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Stamps Scholars:

Research & Changing Perspectives on Rapa Nui

Rapa Nui, Chile

In this special Stamps Scholar and W.A. Franke Honors College study abroad and colloquium, we will visit Rapa Nui for an in-depth, detailed exploration of this most remarkable island. In our field visit and course, we assemble the evidence for the island's astonishing prehistory, the ensuing period of post-European history, and explore how and why this most isolated and amazing culture adapted over centuries before contact with the outside world. Students will witness, first-hand, the archaeological evidence in support of our revised understanding.

Program Type:	UArizona Faculty-led
Credit Type:	UArizona Direct Credit
Required GPA:	3.4
Class Eligibility:	Sophomore Junior Senior
Program Open To:	Stamps Scholars
Dates Abroad:	August 11-22, 2022
Housing:	Hotels
What's Included:	3 UArizona credits Housing Meals Health Insurance

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APPLICATION DEADLINE

April 25, 2022
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In this colloquium and unique study abroad opportunity, students will read critically and discuss a variety of sources from archaeology, paleo-ecology, and history. Our discussions will be framed in the context of ongoing research in the Pacific, and on Rapa Nui in particular. The professor is the world's leading expert on Rapa Nui and a leader in research in Pacific archaeology and prehistory. No prior coursework or experience with archaeology required, just the motivation to experience this remarkable island and explore across disciplinary boundaries.

Program Overview: Visit Rapa Nui- August 11-22, 2022

Easter Island, or Rapa Nui, is among the world's most remarkable places in terms of its storied history, archaeological fame, and enduring mysteries. Students in this study abroad colloquium experience the island first-hand, seeing and learning much more than even the most seasoned traveler.

Our study abroad begins in Santiago, Chile. On our day in Santiago we will visit the Museum of Pre-Columbian Art to see excellent collections from the Americas as well as Rapa Nui. We will also visit the newly opened Museum of Human Rights in central Santiago.

The following day we take the five-hour flight to Rapa Nui to begin our in-depth exploration of the island's famous archaeology. Over eight days on this tiny island we will see the quarry where multi-ton statues (*moai*) were carved, the ancient statue transport roads, many of the nearly 300 monumental platforms (*ahu*), petroglyphs, domestic sites, and much more. Students will experience the island, its people, language(s), and culture. Our intensive coverage of Rapa Nui archaeology on the ground will be accompanied by evening lectures, films, and discussions. Students will critically examine the island and its story, from its Polynesian origins to today's pressing challenges. On our return, students will have a day in Santiago before flying back to the U.S.

Fall 2022 Semester Course

Following our Easter Island visit, we will convene five class meetings over the Fall 2022 semester. These classes (via Zoom) will cover multiple research topics and directly address students' short writing assignments (i.e., problem essays). Upon completion of the trip abroad and Fall courses, students will receive 3 UA direct credits for Honors 395H: Easter Island Honors Colloquium.

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