

Environmental Studies Abroad

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Study Abroad Facts

All financial aid applies

- Additional aid may be available to cover extra costs
- Students can apply for scholarships specifically for study abroad



Credits Count for Graduation Requirements

- Augsburg Experience
- Liberal Arts Foundations
- Major/minor requirements
- Modern Language
- Lifetime Activity



Go more than once

- Augsburg students can study abroad as often as they like



Looks good on an application

- Increase your chances of getting into graduate school or securing that desired job



Opportunity for personal development

- Gain self-confidence and knowledge of self
- Experience personal growth

Why study abroad?

By nature a subject of global reach, environmental studies is the interdisciplinary investigation of human relations with the natural environment. This relationship between humans and the environment changes as one travels across different locations and cultures -- from urban to rural areas, from less developed to more developed countries, from tropical to arctic climates. By studying abroad, students can observe this dynamic relationship and discover how other countries are addressing urban environmental challenges and issues of environmental justice and sustainability.



Augsburg students hike in the Franz Josef Glacier in New Zealand on Augsburg's Biodiversity and Environmental Politics faculty-led program to New Zealand and the Cook Islands.

What type of program?

The study abroad programs provided here offer environmental studies students a range of semester, summer, and short-term program options. **Field-study programs** give students the opportunity to experience environmental issues first-hand and to **conduct research abroad**. Students can also **enroll at a university abroad** to select from a wide range of course offerings across the disciplines.

Participating in a study abroad program is also an excellent way for students to **meet their internship requirement**. Not only do international internships give students valuable professional experience in environmental studies, they also allow students to engage more deeply with their host community and develop critical cross-cultural skills that can propel them forward in the global marketplace.

When and what courses?

Best Term to Go Abroad

Students are encouraged to complete a **Four Year Plan** to help determine the best term for study abroad. Summer is always a good time to go abroad, and with careful planning, a full semester is also possible.

Best Courses to Take Abroad

- Internship (INS 399)
- Intro micro- or macro-economics course (prerequisite for ECO 365)
- Liberal Arts Foundation courses
- Modern Language courses

Courses that cannot be taken abroad:

- Environmental Connections (SBS 100)
- Keystone/Independent Project (SBS 499)

All courses taken abroad must be pre-approved by the department.

1-2-3 Steps to Study Abroad

1 – Attend a Group Advising Meeting to get information on finances, academics, and program selection. For meeting days/times, go to: www.augsburg.edu/augsburgabroad

2 – Choose a program by talking with Augsburg Abroad staff and your faculty advisor. You can also research programs online.

3 – Apply by the deadline to Augsburg Abroad and to your program.

Semester Programs

CGE: MIGRATION AND GLOBALIZATION, MEXICO

Offered through Augsburg's Center for Global Education, this semester program in Cuernavaca explores issues of migration, immigration and globalization. Environmental Studies students can meet major requirements by taking POL 341/WST 341 and by completing an internship related to environmental issues.

www.augsburg.edu/global

UNITED INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE, CHINA

Study at Augsburg's newest exchange partner, United International College (UIC) in Zhuhai, China. With English-language courses in environmental science and a variety of other subjects, UIC is a great fit for Environmental Studies majors.

www.uic.edu.hk

BODØ UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, NORWAY

Study Ecology and Northern Wildlife or Scandinavian Politics and Society at Augsburg's International Partner institution, Bodø University College. These programs take advantage of the spectacular natural environment and wildlife of Bodø, a coastal city located just north of the Arctic Circle.

www.hibo.no/english

SOGN OG FJORDANE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, NORWAY

Learn about nature conservation issues or the geology and ecology of Western Norway at this partner school. Students in the Fjord Heritage program gain hands-on nature conservation experience through 1-month field placements. With a variety of ecosystems in close proximity, this location offers an exceptional natural laboratory for fieldwork and research.

<http://www.hisf.no/>

SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENT, MURDOCH UNIVERSITY, AUSTRALIA

With campus-wide green initiatives, Murdoch University in Perth offers courses in environmental policy, ecology,

and sustainability through its Faculty of Sustainability, Environmental and Life Sciences. Internships complement coursework and allow students to gain practical skills and knowledge pertaining to sustainability.

www.ciee.org/study.aspx

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES IN GRANADA, SPAIN

Study environmental studies and Spanish in Granada. Spain is among the world's leaders in renewable energy technologies and production. In Spain, Current politics, both local and national, are charged with controversial debates on issues such as coastal preservation, water management and drought prevention, building permits in forested areas and protection of endangered species. www.arcadia.edu/abroad

BANGOR UNIVERSITY, UK

Take advantage of Bangor University's extensive academic offerings in the environmental studies field and Bangor's breathtaking natural landscape through Central College's program in Wales. Environmental internships and service-learning opportunities are also available.

www.central.edu/studyabroad

Summer Programs

RENEWABLE ENERGY POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT IN BONN, GERMANY

The nation of Germany is a leader in renewable energy systems, and it is innovating rapidly in the areas of climate change and geopolitics. This intensive program offers a thorough examination of wind, solar, geothermal and biomass processes as the German people adapt to rapid climatic changes. It also provides a historical and socio-cultural framework for understanding these processes.

www.arcadia.edu/abroad

CGE: INTERNSHIP AND INDEPENDENT STUDY, MEXICO

Gain practical experience in environmental protection and improve Spanish language skills through CGE's internship program Cuernavaca, Mexico. A seminar complements the internship by exploring cross-cultural issues, organizational analysis, and personal and professional development.

www.augsburg.edu/global

LONDON INTERNSHIP PROGRAM, UK

With placements in parks, environmental activist organizations, and urban planning, Central College's summer internship program gives students the opportunity to gain real-life work experience while experiencing the vibrant, multicultural city of London.

www.central.edu/abroad

INTERNSHIPS IN AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

The rich diversity of the flora and fauna, topography, and ecosystems in Australia and New Zealand make both of these countries fascinating destinations for environmental internships. Students have opportunities to intern at institutions that deal with variety of issues such as environmental management, marine or wildlife conservation, or climate change research. *Semester-long internships are also offered.*

www.australearn.org

RENEWABLE ENERGY & RESOURCE ECONOMICS, ICELAND

Learn about renewable energy's role in Icelandic society and the economic, environmental and social impact of utilizing different energy sources. SIT's field-based programs allow students to engage deeply in their host communities and with the program topics.

www.sit.edu/studyabroad

RAINFOREST MANAGEMENT STUDIES IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

Compare and contrast the ecological, geographical, social, economic, and historical factors that have shaped natural resource management in Queensland and New Zealand. In the 2nd session, students develop effective rainforest research skills and learn about rainforest conservation.

www.fieldstudies.org

Visit Augsburg Abroad's study abroad library or contact us for more information on these and other environmental studies study abroad programs!