

USA: The School for Field Studies

The School for Field Studies (SFS) semester programs provide Reed students with interdisciplinary academic, undergraduate-level study centered on issues of the environment and human interaction that impacts it. SFS “classrooms” include coral reefs, rainforests, and African savannas with research focus ranging from wildlife conservation to rain forest restoration. The programs are designed to teach students about critical local environmental problems and train them to do field research that will help address these problems.

The School for Field Studies (SFS) welcomes a diverse student body, and students come to us with a broad spectrum of backgrounds and experiences. In keeping with their interdisciplinary approach to environmental problem solving, each program strives to build teams that represent a cross-section of the global student body, including liberal arts, science, and economics majors.

Qualifications:

All SFS Semester Program applicants must be 18yrs of age, and have completed at least one college-level ecology or biology course, and one semester of college prior to the start of the program. Costa Rica and Panama applicants must have completed a college-level course in ecology or environmental studies. Costa Rica applicants must have one college-level course in Spanish or otherwise demonstrate a working knowledge of conversational Spanish prior to participation. All applicants are encouraged to have taken coursework in international development, economics, statistics, or anthropology. Applicants must be able to meet the physical challenges presented by SFS programs without undue risk to yourself or others.

Term duration:	Semester
Typical course load:	Fixed schedule of 18 credits (Kenya/Tanzania)
Courses recorded in:	Semester Credits
Translates to Reed units:	4 Credits = 1 Reed Unit
Grading system:	A, B, C, D etc
Translates to Reed grades*:	Same as Reed

*Grades from study abroad programs are displayed on the transcript, but are not calculated in the Reed GPA

Special considerations:

Fixed schedule (Wildlife Management, Kenya & Tanzania)

BI371 – Techniques in Wildlife Management (4)

BI 372 – Wildlife Ecology (4)

EE 302 – Environmental Policy & Socioeconomic Values (4)

EE491 – Directed Research (4)

LE205 – Intro to Swahili Language / East African Tribal Communities (2)