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NOTABLE PROGRAM CHANGES FOR 2019-2020:

ALL PROGRAMS: Beginning Spring 2019, there is no application fee for any SFS program.

BHUTAN: The Summer I program "Forests in the Land of the Thunder Dragon" now runs for four weeks instead of six. We are now offering a new Summer II program "Big Cats of the Himalayas: Tracking and Conservation."

CAMBODIA: The semester program title is now "Climate Change, Ethics, and Conservation."

CHILE (NEW!): SFS is opening our Center for Climate Studies in Puerto Natales, Chile, in Fall 2019. We will offer a fall/spring semester program "Wild Patagonia: Fire and Ice" beginning Fall 2019.

COSTA RICA: The Summer I program title is now "Biodiversity and Sustainable Food Systems."

KENYA: The semester program title is now "Wildlife, Water, and Climate Resilience." The current Summer I program "Primates of the African Savanna" is moving to Summer II, and we are now offering a new Summer I program "Fundamentals of Wildlife Management," a two-country program split between Kenya and Tanzania.

PANAMA: The Summer I program title is now "Tropical Island Ecosystems: The Human Impact."

TANZANIA: The Summer I program "Fundamentals of Wildlife Management" is now a two-country program split between Kenya and Tanzania.

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AUSTRALIA: SFS CENTER FOR RAINFOREST STUDIES

TERMS	
Semester	Fall, Spring: Rainforest to Reef (14 weeks)
Summer	Session I: Rainforests of New Zealand and Australia (4 weeks) [Australia & New Zealand]
	Session II: Watersheds of the Wet Tropics (4 weeks) [Australia only]
	Summer Combined: Sessions I + II (8 weeks)
CREDITS	
Semester	16 credits
Summer	4 credits per session
COURSES	
Semester	SFS 3020 Environmental Policy and Socioeconomic Values (4 credits)
	SFS 3690 Rainforest Ecology (4 credits)
	SFS 3700 Principles of Forest Management (4 credits)
	SFS 4910 Directed Research (4 credits)
Summer	Session I: SFS 3540 Rainforest Management Studies (4 credits)
	Session II: SFS 3161 Wet Tropics Watershed Ecology and Conservation (4 credits)
RESEARCH THEMES	Climate change, rainforest fragmentation and recovery, marsupial behavior, Aboriginal ecotourism, forest ecotones, habitat restoration
CORE SKILLS	GIS and GPS, species identification and population monitoring, forest survey methods, animal behavior observation, citizen science protocols, research presentation, research design and implementation, data collection and analysis
PREREQUISITES	
	One semester of college-level ecology, biology or environmental science/studies (semester only)
	18 years of age
	No academic prerequisites for summer programs
LOCATION	
Semester	Yungaburra, Tropical North Queensland, Australia
Summer	Session I: Northern New Zealand & Yungaburra, Queensland, Australia
	Session II: Yungaburra, Queensland, Australia
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION	English
APPLICATION DEADLINE	None; rolling admissions
WEBSITE	
Center	https://fieldstudies.org/centers/australia/
Semester	https://fieldstudies.org/program/australia-semester/
Summer I	https://fieldstudies.org/program/australia-summer1/
Summer II	https://fieldstudies.org/program/australia-summer2/
OVERVIEW	
This is not the Australia you know. Towering strangler fig trees and rare species like the southern cassowary and	

mahogany glider can be found in these ancient rainforests. Far North Queensland is one of the most biodiverse places in the world, preserving over 500 million years of evolutionary history. It is also home to Earth's largest living organism – the Great Barrier Reef.

Based in this rugged region, SFS programs take place in Australia's legendary forests, with excursions to the edge of the Outback and the Great Barrier Reef. Our research focuses on the environmental threats that have caused rainforest fragmentation, species loss, and reef die-off, and we work with the Mandingalbay Yidinji Indigenous people and Tablelands communities on restoration and management projects to reverse these impacts.

At the end of a narrow, winding road, in the middle of a lush rainforest, lies the SFS Center for Rainforest Studies. Our 153-acre property is surrounded by protected World Heritage forests, and you can see incredible wildlife from the front steps of your cabin. Nearby Yungaburra and Cairns provide the occasional return to civilization.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION – Semester ONLY

Fall, Spring: Rainforest to Reef

Immerse yourself in the rich biodiversity of the rainforest and learn about ecological resilience in the face of climate change and other environmental threats. Connect rainforest management and conservation issues with downstream impacts on the Great Barrier Reef. Become a part of large-scale restoration ecology experiments and study environmental policy and community conservation approaches while developing skills in field research and data collection.

Program highlights:

- Explore the world's oldest rainforest – the Daintree – then work alongside community volunteers to regenerate critical rainforest habitats.
- Travel to the Great Barrier Reef to learn about the biological links between rainforest and reef ecosystems.
- Experience firsthand the transition from savannas on the edge of the Outback to the lush green coastal rainforests and mangroves.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION – Summer ONLY

Session I: Rainforests of New Zealand and Australia

In this two-country program, you'll learn how environmental and social factors have led to forest fragmentation in the spectacular, once-vast rainforests of Australia and New Zealand. Compare endangered species management practices, meet with indigenous communities to learn about their natural resource use and relationship with the environment, and examine ecosystem restoration approaches.

Program highlight:

- Learn about the Māori people's connection with nature as you explore the ancient podocarp and Kauri forests of northern New Zealand, which contain trees estimated to be more than 2,000 years old.

Session II: Watersheds of the Wet Tropics

The Great Barrier Reef and the tropical rainforests of northern Australia form a complex, interconnected system. Spend your summer learning about rainforest and watershed management in this verdant region while considering the policies and actions needed to maintain healthy waterways in the face of climate change.

Program highlight:

- Go snorkeling off a Great Barrier Reef island and learn about the links between rainforest restoration and water quality on the reef while observing sea turtles, giant clams, corals, and other marine organisms up close.

BHUTAN: SFS CENTER FOR HIMALAYAN ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

TERMS	
Semester	Fall, Spring: Himalayan Environment and Society in Transition (15 weeks)
Summer	Session I: Forests in the Land of the Thunder Dragon (4 weeks) Session II: Big Cats of the Himalayas: Tracking and Conservation (4 weeks)
CREDITS	
Semester	18 credits
Summer	4 credits per session
COURSES	
Semester	SFS 2010 Religion and Culture of Bhutan (2 credits) SFS 3040 Political and Socioeconomic Dimensions of Environment (4 credits) SFS 3050 Land Use, Natural Resources, and Conservation (4 credits) SFS 3060 Mountain Ecology (4 credits) SFS 4910 Directed Research (4 credits)
Summer	SFS 3181 Himalayan Forests and Gross National Happiness (4 credits) SFS 3191 Tracking and Conservation of Big Cats in the Himalayas (4 credits)
RESEARCH THEMES	
	Mountain ecology and conservation, climate change, Gross National Happiness, forest management, river ecosystems, agriculture and urban migration
CORE SKILLS	
	GIS and mapping, species identification, camera trapping and mist-netting, biodiversity surveys, research design and implementation, data collection and analysis, research presentation
PREREQUISITES	
	One semester of college-level ecology, biology, or environmental science/studies (semester only); coursework in international development, cultural anthropology, and/or Eastern religions is strongly encouraged.
	18 years of age
	No academic prerequisites for summer program
LOCATION	
	Paro, Western Bhutan
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION	
	English instruction with 2-credit Bhutanese language and culture course (semester only)
APPLICATION DEADLINE	
	Rolling admissions; however, due to visa processing times, Summer Session I applications will not be accepted after April 15, Summer Session II applications will not be accepted after May 15, Fall Term applications will not be accepted after July 15, and Spring Term applications will not be accepted after November 15.
WEBSITE	
Center	https://fieldstudies.org/centers/bhutan/
Semester	https://fieldstudies.org/program/bhutan-semester/
Summer I	https://fieldstudies.org/program/bhutan-summer1/

OVERVIEW – Why We Are Here

High in the Himalayas sits Bhutan, a small country defined by towering mountains, lush forests, and flowing rivers. Bhutan is home to endemic species like the snow leopard, tiger, golden langur, takin, and black-necked crane. The country’s unique and well-known philosophy of Gross National Happiness integrates governance with rich cultural traditions, Buddhist principles, and environmental conservation.

As the country begins to modernize rapidly, the people of Bhutan are challenged to sustainably manage their wealth of natural resources in order to preserve biodiversity and secure their own economic futures. SFS works in partnership with the Bhutanese government and the Bhutan Ecological Society to provide much-needed data that informs sustainable conservation and development policies.

The SFS Center for Himalayan Environment and Development Studies is located at one end of the stunning Paro Valley, at the base of a towering ridgeline dotted with Buddhist monasteries. Campus is a small cluster of buildings designed in the traditional Bhutanese architectural style. A pleasant 15-minute walk brings you to the markets, shops, and cultural events of Paro Town.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION – Semester ONLY

Fall, Spring: Himalayan Environment and Society in Transition

Spend a semester in a corner of the Himalayas where few foreigners ever step foot. Trek through remote villages and high mountain passes to experience Bhutan’s vibrant culture, Buddhist philosophy, and environmental issues firsthand. Learn about the challenges of maintaining biodiversity and traditional rural lifestyles in a time of transition. Develop skills in field research and data collection, and apply them to a research project on conservation and development issues in Bhutan.

Program highlights:

- Embark on a multi-day cultural trek to experience the natural beauty of Bhutan’s countryside and the traditional lifestyles of its people.
- Visit monasteries and take part in unforgettable *tshechus* (festivals) to learn more about Buddhism and Bhutanese culture.
- Explore Bhutan’s diverse range of biomes through trips to Himalayan ridges, the subtropical Punakha and Chukha Valleys, and the alpine meadows of Phobjikha.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION – Summer ONLY

Session I: Forests in the Land of the Thunder Dragon

Explore the rich culture, biodiversity, and dramatic mountain views of the Bhutanese Himalayas and learn how forests - which cover more than 70 percent of the landscape - are integral to the goals of Gross National Happiness. Spend four weeks surveying forests, visiting ancient shrines, and studying conservation and development in one of the most fascinating countries in the world.

Program highlight:

- Trek across forested ridges and remote villages, camping out under the stars and learning about Bhutanese culture and ecosystems firsthand.

Session II: Big Cats of the Himalayas: Tracking and Conservation

In Bhutan, a deep cultural and spiritual reverence for life has aided in the preservation of the country's tigers, snow leopards, and other wild cats. Using camera traps and radio telemetry, study the conservation of these elusive creatures and learn how adaptation and management strategies can ensure their survival in a changing world.

Program highlight:

- Set up camera traps in and around the sacred landscape of Taktsang with some of Bhutan's top biologists and capture images of endangered species such as the tiger and snow leopard.

CAMBODIA: SFS CENTER FOR CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

TERMS	
Semester	Fall, Spring: Climate Change, Ethics, and Conservation (15 weeks)
Summer	Session I: Elephants of the Cambodian Highlands (4 weeks)
CREDITS	
Semester	18 credits
Summer	4 credits
COURSES	
Semester	SFS 2080 Language and Culture of Cambodia (2 credits)
	SFS 3800 Conservation Science and Practice (4 credits)
	SFS 3810 Ecosystems and Livelihoods (4 credits)
	SFS 3820 Environmental Ethics and Development (4 credits)
	SFS 4910 Directed Research (4 credits)
Summer	SFS 3111 Ecology and Conservation of Asian Elephants (4 credits)
RESEARCH THEMES	Elephant ecology, climate change impacts, traditional ecological knowledge, biodiversity conservation, environmental justice, Buddhism influences
CORE SKILLS	Species identification and wildlife monitoring, elephant behavior analysis, conservation grant writing, ethics and reasoning, basic Khmer language, research design and implementation, data collection and analysis, research presentation
PREREQUISITES	
	One semester of college-level ecology, biology, or environmental science/studies
	18 years of age
	No academic prerequisites for summer program
LOCATION	
Semester	Siem Reap, Cambodia
Summer	Mondulkiri Province, Cambodia
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION	English instruction with 2-credit Khmer Language & Culture course (semester only)
APPLICATION DEADLINE	None; rolling admissions
WEBSITE	
Center	https://fieldstudies.org/centers/cambodia/
Semester	https://fieldstudies.org/program/cambodia-semester/
Summer I	https://fieldstudies.org/program/cambodia-summer1/
OVERVIEW – Why We Are Here	
<p>In Cambodia, remnants of 12th-century temples share the landscape with wild forests, Buddhist monasteries, and small villages. Diverse ecosystems, from the mighty Mekong River to the Bokor Mountains, harbor rare species like the Asian elephant, sun bear, and Irrawaddy dolphin. The Tonle Sap Lake swells exponentially each year with the flood pulse and creates a dramatic seasonal shift for the wildlife and fishing and farming communities that call this region home.</p>	

Already experiencing severe impacts from climate change, Cambodia is a case study in resilience. Adaptation and collaborative conservation efforts are necessary for the people of Cambodia to ensure food security and limit biodiversity loss in a time of rapid development. Our research here examines these efforts on the ground and provides data to support a path toward a more sustainable future for Cambodia.

The SFS Center for Conservation and Development Studies – our most urban Center – lies on the outskirts of Siem Reap, near the famed temples of Angkor. The Center is a breezy, modern campus nestled in a quiet neighborhood minutes away from the bustling downtown area where you will find restaurants, shops, and markets with unique Cambodian flair.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION – Semester ONLY

Fall, Spring: Climate Change, Ethics, and Conservation

Spend the semester exploring Cambodia’s diverse ecosystems – from the great Tonle Sap Lake to the Gulf of Thailand. You’ll visit the ancient Angkor temples, study threats to biodiversity, learn about environmental justice and policy, and discuss traditional medicines with Indigenous communities. Embark on a country-wide expedition, spending time in an elephant sanctuary in Mondulkiri, the mountain and coastal ecosystems of Kampot, and conservation sites along the Mekong River.

Program highlights:

- Meet the gentle giants of Mondulkiri: Visit the Elephant Valley Project, Cambodia’s original elephant sanctuary, to study elephant behavior and ecology.
- Spend the night in a floating village on the Tonle Sap Lake and learn from villagers about how they’re adapting their livelihoods to climate change.
- Observe some of Cambodia’s most striking and endangered species: Cantor’s giant softshell turtle, Irrawaddy river dolphin, gibbon, adjutant storks, and many more.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION – Summer ONLY

Session I: Elephants of the Cambodian Highlands

Spend your summer in the lush Keo Seima Wildlife Sanctuary, studying the behavior and ecology of the endangered Asian elephant. Examine human-wildlife conflict and conservation pressures and discuss elephant welfare and management practices. Visit the vibrant city of Phnom Penh and the ancient temples of Angkor to explore the history and culture of Cambodia.

Program highlight:

- Stay at the Elephant Valley Project in the forested Keo Seima Wildlife Sanctuary to observe Asian elephants from meters away as they forage, bathe, and interact with each other in a protected setting.

CHILE: SFS CENTER FOR CLIMATE STUDIES

TERMS	
Semester	Fall, Spring: Wild Patagonia: Fire and Ice (15 weeks)
CREDITS	
Semester	18 credits
COURSES	
Semester	SFS 2001 Language, Culture, and Society of Chile (2 credits)
	SFS 3081 Political and Social Dimensions of Conservation (4 credits)
	SFS 3601 Earth Systems and Climate Science (4 credits)
	SFS 3781 Patagonian Ecology (4 credits)
	SFS 4910 Directed Research (4 credits)
RESEARCH THEMES	Climate change impacts and resilience, conservation policy, ecological succession, aquaculture and aquatic ecology, coastal and alpine ecology, protected areas management
CORE SKILLS	Species identification and population monitoring, landscape and soils analysis, natural resource valuation, basic Spanish language, research design and implementation, data collection and analysis, research presentation
PREREQUISITES	
	One semester of college-level ecology, biology or environmental science/studies
	18 years of age
LOCATION	Puerto Natales, Patagonia, Chile
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION	English with 2-credit Spanish language and culture course
APPLICATION DEADLINE	None; rolling admissions
WEBSITE	
Center	https://fieldstudies.org/centers/chile/
Semester	https://fieldstudies.org/program/chile-semester/

OVERVIEW – Why We Are Here

In Chilean Patagonia, towering pinnacles clash with rivers of ice, and life persists in the face of challenging seasonal extremes. Penguins, foxes, sea lions, and guanaco are just a few of the region's hardy wildlife. Situated in the Ring of Fire, Patagonia's stunning, snow-covered volcanic range presents an unmatched opportunity to study complex geological and seismic processes.

The fragile ecosystems of southern Chile and Argentina are especially vulnerable to the impacts of climate change – unpredictable storms, glacial melt, shifting temperatures, fires, and droughts. Our research in Patagonia examines ecology and geologic systems, the motivations and trade-offs of conservation decisions in the region, and species found nowhere else on the planet.

Surrounded by the jagged peaks of Cerro Benítez and the deep blue waters of the Señoret Channel lies the port city of Puerto Natales – the gateway to the famous Torres del Paine National Park. Located in the heart of this bustling tourist hub is the SFS Center for Climate Studies, your home base for expeditions throughout the region.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION – Semester ONLY

Fall, Spring: Wild Patagonia: Fire and Ice

Spend a semester amid the soaring peaks, massive glaciers, and narrow fjords of Patagonia, where the trails of national parks like Torres del Paine become your classroom for research and field work. Embark on expeditions to the southernmost tip of South America and the volcanic lakes region of northern Patagonia to study climate change impacts, diverse ecosystems, and conservation in one of the world's most iconic regions.

Program highlights:

- Hike through the dramatic landscapes of Torres del Paine National Park, and take an expedition to neighboring Argentina and the stunning Perito Moreno Glacier.
- From the Strait of Magellan, embark on a voyage through labyrinthine fjords, massive glaciers, and evergreen forests, to Cape Horn - the southernmost point of South America.
- Journey to northern Patagonia's lakes region, home to the lush Valdivian temperate rainforests, the active Calbuco and Osorno volcanoes, and massive blue whales.

SFS students live and study at the Center for Climate Studies, located near the bustling port city of Puerto Natales – the gateway to the famous Torres del Paine National Park. This scenic city, surrounded by the jagged peaks of Cerro Benítez and the deep blue waters of the Señoret Channel, serves as your home base for expeditions throughout the region.

COSTA RICA: SFS CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

TERMS	
Semester	Fall, Spring: Sustainable Development Studies (15 weeks)
Summer	Session I: Biodiversity and Sustainable Food Systems (4 weeks)
	Session II: Fundamentals of Sustainability Research (4 weeks)
	Summer Combined: Sessions I + II (8 weeks)
CREDITS	
Semester	18 credits
Summer	4 credits per session
COURSES	
Semester	SFS 2050 Language, Culture, and Society of Costa Rica (2 credits)
	SFS 3740 Principles of Resource Management (4 credits)
	SFS 3770 Tropical Ecology and Sustainable Development (4 credits)
	SFS 3820 Environmental Ethics and Development (4 credits)
	SFS 4910 Directed Research (4 credits)
Summer	Session I: SFS 3141 Coffee, Chocolate, and Sustainable Development (4 credits)
	Session II: SFS 4930 Research Techniques and Strategies for Sustainability (4 credits)
RESEARCH THEMES	Climate change and tropical ecosystems, agroforestry and conservation, permaculture, avian behavior, urban ecology, sustainable ecotourism, carbon sequestration
CORE SKILLS	GIS, biodiversity assessment, songbird mist-netting, forest soundscape survey, basic Spanish language, research design and implementation, data collection and analysis, research presentation
PREREQUISITES	
	One semester of college-level ecology, biology, or environmental science/studies (semester only)
	18 years of age
	No academic prerequisites for summer programs
LOCATION	Atenas, Central Valley, Costa Rica
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION	English with 2-credit Spanish language and culture course (semester only)
APPLICATION DEADLINE	None; rolling admissions
WEBSITE	
Center	https://fieldstudies.org/centers/costarica/
Semester	https://fieldstudies.org/program/costarica-semester/
Summer I	https://fieldstudies.org/program/costarica-summer1/
Summer II	https://fieldstudies.org/program/costarica-summer2/
OVERVIEW – Why We Are Here	
<p>The rugged rainforests and sandy beaches of Costa Rica are brimming with life – from sloths and frogs to brightly colored toucans and hummingbirds. Costa Rica hosts an astounding 5 percent of Earth’s species despite covering only 0.03 percent of its area. Shaded coffee farms integrated into the rainforest constitute just one example of the sustainable</p>	

conservation strategies for which the country is known.

These efforts to preserve the wild beauty of Costa Rica are recognized worldwide, but climate change and increased urban development bring new and unforeseen challenges. Conservation leaders, farmers, land managers, and policymakers must work together using regenerative strategies to build ecological resilience and minimize climate change impacts. Our research in Costa Rica contributes vital data to innovative efforts that balance conservation and development.

The SFS Center for Sustainable Development Studies is an active organic farm overlooking the vibrant Central Valley, where green is the predominant color as far as the eye can see. Dorms and classrooms intermingle with orchards and gardens, while Center dog Hera keeps watch over it all. The friendly town of Atenas is a 10-minute cab ride away, offering restaurants, shops, parks, and cultural events.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION – Semester ONLY

Fall, Spring: Sustainable Development Studies

Experience a semester of sustainability in Costa Rica, home to rainforests, volcanoes, rushing waterfalls, and a laid-back culture that reflects the national motto: “Pura Vida.” Immerse yourself in the country’s many national parks, farms, and tropical ecosystems full of incredible biodiversity. Design and conduct a rigorous field research project and learn how Costa Ricans are creatively addressing conservation and development issues.

Program highlights:

- Explore the cloud forests of Monteverde, home to 2.5 percent of the world’s biodiversity, to study tropical ecology and sustainable land management.
- Take a weeklong expedition to Panama’s Chiriquí Highlands, a lush, forested region of volcanic peaks, coffee farms, rich Ngäbe-Buglé culture, and perpetual spring-like weather.
- Go behind the scenes at a local coffee farm and sustainable permaculture homestead to learn how Costa Ricans have successfully combined agriculture and conservation.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION – Summer ONLY

Session I: Biodiversity and Sustainable Food Systems

Using coffee and chocolate as case studies, explore the relationships between food systems, ecology, conservation, and sustainability. Learn how different agricultural techniques have the potential to restore biodiversity and combat climate change. Study the sociocultural history of coffee and cacao, from Indigenous histories to modern production and exports.

Program highlight:

- Visit La Iguana Chocolate Farm, where you’ll harvest cacao by hand and learn about permaculture, sustainable living, and local methods of chocolate processing.

Session II: Fundamentals of Sustainability Research

Spend your summer investigating issues of biodiversity conservation and sustainability in Costa Rica’s vast network of national parks and protected areas – the perfect natural laboratory. Hone your research skills in the field as you design

and conduct a research project, collecting data and presenting your results to your peers and key community stakeholders.

Program highlight:

- Explore national parks in the Central Pacific lowlands, where lush rainforests, white sandy beaches, and mischievous primates attract multitudes of visitors – as well as a host of conservation challenges.

KENYA: SFS CENTER FOR WILDLIFE AND WATER STUDIES

TERMS	
Semester	Fall, Spring: Wildlife, Water, and Climate Resilience (15 weeks)
Summer	Session I: Fundamentals of Wildlife Management (4 weeks) [Kenya + Tanzania] Session II: Primates of the African Savanna (4 weeks) [Kenya only]
CREDITS	
Semester	18 credits
Summer	4 credits per session
COURSES	
Semester	SFS 2060 Intro to Swahili Language and East African Tribal Communities (2 credits)
	SFS 3071 Human Dimensions of Conservation (4 credits)
	SFS 3720 Wildlife Ecology (4 credits)
	SFS 3751 Techniques in Natural Resource Management (4 credits)
	SFS 4910 Directed Research (4 credits)
Summer	Session I: SFS 3500 Wildlife Management and Conservation (4 credits) Session II: SFS 3151 Primate Behavior and Ecology in East Africa (4 credits)
RESEARCH THEMES	Wildlife management and sanctuaries, climate change resilience, primate behavior, water conservation, national parks management, community conservation
CORE SKILLS	GIS, species identification and wildlife census, animal behavior observation, water quality assessment, basic Swahili language, research design and implementation, data collection and analysis, research presentation
PREREQUISITES	
	One semester of college-level ecology, biology or environmental science/studies (semester only)
	18 years of age
	No academic prerequisites for summer programs
LOCATION	
Semester	Kimana, Rift Valley, Kenya
Summer	Session I: Kimana, Rift Valley, Kenya & Rhotia, Maasai Steppe, Tanzania
	Session II: Kimana, Rift Valley, Kenya
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION	English with 2-credit Swahili language and culture course (semester only)
APPLICATION DEADLINE	None; rolling admissions
WEBSITE	
Center	https://fieldstudies.org/centers/kenya/
Semester	https://fieldstudies.org/program/kenya-semester/
Summer I	https://fieldstudies.org/program/africa-summer1/
Summer II	https://fieldstudies.org/program/kenya-summer2/
OVERVIEW – Why We Are Here	

In the shadow of Mt. Kilimanjaro, Kenya's grassy savannas, Rift Valley lakes, and mountain highlands provide habitats for an astounding diversity of flora and fauna, including the Big Five – lions, elephants, leopards, buffalo, and rhinos. The deep-rooted communities of the pastoralist Maasai people call this region home. Kenya's famed national parks attract hundreds of thousands of visitors each year.

Kenya's biodiversity and traditional cultures are under threat. Climate change, drought, ecosystem fragmentation, and human development are increasing competition for the region's finite natural resources. Our research here focuses on sustainable conservation approaches that will address these issues and reduce conflict between humans and wildlife.

The SFS Center for Wildlife and Water Studies, known locally as Kilimanjaro Bush Camp, lies in the heart of Kenya's Rift Valley, between three world-famous national parks. The snow-capped peak of Mt. Kilimanjaro towers over miles of savanna, replete with a diversity of wildlife. Our sprawling, grassy campus includes traditional thatched *bandas* (cabins) and a central *chumba* (main building), just down the road from the small town of Kimana.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION – Semester ONLY

Fall, Spring: Wildlife, Water, and Climate Resilience

Discover the world-famous national parks and stunning landscapes of Kenya, while studying approaches to conservation and the country's diverse wildlife – from colossal elephants to the endangered black rhinoceros. In the heart of the Great Rift Valley, climate change and resource availability are affecting Kenya's ecosystems and those living in them. Research the root causes of these changes and how different conservation strategies can benefit both local people and wildlife alike.

Program highlights:

- On a multi-day camping trip, explore Amboseli National Park – widely regarded as the best place in the world to get close to free-ranging elephants.
- Spend two weeks in Tanzania, with expeditions to Serengeti National Park, Tarangire and Lake Manyara National Parks, and the Ngorongoro Conservation Area.
- Take part in a homestay with a local Maasai family and learn about their culture, history, daily life, and relationship with nature.

SFS students live and study at the Center for Water and Wildlife Studies. The Center, known locally as Kilimanjaro Bush Camp, lies in the heart of Kenya's Rift Valley, between three world-famous national parks. The snow-capped peak of Mt. Kilimanjaro towers over miles of savanna, replete with a diversity of wildlife. Our sprawling, grassy campus includes traditional thatched *bandas* (cabins) and a central *chumba* (main building), just down the road from the small town of Kimana.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION – Summer ONLY

Session I: Fundamentals of Wildlife Management (KENYA AND TANZANIA)

The world-famous national parks and reserves of Kenya and Tanzania are full of wildlife found nowhere else on the planet. Spend your summer in this incredible region, learning about approaches to wildlife management and conservation through safari drives, expeditions in the Amboseli-Tsavo and Tarangire-Manyara ecosystems, and conversations with Maasai and other community members.

Program highlight:

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Session II: Primates of the African Savanna

Primates are some of the most intelligent species on the planet and a fascinating case study on animal behavior. Venture into Kenya's national parks to study these complex, social creatures. Through field observations and research, learn about the ecology and behavior of Syke's, colobus, and vervet monkeys, bush babies, and yellow and olive baboons as well as human-wildlife conflict and conservation issues.

Program highlight:

- Embark on overnight camping expeditions to Tsavo West and Amboseli National Parks, where you'll see primates, elephants, wildebeest, and carnivores in their natural habitats.

PANAMA: SFS CENTER FOR TROPICAL ISLAND BIODIVERSITY STUDIES

TERMS	
Semester	Fall, Spring: Tropical Island Biodiversity Studies (15 weeks)
Summer	Session I: Tropical Island Ecosystems: The Human Impact (4 weeks)
CREDITS	
Semester	18 credits
Summer	4 credits
COURSES	
Semester	SFS 2070 Language, Culture, and Society of Panama (2 credits)
	SFS 3020 Environmental Policy and Socioeconomic Values (4 credits)
	SFS 3740 Principles of Resource Management (4 credits)
	SFS 3790 Tropical Coastal Ecology (4 credits)
	SFS 4910 Directed Research (4 credits)
Summer	Session I: SFS 3000 Tourism and Island Systems: Sustainable Practices (4 credits)
RESEARCH THEMES	Climate change impacts, marine protected areas, rainforest biodiversity, tourism impacts, ecosystem health, community livelihoods and perceptions
CORE SKILLS	Species identification, underwater transects and quadrats, tourism impact assessment, scientific writing and communication, basic Spanish language, research design and implementation, data collection and analysis, research presentation
PREREQUISITES	
	One semester of college-level ecology, biology, or environmental science/studies (semester only)
	18 years of age
	No academic prerequisites for summer programs
LOCATION	Bocas del Toro Archipelago, Panama
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION	English with 2-credit Spanish language and culture course (semester only)
APPLICATION DEADLINE	None; rolling admissions
WEBSITE	
Center	https://fieldstudies.org/centers/panama/
Semester	https://fieldstudies.org/program/panama-semester/
Summer I	https://fieldstudies.org/program/panama-summer1/
OVERVIEW – Why We Are Here	
<p>Covered in lush rainforests, hundreds of mangrove islands, and coral reefs teeming with diverse marine life, the Bocas del Toro Archipelago serves as a living laboratory for studying tropical biodiversity. This chain of islands is populated by everything from hummingbirds and howler monkeys to stingrays, dolphins, sloths, and brightly colored poison dart frogs. At first glance, Bocas is nothing short of paradise.</p> <p>However, climate change and increased tourism on the islands have led to ecosystem and natural resource degradation while also threatening Indigenous islanders' traditional livelihoods. Our research on the environmental impacts of</p>	

tourism and development on the natural ecosystems in Bocas provides the community with data necessary to support more sustainable policies and protect the beautiful islands we call home.

The SFS Center for Tropical Island Biodiversity Studies, once a beachfront hotel, lies among the slender palms and warm waters of Isla Colón. You'll take your classes over the waves of the Caribbean and among the surrounding rainforests and reefs. The laidback tourist hub of Bocas Town is a short taxi ride away, with access to shops, restaurants, and a vibrant culture that is as unique as the mix of people who live here.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION – Semester ONLY

Fall, Spring: Tropical Island Biodiversity Studies

Spend a semester in the dynamic community of Bocas del Toro, where you will experience everything from underwater ecosystems to rich green rainforests. Go behind the scenes of this “paradise” as you study the impacts of tourism and development on the unique habitats of this island system. Evaluate local and national environmental policies and study the principles of sustainability and conservation as part of an in-depth field research project.

Program highlights:

- Snorkel in the waters of the archipelago to explore coral reefs, mangroves, and seagrass beds as you study sea stars, turtles, rays, dolphins, and schools of tropical fish.
- Visit the Pacific coast and the mountains of Boquete: Explore the Gulf of Chiriquí National Marine Park, take a canopy walk through cloud forest, and tour a sustainable coffee farm.
- Spend a day in Ngäbe communities: Speak with local Indigenous leaders, visit a women's co-op, and take a forest walk with a local guide.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION – Summer ONLY

Session I: Tropical Island Ecosystems: The Human Impact

Snorkel and hike through the diverse environments of Bocas – from coral reefs and mangroves to beaches and rainforests – and study human impacts, such as tourism, on the island's ecosystems and communities. Meet the local residents who depend on both tourism and natural resources and learn about current approaches to sustainable development in the archipelago.

Program highlight:

- Connect with Indigenous Ngäbe island communities: Learn about the importance of the natural environment to their culture and their efforts to create authentic, sustainable tourism.

PERU: SFS CENTER FOR AMAZON STUDIES

TERMS	
Semester	Fall, Spring: Biodiversity and Development in the Amazon (15 weeks)
CREDITS	
Semester	18 credits
COURSES	
Semester	SFS 2090 Language, Culture, and Society of Peru (2 credits)
	SFS 3800 Conservation Science and Practice (4 credits)
	SFS 3831 Tropical Ecology of the Amazon (4 credits)
	SFS 3840 Political Ecology of Developing Landscapes (4 credits)
	SFS 4910 Directed Research (4 credits)
RESEARCH THEMES	Climate change, forest and soil ecology, sustainable aquaculture, natural resource management, forest recovery, development in the Amazon
CORE SKILLS	Species identification and population monitoring, biodiversity surveys and transects, interviewing and mapping techniques, conservation strategy assessment, basic Spanish language, research design and implementation, data collection and analysis, research presentation
PREREQUISITES	
	One semester of college-level ecology, biology, or environmental science/studies
	18 years of age
LOCATION	Iquitos, lowland Amazon, Peru
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION	English with 2-credit Spanish language and culture course
APPLICATION DEADLINE	None; rolling admissions
WEBSITE	
Center	https://fieldstudies.org/centers/peru/
Semester	https://fieldstudies.org/program/peru-semester/

OVERVIEW – Why We Are Here

In the heart of the Amazon, dense green foliage blankets the horizon as far as the eye can see. For millennia, its rich natural resources have supported human communities and an incredible diversity of wildlife species found nowhere else on the planet. This great and complex rainforest is also one of the world’s most impactful ecosystems - Amazonian watersheds account for 20 percent of the world’s river water.

However, the forests of the Peruvian Amazon are increasingly under threat from climate change, rapid development, and extractive activities like logging and mining. From the *terra firme* and flooded forests of the lowlands to the glacial lakes and tropical montane forests of the Andes, Peru’s landscapes need comprehensive and inclusive strategies for conservation. Our research here provides important insights into the fate of the Amazon and all the life that depends on it.

Between the remote city of Iquitos and the port city of Nauta, nestled in the Amazon, sits the SFS Center for Amazon Studies. The sounds of the forest permeate our campus, from student cabins to the pool and open-air student lounge.

The rainforest is accessible via an on-campus trail system which traverses our 183-acre property. Small communities and local shops are within walking distance.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION – Semester ONLY

Fall, Spring: Biodiversity and Development in the Amazon

Explore the extraordinarily biodiverse ecosystems of the northern Peruvian Amazon. Discuss threats to the region – from climate change to resource extraction – and get at the heart of Peru’s conservation and development issues. Experience flooded forests on a multi-day riverboat expedition and travel to the Andean highlands where you’ll visit cloud forests and the historic Incan capital of Cusco, the hub for visitors to Machu Picchu.

Program highlights:

- Take a multi-day excursion to the village of Sucusari to learn about the livelihoods of the Maijuna people and explore the rainforest from one of the world’s longest canopy walkways.
- Take a five-day riverboat expedition in Tamshiyacu-Tahuayo Regional Conservation Area, home to species such as pink river dolphins, sloths, piranhas, primates, macaws, and giant river otters.
- Visit a manatee rescue center, tropical fish exporter, and potato and butterfly farms to study a range of local agriculture and conservation organizations.

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TANZANIA: SFS CENTER FOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT STUDIES

TERMS	
Semester	Fall, Spring: Wildlife Management Studies (15 weeks)
Summer	Session I: Fundamentals of Wildlife Management (4 weeks) [Kenya + Tanzania]
	Session II: Carnivores of the African Plains (4 weeks) [Tanzania only]
	Summer Combined: Sessions I + II (8 weeks)
CREDITS	
Semester	18 credits
Summer	4 credits per session
COURSES	
Semester	SFS 2060 Intro to Swahili Language and East African Tribal Communities (2 credits)
	SFS 3020 Environmental Policy and Socioeconomic Values (4 credits)
	SFS 3710 Techniques in Wildlife Management (4 credits)
	SFS 3720 Wildlife Ecology (4 credits)
	SFS 4910 Directed Research (4 credits)
Summer	Session I: SFS 3500 Wildlife Management and Conservation (4 credits)
	Session II: SFS 3121 African Large Carnivores: Ecology and Conservation (4 credits)
RESEARCH THEMES	Wildlife conservation, climate change, African large mammal behavior, carnivore ecology, human-wildlife conflict, community-based conservation
CORE SKILLS	GIS, species identification and wildlife census techniques, animal behavior observation, natural resource valuation, basic Swahili language, research design and implementation, data collection and analysis, research presentation
PREREQUISITES	
	One semester of college-level ecology, biology, or environmental science/studies (semester only)
	18 years of age
	No academic prerequisites for summer programs
LOCATION	
Semester	Rhotia, Maasai Steppe, Tanzania
Summer	Session I: Rhotia, Maasai Steppe, Tanzania & Kimana, Rift Valley, Kenya
	Session II: Rhotia, Maasai Steppe, Tanzania
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION	English with 2-credit Swahili language and culture course (semester only)
APPLICATION DEADLINE	None; rolling admissions
WEBSITE	
Center	https://fieldstudies.org/centers/tanzania/
Semester	https://fieldstudies.org/program/tanzania-semester/
Summer I	https://fieldstudies.org/program/africa-summer1/
Summer II	https://fieldstudies.org/program/tanzania-summer2/
OVERVIEW – Why We Are Here	

Few places in the world are more iconic than the African savanna. In Tanzania, baobabs and acacia trees dot the horizon, while wildebeest stampede through the Serengeti on their Great Migration. The Big Five – lions, elephants, leopards, buffalo, and rhinos – are all found here. Tanzania is also home to the Maasai, Iraqw, and Hadzabe tribes, all of whom have rich cultural traditions and strong ties to the land.

Tanzania has made progress in protecting its large populations of charismatic wildlife, but this rich landscape faces many challenges. Our research focuses on understanding the impacts of climate change, habitat fragmentation, and competition for resources and promotes successful coexistence between humans and the country's incredible wildlife.

Learn to live the *pole pole* lifestyle at the SFS Center for Wildlife Management Studies, known locally as Moyo Hill Camp. Surrounded by Tanzania's world-famous national parks and wildlife, it's the perfect base camp for expeditions into the field. Campus is reminiscent of summer camp, with plenty of outdoor and communal spaces, while the small, friendly community of Rhotia is a short walk away.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION – Semester ONLY

Fall, Spring: Wildlife Management Studies

Explore the iconic landscapes of Tanzania. Meet the country's charismatic wildlife – from magnificent lions and elephants to thunderous herds of wildebeest and zebras – as you learn about their ecology and behavior. Experience the rich culture and traditions of Tanzania's Maasai, Iraqw, and Hadzabe tribal communities while collaborating on issues of human-wildlife conflict and climate change. Finish the semester with an in-depth field research project.

Program highlights:

- Embark on a multi-day camping expedition in Serengeti National Park, attending field lectures on the behavior and migratory patterns of the park's magnificent wildlife.
- Learn about elephant and lion ecology in Tarangire National Park and visit Burunge Wildlife Management Area to learn about community-based conservation.
- Spend two weeks in southern Kenya, with expeditions to Amboseli National Park, Tsavo Conservation Area, and the Ngulia Rhino Sanctuary.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION – Summer ONLY

Session I: Fundamentals of Wildlife Management (KENYA AND TANZANIA)

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Program highlight:

- Experience the incredible biodiversity of East Africa: Spend four weeks in both Kenya and Tanzania, living at SFS' Kilimanjaro Bush Camp and Moyo Hill Camp while observing elephants, lions, giraffes, and more.

Session II: Carnivores of the African Plains

Tanzania is home to more than 35 species of carnivores, including the African lion, cheetah, leopard, and wild dog – all of

which are on the IUCN Red List. Study the behavioral ecology and conservation challenges facing these incredible creatures, while observing some of Africa's largest remaining carnivore guilds up close.

Program highlight:

- Visit the Tarangire Lion Project to learn from leading lion researchers and analyze pride population dynamics and individual behavior using radio telemetry and camera trapping data.

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS: SFS CENTER FOR MARINE RESOURCE STUDIES

TERMS	
Semester	Fall, Spring: Marine Resource Studies (15 weeks)
Summer	Session I: Fundamentals of Marine Conservation (4 weeks)
	Session II: Marine Megafauna (4 weeks)
	Summer Combined: Sessions I + II (8 weeks)
CREDITS	
Semester	16 credits
Summer	4 credits per session
COURSES	
Semester	SFS 3020 Environmental Policy and Socioeconomic Values (4 credits)
	SFS 3730 Tropical Marine Ecology (4 credits)
	SFS 3740 Principles of Resource Management (4 credits)
	SFS 4910 Directed Research (4 credits)
Summer	Session I: SFS 3530 Tropical Marine Ecosystems: Monitoring and Management (4 credits)
	Session II: SFS 3131 Marine Megafauna Ecology and Conservation (4 credits)
RESEARCH THEMES	Climate change and ocean acidification, tourism impacts, commercial fisheries, coral reefs, mangroves, and seagrass ecosystems, marine protected areas
CORE SKILLS	Coral health assessment, marine species identification, BRUVS surveys, underwater transects and quadrats, natural resource valuation, research design and implementation, data collection and analysis, research presentation
PREREQUISITES	
	One semester of college-level ecology, biology, or environmental science/studies (semester only)
	18 years of age
	No academic prerequisites for summer programs
LOCATION	South Caicos Island, Turks and Caicos Islands
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION	English
APPLICATION DEADLINE	None; rolling admissions
WEBSITE	
Center	https://fieldstudies.org/centers/tci/
Semester	https://fieldstudies.org/program/tci-semester/
Summer I	https://fieldstudies.org/program/tci-summer1/
Summer II	https://fieldstudies.org/program/tci-summer2/
OVERVIEW – Why We Are Here	
The Turks and Caicos Islands are home to vibrant coral reefs, dramatic sea walls, a deep ocean trench, mangrove forests, and extensive seagrass beds, which together sustain a stunning diversity of sea life. Spotted eagle rays, sharks, sea	

turtles, humpback whales, and dozens of fish species thrive among the sandy shoals, seagrass beds, mangrove forests, and coral reefs surrounding the Islands.

These marine ecosystems are critical to the fisheries-driven local economy, but they are under enormous pressure from coastal development, a rising demand for seafood, and the impacts of climate change. Our research plays an important role in supporting island residents and government authorities as they work to balance economic need with the preservation of irreplaceable natural resources.

The SFS Center for Marine Resource Studies is a small converted hotel overlooking the crystalline waters of the Atlantic Ocean. Spectacular sunsets, open-air facilities, warm sunshine, and a refreshing ocean breeze define this marine field station. A five-minute walk brings you to the small, historic town of Cockburn Harbour, where students and faculty frequently engage in community activities.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION – Semester ONLY

Fall, Spring: Marine Resource Studies

Spend a semester on the island of South Caicos, where spectacular marine ecosystems are still largely untouched by tourism and development. Don your wetsuit and get to know a host of marine life while conducting research on coral reefs, seagrass meadows, and mangroves. Evaluate fisheries resources and policies while collecting data that helps community members balance their rights and needs with the island's conservation goals.

Program highlights:

- Go snorkeling and diving in the clear waters around South Caicos to conduct marine species identification exercises and parrotfish surveys.
- Visit the Grotto and Shark Alley to see eagle rays up close, and study their behavior and population dynamics using photo tracking.
- Take an excursion to the islands of Middle Caicos, North Caicos, and Providenciales to explore the variety of ecosystems in the TCI, including caves and protected wetlands.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION – Summer ONLY

Session I: Fundamentals of Marine Conservation

Explore the spectacular reefs and turquoise waters of South Caicos, snorkeling or diving with rays, turtles, brilliantly colored fish, and other marine life. In this fundamentals course, you'll learn about the environmental issues and policies affecting these ecosystems and the island community, and gain the skills needed to conduct marine research.

Program highlight:

- Lay underwater transects to assess the health of the island's coral reefs, which are among the largest in the world and are home to diverse marine species including the valuable queen conch.

Session II: Marine Megafauna

Spend your summer studying sharks, turtles, and rays in the waters surrounding the island of South Caicos. In this specialized course, you'll learn about the ecology and conservation of these and other marine megafauna through in-water field lectures, snorkel or dive sessions, and video tracking exercises.

Program highlight:

- Deploy Baited Remote Underwater Video Stations (BRUVS) and collect video footage of sharks and other predators to analyze species abundance and diversity inside and outside protected areas.