Study Abroad information for MARINE, EARTH & ATM. SCIENCES

College of Sciences

Why should MEAS students study abroad?

- You can fulfill GEP, major, and minor courses that may count toward your degree. Plus, study abroad fulfills the Global Knowledge co-requisite.
- Gain a broader perspective of global challenges facing biologists today.
- Study abroad can help distinguish you in the competitive workplace and can lead to greater income potential.
- Foster your cross-cultural competency, problem solving techniques, self-confidence, and gain increased maturity.
- NC State students who study abroad graduate on time!

Can I afford it?

- Yes! Students pay NC State tuition and fees on semester exchange programs.
- Financial aid and scholarships travel with you.
- The NC State Study Abroad Office awards about $240,000 in scholarships annually. This is in addition to national and international scholarships available for study abroad.

“Study abroad has been the best experiences in my life thus far.... Opening my mind to other experiences really has changed me personally, professionally, and academically. Study abroad is not something that you can just read about or flip through pictures, it’s something that truly has to be experienced at least once. It’s more than getting class credit or going to another country, it is learning to put yourself out there and really challenging yourself to do all that you can do and be the best that you can.” Judy Sisouvong

First Steps:

- Check out the best-fit programs featured on the back of this flyer.
- Talk to your academic adviser
- Attend the Study Abroad Fair (early October)
- Start your planning about a year in advance to ensure plenty of time for preparation.
- Visit studyabroad.ncsu.edu to sign up for a general advising session and to learn more!
The following programs have been identified as best-fit programs for College of Sciences students; however, students are welcome to participate in other programs. Also note that some exchange programs may be competitive.

**University of Western Australia**
Located in Perth, on the Indian Ocean, UWA has an international reputation for science research. At UWA, students take degree specific courses and fulfill GEP credits.

**University of Wollongong, Australia**
Sandwiched between the mountains and the ocean, UW offers courses in environmental science, geosciences, biology, and chemistry, among many other offerings.

**Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, Chile**
Through the College of Natural Resources and Marine Sciences, students take classes in Spanish in subjects such as oceanography, marine biology, aquaculture engineering and more in a seaport city known as the "Jewel of the Pacific".

**Chinese University of Hong Kong, China - ISEP**
With a large support system for international students, CUHK offers many English courses with offerings in geology and atmospheric sciences.

**University of the South Pacific, Fiji - ISEP**
USP is the premier institution of higher learning for the South Pacific region. Study marine science, geography, and environmental studies and gain insight into development issues and the challenges facing the Pacific Islands.

**University of Cape Town, South Africa**
Study at one of the most well-known universities in Africa, with excellent academics and student support services. Students can engage in community service projects in local townships. Courses are available in oceanography, geology, atmospheric sciences and much more.

**Lund University, Sweden**
Voted the best place to live in Sweden, Lund has the healthiest, richest, and youngest population in the country. Lund is home to the world-renowned Ideon Science Park, where innovations such as Bluetooth are invented. LU has courses in geology and atmospheric science and GEP’s.

**University of Leeds, United Kingdom**
The University of Leeds is a top university of the U.K., situated in the heart of a vibrant city. Leeds offers unique degree-relevant marine science, geology, & atmospheric science course work.

NC State offers over 30 faculty-led summer and spring break programs, many of which fulfill GEP requirements. Visit the Study Abroad website to learn more.

**Bahamas: Conservation Biology**
Explore the biodiversity of the Bahamas while interacting with local scientists to learn the science of conservation biology. Students engage in hands-on research projects in tidal zones, creeks, and coral reefs and receive credit for BIO 495 & FW 495.

**China: Physical Chemistry & Research in Hangzhou**
Earn up to seven credit hours while studying at the preeminent Zhejiang University in one of China’s most beautiful cities. Students also conduct research projects with Chinese graduate students.

**Costa Rica: Natural Resources (Spring Break)**
Participants will learn from world-renowned guides who are local naturalists and historians, along with NC State faculty, earning 3 credits for NR 491.

**Costa Rica: Exploring Food Security (Spring Break)**
Discover food security issues in the Iroquois community. Participants will receive credit for CS 231 or IPGK 295.

**India: Climate & Sustainable Development**
Learn about global climate change, agricultural sustainability, as well as the structure of the atmosphere while earning four credits. Field trips to the Indian Agricultural Research Institute and excursions to the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort are included.

**Namibia: African Ecology & Conservation**
Earn credit for FW 465/565 while studying wildlife management with field biologists amongst the spectacular desert landscape. Students participate on field excursions, small group investigations, and have discussions with conservationists.

**New Zealand or Australia: Sustaining Human Culture & Natural Environments**
Earn six credit hours while examining the natural history and resource conservation of New Zealand. Students participate in a field study that includes excursions and discussions to reflect on the challenges in protecting and conserving fragile environments while sustaining human societies.

**South Africa: Water Woes-People, Parks & Pollution**
Kruger National Park is one of the largest conservation areas in the world and a place for progressive management strategies for biodiversity conservation. Students will receive 6 credits for either NR 595 or ET 495.

**Sweden: Natural Resources**
This Forestry program will focus on a wide range of topics such as timber management, energy (wood, solar, wind, oil, gas), municipal waste management, and much more. Participants earn NR 350 for 3 credits.