Global Learning Faculty-Led Programs

Global Learning Faculty-led Programs are courses designed by WWU faculty for WWU students and WWU credit offered throughout the year all over the world. Study a specific subject, a language, culture, and/or participate in field studies or service learning as part of your Western experience with Global Learning Faculty-led Programs!

Africa

Kenya  Field Studies and Collaborative International Service Learning
Discover the culture and politics of Kenya during the winter quarter, exploring challenges that rural Kenyans face, and examining grassroots approaches to community development

Rwanda  Field Studies and Collaborative International Service Learning
Explore the history and cultures of Rwanda during the summer and actively collaborate with in-country experts to implement field experiences and service learning projects

South Africa  Nongovernmental Organizations in Development
Explore the growing role of nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) in bringing social development to South Africa during the summer term by exploring the diversity of African communities, examining social justice issues, and gaining experience through service-learning

Americas

Canada  Redfish School of Change: Sustainability in the Salish Sea
Examine the strategies for creating ecological sustainability and social equity on a 6 week summer field course in the coastal communities of the Salish Sea in British Columbia and in Washington State.

Canada  French Language in Montreal, Quebec
Develop high-intermediate French language skills in the summer and learn linguistic diversity of Quebeois language and relation to French and English; students need FR 203 or equivalent to apply

Costa Rica  Eco-Adventure and Cultural Tourism
Participate in a winter break hands-on international ecotourism experience that provides a case study on the relationship between ecotourism and its role in community development

Guatemala  Building Cross Cultural Connections
Explore the history, politics, cultures, and social issues of Guatemala during the summer term while expanding cultural competence by engaging in cross cultural service and immersion

Mexico  ELL Methods in Queretaro
Immerse in language classes based on your level in Spanish during this summer program and teach English to English Language Learners (ELLs) in local schools
Mexico  
TESOL: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages  
Spend 4-8 weeks during the summer term for a cultural immersion and teaching experience in Queretaro, Mexico

Asia

China  
Changing China: Culture, Community, and Citizenship  
Explore the global perspective of one of the oldest civilizations with the fastest economic growth rate in the world during the fall term that focuses on social stratification, political control, and social change

India & Nepal  
Global Health in the Himalayas  
Study medicine and public health during the fall term immersing in the field with medical professionals. Global Health in the Himalayas is an intensive two-month field program that encompasses studies in health care delivery and public health

India  
Himalayan Cultures & Ecology Field Program  
Embrace Tibetan and Ladakhi culture, religion and history during the summer while learning about local issues of water scarcity, cultural survival and adaptation to a changing climate. Students will work with grassroots organizations on community development projects and trek in the western Tibetan Plateau

Thailand & Burma  
Discover Southeast Asia  
Explore environmental and social justice issues in Northern Thailand and Burma during the winter term. Students will work on local community projects and trek in the jungles of Thailand and Burma

Europe

Germany  
Contemporary Art in Berlin  
Visit Berlin’s major museums, art galleries and site-specific artworks, via your own bicycle. Students will have access to a large, centrally located studio for hands-on projects, presentations and discussions. You’ll have an opportunity to exhibit your work in Berlin.

Greece  
Greece: Its Culture and Literature  
Investigate some of the most important works of ancient Greek literature during the summer term including the famous Greco-Roman myths during this two week program in Athens

Greece  
Sustainable Ithaca: Applied Studies in Mediterranean Sustainable Development  
Explore Mediterranean architecture and culture during the spring term while performing fieldwork in the Aegean Islands and on the small coastal Ionian Island of Kioni Village in Ithaca, Greece.

Ireland  
International Adult Education Service Learning  
Collaborate with the international community and adult learning providers during the winter term to design and/or facilitate adult education workshops to accomplish local educational goals

Italy  
Art Workshop in Italy  
Explore Italian art and culture with an international perspective on contemporary art during an intensive summer course integrating aspects of art and architecture in Rome, Florence and Venice

Italy  
Food Cultures of Italy  
Study Italian and food cultures during the summer in Florence, Italy, where students also study at the prestigious University of Florence sensory taste sciences department. The program offers an optional excursion to Switzerland

Spain  
Discover Language and Culture in Barcelona  
Spend 5 weeks during the summer term studying Linguistics, Spanish language at all levels, and International Studies to fulfill GUR credits, International Studies Minor credits, or Linguistics credits