

Study Off Campus in Environmental Studies

International and Off-Campus Studies Office
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"Studying abroad in Japan helped me realize how much more aware other countries can be in their efforts towards sustainability and protecting the environment."

Julia Davila '20

ENVST Major, Social Science emphasis



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ASES 396—Environmental Research in Asia (Japan)

Department of ENVST

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Exploring Off-Campus Study Opportunities by Major

The department encourages students to consider how participation in an off-campus study experience will contribute to knowledge of environmental systems, the relationships between humans and the environment, and personal/professional growth. In addition off-campus study permits one to examine what it means to be an inclusive, globally engaged community. The earth offers a richly diverse array of organisms, ecosystems, and services particular to a given place at a given time; when coupled together these elements support life on the planet. Physically inhabiting a different space affords opportunity to fully sense the complexity and diversity of the world and to develop nuanced understanding of local, regional and global systems, issues of concern, and solution making. Students witness the fundamental roles place and culture(s) play in structuring how humans engage with and relate to their surroundings. The ability to step into cultural frameworks different from your own enables you to see new perspectives, examine your own frameworks, and creatively modify those frameworks based on recent experiences. The department expects off-campus study participants to share their lived experiences and to leverage insights gained to take mindful action.

"The Environmental Studies major is one of the largest here at Olaf, but also one of the most interdisciplinary. Both my study abroad interim experiences- *Tropical Ecology and Sustainable Land Use in Costa Rica & Environmental Research in Japan*- counted towards my major and worked with my 4 year plan! More importantly the experiences were once-in-a-lifetime!"

Rebecca DeBoer '19
ENVST Major, Social
Science emphasis

Faculty Led Programs at St. Olaf



Lindsey Kemp '18
ESANZ

Environmental Studies Semester Program:

- ◆ Environmental Science in Australia & New Zealand (ESANZ)

Environmental Studies Interim Programs:

- ◆ BIES 286—Tropical Ecology and Sustainable Land Use in Costa Rica
- ◆ ASES 277—Environmental Sustainability in Asia (Japan)
- ◆ ASES 396—Environmental Research in Asia (Japan)



Brynna Freitag '18
BIES 286

Additional St. Olaf Programs to Consider:

- ◆ Biology in South India (Semester Program)
- ◆ ART 261 – O’Keefe’s Art and New Mexico
- ◆ BIO 253 – Water in Morocco
- ◆ BIO 281 – Winter Ecology
- ◆ BIO 282 – Desert Biology – Bio 282
- ◆ BIO 287 – Island Biology in the Bahamas
- ◆ BIO 288 – Equatorial Biology
- ◆ PSYCH 227 – Environmental Psychology in the Rocky Mountains



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In addition to the faculty led programs listed above, the college has relationships with other off-campus study providers approved for credit. Seek out your advisor and consult with department faculty in order to best match the program to your goals .

Application Steps

1. **Investigate programs.** Seek out advising from IOS Staff and Program Advisors. Use this time to better explore program options.
2. **Identify the program(s)** that best fit your interest, your needs, and your academic pursuits.
3. **Complete the IOS Application process.** Faculty Program Advisors review and approve applications for St. Olaf students to apply for and study off-campus.
4. **Complete the Secondary Application process.** This is the process of applying directly to the university or program provider, if your program is hosted off-campus.

Note: Scholarships are available for all off-campus study programs.

Visit the [Environmental Studies website](#) for more information!

For Advising or Application Questions

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