



# Environmental Studies Advising Guide

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Given the interdisciplinary nature of Environmental Studies, department strengths and focuses are indicated in the host institution descriptions below. Detailed information about ISA programs at these host institutions is available on ISA's website by following the links below. If you would like to receive specific course syllabi, or have further questions about any of these recommendations, please feel free to contact ISA's Academic Affairs Department at [academicaffairs@studiesabroad.com](mailto:academicaffairs@studiesabroad.com).

Courses are in English unless otherwise noted.

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## AFRICA

### Nelson Mandela University (Port Elizabeth, South Africa)

Located in the Summerstrand section of Port Elizabeth, in a nature reserve surrounded by the sea and coastal dunes, [Nelson Mandela University](#) offers students a unique opportunity to take courses in the Environmental Sciences while participating in activities hosted by the [Institute for Coastal and Marine Research](#) and the [Centre for African Conservation Ecology](#). Between the on-campus [Grysbok Environmental Education Trail](#) and a variety of courses in the Environmental Sciences, NMU is a good choice for students interested in wide range of environmental issues.

#### Environmental Studies Fields:

- [Ecology](#)
- [Environmental Science](#)
- [Environmental Studies](#)
- [Zoology](#)

#### Other Regional Options:

- [University of Cape Town](#) – Cape Town, South Africa
    - ISA [Service-Learning](#) opportunity available
  - [University of the Western Cape](#) – Cape Town, South Africa
    - ISA [Service-Learning](#) opportunity available
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## ASIA

### Korea University (Seoul, South Korea)

Environmental Science courses at [Korea University](#) in Seoul offer students an opportunity to pursue courses in fields such as ecology and environmental chemistry. As one of the oldest institutes of higher education in South Korea, KU is also one of the most selective universities in the country. The courses available to ISA students are taught in English and students enrolled in a semester program take courses with local South Korean students.

#### Environmental Studies Fields:

- [Ecology](#)
- [Environmental Science](#)

#### Other Regional Options:

- [Mahidol University](#) – Bangkok, Thailand
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## EUROPE

### University of Reading (Reading, England)

The core Environmental Science courses at the [University of Reading](#) are designed to provide students with the essential skills and knowledge required to understand the different parts of the Earth System. More advanced courses offer a wide range of options, including courses that focus on climate change, habitat management, and environmental change through time. University of Reading's Whiteknights Campus is located on over 300 acres of parkland and is surrounded by a lake, conservation meadows and woodlands.

#### Environmental Studies Fields:

- [Ecology](#)
- [Environmental Science](#)
- [Environmental Studies](#)

## University College Dublin (Dublin, Ireland)

The [University College Dublin](#) offers courses in Environmental Biology that focus on the biological aspects of environmental science. UCD science courses have a strong emphasis on practical application and prepare students for careers in environmental assessment and management. Students interested in pursuing research can get some hands-on experience by enrolling in the [Introduction to Scientific Research](#) course.

### Environmental Sciences Fields:

- [Biology](#)
- [Botany](#)
- [Environmental Science](#)
- [Forestry](#)
- [Zoology](#)

## University of Stirling (Stirling, Scotland)

The [University of Stirling](#) was one of the first universities to establish a degree program in Environmental Science in 1980 and remains committed to providing students with the scientific knowledge to investigate a range of environmental problems. Stirling's Environmental Science program is accredited by the Institution of Environmental Sciences and the Committee of Heads of Environmental Sciences.

### Environmental Studies Fields:

- [Environmental Science](#)
- [Environmental Studies](#)
- [Marine Biology](#)

## Other Regional Options:

- [King's College London](#) – London, England
- [Université Catholique de Lille](#) – Lille, France (summer program)
- [The American College of Greece](#) – Athens, Greece
- [National University of Ireland, Galway](#) – Galway, Ireland
- [University of Limerick](#) – Limerick, Ireland
- [Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore](#) – Milan, Italy
- [Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam](#) – Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- [University of Glasgow](#) – Glasgow, Scotland
- [Universidad Carlos III de Madrid](#) – Madrid, Spain
- [Universidad de Salamanca](#) – Salamanca, Spain (courses in Spanish)

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# LATIN AMERICA

## Universidad Veritas (San José, Costa Rica)

Through the International Programs Department at [Universidad Veritas](#), students can take a range of Environmental Science, Ecotourism, and Environmental Policy courses. Students may take language courses in Spanish while pursuing Environmental Studies courses in English. San José is an ideal location for students to experience both a cosmopolitan Latin American metropolis and the many natural wonders of Costa Rica.

ISA [Service-Learning](#) opportunities are available.

### Environmental Studies Fields:

- [Environmental Science](#)
- [Environmental Studies](#)
- [Environmental Sustainability](#)

## Universidad de Salamanca Cursos Internacionales en Cusco (Cusco, Peru)

Environmental Studies and language courses offered by the [Universidad de Salamanca Cursos Internacionales en Cusco](#) introduce students who are interested in studying environmental issues, such as climate change and sustainability, to a uniquely Peruvian perspective. Spanish and Quechua language courses are offered along with content courses in English.

ISA [Service-Learning](#) opportunities are available.

### Environmental Studies Fields:

- [Environmental Studies](#)
- [Environmental Sustainability](#)
- [Latin American Studies](#)

### Other Regional Options:

- [Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso](#) – Valparaíso, Chile (courses in Spanish)
- [Universidad del Norte](#) – Barranquilla, Colombia (courses in Spanish)

## PACIFIC

### University of Queensland (Brisbane, Australia)

With focus areas in Earth Science, Ecology and Conservation, Natural Resource Science, Environmental Toxicology, and Environmental Management, the [University of Queensland](#) offers courses that equip students for leadership roles in Environmental Studies. Home of the [Global Change Institute](#), UQ is positioned as a global leader in addressing the challenges of a changing world. [Cricos Code: 00025B]

#### Environmental Studies Fields:

- [Ecology](#)
- [Environmental Science](#)
- [Environmental Studies](#)
- [Marine Biology](#)
- [Sustainability](#)

### James Cook University (Townsville, Australia)

The Division of Tropical Environments and Societies at [James Cook University](#) is internationally recognized for its strengths in marine biology, aquaculture, tourism and climate change. Within this division, the College of Marine and Environmental Sciences offers courses in the areas of Marine Biology, Environment, Geography and Sustainability, Aquaculture and Fisheries, and Terrestrial Ecosystems. [Cricos Code: 00117J]

#### Environmental Studies Fields:

- [Ecology](#)
- [Environmental Science](#)
- [Environmental Studies](#)
- [Marine Biology](#)
- [Natural Resource Economics](#)
- [Natural Resources Tourism](#)
- [Oceanography](#)

### University of the South Pacific (Suva, Fiji)

Offering courses in Environmental Management, Marine Management, Environmental Science, and Marine Science, the [University of the South Pacific](#) features programs designed to deliver unique perspectives on the Pacific. Students studying at the USP pursue their coursework – which can include field trips and field work – in a multicultural, English-speaking environment.

#### Environmental Studies Fields:

- [Ecology](#)
- [Environmental Science](#)
- [Environmental Studies](#)
- [Marine Biology](#)
- [Pacific Studies](#)

### University of Canterbury (Christchurch, New Zealand)

With its interdisciplinary approach to Environmental Science, the [University of Canterbury](#) offers courses that focus on ecosystem processes and human-environment interaction. Students enrolled at the University of Canterbury can also take advantage of their Antarctic Studies courses offered by the Centre for Antarctic Studies and Research. Another unique opportunity offered by the university is the range of courses in Forestry that make use of the close proximity to New Zealand's native forests.

#### Environmental Studies Fields:

- [Antarctic Studies](#)
- [Ecology](#)

- [Environmental Science](#)
- [Environmental Studies](#)
- [Forestry](#)
- [Marine Biology](#)

### **University of Otago (Dunedin, New Zealand)**

Environmental Science courses at the [University of Otago](#) are multidisciplinary, drawing from the fields of chemistry, geography, geology, marine science, surveying, and zoology. Available science courses are offered in the following fields: aquaculture and fisheries; botany; ecology; environmental management; geology; marine science; oceanography; plant biotechnology; and zoology.

#### **Environmental Studies Fields:**

- [Biology](#)
- [Botany](#)
- [Ecology](#)
- [Environmental Science](#)
- [Environmental Studies](#)
- [Environmental Sustainability](#)
- [Marine Biology](#)
- [Oceanography](#)
- [Zoology](#)

#### **Other Regional Options:**

- [Queensland University of Technology](#) – Brisbane, Australia
- [La Trobe University](#) – Melbourne, Australia
- [University of Melbourne](#) – Melbourne, Australia
- [University of Newcastle](#) – Newcastle, Australia
- [Macquarie University](#) – Sydney, Australia
- [University of New South Wales](#) – Sydney, Australia
- [University of Sydney](#) – Sydney, Australia
- [University of Technology Sydney](#) – Sydney, Australia
- [AUT University](#) – Auckland, New Zealand
- [University of Auckland](#) – Auckland, New Zealand
- [Victoria University of Wellington](#) – Wellington, New Zealand