

The Eco League

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International Study Opportunities across the Eco League

Alaska Pacific University

At APU opportunities to travel abroad are based out of the different academic departments as follows:

The Liberal Studies Department sponsors an international travel course every year. (Past courses are listed on page 2)

ISRAEL: Coming Up: Spring 2011: May 14- 30

The trip leaves Anchorage on May 14 over the pole to Frankfurt and on to Tell Aviv arriving on May 16.

Eco League students can meet at the hotel in Frankfurt on May 16 or arrange to be in the Tel Aviv Airport by mid-afternoon. Includes: Visit Caesarea, Megiddo, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Boat from Tiberias to Capernaum, Mt. of Beatitudes, the Golan Heights, Jordan Valley, Jericho, Gethsemane, Bethlehem, Samaria day with Palestinian guide, the tomb at Calvary, Jerusalem, Israel Museum, including the newly re-opened archaeological section, swimming in the dead sea, a hike to Qumran waterfall, and Bar Mitzvahs at Western Wall.

The guide has a Ph.D. in religion from Syracuse University in NY. "This is a trip with a particular Christian bent but it is not a pilgrimage and will cover the whole lot so everyone should feel welcome."

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The **Environmental Science Department** uses travel courses to expand student learning and training opportunities beyond the many that exist locally.

In many cases, subjects require travel to communities and ecosystems not present in Alaska or during times when Alaska's seasons make field learning difficult. To study coastal ecosystems and tropical ecology, courses travel to locations such as **the Bahamas, Hawaii, and the Galapagos Islands.**

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Students in the Cultural Psychology class in the **Counseling Psychology and Human Services Program** travel to **Malawi, Africa** to help build buildings and work educationally with children whose parents have died from HIV/AIDS

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Past APU liberal Studies Department international trips:

2009 Winter Block Travel Course: BRAZIL and ARGENTINA, focus on South American literature, History, and Culture.

Students meet on-campus in the mornings for two weeks and then travel to Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires for two weeks. The 12 day trip started in Rio de Janeiro, where the group took a guided tour of Sugar Loaf and Colonial Rio, visited the Christ the Redeemer statue, and enjoyed a guided cruise in the bay. From there, they flew to Iguacu to see the beautiful Iguacu falls and participate in a Macuco Safari. Then they flew to Guanabara Bay to Buenos Aires and take a guided tour of the city, participate in a traditional Fiesta Gaucha, and see an optional Tango show.



Winter Block 2008: GREECE, featuring studies in Greek Culture and Literature.

This course explored the ways in which Greek literature and culture are fundamental to understanding who we are today. The list of Western cultural features with Greek roots is long: styles of public architecture, arts such as literature, drama and sculpture, science and mathematics, political theory and vocabulary, ethics and metaphysics, ideals of heroism, even theories and practices of war-making, which also pertain to sports and games, such as the Olympics. The course took students to various locations in Greece, visiting the Acropolis and other ancient sites.



Winter Block 2007: ITALY, featuring studies in humanism, literature, and the Renaissance in Italy.

In the 14th century Petrarch, exiled from Florence for political reasons, first used the phrase Dark Ages to describe a preceding era in European history, and went on to be a leading figure in sparking the new humanism, one of the defining characteristics of the Renaissance. This course allowed students to explore the concept of humanism as it was developed during the Renaissance this time and its subsequent importance in Western civilization. Students studied humanism and the Renaissance while visiting Rome, Florence, and magnificent cultural sites and museums.

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