



Development, Sustainability and Conflict: Contemporary Issues in Central Asia

Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

June 10 – August 5, 2015

Experience Kyrgyzstan, a fascinating country at the crossroads of powerful political, economic and cultural forces.

The Program

This four-credit academic internship program is offered in cooperation with American University of Central Asia. The Development, Sustainability and Conflict course allows students to delve into the connections between current theory and the work of policy and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs). Topics include citizenship participation in the post-Soviet state; human rights, development and the role of NGOs in new democracies; and the effects of globalization in Central Asia.

The Internship

Students gain hands-on experience in their field of study while participating in an internship in one of two areas:

- Peace Building, Migration & Human Rights
- Sustainable Development: Environment, Economy, Society

Language Study

Students who have not studied Russian are offered a survival Russian course at the beginning of the program. Optional Russian, Kyrgyz, or other regional language study is available for an additional fee.

Cultural Program

- Lake Issykul
- State History Museum
- Osh Bazaar
- Hiking in the Ala-Archa Mountains

Beginning with the Silk Road, and moving through the “Great Game” and the country’s post-Soviet experience, students gain an understanding of Kyrgyzstan as it is today, a multicultural and multiethnic country with a complex history.

Accommodations

Students live in the AUCA dormitory or with host families.

Tuition & Scholarship

Program fee: \$5,000 for four credits.

All eligible scholarship applicants receive some level of financial assistance.

For more information or to apply

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