STUDY ABROAD in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences

From semester-long study abroad experiences and winter break study tours to internships and freshman programs, the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences (NRES) can help you find the right place to take your educational experience to new heights and locations.

The advantages of studying abroad are too numerous to count. Completing academic coursework in another country is one of the best ways to build many of the skills that employers seek, such as the ability to communicate effectively with people who are different from you, navigate situations of uncertainty, communicate fluently in another language, and face challenging situations effectively. Having study abroad experience demonstrates to potential employers that you are an independent, motivated individual who embraces a challenge.

To learn more, go to NRES.ILLINOIS.EDU or email nres@illinois.edu.

Notable Programs

ACES 298 DISCOVERY COURSE (DOMINICAN REPUBLIC)
Eager to study abroad in college? This freshman-only opportunity provides an eight-week campus course during fall semester, which is accompanied with a field study tour to the Dominican Republic during winter break of your first year. This trip explores the intricacies of Caribbean culture and food systems with visits to coffee, tobacco, and sugar plantations in addition to meeting with representatives of the United States Peace Corps and Foreign Services.

INTERNATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (THAILAND)
Journey into the forests, mountains, and islands of Thailand to study the links between culture and ecology, and how local communities are creating a sustainable future. This semester program offers a unique Expedition Field Course format which allows students to travel and study throughout Thailand, from remote hill tribe villages in the North to the islands in the South. Expedition Field Courses involve hands-on learning; assignments include everything from a coral reef survey to ethnographic research. Students live with local families and travel through the landscapes they are studying.

WAGENINGEN UNIVERSITY AND RESEARCH CENTRE (NETHERLANDS)
At Wageningen, one of the leading and most internationalized universities in Europe, located about an hour south of Utrecht, students can select from courses in Urban Environmental Management, Forest and Nature Conservation, International Land & Water Management, and many more. This program does not require prior knowledge of Dutch. You will be able to communicate in English in and outside the classroom.

By the Numbers

26+ study abroad programs are a good fit for NRES students.
25% of NRES students participated in study abroad.
40% of NRES graduates have study abroad experience.