

College of Natural Resources

Summer 2025

EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES SEMINAR

Updated 10/25/24

History of the Seminar:

With the exception of 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic, students, faculty, and staff from the College of Natural Resources (CNR) have traveled annually to Europe since 1973 to learn first-hand about European environmental problems and natural resource management practices. This program was initially developed in cooperation with the forest service of the German state of Baden-Württemberg. In subsequent years, visits to Poland and Czechia have been added to the itinerary. As a result, the European Environmental Studies Seminar now offers CNR students a unique opportunity to explore a wide breadth of environmental issues and resource management programs in several European countries.

Outline of the Seminar: This course is divided into three components.

Spring Semester Orientation, 1 credit

NRES 475/675 – Spring '25 Seminar

Mondays - 4:00-4:50 TNR 352

This orientation provides background information to deepen and enhance the European experience. It also provides an opportunity to prepare logistically for the trip.

Central WI Environmental Station Field Studies, 2 credits

NRES 475/675 – CWES

Dates: May 19 to May 30, 2025 (one day off over the weekend)

Undergraduates in the CNR who are choosing this summer seminar in lieu of Treehaven will attend a two-week summer camp at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES). This camp will provide students with essential field techniques in forestry, soils, water, wildlife and plant ID.

European Environmental Studies Seminar, 5 credits

NRES 475/675 – Germany/Poland/Czechia

Dates: July 1 – August 6, 2025 (tentative)

Included in this seminar are lectures and field studies on environmental problems and resource management practices in Germany, Poland, and Czechia.

Trip Leaders:

Dr. Cady Sartini (TNR 186), Wildlife Ecology & Management, and

Dr. Michael Tiller (TNR 367), Forestry

Trip Leaders lead up to 36 students. Dr. Sartini has co-led the trip previously. Leaders will have also worked with long-standing partners in each country we visit for up to a year developing an itinerary prior to departure.

Participants:

The European Studies Seminar is used to fulfill the Summer Field Experience (SFE) requirement for College of Natural Resources (CNR) majors. Priority will be given to CNR students still needing to complete SFE, but if there are additional seats available, this program is open to CNR majors with SFE already completed and non-CNR majors. This program can be taken at the undergraduate or graduate level. For more information please contact cnrse@uwsp.edu.

Estimated Program Costs:

Program costs will not be finalized until May 2025 (though we will attempt to do so sooner).

The program cost listed below is an estimate. Final costs variables include number of students participating, program changes and currency exchange rate fluctuations.

Summer 2025 Estimated Program Costs

	Wisconsin Resident Undergraduate	Minnesota Resident Undergraduate	Midwest Student Exchange Undergraduate	Non-Resident Undergraduate
CWES Mini-Camp 2 weeks Food & Lodging	\$695 (\$300-Lodging; \$395 Food)	\$695 (\$300-Lodging; \$395 Food)	\$695 (\$300-Lodging; \$395 Food)	\$695 (\$300-Lodging; \$395 Food)
Tuition, 2 credits	\$615 (plus approx. \$203 in seg fees)	\$724 (plus approx. \$203 in seg fees)	\$922 (plus approx. \$203 in seg fees)	\$1,367 (plus approx. \$203 in seg fees)
CNR Course fees	\$185	\$185	\$185	\$185
CWES estimate total	\$1,698	\$1,807	\$2,005	\$2,450
^ the items above will be billed to your student account by CNR/UWSP ^				
European Seminar fee*	\$9,708	\$9,708+	\$9,708+	\$9,708+
^ the items above will be billed to your student account by the UWSP Office of Int'l Ed ^				
Complete estimate TOTAL	\$11,406	\$11,515	\$11,713	\$12,158

*The European Seminar fee includes 5 credits of tuition, airfare, ground travel, arranged lectures/tours, travel/health insurance, room, and board.

See below for estimated cost breakdown for Europe.

+The European Seminar tuition (5 credits) for MN, Midwest, and non-resident students will be more than shown as that estimate is calculated with the WI tuition rate.

The final bill from the Office of International Education will be submitted to your UWSP student billing account at the end of May 2025.

**University of Wisconsin Stevens Point
Office of International Education**

ESTIMATED PROGRAM COSTS

Program: Europe - CNR Seminar

Term: Summer 2025

BASED ON SUM'24 ITINERARY - PRICING NOT REC'D & SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Costs You Pay Directly to UWSP:

<i>Administrative Fees</i>	\$	625	
<i>Room & Meals Included in Program</i>	\$	5,720	
<i>Airfare</i>	\$	1,725	
<i>Services, Programming and Mandatory Travel Insurance</i>	\$	100	
<i>Total Study Abroad Program Fee</i>			\$ 8,170
<i>Tuition</i>			
<i>WI resident, 5 credits</i>	\$	1,538	
<i>Adjustment for Partner Institution Tuition</i>	\$	-	
<i>Estimated Tuition, WI Residency</i>			\$ 1,538

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST YOU PAY TO UWSP*: **\$ 9,708**

Additional Expenses:

<i>Housing (not included in program or rooming deposit)</i>	\$	-
<i>Local Transportation</i>	\$	250
<i>Meals (not included in program)</i>	\$	300
<i>Books and Supplies</i>	\$	100
<i>Personal Expenses</i>	\$	500

TOTAL ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES: **\$ 1,150**

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST: **\$ 10,858**

Important Notes

These costs are estimated for the term listed and are intended to be used for planning purposes. Costs can fluctuate as a result of changes in exchange rates, tuition or airfare increases & varying personal lifestyles. If planning for future academic year, please add 7%. **Optional personal travel is not included in this estimate.**

Tuition and Fees: This estimate does NOT include UWSP Differential Tuition. Consult with Financial Aid to determine your Differential Tuition costs. Host institutions levy tuition charges that are different than WI resident rates. The tuition charges listed are based on Wisconsin residency plus an adjustment for tuition charges from the host institution. Minnesota residents still must add reciprocity. Residents of other states add non-resident fees as follows: \$250 for 3 credits; \$500 for 6 credits; \$750 for 9 credits; \$1000 for 12 - 18 credits.

Financial Aid: YOU MUST BE ENROLLED FOR AT LEAST SIX (6) CREDITS DURING SUMMER TERM TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL DIRECT LOANS! If you receive financial aid, **only the costs you pay to UWSP will be automatically paid from your aid.** If you receive more aid than what you need to pay to UWSP, you will receive a refund. You are responsible for paying all other study abroad costs directly.

If you find that required transportation costs or personal expenses are higher than the estimate, these costs **may be added to your financial aid budget.**

Meet with an advisor in the Financial Aid Office early in the acceptance process to discuss how much aid you will receive and how your aid will apply to your study abroad program.

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Financial Aid:

Contact the Financial Aid Office for complete information. Students may apply for financial aid to study abroad. Increased financial aid (including student loans) may be provided for the higher costs of study abroad. **First** renew your FAFSA for the 2025-26 academic year, receive your award letter and then have it revised to reflect your increased study abroad costs. It is imperative that you renew your FAFSA **no later than March 1, 2026**. The summer 2025 financial aid award is included in the 2025-26 financial aid year. NOTE: If you did not accept all your current (2024-25) student loan funds, we suggest you reinstate them to help pay for your European Seminar program costs.

Scholarships: CNR Scholarships are available to students who are participating in the European Environmental Studies Seminar who completed the CNR Scholarship application timely. <https://www3.uwsp.edu/cnr/Pages/CNRScholarships.aspx>

Application Process:

Step 1: Online CNR pre-application for the European Environmental Studies Seminar is available at: <https://www3.uwsp.edu/cnr/ssc/Pages/treehavenInfo.aspx>

CNR Pre-Application deadline – October 30, 2024, at noon

Step 2: If accepted from the pre-application process, you will be notified via email by Nov. 8 and asked to complete a **full Office of International Education study abroad application** by Nov. 30. See “Deadlines” below for more information.

Selection Process and Criteria: Space is limited so the following criteria are used to rank and select interested students.

1. GPA of at least 2.00 in Natural Resources major (including transfer credits)
 - Qualified candidates will be ranked and selected by cumulative GPA (including transfer credits)
2. Completion of NRES 250, 251 at a minimum. Preference will go to those who have also completed NRES 150 and 151 by the end of the spring semester prior to participation.
3. Pass a campus and criminal background check after you are tentatively accepted.
4. Pass NRES 475 (Spring Seminar) and NRES 475 (CWES – 2 credits) in order to participate in NRES 475 (Europe – 5 credits)
5. Reference checks support trip participation.

Deadlines:

- Oct 30, 2024 noon** CNR Pre-application due – available on-line at:
<https://www3.uwsp.edu/cnr/ssc/Pages/treehavenInfo.aspx>
- November 8, 2024** Notification of **tentative** acceptance via email by Office of International Education (OIE) and electronic permission given to register for NRES 475 by CNR SSC.
- November - Registration Period** Register for **NRES 475, 1 credit, Spring European Studies Seminar** on your scheduled spring registration time – CNR Student Success Center (TNR 190), will grant you electronic permission.
- December 1, 2024** **Formal Study Abroad Application DUE to Office of International Education**
- Passports need to be applied for, no exceptions.**
Apply for passport through the US Department of State at <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english.html>. **DO NOT DELAY!**
Once you obtain your passport, bring a copy of the photo identification page to the Office of International Education immediately.
NOTE: If you already have a passport, it must be valid six months AFTER your return date or February 2026. If you need assistance, contact the Office of International Education.
- Dec 20, 2024** The \$100 application fee and \$500 non-refundable (but transferable) initial deposit due through the Financial Services office. All fees must be paid prior to departure. Summer 2025 financial aid funds should arrive before you depart **if you apply for/renew your 2025 FAFSA by March 1, 2025.**
- March 1, 2025** Apply/renew your Financial Aid application (FAFSA) for the 2025-2026 academic year.

For More Information:

Information and travel arrangements: Office of International Education

Room 203, Dreyfus University Center (DUC), Stevens Point, WI 54481

Phone: 715-346-2717

General organization and academic program:

Dr. Cady Sartini: TNR 186, 715-346-4546, csartini@uwsp.edu

For questions on application and logistics:

CNR Student Success Center, TNR 190, 715-346-4081, cnrsfe@uwsp.edu