Global Sustainability Studies Program

An opportunity to study and help solve sustainability problems in a global context.

Global Sustainability Scholars Class of 2013
United Arab Emirates

Do Good in Dubai

May 12 to May 26
Dubai is known for its wealth, property speculation, and luxury attractions. This study abroad program will explore recent efforts to infuse Dubai’s monumental ambitions with sustainability. Students will explore landmark sustainability projects such as the 1 GW solar energy park, the Dubai Pearl, and the eco-city of Masdar. We will also examine the re-branding of the city to boost tourism and the role of the city’s apparent reorientation towards sustainability for tourism development.

Faculty Participants
Dr. David Manuel-Navarrete
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Student Participants
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Students and Faculty of the Sustainability, Tourism, and Culture in Dubai program
Spain and Morocco

Sustain in Spain

June 7 to June 27
Spain and Morocco share the only current power line link between Europe and North Africa. The Desertec project is a plan to cover the North African desert with solar power generation and pipe that electricity under the Mediterranean to provide Europeans with enormous amounts of renewable energy. This study abroad program will explore this complex social, engineering, and environmental experiment by meeting the people that are planning the program and the people it will affect.

**Faculty Participants**
Dr. Mary Jane Parmentier
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**Student Participants**
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Alexandra Vietti
Aaron Young
Students and Faculty of the Energy, Sustainability, and Development across the Mediterranean program
Learn in London


June 15 to July 1
This course will explore the different ways that the U.S. and Europe have handled issues like the precautionary principle, genetically modified crops, and renewable energy incentives to gain an appreciation of both the diversity of strategies that could be employed to address sustainability issues as well as the importance of recognizing and adapting to local cultural, social, and political contexts.

**Faculty Participants**

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Dr. Jameson Wetmore

**Student Participants**

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Students and Faculty of the Comparing Sustainability across Cultures and Governments program
Ecuador

Aim High in the Andes

July 6 to July 29
The Andean region of Latin America offers a culturally, socially, politically, economically, and physically diverse environment in which to study issues of sustainable development. This study abroad program will include site visits to industry, government, natural areas, historical sites, and other locations where students can observe and interact with local people and leaders. We will visit the Andean and Amazonian regions of Ecuador, including the cities of Quito, Cuenca, Ambato, and Coca in the Amazon Basin.

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