

Furman University Study Away Program: Academic, Environmental, Physical & Health Expectations

Program: Geology, Ecology & Mineral Resources of the Rocky Mountains

Dates: May 13-June 3, 2020

Request accommodations through the Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR)

Course Description: A multi-disciplinary field study of the Rocky Mountains focusing on geology, ecology, and mineral resources, and human modification of the environment. Field data collection, interpretation, and reflection. (2 Credits)

Program Description: A multi-disciplinary field study of the Rocky Mountains, focusing on Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. Students will be exposed to aspects of the origin, exploration, and exploitation of these resources, with all the environmental consequences. Moreover, as a younger, more active, better-exposed mountain system than the Appalachians, students can directly observe the effects of active tectonics, earthquake activity, past and present volcanism, and geothermal activity in the middle Rocky Mountains. There will also be multiple day hikes in the national parks for an up-close look at the geology, flora, and wildlife.

	Frequency						
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Optional	Recommended	Required
Course work in a foreign language	X						
Course work in English				X			X
Use of laptop	X				X		
Use of smart device			X		X		
Traditional Classroom	X						
Indoor Course Work	X						
Outdoor Course Work				X			X
Group Work				X			X
Presentations				X			X
Interactions with local residents			X			X	
Field Work				X			X
Internship	X						
Research	X						
Group Meals, Group and individual meals.							

	Frequency				
HEALTH & DIET	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Vegetarian Options				X	
Vegan Options		X			
Food Allergy Accommodations				X	
Group Meals					X
Cooking for oneself	X				
Host family prepares meals	X				
Healthcare easily accessible				X	
Comments:					

	Frequency				
STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Foreign Language Environment	X				
Mountainous				X	
Tropical	X				
Desert				X	
Urban					
Rural					X
High Elevation			X		
Dusty		X			
Air Pollution		X			
Recent Terrorism	X				
Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness	X				
Earthquakes		X			
Other Natural Disaster		X			
Comments: southwest MT-northwest WYO seismically active region					

	Frequency				
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Always
Host Family	X				
Roommate	X				
Shared Apartment	X				
Dormitory	X				
Camping					X
Hotel		X			
Cell phone signal available			X		
Internet signal available		X			
Comments: Cell phone signal is available locally					

	Frequency				
PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Daily
Lifting luggage					X
Carrying luggage upstairs			X		
Carrying equipment					X
Carrying groceries				X	
Standing 30+ minutes				X	
Walking 1+ miles				X	
Hiking (easy)					X
Hiking (strenuous)	X				
Sitting 5+ hours		X			
Use of public transportation	X				
Flat terrain			X		
Hilly terrain				X	
Stairs		X			
Comments: Camping, Cooking, Hiking Required					

	Frequency				
WATER ACTIVITIES	Never	Sometimes	Often	Optional	Required
Swimming		X		X	
Snorkeling	X				
SCUBA	X				
Boating (speed boat)	X				
Rowing	X				
Comments:					

Center for Disease Control Recommendations: n/a