

Furman University Study Away Program: Program Expectations

Program Title: Indian Country: Indigenous Culture and Religion in the Southwest, US

Locations: Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico

Dates: May 10-30, 2023

dark sky of Chaco Canyon, stargaze with the ancients who religiously and accurately studied the movement of the sun and the moon. Learn about ancient Pueblo life and participate in a dig at Crow Canyon. Talk with a genuine Medicine man and learn about Peacemaker Court from tribal elders. Watch native craftspeople weave baskets, blow glass, and make pottery and talk about its meaning. Pueblo Villages, Santa Fe restaurants and museums, and the Grand Canyon are all part of the May X to Indian Country in the Southwest United States.

Academic, Environmental, Physical & Health Expectations for Participation

Below is a list of academic, environmental and physical expectations and requirements for participation in this study away program. The list captures most, but not all, requirements. If you have questions about the expectation and requirements, please check with the study away office or the program directors. Students requiring a physical or academic accommodation should contact the Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR) no less than 4 months prior to the start date of the program.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS		STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT	
	Frequency		Frequency
	Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional		Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional
Course work in a foreign language	Never	Foreign Language Environment	Not applicable (domestic program)
Course work in English	Always	Terrain (Mountains, Tropical, Forest, Desert, Hilly, Flat)	Mountains, mesa, dirt paths for hiking
Laptop Required	Not Required	Population: Rural, Urban, Remote, etc.	Mostly rural and remote
Smart phone required (videos, photos, blogs)	Not Required	Environment (high altitude, air pollution, dusty, sandy, humid, dry, hot, cold)	Dry, high altitude, warm and cold
Traditional Classroom	Never	Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness	No risk
Group Work	Never	Is tap water safe to drink	Safe to drink
Academic Assessments (tests, journals, presentations, essays)	Reflective journal, essay, participation	Other Risks (natural disasters, crime, pickpocketing, etc.)	
Interactions with local residents	Always	Cultural Dress Code	Modest attire required for some ceremonial events and sacred sites.
Field Work/Research	Field work	Curfew	Never
Internship/Volunteer Work	Possible	Motion Sickness	Plane travel, long van rides
Other	Cultural respect is required of all participants.	Other	

PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS		HEALTH & DIET	
	<i>Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional</i>		Frequency
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Lifting/Carrying Own Luggage	Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional	Vegetarian and Vegan Options Available at all meals	Can accommodate vegetarian and vegan diets if planned ahead.
Carrying equipment or program supplies	Never	Food Allergy Accommodations	Always
Standing 60+ minutes	Always	Group Meals	Always
Ability to walk up one or more flights of stairs (elevators may not be available)	Sometimes (ability to climb ladders is also necessary)	Cooking for oneself	Never
Hiking (easy to strenuous; frequency; miles)	Some moderate hiking	Host family prepares meals	Never
Walking 3+ miles per day	Always (mileage varies)	Healthcare easily accessible	Always
Use of public transportation (buses, trams, trains, subways)	Never	Quality of Healthcare	Excellent
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	<i>Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional</i>	WATER ACTIVITIES	<i>Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional</i>
Host Family	Never	Swimming	None
Roommate	Always	Snorkeling	None
Shared Apartment	Never	SCUBA	None
Dormitory	Never	Boat, canoes or other water activities	None
Camping	Never	Sea sickness	None
Hotel	Always	Other	
Cell phone signal available	Varies		
Internet signal available	Varies		
Refrigerator Access	Not guaranteed		
Air Conditioning	In hotels and vans		
Other			