



SUMMER OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAM IN WALES



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May 28 – June 18, 2012

An HWS affiliate program based at
University of Wales Trinity Saint David



The University of Wales Trinity Saint David

Program Dates

This is a 3-week program running from May 28 – June 18, 2012 at the University of Wales Trinity Saint David.

Deadline to Apply

November 1, 2011 by 5pm. Applications should be handed in at the main office of the HWS Center for Global Education, Trinity Hall, Third floor.

About Carmarthen

The University of Wales Trinity Saint David is surrounded by green fields and hills on the outskirts of Carmarthen, a market town and commercial center that is about 15 minutes' walk from campus. Carmarthen has many stores, supermarkets, restaurants, a multiplex cinema, art venues and cultural sites.

Flights

Flights will cost approximately \$850-\$1050 from New York City. We will provide suggested flights for the group for those who wish to fly over together, although you are welcome to make your own arrangements after we have notified you about the group flight. Students who choose to take the group flight will be met at the airport in London and transported by bus directly to the campus in Wales. Students will leave the U.S. on Friday, May 28th and will arrive in Wales on Saturday, May 29th. Students will fly back to the U.S. on Friday, June 18th.

Note: David Mapstone, Assistant Dean at Hobart, will accompany students on the group flight and will spend the first week with them in Wales.

Funding

The CGE has a limited amount of funding available for students in financial need. You will be invited to apply for funding if you are accepted to the program. You will know whether you have been awarded funding *before* the deadline by which you are required to put down a deposit for your place on the program.



Medical Insurance

All students are required to have medical insurance while abroad that includes emergency evacuation and repatriation coverage. If you have purchased the full-year Gallagher Koster medical policy through HWS, you will be fully covered until June 30th, 2012 so you will not need to purchase any additional insurance. If you do not have the HWS insurance, you will need to provide proof of the policy you do have, along with dates of coverage. If you need to purchase a policy to cover this trip, we recommend HTH Worldwide, whose 3-week policy costs around \$35.

Costs

Program fees will be approximately \$3150 for the 3-week program, which will cover tuition, self-catered accommodation on campus, airport transport from London to Wales and back to London, trips and expedition costs (except for meals) and all equipment. Students will need to budget approximately an extra \$300 above and beyond the program costs for meals. Students will also need to budget for roundtrip airfare at approximately \$850-\$1050 from New York City. There are no required books to purchase – all texts will be available online or in the University of Wales campus library.

Passports and Visas

All students will need a passport valid until at least December 18, 2012 (since they need to be valid at six months beyond your departure from the U.K.) to participate in this program. Visas are not required but accepted students will be given information about how to enter the UK as a student visitor.

Teaching Format

The course will be a combination of academic theory and hands-on outdoor activities, including hiking, camping, caving, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, mine exploration, rock climbing and mountain biking. While the activities are enjoyable, they are fundamentally a means for examining a range of academic themes such as sustainability, personal and social development and the duality of risk versus adventure. Theory sessions will be used to prepare for the practical activities, to review experiences and to provide the necessary background knowledge essential for the various assessments. There will be a number of varied written assignments by which students will be assessed.

Itinerary

Day and/or overnight trips are planned to the Brecon Beacons National Park and the Pembrokeshire coast and there will be a week-long excursion to Snowdonia National Park, in North West Wales.



GPA requirement

Students applying for this program should have a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA for courses taken at HWS. In the case of first-year students, a high school transcript should be provided, since the application will be due before the release of grades from their first semester. *First years should also submit a note of endorsement from their advisor.*



Pre-requisites

There will be a required ½ credit Reader's College led by David Mapstone, to be taken in the spring semester preceding the program. This will help introduce students to the concepts of outdoor education and to the history, culture, and language of Wales. There will be strong reflective components and some reading and writing on the history and culture of Wales, as well as many hands-on activities.

Eligibility

This program is open to qualified first-years, sophomores, juniors and graduating seniors. In the event that we receive more applications than we have places, first-years, sophomores, and juniors will have priority over graduating seniors who have already fulfilled their graduation requirements.

Fitness/Health Expectations

Students accepted to this program need to be reasonably active and able to walk at least 6 miles comfortably. They will also need to be comfortable around water and with heights (or willing to be bold!)



Credits

This course will be worth one HWS general credit. Advisors in related fields may allow you to count the course for major/minor credit, but students should discuss this with their advisor and department Chair in advance.

Housing and Meals

Students will stay in residence halls while on campus. You will have shared kitchens in which to prepare meals. Trips will also be self-catering and students will be able to buy groceries for packed lunches and other meals.