

Furman University Study Away Program: Program Expectations

Program Title: Wilderness

Locations: Hermosa, NM

Dates: May 10-31, 2023

Program Description: This is a field-based program that examines the category of untrammelled nature we call "Wilderness". The experience will be both academic and real-world, including the legal designation of wilderness, wilderness within the context of U.S. environmentalism, the wilderness "leave no trace" ethic of land use, camping, hiking, orienteering, back-country first-aid, use of pack animals, identification of fauna and flora, wilderness related biological field research techniques, and petting cut dogs and horses.

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)	Mountain, desert, forest
Laptop Required	Allowed, but not required	Population: Rural, Urban, Remote, etc.	Remote
Smart phone required (videos, photos, blogs)	Required	Environment (high altitude, air pollution, dusty, sandy, humid, dry, hot, cold)	Moderate to hot temperatures, dry
Traditional Classroom	Never	Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness	None
Group Work	Sometimes	Is tap water safe to drink	Safe to drink
Academic Assessments (tests, journals, presentations, essays)	Quizzes, practicals, journal	Other Risks (natural disasters, crime, pickpocketing, etc.)	Potentially adverse climate conditions (see Health & Safety information for program)
Interactions with local residents	Sometimes	Cultural Dress Code	Never
Field Work/Research	Fieldwork	Curfew	Yes
Internship/Volunteer Work	Volunteer work with US Forest Service for trail clearing and maintenance	Motion Sickness	Plane and van travel
Other	Additional expectations with cooking, cleaning and behavior	Other	

PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS		HEALTH & DIET	
<i>Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional</i>		<i>Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional</i>	
Lifting/Carrying Own Luggage	Always (must be able to carry 25-40 lbs. for backpacking)	Vegetarian and Vegan Options Available at all meals	Can be accommodated
Carrying equipment or program supplies	Always	Food Allergy Accommodations	Can be accommodated
Standing 60+ minutes	Sometimes	Group Meals	Always
Ability to walk up one or more flights of stairs (elevators may not be available)	Equivalent of stairs for hiking incline	Cooking for oneself	Always
Hiking (easy to strenuous; frequency; miles)	Strenuous hiking	Host family prepares meals	Never
Walking 3+ miles per day	5-10 mile weekly hikes	Healthcare easily accessible	See Health & Safety information for this program.
Use of public transportation (buses, trams, trains, subways)	Never	Quality of Healthcare	See Health & Safety information for this program.
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS		WATER ACTIVITIES	
<i>Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional</i>		<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	Sometimes	Sea sickness	None
Hotel	Sometimes	Other	None
Cell phone signal available	Only in town		
Internet signal available	Only in town		
Refrigerator Access	Available		
Air Conditioning	Only in town		
Other			