



A GUIDE TO STUDYING ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES ABROAD

Environmental Studies is rapidly becoming one of the most important academic disciplines available as it encompasses many defining questions of our modern era. Sustainability and environmental preservation are global issues at core, and environmental study abroad programs will introduce you to new ways by which we can tear down barriers and build up a healthier planet.

WHY STUDY ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES ABROAD?

No matter where you go, studying abroad will break you out of your comfort zone and change the way you see the world. Different countries vary drastically in their efficiency and sustainability of infrastructure, presenting a wide array of problems, which remain to be solved by environmental scientists around the globe. When all is said and done, environmental study abroad programs will teach you that despite our differences, we all walk the same earth, which we must help each other protect.

LOCATIONS

When choosing a location to pursue environmental studies abroad, the first decision you must make is whether you'd like to study in the developed or developing world. Advanced and underdeveloped economies each present their unique set of challenges and perspectives on environmental issues, and your decision can greatly influence how you come to think about the broader issues at hand. If you study abroad in a developed country or region, such as Europe, Australia or Japan, then the focus of your environmental study abroad program will likely be on large-scale issues, such as policy, global sustainability, and urban planning. In the developing world you will face a different side of environmental studies abroad, as these countries work to build up more advanced infrastructures. Pressing environmental issues, such as pollution, waste management, and disease control, often take a front seat. Environmental study abroad programs in countries in South America or Africa can be a fantastic opportunity for students to work hands on with these foundational issues and explore how sustainability differs between the first and third world.

COURSES & PROGRAMS

Environmental studies is a far-reaching discipline, which covers a diversity of subject matters, from Marine Science to Urban Planning to Environmental Engineering to Ecology and Conservation. The exact courses that are offered by environmental study abroad programs will vary by location and program structure, so make sure to take the course catalogue into account when researching different study abroad options. There are also many focused environmental study abroad programs, and some include volunteer or internship opportunities. Studying abroad can be a great way to not only receive academic credit, but also gain hands on experience in your preferred specialty within the field.

BENEFITS

Studying environmental studies abroad will prove to be a groundbreaking learning experience. It is a truly universal discipline and you will find it fascinating and highly educational to explore how different cultures approach and analyze environmental issues. Whatever your area of focus in the field of

environmental studies, the value of studying abroad goes far beyond the four walls of a classroom. Environmental study abroad programs will take you out in the world, where you will be absorbing and learning from everything around you, so you can return home a more socially and environmentally conscious person.

SJU SEMSTER ABROAD PROGRAMS

Please note the list of programs and courses are only listed as a guide and does not guarantee automatic approval of courses counting for SJU academic credit. You will work with both your Academic Advisor and Study Abroad Advisor to determine the program and courses to best meet your needs. All courses **must be approved** by the appropriate SJU Department Chair or Associate Dean prior to studying abroad.

➤ **Danish Institute for Study Abroad**

- *Sample Courses: Environmental Impact of Humans, Biological Conservation and Diversity, Arctic Natural Resources and Geopolitics, GIS: Applied Climate Change Cases, Renewable Energy Systems, Environmental Philosophy*

➤ **IFSA-Butler, University of Queensland, Australia**

- *Sample Courses: Coastal Processes and Management, Great Barrier Reef, Science and The Environment, Planet Earth: The Big Picture*

➤ **IFSA-Butler: University of Auckland, New Zealand**

- *Sample Courses: Environment, Science & Management, Sustaining our Environment, Environmental Effects*

➤ **Saint Louis University in Madrid, Spain**

- *Sample Courses: Intro to Oceanography, Intro to Environmental Science, Environment & Development of Latin America, Global Change*

➤ **Florence University of the Arts**

- *Sample Courses: Environmental Conservation, Environmental Economics, Environmental Finances, Economics of Sustainability*

In addition to Environmental Science Major/Minor courses, you may also be able to take some of SJU's GEP courses while abroad, including but not limited to: Art/Lit, Social Science, Religious Difference & Philosophical Anthropology.

Can't find a program or university on our approved list that appeals to you? You can always petition to attend another study abroad program of your choosing with more information can be found on our [website](#).

NEXT STEPS

- Meet with the Study Abroad Advisor** | Learn about your options
- Meet with your Academic Advisor** | Discuss course selection
- Apply for a passport** | <http://travel.state.gov/passport>
- Apply to study abroad!** | Applications are due to the CIP office by: March 1st for the Fall semester abroad, and October 1st for the Spring semester abroad