

UF in Antarctica

December 15 - 31, 2009

field visit

following an online course that starts
August 24 and ends December 9

University of Florida Study Abroad



The Department of Tourism, Recreation, and Sport Management at UF is offering students at UF an amazing opportunity to earn 6 credits via an on-campus online class, and in-country field trip program traveling as a group with UF faculty and local field guides to Antarctica. This program explores the Antarctica and adjacent sub-Antarctic region (such as Tierra del Fuego and the Southern Ocean), including its history, geology, climate, and marine and terrestrial biology. Special attention is given to contemporary legal, psychological, and anthropological aspects of human activity in the region, conservation of ecosystems, and sustainable use of natural resources.

HIGHLIGHTS

- This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit the coldest, windiest, driest, highest, quietest, most remote, and least understood continent on Earth.
- Take an on-campus online course (two hours per week) during the 2009 fall semester. During winter break (2009), spend 10 days aboard an Antarctica cruise liner to explore the Antarctic Peninsula and another 3-4 days exploring the natural and cultural systems of Tierra del Fuego and the tip of South America.
- Learn about topics such as: Antarctica's history and exploration; the continent's geology, climate, and marine and terrestrial biology; legal, psychological, and anthropological aspects of human activity in the region; conservation of fragile polar ecosystems; and sustainable use of natural resources.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Courses taught by UF Faculty - 6 UF GPA credits

- LEI 4955: Humans and the Environment - Travel Studies
- LEI 6931: Humans and the Environment - Travel Studies

Eligibility: There are no pre-requisites and students from all majors may attend.



Application Deadline:
March 31, 2009

2009 Program fee: \$8,976 - undergraduates
\$9,666 - graduates

Fee will increase after April 30

Program fee includes: Tuition for 6 UF credits, all accommodations, most meals, domestic land and sea transportation, lectures and seminars, activities and excursions, cultural events, international health insurance and emergency medical assistance.

*Round-trip airfare is not included.
Course reading packet is not included.*

Contact Information:

UFIC Study Abroad Advisor:

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Program Coordinator:

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Student Financial Aid Advisor:

See your assigned financial aid advisor.

UF in Antarctica

While Antarctica has been described as one of the coldest and remotest destinations on earth, it is also one of the most fascinating. Students attend weekly lectures during the fall (online), prepare a research essay in their area of primary interest, and then participate in a 10 day field study in Antarctica. The trip takes place during the winter break aboard an expedition cruise ship to the Antarctic Peninsula, with the chance to see vast glaciers flowing into the sea, penguin colonies, whales and orcas, and massive icebergs. Also students will spend 3 days in Tierra del Fuego, Argentina.

By the end of the program students will:

- develop, through lectures and assigned readings, a holistic, inter-disciplinary understanding of the physical and social history and current issues in the Antarctic region, including their inter-relationships;
- develop specialized understanding, through independent field study, of the issues in one specific area of Antarctic enquiry related to their major (e.g., history of science/exploration, environmental ethics, geology and global climate change, marine bird or southern forest conservation, etc.);
- through field-based studies develop a nuanced understanding of issues in exploration, exploitation, conservation, and sustainable use of the Antarctic region.

Housing

Students will stay primarily onboard ship in either twin or triple cabins. If traveling with someone, the participant may request to room with that person for the duration of the trip. The remaining nights will be spent in comfortable hostel-style accommodation with other students.



Application deadline is March 31, 2009.

*Applications considered on space-available basis,
so please apply early.*

Please apply online at: www.abroad.ufic.ufl.edu

Financial Aid

University of Florida students needing financial aid should apply through UF Student Financial Affairs (SFA). Non-UF students needing financial aid must apply to their home institutions.



Academic Credits

6 UF credits will be awarded upon successful completion of the program.

FEES DUE UPON APPLICATION:

A \$250 nonrefundable deposit toward the total cost of the program is required at the time of application. The remaining fees are due no later than 30 days prior to departure.

Students receiving financial aid may defer payment until the disbursement of their financial aid.

Not Included in the program fees:

Round-trip airfare, lunches, additional personal travel and personal expenses.

To request special assistance or accommodations, please contact 352-392-5323, or contact the Florida Relay System at 1-800-955-8771. Requests should be made up to 72 hours in advance.

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