

Qualifications

Good GPA standing required for student participation. There are no class level, language or minimum age requirements. The program is suitable for students from a wide variety of backgrounds and no prior knowledge of anthropology, geography or allied fields is assumed.



Cost

Program fee is approximately \$2,750 based on total enrollment. This fee covers lodging, excursions, cultural events, insurance, ground transportation and meals during the program. Students are additionally responsible for UGA tuition, fees and international airfare. Hope scholarship funds apply, and out-of-state students pay in-state tuition.

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Millennial Landscapes of the Pyrenees Mountains



Short Session 2015

June 6 - 21

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Examine the human occupation of the Pyrenees Mountains through a 30,000-year lens...

Join us this summer from June 6-21 for a tour of the Pyrenees Mountains and earn 6 semester hours of credit: 3cr in ANTH 4630 *Field Methods* and 3cr in GEOG 4070 *Field Study of Geomorphology*.

The Pyrenees Mountains of France and Spain are a geographic crossroads for major events in continental European history during the last 30,000 years! We will travel through the region learning about the glacial history, geomorphic setting, and progressive occupation and use of the mountains, foothills and plains from their earliest occupation by Neanderthal and CroMagnon populations, through that of the Gauls, Greeks, Romans, Franks, and Moors.



This is an immersion field experience in **historical ecology and geomorphology** of the Pyrenees Mountains. Thirty percent of the course is classroom-based and seventy percent is field-based. Activities include field trips to Paleolithic caves, Gallo-Roman sites, and Medieval towns with assignments in reading landscapes, recording ancient monuments, and linking them to their geomorphic template.



Historical Ecology & Geomorphology

Historical ecology places human decision-making, and the consciousness that drives it, at the center of our analyses of the human-environmental relationship. Landscape takes center stage in historical ecology because it reflects the technological innovations, the economic constraints, and the cultural aspirations of its human inhabitants superimposed on a natural template.

Geomorphology encompasses the study of landforms and land surface processes, and in this course you will experience excellent first-hand examples of weathering, glacial, periglacial, hillslope, karst, lacustrine, and fluvial systems. Climate and environmental change over the last glacial-interglacial cycle is an over-arching theme for the context of people and landscapes of the Pyrenees Mountains.

The lessons gleaned about past human use of the Earth have direct implications for the present and critical value in framing effective environmental policies for the future.