

Bring your education to life ...

Study in sustainable communities around the world that are striving to model ecologically and socially sustainable lifestyles. While not utopias, these intentional and native communities are ideal campuses to learn about personal and community-based solutions to real-world issues, such as:

- Sustainable Development
- Environmental Studies & Research
- Peace & Social Justice
- Appropriate Technologies
- Consensus Decision-making
- Habitat Restoration
- Worldviews and Consciousness
- Permaculture & Ecological Design
- Organic Agriculture
- Local Economies
- Green Building
- Women's Empowerment

Be a part of progressive learning environments that foster rich, integrated academic experiences with features including:

- Individualized Learning Plans
- Meaningful Authentic Assessment
- Service Learning and Field-based Research
- Collaborative Learning Community
- Leadership Skills Development
- Language and Cultural Studies
- Profound Immersion Experiences
- Contemplative and Reflective Practices
- Experience-based Learning
- Personal, Professional & Academic Mentorship

"There's an ethos here, a shared understanding that it is possible to live a life that honors ourselves, each other, and the Earth" – Scotland Alumnus



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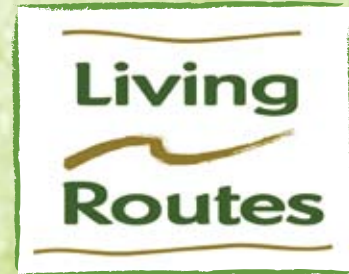


UMASS
AMHERST

Academic credit for all Living Routes programs is awarded by the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.



"If you want to get a bigger picture of how our world is hurting and how you can be a part of the transformation, Living Routes and Auroville might just be the place for you, like it was for me" – India Alumnus



Study Abroad
in Sustainable
Communities

Costa Rica

Scotland

Mexico

Israel

Brazil

India

Peru

USA

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"I learned more about myself and my capabilities in these three weeks than I have in my whole school career" – Peru Alumnus

Semester

16 credits
14 weeks

COSTA RICA

Tropical Ecology, Development & Social Justice at the Monteverde Institute

Study the interrelated issues of environmental, economic and community sustainability in Monteverde, Costa Rica – one of the most diverse and fragile environments on earth. Conduct ecological research, delve into issues of development and cultural preservation, and give back to the community through a meaningful service learning project.

INDIA

Integral Sustainability at Auroville

Experience Auroville, home to 2,200 members from 40+ countries who are building a “city the Earth needs.”

Develop theoretical and practical understanding of local and global sustainability issues as you explore and build skills in systems thinking, consensus building, ecological literacy, organic food production, women’s empowerment and working with village action groups.



ISRAEL

Peace, Justice and the Environment at Kibbutz Lotan

Explore the connections between new forms of ecological identity and stewardship, social justice, and community in Israel. Work alongside Palestinian, Arab, Bedouin and Jewish Israelis striving for a just and lasting peace. Build real-world skills in permaculture and green building.



SCOTLAND

Human Challenge of Sustainability at Findhorn

Learn about the integration of human ecology, natural systems organic farming, the arts, worldview development and consensus facilitation at the Findhorn Community – a leader in the ecovillage

movement. Spend a week exploring small scale sustainable living on Erraid, a remarkable tidal island.

Winter-Break

4 credits
3 weeks

INDIA

Low Carbon Living at Sadhana Forest

Learn to measure and reduce your Carbon Footprint in a community dedicated to embodying and inspiring social and ecological change. Build skills in natural resource conservation, natural building techniques, and compost and soil management as you help restore India’s Tropical Dry Evergreen Forest.

MEXICO

Leadership for Social Change at Huehuecoyotl

Through village service learning and ecovillage-based consensus facilitation, cultivate the essential skills needed to empower a group to create a common vision and positive community (and global!) change.

Our expert faculty support you to:

- Integrate your studies with your passions
- Develop the skills needed to restore communities to greater health
- Prepare for careers that make a difference



Summer

4 credits
3 weeks



BRAZIL

Permaculture at Ecocentro IPEC

Investigate new ways of creating sustainable habitats in a dynamic and influential ecovillage in the heart of tropical Brazil. Learn

permaculture and green building principles and collaboratively create your own unique ecological design that will benefit the local community.

PERU (8 credits, 6 weeks)

Ecology, Indigenous Spirituality and Spanish at Sachamama Center in the High Amazon

Experience ancient practices that ‘talk back’ to global systems of capitalism and politics. Learn about Shamanism and a worldview that values the ‘other-than-human’ living worlds of plants, animals and spiritual energies. Improve your Spanish or learn basic Quechua language and work side-by-side with locals on a community project.

USA

Permaculture Design at Sirius

Learn to create sustainable, productive, and beautiful human environments using natural ecosystems as models. Examine how plants and animals can integrate with buildings and people in a transformational skills-oriented design course for sustainable living. *Can be combined with USA Green Building for an 8-credit Intensive.*



USA

Green Building and Sustainable Design at Sirius

Become proficient in natural building techniques such as site analysis, renewable technologies, and patterning at Sirius community in western MA, while you get hands-on experience in designing and constructing ecologically sound structures in cob and straw-bale. *Can be combined with USA Permaculture.*

