SEE-U PROGRAM

Columbia University’s Summer Ecosystem Experiences for Undergraduates (SEE-U) (http://eices.columbia.edu/education-training/see-u) program is offered by the Earth Institute Center for Environmental Sustainability (EICES) (http://eices.columbia.edu/about-us). These five-week, six-point summer programs fulfill two core science requirements.

SEE-U provides undergraduate students of all majors with a global understanding of ecology and environmental sustainability by allowing students to study in unique natural settings around the world. With field sites in Brazil, Jordan, and India, SEE-U students learn traditional field-ecology techniques from leading scientists and participate in a combination of lectures, labs, and topical discussions in their chosen location. Topics covered by the SEE-U program include biomes, ecological processes, and contemporary issues in conservation biology and sustainable development.

The SEE-U program is designed for non-science majors, as well as undergraduate students beginning scientific degree programs. There are no course prerequisites required to enroll and no prior knowledge is needed of the topics, techniques, or computer programs used. All course instruction is in English.

GS students may participate in the SEE-U program only if they have completed at least one semester at GS in good academic and disciplinary standing with a GPA of 3.0 or higher (unless otherwise specified by the GS study abroad advisor). To request approval to participate in the program, you must submit the GS Approval Form for SEE-U (http://gs.columbia.edu/files/gs/GS-aproval-form-for-SEE-U.pdf) by the relevant deadline.

Prerequisites

Introductory biology (or high school equivalent) and computer competence. SEE-U courses may count toward the GS core science requirement.

Contact

For more information on the SEE-U program, or to apply, visit http://eices.columbia.edu/education-training/see-u/