

The Eco League

Five Great Colleges ≈ One Important Mission

International Study Opportunities across the Eco League

Green Mountain College

From its beautiful setting in Vermont's countryside, Green Mountain College offers an impressive array of programs aimed at fostering a global outlook. Students have the opportunity to study in a variety of environments – from some of the world's biggest cities to a remote castle in the Alps. Beyond the pure excitement of traveling, these opportunities bring students face-to-face with issues, cultures, and challenges on an international scale.

Green Mountain faculty work together to offer periodic short-term courses overseas in places as diverse as Brazil, China, New Zealand, and Belize. Students wishing to improve their abilities in Spanish and French can take advantage of summer language immersion programs in Argentina and France. Every two years GMC also offers a semester-long block course in Brunnenburg, Italy, where 15 students study sustainable agriculture, agro-anthropology, literature, and the cuisine of Northern Italy, in a castle with a working farm.

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ITALY- Brunnenburg Castle next trip is Spring 2012. Early March - end of May. 16 credits.

Food, folklore and literature are the focal points of the spring international block course held at Brunnenburg Castle in the Italian Alps. The 16-credit semester course runs every other year from early March to the end of May. Students live and study at Brunnenburg Castle, a renowned study center operated by the family of poet Ezra Pound, and work one day each week on the adjoining farm. This program also includes a week of group travel in Italy and the opportunity for students to travel on their own during spring break. **Course Fee:** approx. \$3500





Courses are taught by permanent Brunnenburg faculty as well as one faculty member from GMC who accompanies the trip. This position rotates, so course offerings vary depending on the subject area expertise of the faculty member chosen. Spring 2010 offerings included:

- Agro-archaeology, a history and folklore of agriculture
- Food, Culture & Land: A European Perspective, a course focused on the cultural importance of food and food preparation to European culture
- Saints and Heroes, a study of Medieval iconography and literature
- Literature & Myth, a course focused on mythic elements in various works of literature
- Writing the Italian Landscape, a creative writing course focused on poetry and non-fiction
- The poetry of Ezra Pound, taught by his daughter

The application deadline is in October of the preceding fall with interviews and the selection process complete by November.

For the Spring 2012 Brunnenburg program, 2 spaces will be reserved for EcoLeague participants.



FRANCE and ARGENTINA LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAMS:

Rosario, Argentina: Universidad del Centro Educativo Latinamericano (UCEL): 3 weeks in May and June, 3 credits.

Spanish language and South American culture in Argentina. Students at all levels



of Spanish join with students from other colleges and universities for intensive language instruction in the mornings and cultural workshops in the afternoons. Classes are held at the Universidad del Centro Educativo Latinamericano (UCEL), located in Rosario, Argentina, a vibrant city three hours north of



Buenos Aires. Students live with host families in Rosario, and have the opportunity to spend one weekend in Buenos Aires. **Course Fee:** approx \$3000

Montpellier, France: L'Institute Méditerranèen d'Etudes Françaises (IMEF): 3 weeks in August, 3 credits.

Academic and cultural immersion course taught in the ancient city of Montpellier near the Mediterranean Sea in August of each year. Students do intensive language study during the week, followed by excursions to historic and cultural landmarks of the region on the weekend, including one weekend in Paris. **Course Fee:** approx. \$4000.

Students on spring Eco League exchanges to GMC would be eligible to participate in these programs. Interested students should submit an application by the end of the preceding fall semester.

KOREA: SUMMER CULTURAL IMMERSION PROGRAM: 3 weeks, June and July, 3 Credits

Intensive cultural immersion program held at Hannam University in Daejeon, South Korea. Students develop close ties to Korean university students as they study Korean language, culture, history, fashion, and cuisine together.



Eco League students studying at GMC in the spring semester would be eligible to participate in the Korea program. Applications are due in March. No course fee.

TRAVEL COURSES

Green Mountain College also offers short-term faculty-led travel courses where a 2-4 week international travel component compliments work students do the previous semester on campus. Recent travel courses have included studying environmental impacts and sustainable development in Brazil and language and culture in Japan. Students studying at GMC on Eco League exchanges can participate in travel courses at the discretion of the professor leading the course. See

<http://www.greenmtn.edu/brazil09.aspx> for a website on the Green Mountain 2009 course to Brazil

Students planning an Eco League exchange and interested in participating in a travel course should contact Anne Colpitts at colpittsa@greenmtn.edu or at 802-287-8306 to inquire about the availability of



travel courses for the semester they plan to be at GMC.