carbon reduction in New Zealand
Fr 9 th	Matthew H	8pm	Cook Strait tidal power potential and plans
Fr 9 th	Zachary Z	9am	Hydropower potential and utilization on the South Island

Post-Trip (By March 31)

1. Submit your final electronic dispatch for posting. (March 31)
2. Topic of final presentation.

Post-Trip (By April 15)

1. Final presentation (~30 min per person) on an investigative topic of your choice. (April 15).
2. Presentations week of April 23. TBD

The screenshot shows a Google Maps interface with a route planned from Auckland Airport to Auckland Airport. The route is highlighted in blue and passes through several key locations in New Zealand, including Huntly Power Station, Raglan, Hamilton, Cambridge, Matamata, Tauranga, Rotorua, and Taumaranui. The total travel time is 13 hours and 3 minutes, covering a distance of 619 miles. The route is primarily along State Highway 1. The map also shows various landmarks, parks, and smaller towns in the region.