UK PARTNER EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

Tropical Ecology, Marine Ecosystems, and Biodiversity Conservation (SITE)  Panama City, Panama
Language Req: None
Class Standing: Sophomore & Above
Minimum GPA: 2.5
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring

Wildlife Conservation and Political Ecology (SITE)  Arusha, Tanzania
Language Req: None
Class Standing: Sophomore & Above
Minimum GPA: 2.5
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring

This program offers courses such as Comparative Tropical Ecology, Human Ecology & Conservation in the Tropics, and Spanish Language for the Natural Sciences. Students will also complete a research methodologies course and an independent research project in the form of an academic paper.

Environmental Studies & Sustainability (IES Abroad)  Freiburg, Germany
Language Req: None
Class Standing: Any
Minimum GPA: 3.0
Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Year

Available courses include Ecosystem Management, Climate & Vegetation in the Black Forest & Swiss Alps, Sustainable Energy, Ethics & Sustainability, Freiburg; Green City, and many more.

Are there other programs?
Yes! This advising guide is a good place to start, but you should also visit the UK Education Abroad website to learn about many other exciting opportunities to study, intern, or volunteer abroad.

If you don’t see your ideal program listed on the UK Education Abroad website, please contact an Education Abroad Advisor to learn more about UK External Education Abroad Programs and how to apply.

Considerations for Education Abroad in the Environmental & Sustainability Studies Major

The programs featured on this MAP have been reviewed and vetted by the ENS program as offering relevant and appropriate coursework for ENS students. However, students should always consult with their academic advisor before completing an application to an education abroad program to ensure that proper academic credit may be arranged.

The inserted Pathway features an example semester abroad built in to the standard four-year degree plan for the ENS major. This enhanced degree plan was developed in cooperation with the ENS program, and will allow students to complete their degree in eight semesters. However, students wishing to complete the example semester abroad should consult with their advisor to ensure that their individual degree progression fits the example provided.

Also, students should not feel limited by the example in the Pathway. While it features a reasonable example of a semester abroad in the fall of the senior year, students are not limited to this option. Programs in the spring semester, over the summer, or during winter intercession are available, and may be possibilities for ENS majors, if discussed in advance with an academic advisor.

For complete degree requirements of the ENS degree, visit https://ens.as.uky.edu/curriculum-1

UK is a member of ISEP, an international network of more than 300 universities in 50+ countries. ISEP offers affordable exchange and direct programs for a variety of academic majors.

Education Abroad Programs for Students of Environmental & Sustainability Studies

UK Education Abroad offers a variety of programs that allow you to study ENS in an international setting. Immense yourself in another culture, expand your knowledge of ENS, and explore what the world has to offer with any one of the exciting opportunities available to you!

Why study abroad?
Education abroad can help you...

- Experience sustainability and unique environments first-hand
- Globalize your world view
- Expand your intercultural understanding
- Develop your problem-solving skills
- Prepare to work in an increasingly diverse and international workplace
- Gain new insight into the world and yourself
- Increase your language skills

As a student of ENS, one of the best ways to increase your knowledge is to immerse yourself in various ecosystems and diverse environments. There is no substitute for the experience that a semester, year, summer, or winter abroad will give you.

Do I have to speak a foreign language to study abroad?
Absolutely not. There are plenty of programs in English-speaking countries. Furthermore, students can find classes taught in English in practically every country. Of course, there are also plenty of excellent programs for students who prefer to study in a foreign language.

Where can I study abroad?
There are many opportunities to study all over the world! From the metropolitan buzz of London to the tropical landscape of Costa Rica, UK offers a wide array of programs that allow students to study in all parts of the globe.

What are my next steps?
Attend a First Step Session.
Find out what you can study abroad and where, and ask questions about the application process, financial aid and scholarships, etc.

First Step Sessions are held on Mondays and Thursdays from 4-5pm, and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3-4pm. in 207 Bradley Hall.

Explore the programs available.
Search online at www.uky.edu/ea or visit the Education Abroad Resource Center in 315 Bradley Hall.

Talk to an Education Abroad advisor.
Each UK Education Abroad advisor has expertise in specific majors and geographic regions. Check the website and make an appointment with the advisor who is an expert on the programs in which you are interested.

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How do I choose the education abroad program that is right for me?

Look through the information in this advising guide for an overview of the programs available to UK students. You can also find more detailed descriptions online. To get started, it is important to consider the type of program you would like to attend, descriptions of which are outlined above. Consider the following important questions:

When can I study abroad?
- You can study abroad for an academic year, during the Fall or Spring semesters, Winter Intersession, or over the Summer. Students pay regular tuition and fees for the semester abroad and earn transfer credit. Some programs offer the option of living with a local family.
- Students should refer to www.uky.edu/ea for the most up-to-date information on program availability.

When should I study abroad?
- One important decision to make is what time of year to study abroad. Programs are available for the academic year, the Fall and Spring semesters, Winter Intersession, and the Summer sessions. It is also possible to take a spring-embedded course, which is a class taught at UK with an international component during spring break or early summer.
- Because many foreign institutions follow different academic calendars, it is important for students to consider the specific dates of the program far in advance. For example, many fall semester programs in the Southern Hemisphere may run from July to November and from February to June during the American spring semester.
- Similarly, it may be difficult for students to study at some European institutions for the fall semester. Final exams may be scheduled in early January, and many programs do not make allowances for US students. Please be sure you consider this issue in advance.

Many students choose to study abroad during the Summer or Winter sessions. There are two summer sessions available: Summer I and Summer II. Summer I programs typically occur during May and early June, while Summer II programs tend to start late in the summer and end in late July or early August. The Winter Intersession occurs between the fall and spring semesters.

How much does it cost?
- This program contains a module titled Global Climate Change: Environment, Technology & Society that explores the societal and environmental impacts and implications of climate change. Specific topics related to climate change include: Causes and effects; Social, economic and political impacts; Environmental impacts and threat to ecosystem services; and Renewable energy technologies and policies for a low carbon society.
- A typical program fee includes tuition, housing, transportation, meals, excursions, and international health insurance. Additional expenses may vary depending on personal choices.

Scholarships
- Numerous scholarships are available for students interested in completing an education abroad program. These may be in the form of academic achievement, leadership, financial need, or other criteria. Students should consult their academic department and college for other opportunities.

ISA Service Learning
- Locations include: Costa Rica, Peru, India, Dominican Republic, Chile
- Language Req: Varies depending upon placement
- Class Standing: Any
- Minimum GPA: 2.5
- Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer
- ELAP projects include anti-deforestation campaigns and educational programs to raise awareness about international environmental and sustainability issues. Placements will be assigned based on student’s interests, background, and language ability. Students will choose between an 8 week or 12 week option.