Green Engineering Minor
Study Abroad

Study Abroad for Green Engineering Credit!

Courses offered with programs below are not listed on the Green Minor check sheet and must be approved by Sean McGinnis. They would count as an Interdisciplinary elective.

**Australia & New Zealand (summer):**
BIOL 3954: Conservation-based Service Learning
(6 credits) 23-day program
By participating in classroom lectures & field trips, students learn about sustainability, ecological restoration and resource conservation in New Zealand’s North Island and Australia’s tropical northeast region (the Outback, Daintree Rainforest and Great Barrier Reef). Students then work with a wide range of stakeholders (universities, government agencies, indigenous groups, small businesses, and community groups) to assist with hands-on long-term ecological research & conservation projects. See website for more detail: [http://www.educationabroad.vt.edu/?go=OzAndNZauipsummer](http://www.educationabroad.vt.edu/?go=OzAndNZauipsummer)
Faculty Contact: Lori Blanc, lblanc@vt.edu

**Antarctica (winter break 2017):**
BIOL 3954: The Fragile Continent
Fall 2017 online course and 2-week field expedition over winter break. Explore contemporary issues in Antarctica and the adjacent sub-Antarctic region. Learn about Antarctic history, geology, biology and more. See website for more detail: [http://www.educationabroad.vt.edu/?go=HokiesAbroadAntarctica](http://www.educationabroad.vt.edu/?go=HokiesAbroadAntarctica)
Faculty Contact: Lori Blanc, lblanc@vt.edu

**New Zealand (winter):**
GEOG 3954 (undergrad)/GEOG 5954 (grad):
Sustaining Human Societies & the Natural Environment
(6 credits) 23-day program
To improve understanding of relationships between human societies and the natural environment with emphasis on the impact of humans on natural resources and their sustainable use and conservation will be emphasized.
Faculty Contact: Bill Carstensen, carstens@vt.edu

**Iceland and Peru:** Up to 3 credits available that can count as engineering or interdisciplinary electives for the Green Engineering minor as Independent Study. For minor credit, these programs require the pre-work for the trip, the trip, and then follow-up research upon return under a faculty advisor. For these options, contact Dr. McGinnis, smcginn@vt.edu, in advance to coordinate the work and the credits.

“For program details, see the GREEN program website at [http://thegreenprogram.com/](http://thegreenprogram.com/)”

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**Want to study abroad?**
There are many opportunities to study abroad. You can study in your major, pick up a second language, study the history and culture of a region, complete research on a topic of your choice, do an internship or participate in an international research program.

**To get started:**
The first step to planning your study abroad experience is to talk with your department academic advisor as well as the Global Education Office to figure out when and where is best for you.

**Can I afford to study abroad?**
Most study abroad opportunities can be affordable, and there are numerous study abroad scholarship offered through Virginia Tech and other organizations.

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Steps:
1. Meet with your departmental advisor to discuss your study abroad interest, transfer credit options, deadlines and paperwork.
2. For additional information visit the following web sites
   www.educationabroad.vt.edu
   www.eng.vt.edu/green
3. Check that the course you wish to transfer is listed on the check-sheet for your graduation year, found at http://www.eng.vt.edu/green/minor.
4. Courses not on this list for the given graduation year MUST be petitioned for substitution through the program director (smcginn@vt.edu) and approved by the COE Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.
5. Research the cost, financial aid opportunities, and health insurance requirements.

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