UK Education Abroad Programs for Students of Natural Resources & Environmental Science

UK Education Abroad offers a variety of programs that allow you to study NRES in an international setting. Immerse yourself in another culture, expand your knowledge of the sciences, 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 natural resources and environmental science first-hand
- Globalize your world view
- Expand your intercultural understanding and 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 NRES, the best way 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 NRES programs in English-speaking countries. Furthermore, students can find NRES 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?

Natural resources exist all over the planet, so NRES is clearly a global enterprise! From the tropics of Costa Rica and Thailand to Australia and Iceland, UK offers a wide range of programs that allow you to take NRES courses all over the world.

How can I afford to study abroad?

The Education Abroad office offers scholarships for students interested in studying abroad. These scholarships range from $500-$1,500. Stop by one of the information sessions on scholarships or visit the Education Abroad website for more information.

Additionally, most UK financial aid applies towards the cost of studying abroad! Check with your financial aid advisor for more information.

Finally, please note that there are several education abroad programs that are comparable to the cost of attending UK. So, with a little bit of planning, if you can afford to attend UK, you can afford to study abroad.

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 Tuesdays from 4-5p.m. and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3-4p.m. in 207 Bradley Hall.

Explore the programs available.

Search online 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 areas. 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 above. Consider the following important questions:

When can I study abroad?

• You can study abroad for an entire academic year, during the Fall or Spring semesters, Winter Intersession or over the Summer.

Where will I live?

• Most programs provide accommodation for students in residence halls and foreign student dormitories. Some programs, particularly ones that focus on language immersion provide the option of living with a local family.

Will I earn credits while abroad?

• Yes! Earn credit towards your major abroad, or get some elective credit.

How much does it cost?

• Programs vary in cost depending on the program type, duration, and provider. Please be sure to familiarize yourself with the costs of the programs you are considering.

UK SPONSORED EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

Mountains to Coast: Field Studies in Costa Rica

Multiple Locations in Costa Rica

Language Req: None

Class Standing: Any

Minimum GPA: 2.0

Term Offered: Summer 2

This program offers coursework in tropical ecology and culture of agriculture and food systems in Indonesia. This course, students will develop a holistic understanding of the environment, economic and social dimensions of agriculture in Indonesia, historic forces driving agricultural processes, and policy, and challenges to future sustainability. Travelling through three study regions in Sumatra, Java, and Bali, students will learn about agriculture, culture and geography of Indonesia. Course activities will introduce students to ecological field methods including interviews and asset-based mapping, and critical reflection activities focused on holistic analysis of agricultural sustainability. Students will enroll in GEN 300: Special Course: Tropical Agroecology and CRL 395: Special Problems in Community Communications and Leadership Development.

Note: UK Sponsored Program offerings are subject to change at any time. This MAP reflects those programs anticipated for 2015-2016. Students should refer to www.uky.edu/ for the most up to date information on program availability.

Scholarships

Numerous scholarships are available for students interested in completing an education abroad program. These awards range from $750 to $1,500. Deadlines: October 1st for Spring programs, and March 1st for Fall and Summer programs.

UK Education Abroad Scholarship

This scholarship is available for students of any major or discipline participating in an academic program in any country. Awards range from $750 to $1,500. Deadlines: October 1st for Spring programs, and March 1st for Fall and Summer programs.

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UK Direct

These offerings include select private provider programs and selective ISEP Direct programs. Students earn transfer credit.

UK Partner

These offerings include select third-party provider programs and other internship/service-learning based programs, for which students earn transfer credit.

UK Consortium

These offerings include select KiIS and other consortium-based programs for which UK is a voting member. Tuition and fees are paid directly to the program provider and students earn transfer credit.

UK Exchange

These offerings include university-wide or department (ISEP) exchange programs. Students pay UK tuition and fees and earn transfer credit while abroad.

UK Kosovo

These offerings include select Kosovo based programs for which UK is a voting member. Tuition and fees are paid directly to the program provider and students earn transfer credit.