

## Furman University Study Away Program: Program Expectations

**Program Title: Wilderness**

**Locations: Hermosa, NM**

**Dates: May 14-June 4, 2025**

**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 expectatiosn 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.

| Frequency   |  | Frequency   |  |
|---|--|---|--|
| ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS   | Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional                           | STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT  | 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   |  |

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| <b>PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS</b>  | <b>Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional</b>   | <b>HEALTH &amp; DIET</b>                            | <b>Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional</b> |
| 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.       |
| <b>LIVING ARRANGEMENTS</b>  | <b>Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional</b>   |   |   |
| Roommate  | Always  |   |   |
| Shared Apartment  | Never   |   |   |
| Camping   | Sometimes   |   |   |
| Hotel   | Sometimes   |   |   |
| Cell phone signal available   | Only in town  |   |   |
| Internet signal available   | Only in town  |   |   |
| Refrigerator Access   | Available   |   |   |
| Air Conditioning  | Only in town  |   |   |